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Love where you live, live where you love  
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ASHBY  
Wedding:  23rd September  Mark Kemp and Karen Long  

BRAUNSTON  
Baptisms:  10th September  Mary Elizabeth Ann Unwin  
Minnie Rose Marshall Dunkley  
17th September  Alice Sarah Taylor  
24th September  Ollie Harrison  
Wedding:  9th September  Stuart Muddiman and Sarah-Jane Bushill  

Funeral:  1st September  Pat Edwards  
Mean she rest in Peace and rise in Glory
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Forthcoming meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated meetings are held in the Library at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

2nd October Full Council Meeting
6th November Full Council Meeting
20th November Precept (Budget Meeting)

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website:
www. Braunston.org.uk/bpc
September’s floodlighting
1st September - * Celebrating the BVGA Braunston Show.
11th September - * Simon & Ann-Marie’s Wedding Anniversary
19th September - Happy Memories of Michael, loving Dad and husband. Robert and Jane
23rd September - For my husband Neil and my brother Robert
24th September - * In loving memory of Betty who left us three years ago. R.I.P. Cedric

October’s floodlighting so far …
3rd October - * Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends.
5th October - * In memory of Rose Bray, Boatwoman
6th October - * Ralph & Gill Maltby’s Wedding Anniversary
12th October - Happy Birthday Janet
31st October - * Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael, Love Lin

* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 18th September 2017

Floodlighting
If you wish to have All Saints’ floodlit for a special occasion it is very helpful if you could use one of the request forms from the table at the back of the church. The current fee is £7 per entry, although you can give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words. The completed form with the donation can then be left at the Rectory or at the village Post Office.
Please ensure that your request is submitted in good time before the BVN closing date of the 18th of the month.
On the superest super-hero of all

A friend has bought me an album of Superhero themes. These are not the slick soundtracks of today but the cheesily sung originals of the 1960’s and 70’s. It’s my childhood on one CD and I love it: “Spiderman, Spiderman does whatever a spider can” and “Danananananananana Danananaanana Bat maaaaan!” not to mention the corniest of them all “Wonder Wur-maan!” (All readers of a certain age are now wincing nostalgically.) 1970’s superhosiery came in many colours but it was always worn with funky, yet practical, footwear, strange external underpants and, of course, a cape – an item that can be the downfall of any superhero in the vicinity of a large propeller or mincing machine. Oh my goodness! Just think what a windfarm could do to any caped crusader who found himself in their airspace at the wrong altitude…Look away now viewers if you are of a squeamish disposition.

Any superhero worth their salt has super-powers, a secret identity, arch enemies and a sidekick. Based on these criteria and thinking about the relative merits of the best known superheroes it occurs to me that there is one that trumps them all. And he is not recorded anywhere as ever, ever, ever having donned a pair of tights.

My superhero wins hands down when it comes to superpowers. Instead of leaping buildings in a single bound my hero creates planets. Rather than being faster than a speeding bullet my hero travels faster than light and is in all times and all places at once. He also turns water into wine, heals the sick and raises the dead. On the side as it were.

Some superheroes need silly disguises. Take Superman. He combs his hair and wears a pair of glasses. I don’t think Lois Lane can be too bright not to see through that. My hero didn’t bother. Someone once wrote of him “He made himself nothing. He took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.” My superhero had an incredible disguise! He looked just like one of us. Genius.

Superheroes always have a nemesis or arch enemy. Only my superhero legitimately claims Death and Satan as his personal nemeses. Zap pow. And despite looking like the loser for a while he beats them both. Conclusively. So that “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess him King of Glory.”

And as for sidekicks, Batman has Robin, Mr Incredible has Frozone but my superhero – well he has me. And you. And anyone that signs up to follow him. We are all invited to be his sidekick, to share in his power. The Greek word for Power is “duanamis” from which we get our word “Dynamic” You and Jesus. A dynamic duo if ever there was one. Why not see if he can use you?

Sarah
Blimey, it is nearly the end of September as I write this. Why is the year whizzing past? I expect you have heard the expression “Stop the world I want to get off”? That is just how I feel.

The main purpose of my visit to Cornwall was to attend a family wedding. It was a very different affair with everything happening outside. The theme was flamingos and I hope to never see one again. One of the brides had the most amazing shoes. The heels were high and square. They were filled with some sort of liquid in which fish and ferns floated about as she walked. The front of the shoes were unicorns!! My niece who was getting married had a wonderful day so all was well.

We have done two Craft Fairs in a row, one at Crick which was in aid of the Northants Retired Greyhound Trust, and no, I didn’t bring one home with me. We also did one at Coombe Abbey where neither of us had been before. A beautiful place and well worth a visit. Not sure if Bramble will want to go back, she didn’t see the difference between grass and duck weed and fell in the river! We have only one more Craft Fair to trade at this year which is in Braunston for the Air Ambulance fund.

Some good news for our village: - A new hearing loop in the Village Hall and plans afoot to improve the Welton Road Playground, more of this in the following pages. Also the Garden Society and the History Society seem to be going ‘slightly spooky’ towards the end of the month. There are two quizzes and an Autumn Fayre to visit. We are so lucky in our village, there is always something going on.

