

# BRAUNSTON NEWS Village

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2nd Braunston Scouts showing why they have won the raft race five years in a row.

## All Saints' Church Information



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### **BRAUNSTON REGISTERS**

#### **Funeral**

4<sup>th</sup> October Joe Harrison.

Rev Nat was away on a pilgrimage in Israel at the time of publishing the BVN so there is no Vicar's letter this month.

## Church Floodlighting

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> - \* Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends

4<sup>th</sup> - Tom Gooney. In loving memory. You are loved, remembered and missed everyday

4<sup>th</sup> - Joe, The Bowls Club is Missing a Star Player. R.I.P. Avril x

5<sup>th</sup> - \* In memory of Rose Bray, Boatwoman

6<sup>th</sup> - \* Ralph & Gill Maltby's Wedding Anniversary

30<sup>th</sup> - Birthday memories of Harold Thompson. Love & miss you Dad. Sally xx

30<sup>th</sup> - Lit for Sue Woodward's Birthday

31<sup>st</sup> - \* Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin



### November's floodlighting so far ...

12<sup>th</sup> - \* Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

14<sup>th</sup> - Memories of my Mum on what would have been her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Annie and family.

25<sup>th</sup> - John and Kathleen Finlayson. In Memoriam

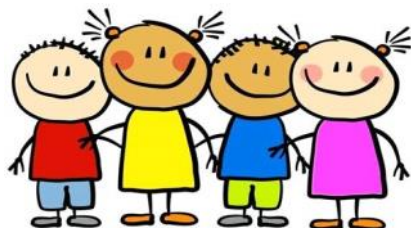
28<sup>th</sup> - Birthday memories of Christopher Woods. Love & miss you so much. Sally xx

\* = Friends of All Saints – **A huge Thank You**

These are all the requests received before the BVN deadline. To have All Saints' floodlit please use one of the forms on the table at the back of the church. The fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more. Please keep the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to no more than 12 words and leave the completed form with the donation at the Rectory or the Post Office by the 18th of the month.

## Church Diary for November

<b>Day</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sun	3	11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Mon	4	09:10	Morning Prayer
Tue	5	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	6	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	10	10:45	Remembrance Day Service at All Saints'
Mon	11	09:10	Morning Prayer
Tue	12	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	13	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	17	08:00	BCP Holy Communion
		11:15	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Mon	18	09:10	Morning Prayer
Tue	19	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	20	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church
Sun	24	11:15	Family Communion
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Mon	25	09:10	Morning Prayer
Tue	26	09:00	Morning prayer (Maple Close)
		09:00	Tiny Treasures (term time only)
Wed	27	12:30	Peace at lunchtime at All Saints' Church



### **Tiny Treasures**

Parent / Carer Toddler group for pre-school age children.

Tuesdays (in term time) 9:00-11:00  
at The Rectory, High Street,  
Braunston.

For more details contact Rev Nat  
01788 890298

# REMEMBRANCE



**10<sup>th</sup> November**

**All Saints' Church Braunston**

**10:45am Remembrance Service**

## **Holy Communion**

Holy Communion (The Lords Supper/Eucharist) is available to you at home

If you cannot easily get to church through age or infirmity and would like to have Communion in your home, either by yourself or with others, then you might like to know that all you have to do is contact us. If you would prefer a short service of prayer and readings that is available too.

Don't miss out on such a fundamental part of what it is to be Christian just because you cannot get about very well. We'll gladly come to you. The church is not just about the building! We hope to hear from you.

*Ring Rev Nat on 01788 890298 or email [revnatwhite@gmail.com](mailto:revnatwhite@gmail.com)*

All Saints' has a group of licensed lay people who can administer communion and one call is all it will take to get it organised for you.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

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**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY  
7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
12-4PM**

**WINE TOMBOLA, LUCKY BAGS,  
HANDICRAFTS, BOOKS, CAKES,  
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS,  
TOYS, LUCKY STRAWS, RAFFLE,  
REFRESHMENTS  
..AND MUCH MORE!**

**FREE ENTRY  
ALL WELCOME!**

REGISTERED CHARITY 1173187



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON

# CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

A FESTIVE MUSICAL CELEBRATION

**CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS BAND**  
With Musical Director: Jonathan Fearn

**Saturday 21st, December, 7.30 pm**

**Interval refreshments of wine**

**or soft drink and nibbles**

**Entrance by donation**

Registered Charity No. 1173187

Contact: Colin (890988)



## Parish Council Information and News

**Clerk:** Steve Rolt

c/o 82 Greenway, Braunston, NN11 7JT

07956 682733 clerk@braunstonpc.org



### **Parish councillors and areas of responsibility:**

Alan Mawer, Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	t: 01788 890340
Chris Johnson (Chair), Greenway and closes	t: 01788 891597
Graham Newman (vice chair) Marina, London Road, Hill Row, Old Road	t: 01788 890143
Jason Pritchard, The Green	t: 01788 891833
Joanna Longworth, High Street from Old Plough to The Green	t: 07930 263113
Lizzie Iddins, High Street from A45 to Old Plough	t: 07904 061548
John Pomfret, Eastfields	t: 07817 234727
Vacancy, Ashby Road	t: 07956 682733
Robert Davey, Spinney Hill and closes	t: 01788 891591
Sue Harrison, Dark Lane	t: 07769 589459
Sandra Stapley, Welton Road, Maple Close	t: 01788 890475
Tom Sabin, Church Road, Barby Road	t: 01788 891797

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

Members of the public are invited to attend meetings. Unless indicated, they are held in the Meeting Room at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Council Meeting
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Precept (budget) Meeting
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are on the Braunston website:

[www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.Braunston.org.uk/bpc)

and on the Parish Council notice board at The Green.



## **Councillor vacancy**

Following the resignation of Peter Biggs, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. The official term for this is a 'casual vacancy' as opposed to the vacancies that occur at the end of the council's term which is usually four years and is when all council seats are subject to election depending on the number of nominees.

Casual vacancies occasionally occur because of changing personal circumstances. These are usually filled through the process of cooption of a volunteer. Please contact the Parish Clerk, details on the previous page, if you would be interested in filling the current vacancy.

Councillors are responsible for setting a budget to manage public amenities in the parish. They also respond to consultations issued by the other tiers of local government, currently Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire County Council. Each councillor is assigned an area of responsibility and can be contacted by people living in that area. There is a monthly council meeting.

The official notification of the current vacancy is on the parish website and the notice board on The Green. If 10 electors write to Daventry District Council within 14 working days of the date of the notice there can be an election, if not we go to co-option

## **Speed sensor**

Following concerns raised by a villager the Parish Council agreed to put the speed sensor by the Village Hall back in working order and to look at having a second one in the village. Graham Newman spoke about restarting a speed watch team and the council is keen to proceed with this. It would need volunteers to come forward and have training.

## **County Councillor's Report**

Malcolm Longley reported back on the County Council's period 5 financial forecast position. Children's services are forecasting a rise in forecast overspend.

## **Advertising on bus shelters**

Two residents attended the recent Parish Council meeting to ask about the condition of the unused bus shelters on the A45 and the possibility of raising income from advertising on the sites. The shelters are not owned by the Parish Council. Malcolm Longley will take this back to the County Council.

## Village Hall Information

Last year Braunston Players contributed over £1,700 to Village Hall funds.

All their profits are donated to our hall and contribute towards the improvements we are making.

This year their show is on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November, they look forward to seeing you.



### Hall hire charges

If you want to hire our hall please visit the website. Your bookings mean that we can keep improving the hall for your enjoyment.

For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply. See our website: [braunstonvillagehall.org.uk](http://braunstonvillagehall.org.uk),

email [villagehall@braunston.org.uk](mailto:villagehall@braunston.org.uk) or phone 07890072487. Details of special events can also be found on the website.

If your child attends Braunston Pre-School or Braunston C of E Primary School you are entitled to Braunston resident's rates even if you do not live in the village and you receive an extra 10% off hall hire charges during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

	<b>Braunston Residents</b>	<b>Non Residents</b>
Gallie Room	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Main Hall	£11 per hour	£22 per hour
Both Halls	£20 per hour	£40 per hour
Meeting Room	£6 per hour	£12 per hour

## **Contacts for regular activities in the Village Hall**

Some clubs take a break during school holidays. Please check with the contacts.