Hope to see you around, do stop and say hello. Meanwhile, enjoy autumn with its beautiful colours.

See you next month.

Jenni
Braunston Show 2017

A very big thank you to everyone who supported this year's show whether as: exhibitor, visitor, volunteer helper, prize donator, refreshment cake donator - or any combination of these! Particular thanks go to Pumpkin Pip Ltd for their invaluable support with the online entry and results analysis system, and the Post Office staff for collecting entries. Thanks also go to the following businesses and organisations for their generous donations towards the prizes for the tombola and raffle, both of which are always very well supported on the day:

Once again, this year's Braunston Show was a great success. The sun shone and over 250 adults and children visited the show in the afternoon to enjoy the wide range of exhibits on display - from vegetables, fruit and flowers, to arts and crafts, preserves, baking, and photography. The home produce group was particularly well supported this year, with the display tables groaning under the weight of 105 exhibits - many thanks to Braunston Bakes for introducing their trophy in memory of Carol Davey this year. For many visitors it was also a time to catch up over a cup of tea and a slice of cake, and to have a dip into the tombola (the refreshment area was absolutely buzzing all afternoon!) before collecting prizes and bidding in the auction of produce - led this year by auctioneer Pat Milner.

Thank you once again to everyone that helped to make this such a successful village event!

**Congratulations to our trophy winners**

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**Best in Group Awards**

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The BVGA would like to hear from you.

Do you have any suggestions for new classes, or any other ideas for improving The Show in the future?

If so, please contact Helen Morgan (Show Secretary).

Tel 890164 or drop a note through the door at 49 High Street.
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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the Sporting Club Barby on Tuesday 10th October at 8.00pm.

The October Luncheon will be at The George Hotel, Kilsby, at midday on Wednesday the 18th.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. 01788 890797
THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE CINEMA CLUB, HELPED BY THE COMMUNITY CAFE, WE NOW HAVE A HEARING LOOP IN THE MAIN HALL.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE HALL THIS MONTH, INCLUDING THE ARTS AND CRAFTS FAYRE ON THE 7TH AND ALL SAINTS QUIZ NIGHT ON THE 21ST.

We are still without a secretary! PLEASE help out. It only involves one meeting a month. Please telephone Fred on 891310 for more details.

Quote of the month
Always remember to drink responsibly,
Don't spill any!

Julie Leadbetter
VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WEEKLY

Monday  Rhythmic Move-It  7.00pm  Yvonne  01788 815560

*NEW* starting Monday 18th September from 8.00-9.00pm PILATES
contact Sam on 07593913686 or just turn up

Tuesday  Pop Mobility  2.00pm  Lorraine  01788 890846
Wednesday Braunston Art Group  2.00pm  Alan  01788 890164
 manageable text
Yoga  7.00pm  Sheila  01788 891831

Thursday Short Mat Bowls  1.45pm  Alan  01788 890011
Bingo Club  8.00pm  Harry  01788 890396

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  Barbara  01788 890452
Thursday  Gardens Association  7.30pm  Kate  01788 890340
Saturday  Cinema Club  7.30pm  Arthur  01788 890508

Pre-School  Monday-Friday - braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Hall hire charges

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For all day or all evening events special reduced rates apply
ask  Leyla 01788 899138 for details.

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

October events

Join us for this Halloween Special
Tuesday 31st October – Talk – 7.30 to 9.00pm - £3

DEATH IN THE GARDEN – POISONOUS PLANTS. MYTHS, MAGIC, PASSION AND MURDER.

There is more to a BVGA Halloween than carved pumpkins and apple bobbing. On All Hallows’ Eve join us to discover some unusual stories about plants in the garden.

Michael Brown is an experienced speaker and gardener. He will entertain us with one of his most popular talks. It has been so successful that he is writing a book about the subject of “Death in the Garden”.

There will be myths, magic, passion and murder at Braunston Village Hall on the 31st October this year.

But, hopefully, no witches.

We look at forward to meeting you at our events.

For more information please contact Kate Mawer mawerk@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01788 890340.

Find out more information on the Braunston website – search BVGA.
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Good news for our younger parishioners!

The Parish Council are going to make Welton Road Playground a more safe and exciting place to play for under ten year olds. We are planning to pay for this from accrued reserves for this project, grants and donations with the balance being a Public Works Loan up to £10,000 maximum. This will include:

- New open aspect fencing to the front, so that children can see and be seen at play.
- New safety flooring under all equipment.
- Removal of equipment that is old and has little play value.
- Refurbishment of the swings and roundabout.
- Attractive new picnic benches.

The introduction of a new piece of equipment called ‘Beauty and the Beast’ as the picture shows that will promote interactive and creative play. Formal decision on this will be at the Parish Council on the 2nd October 2017.

If anyone would like to make a contribution to the project please contact the Contact Parish Council Clerk - Steven Rolt: 0795 668 2733 clerk@braunstonpc.org <braunstonclerk@gmail.com>

Proposed Equipment for Welton Road, Braunston FO19 Beauty and the Beast
Good news for our younger parishioners! (cont ,,,)

Home owner grants of up to £5,000 now available!