### **Weekly**

Tuesday	Pop Mobility	2.00pm	Lorraine	01788 890846
Wednesday	Braunston Art Group	2.00pm	Alan	01788 890164
	Yoga	7.00pm	Sheila	01788 891831
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	1.45pm	Alan	01788 890011
	Fishing Club Bingo	8.00pm	Harry	01788 890396
	Brownies	5:30pm		

### **Fortnightly**

Monday	Friendly Club	2.00pm	Jenny	01788 890186
Friday	Youth Club	7.00pm	Leah	01788 891833

### **Monthly**

Tuesday	History Society	7.00pm	Annie	01788 891179
	Women's Institute	7.30pm	Valerie	01788 891975
Thursday	Linus Group	10.00am	Laura	01788 890102
Thursday	Gardens Association	7.30pm	Kate	01788 890340
Saturday	Cinema Club	7.30pm	Arthur	01788 890508

### **Pre-School Monday-Friday -**

**[braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com)**

## Braunston C of E School



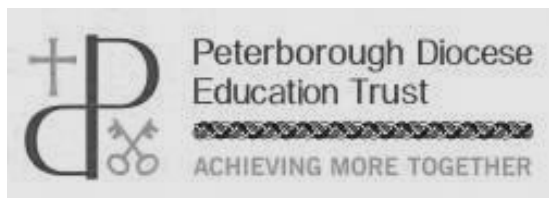
Tel: 01788 890494

### Reception for September 2020

If you have a child, or know anyone with a child, who will be due to start Reception next September please note the following:

The application window opened Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. It is very important that applications are received within this window because 'late' applications are dealt with much later and you will then stand less of a chance of getting the school of your choice.

Apply online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions) or, if you wish a paper form, telephone the School Admissions Team on 0300 126 1000 or email [admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@northamptonshire.gov.uk)



## Clubs and groups

### **Friendly Club**

We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall. Members enjoy tea, cake and a variety of activities that are organised through the year. Please come along and join us to find out more about what we do. We have extra cups, cake and chat all ready for people looking to come along to their first meeting.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2pm to 4pm**

Canine Concern.

Dee will be visiting with her dog, Spider, to tell us about how the two of them support children learning to read. We will also find out about other work carried out by Canine Concern and Dee will probably tell you about her other dogs too.

There will be a trolley raffle.

Christmas meal and Sound of Music ticket payments to be paid this month.

£10 membership fees are due this month. Do not worry if this is your first visit, we will not be expecting you to pay until you have settled in.

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 12.00 pm**

Braunston Friendly Club Christmas Meal at Draycote Reservoir restaurant.

Pre book and payment to Jenny essential. Meet at 12 noon on the Village Green.

For more information telephone:

**Jenny 01788 890186 or Kate 01788 890340**

## **Jetty Field– Braunston's Pocket Park**

We have had two Saturday morning workdays in the Jetty Field since the last report. The first concentrated on weeding around the trees and shrubs alongside the wall at the bottom of the field and clearing the fence around the allotments. This not only makes it look tidier but allows more light in to encourage growth.

The second morning we continued tidying the walled area and scattered bark chippings around the plants to suppress the weeds and encourage plant growth. We also cleared around the tree guards and cut the brambles back from the stile to give better access.

The next workday will be set aside for planting the 105 tree saplings we are about to receive from the Woodland Trust. These trees will be a mixture of rowan, hawthorn, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel and common oak. When established they will provide shelter and support for a wide range of wildlife.

We will decide the date of the planting once the saplings have been delivered and it will be announced on the Bugle and on the Jetty Fields noticeboard. Please feel free to come and join us and plant 'your tree'. It is an activity that children like to do as they can watch their tree grow. Some of us may have been involved in the 'Plant a tree in 73' campaign.

On a similar note, it has been suggested that some people may be interested in tending a small section of the pocket park and being responsible, for example, for weeding a flower bed. This could be done at any time and not restricted to the organised workdays. If you are interested please phone Richard on 01788 890475.

## **Braunston Paddox Cricket Club**

The annual presentation of awards evening will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the Wheatsheaf. A full account of the evening will be published in next month's BVN.



BRAUNSTON PLAYERS  
PRESENT

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*The*  
**Sound**  
*of a*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**Carol**

*with an added dash of Panto!*



**Braunston Village Hall**

**28-30 November**

**Doors Open 7:15pm, 7:45pm Start. Licensed Bar**

**Tickets £8 - Box office:**

**The Boat Shop, Bottom Lock, Tel 01788 891 310**

**Proceeds to Braunston Village Hall**

## Braunston Walkers

Llangollen Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October.

We stayed at a unique hotel with the River Dee rapids in front and a chain bridge across to Berwyn Station on the heritage steam line. Behind is the Llangollen Canal fed by the manmade Horseshoe Falls.

On Friday we set off along the towpath. It was sunny but a distant rainbow showed rain was in the air. After passing a horse drawn narrowboat we were sheltering from the rain under a bridge. It was 6 miles to the amazing Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, the view from the towpath is fantastic. We gazed at the terrifying drop as a man cycled past!

A bus trip back to the hotel, proved to be not as simple as planned due to temporary bus stops! But great relief, eventually a bus did arrive, and we were treated to a free ride back as the ticket machine wasn't working.

Saturday's 9 miles walk was a logistical nightmare, but Phil Kirk was up to the task of getting cars and people in the right place at the right time. We went along the canal towards the roaring Horseshoe Falls where canoeists were making the most of the white water. We went on to reach Llantysilio church and through the hamlet of Llandynan. We were soon climbing and puffing more than the steam train to arrive at a viewpoint for a welcome break. We then dropped downhill to the cars at Glyndyfrdwy Station to eat packed lunches. The 'Wedding Belle' steam train passed by us and in the last carriage was a wedding celebration. Next was a drive on a remote mountain road on Llantysilio Mountain. the romp back downhill was over lush fields and slippery loose slate. We arrived at the river in the village of Carrog and The Grouse Inn for a drink before walking to the nearby station to catch the steam train.

On Sunday a small group of us went over the chain bridge, climbed a zig zag lane, through a wood and downhill over slippery stiles, wonderful views over Llangollen. We dropped down to the riverside and walked to the bridge in the centre of the town where we crossed to the station and climbed to the canal where there was a tea shop for coffee. It was raining hard but after our drink it had stopped. We continued along the towpath and then took a diversion over to the ruins of Crucis Abbey.

It was a fantastic weekend, great location, great hotel, splendid food and great company. Oh, also it was Debbie and Ian's honeymoon and we enjoyed seeing their pictures and eating cake. Congratulations to them both. Now we need to find somewhere equally good for next year!

Our next walk is on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov at Stockton, mainly field walking with a bit of canal towpath and lunch at the White Hart, Ufton. Approximately 8 miles.

December 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Xmas do at Roz and Simon's

Ray Scrivens 01788891384 [rayscrivens@btinternet.com](mailto:rayscrivens@btinternet.com)

## **Braunston Village Gardens Association**

The AGM of the BVGA will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November followed by a planning meeting, everyone welcome.

The Gardens Association are presenting a talk by Michael Brown on

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 in the Village Hall. This one is called:

### **‘A Medieval Christmas’**

Those of you who have enjoyed Michael's talks before will know we are in for a treat.

It will cost £3 on the door including a drink and nibbles after the talk. There will be a raffle.

## **Braunston History Society**

Tuesday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm in Village Hall

Our very own John Pomfret will talk on:

### **‘The River Nene and Fenland Waterways’**

Starting on the Grand Union Canal at Gayton Junction, we follow the Northampton Branch and then the River Nene down to the Fens, looking briefly at the history of these navigations and their current use. We then take a tour around the currently navigable Fenland waterways in Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire, and look at proposals for future extensions of the system.

We look forward to seeing our members. Guests always welcome, £2 on the door.

## Braunston Canal Society

August saw BCS undertake 2 task days to complete the towpath restoration between locks 1 and 2.

The path continued to gobble up stone as another 3 tons was applied by the Thursday crew. Together with two tons of surfacing grit and the use of the wacker plate this consolidated giving a smooth surface.



The second day was a 'call to arms' and the response was brilliant. Three new members swelled the team to eleven helping share the load on a very warm day. Four tons of stone and grit were used to complete the task. BCS could now honour their promise to return the tug and flat to Stoke Bruerne.

The project to restore the weir at lock 5 started on a previous ad hoc task party at the end of May. BCS had the tug and flat at the time and used it to dispose of the arisings as the raft of matted reeds obstructing the weir was dug away. This left the way clear for the last task party in August to finish the job. Cutting back the vegetation, replacing the rotten posts, prepping and painting was all completed before the onset of rain. The weir is now safe and looks fantastic.

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September's Thursday crew found painting lock 6 was challenging due to the poor condition of the woodwork. This is the worst lock on the flight, having taken more time and paint to complete. Such was the effort required the team stayed late to finish. Morale was maintained by the usual banter and several votes of thanks from the passing boaters.

The task of restoring the weir fence at lock 4 was preceded by a task day to remove the substantial vegetation. The Saturday team then had adequate time to replace the rotten posts and repaint the rails. With a turnout of 12 volunteers they could afford 3 of the team to paint the bollards from lock 3 to lock 6.

The Society is always keen to welcome new volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email me at [braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com) or phone/text me on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at [www.braunston.org.uk/bcs](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bcs).

## **Braunston WI**

Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall

### **IT'S MEMBERS' NIGHT!**

A meeting arranged by and including the members themselves, so the Committee have the night off.

It's also Bonfire Night, so anything might happen!

Come along and join us for an entertaining evening.

Contact: . Valerie 01788 891975



## **Community Car**

### **COMMUNITY CAR IS FOR YOU**

Available to all residents to make a short journey in or out of the village.

Visit friends, shopping, hospital, dentist, doctors, appointments, etc.

Just call 07984 412921 (24 HRS NOTICE PLEASE)

Any payment is by voluntary contribution. In September the gross donations were £873.95.

The team would like to thank Nigel of Braunston Garage for his continuing support.

## **Community Café**

The café is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00am—4:00pm and Saturday 10:00am—12:30pm.

Run by volunteers who are happy to chat.

Come along to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and light lunches.



## **The Alternative Book Club**

We are called The Alternative Book Club. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at The Wheatsheaf at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

For more details please contact Caroline on 01788 899107.

## **Braunston Bakes**

For information please email: [braunstonbakes@gmail.com](mailto:braunstonbakes@gmail.com)

## **Second Braunston Brownies**

The Brownies have had a great start looking at and working with the new Girlguiding programme on the 'live smart' theme.

We have looked at different jobs under the theme 'girls can do anything'. We have investigated and looked at general shopping items using real money.

Here the Brownies are making edible campfires complete with mini marshmallows!

If you know a girl aged 7-10 see our poster on the next page for contact details.



Clare Wood (Brown Owl)  
[secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com)





## **Second Braunston Brownies has returned to the village**

Our new unit will meet at the Village Hall on a Thursday 5:30-7 term time

Brownies has recently had a new programme with the emphasis on girls making their own decisions and having adventures as well as the more traditional skills.

The unit is open for girls to start the term after their 7th birthday until another term after their 10th birthday.

If you are interested please register on [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or email [secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com](mailto:secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com) for more details



## 2nd Braunston Scout Group

Open Day 28th Sept

2nd Braunston Scout group opened their Scout HQ for villagers to see what Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers really get up to. Visitors tried tomahawk throwing, lying in a hammock, cooking bread on a stick over a fire, make a catapult from lollipop sticks and a wristband from paracord and discovering why they won the raft race 5 years in a row. Visitors included the Daventry District Commissioner, Irene, who was impressed by the energy and skills of the young people.

Presenters included Josh Day, who, as a 2nd Braunston Explorer Scout passed the rigorous selection process to become one of only 36 Scouts representing Northants at the 24th WSJ (World Scouting Jamboree) in the USA. He had to fund-raise the £3600 to go, as well as carry out rigorous preparations for the event.



The WSJ happens only every 4 years and is a gathering of over 45,000 young people representing over 150 countries. It's an experience he will treasure for the rest of his life. He is shown sharing his experience with Cubs. This is the 2nd WSJ in a row Braunston has sent a Scout to the Jamboree - quite an achievement for a small village.

David Coleman

[David@BraunstonScouts.co.uk](mailto:David@BraunstonScouts.co.uk)

## **Fishing Club**

Braunston Fishing Club meets every Thursday at 8pm throughout the year for **Bingo** in the Village Hall. Non-members are welcome.

**Harry 01788 890396**

## **Braunston Cinema Club**

Sat Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm

Members Only

Our wonderful annual evening dinner. With lots of talking, laughs and of course good company, good food, wine and the film quiz based on the films we have shown this year.

Booking essential

Before Nov 17<sup>th</sup> please.

Tel: 01788 890508 or: [batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com](mailto:batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com)

## Other News

### Thank you

I would like to thank everyone from the village who came to my party in the Village Hall.

For me it was a very enjoyable afternoon but was over too quickly. I was very pleased to send a cheque for the donations given to K-9 Angels for the dog charity which rescued my dog Sophie totalling £195.00.

Thank you

Delia Stockwell

### Rainfall

Data supplied by Rob Buckley.

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Jan</b>	53	72	55	62	25
<b>Feb</b>	31	37	47	24	36
<b>Mar</b>	25	79	54	104	47
<b>Apr</b>	14	43	12	70	23
<b>May</b>	45	33	71	72	36
<b>Jun</b>	25	68	32	1	109
<b>Jul</b>	48	8	54	14	47
<b>Aug</b>	44	60	53	42	64
<b>Sep</b>	33	43	72	29	76
<b>Oct</b>	48	16	11	50	
<b>Nov</b>	61	74	29	39	
<b>Dec</b>	72	21	92	72	
<b>Total mm</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>Total inches</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>18.2</b>

We have been approached by the charity Schoolreaders to publicise their work as they seek more volunteers:



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Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Northamptonshire to carry out this important role.

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Schoolreaders is flexible and will match your availability to an appropriate, local school. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

**Please visit the website [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org) to join or call 01234 924111 for further information.  
Charity Number: 1159157**

## **Success for Braunston Waterways Literary Festival**

Late-summer sunshine and a star line-up of authors and entertainers brought out the crowds for probably the first major waterways literary festival ever held, appropriately, on the quayside of Braunston Marina in September. It was considered a great success, with calls for it to be repeated, something the organisers are giving consideration to.

Topping the bill were actor / waterway enthusiasts Timothy West and Prunella Scales, talking about their internationally acclaimed 35 episode television series of Great Canal Journeys, and accompanying book. They were interviewed by Tim Coghlan, of Braunston Marina, the festival's producer. Such was the demand for tickets that extra chairs had to be put out in the large marquee where the presentation was held. Tim and Pru – as they are known to their many canal friends - also included in their presentation some of their favourite clips from the series, played on the two video screens. As a treat, two immortal moments from Fawlty Towers were added, including Pru's favourite of John Cleese thrashing his broken-down car with a tree branch.

Other waterways book presentations were given by historic narrow boat expert Tom Chaplin, Muddy Waters children's author Dan Clacher, canal-artist Tony Lewery, canal crime writer Leo McNeir, and former working boatwoman and now food author Di Murrell. They were expertly interviewed by Nick Lake, Abigail Campbell, Jane Marshall, Antony Richards and Cassandra McNeir respectively.

For something completely different, former Tory cabinet minister John Gummer (now Lord Deben) interviewed Sister Agatha Leach on her international best seller about her life as a nun – A Nun's Story.

The evening's entertainment concluded with Tim and Pru performing their favourite passages from Shakespeare. Musical accompaniment was provided by the celebrated counter-tenor William Towers, who has appeared internationally including Covent Garden and Glyndebourne Opera Houses, and his lutenist accompanier Toby Carr.

Due to generous sponsorship from Braunston Marina, all the funds raised, over £2,000, were donated as follows: £1,500 to the Friends of Raymond, who maintain the Braunston Marina based historic narrowboats Nutfield & Raymond, £100 to the Buckingham Canal Society who attended the event, and £400 to Sister Agatha's Bar Convent in York for its charitable works.



PHOTO – Crowds flocked to hear Timothy West talking about his Great Canal Journeys with his wife Prunella Scales. In the chair is Tim Coghlan of Braunston Marina . *(Nick Lake)*



## **Bin Collections**

30 <sup>th</sup> October	Food and Garden Waste
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Food and Recycling
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Food, Waste and Garden Waste
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Food and Recycling
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Food and Garden Waste
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Food, Recycling and Waste


Daventry District Council have asked us to pass on this request:

# People Of Daventry!





## Needs you!

Volunteers required for this years Winter Night Shelter. Please contact Daventry District Council for more info at:

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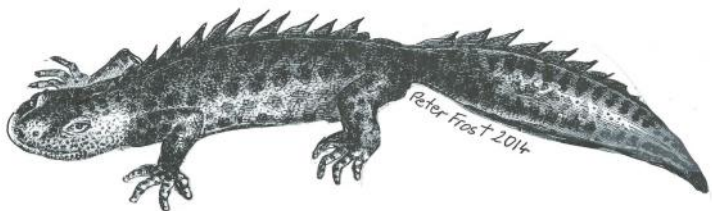
### Frosty's Nature Notes - Watch out for Dragons

Have you seen any dragons recently? – you may know them as newts. Most common is the smooth newt (*Lissotriton vulgaris*), our other small brown newt is the palmate (*Triturus helveticus*). Both rarely reach three or four inches (6-8cm). Most spectacular of our tiny pond dragons is the great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*). Just six or seven inches long they are as impressive as any dragon in a story book. As our weather warmed up the black beasts with their fire bellies and their darting tongues have been doing their curious mating dance among the reeds and lily pads. From October to early April, adult newts hibernate under logs and stones or in the mud at the bottom of their breeding ponds.

The newts have dark grey-brown backs and flanks, and are covered with darker-coloured spots so they appear almost black. Their undersides are bright yellow or orange with large black blotches. Only the males have a spectacular jagged crest, and only during the breeding season. Females have no crest, but have a yellow-orange stripe along the lower edge of their tails and often an orange stripe along their backs. The larger male performs his courtship dance. He deposits a small packet of sperm in the path of the female. Then he swims sideways in front of her to gently encourage his chosen partner into a position where the packet will be pressed against and picked up by her cloaca - her sexual opening.

Once fertilised the female can start to lay two or three eggs a day for up to four months. That's 300 eggs, each one carefully wrapped in a leaf. The larvae or efts hatch after about three weeks, and then live in the pond. The efts have many predators and few young newts will survive to become adults. Parent newts will have chosen the pond carefully. The newts normally return to the same breeding site each year, and can live as long as 25 years, but ten is more usual.

Peter Frost



## The Leam, Braunston's River

Leam Terrace, Leam Road and Leam Street are addresses in Leamington Spa. The town's Royal Pump Room and the Jephson Gardens make the most of their location next to the River Leam.

Whilst Braunston is associated with canals, it also has a strong connection with the River Leam. The river, usually more of a stream near us, provides the natural drainage for the land in Braunston parish, although the canals now take some of the water.

The river forms the western boundary of the parish from Miry Bridge in the south to a spot close to the dismantled railway a mile south of Willoughby.

Along this stretch the river follows a meandering course for over two miles with Braunston on one side and Warwickshire on the other. Walkers on the bridleway from Wolfhampcote Church to Miry Bridge are never far from it. Sharp-eyed map-readers will notice that in places the parish boundary does not exactly coincide with the river. These places are where the river has changed its course either naturally and by man's actions.

Just downstream from Leamington Spa the Leam empties its water into the River Avon, itself a tributary of the Severn. Along this route rain that falls on Braunston, together with the cleaned discharge from the Braunston sewage works, reaches the Bristol Channel and the

Atlantic Ocean. In the dry winter of 2012 some water was pumped up from the Leam to replenish Draycote Water.



A view of the River Leam from the Braunston to Wolfhampcote track.

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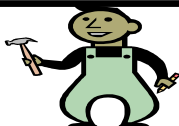
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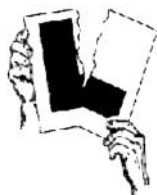
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