Did you know Home Repairs Assistance Grants (HRAs) can provide up to £5,000 to fund a range of work and essential repairs to your home including repair/replacement central heating boilers and radiators, new security measures, replacement windows and doors, roof repairs and replacements, and so much more.

If you are a homeowner over the age of 18 and in receipt of a qualifying income related benefit why not give Care & Repair a call today.

Did you know Interest free ‘Top-up’ loans are now also available?
For work costing more than £5,000, eligible homeowners can also access a further £5,000 in the form of an interest-free loan that is only repayable when your property is sold.

To find out if you could be eligible for a HRA Grant or Interest Free Loan contact Care & Repair today:
Email: careandrepair@daventrydc.gov.uk
Phone: 01327 871100
Web: www.daventrydc.gov.uk/careandrepair
“Every body tells a story”

Speaker: David Sweeney, Retired Forensic Police Detective

This should be an interesting and illuminating evening. Those of you who did the tour of Rugby School last year may remember David who was our guide and who was very knowledgeable, amusing and entertaining.

Look forward to seeing you all and thank you for supporting your local History Society.

HEALTH WALKS

All are welcome to join in our Health Walks in the Village. Walks last approx 30/40 minutes starting and finishing up at our Community Cafe.
Please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be across fields.
Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm.
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New Alresford
For this year’s trip, we went to the South Downs staying at The Swan Hotel in New Alresford a beautiful old town surrounded by Watercress beds and home to a steam railway, the Watercress Line. On the Friday, we met up at The Bush Inn, a riverside hostelry at Ovington for lunch and a 4.5 mile walk along the crystal-clear chalk stream. The River Alre eventually becomes the River Itchen and we have one of those locally. Twenty-one of us met up and were soon enjoying a fantastic walk along the river with trout darting through the bright green weeds. We visited a very interesting church at the jumble of thatched and flint cottages that make up the village of Itchen Stoke. After walking uphill on a quiet road, we entered a tree lined path with the sky threatening a heavy shower. The rain started but we were sheltered and barely had time to pull on waterproofs before it stopped and allowed the sun to shine. Back to the river and past an old Eel House which straddles it, we soon reached the Fulling mill, a quaint thatched and beamed cottage with the river flowing beneath. Very attractive. Shortly after this and some of Nigel and Judith's sweets to keep us going, we reached the town and walked up Broad Street where a market is held, to reach our hotel. Drivers were then ferried back to recover cars before we settled down to the first of our wonderful evening meals. Lots of laughter and fun as we sat around a huge table enjoying the food and drink.

On the Saturday after a super fresh cooked breakfast we drove to our car park high up on the Downs and walked along to reach Butser Hill, at 270 metres above the sea it's the highest point in the South Downs and stands on the South Downs Way, a 100-mile-long distance path stretching from Winchester to Eastbourne. The view here is fantastic looking over Portsmouth and the Spinnaker building to the Isle of Wight with the sea glinting in the distance and then to Southampton over the Solent. The pub lunch was to be taken in a valley below and we were romping down the side of a dry valley gaping with amazement at the view. After slipping and sliding down hill on a chalky and flinty narrow path, a kind of stone bob sleigh run, we reached a road and shortly after a kind of tunnel in the trees that eventually emerged in the picturesque village of East Meon and our lunch at the Izaak Walton pub. Lunch was superb and the beer and atmosphere just wonderful. Some of our friends indulged in Sticky Toffee pudding. We finally left and walked to the other end of the village when the sky opened and we had to take shelter under a tree. It soon stopped and we walked on and gradually uphill to reach Salt Hill at 235 metres above sea level. More splendid views from here back to East Meon with its church spire, and Butser Hill. We got back to cars after 9.5 miles and back to the hotel for yet another super evening meal with more laughter and raucous behaviour. I try to keep them in order but it's extremely difficult. Sunday was our last walk around the site of a famous civil war battle of Cheriton. Another cracking area, lovely village and super pub where we had a great lunch to finish what had been a memorable weekend with great friends. One of our best.

**Our next walk is October 21st in Stretton on Dunsmore**
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The man who saved the Purple Emperor

One of my favourite countryside writers is BB. That was the curious pen name of Denys Watkins-Pitchford. The name BB comes from the size of lead shot wildfowlers used to bring down a wild goose, and BB was an enthusiastic wildfowler. As well as wonderful wildlife writer he was also a great artist, a master of the art of scraper-board that was so evocative in black and white books of the post war years. It was Watkins-Pitchford’s illustrations that bought alive such books as Tom Rolt’s Narrow Boat.

Denys Watkins-Pitchford was born in 1905 in Lamport, Northamptonshire. A country vicar’s son he spent his boyhood wandering through the fields, developing his love of the outdoors. At 15, he left home for Northampton School of Art where he won a scholarship to Paris. Back in London he entered the Royal College of Art. In 1930 he became an assistant art master at Rugby School where he remained for seventeen years. Teaching in Rugby it is certain he would have known the countryside around Braunston well.

While still teaching he started his career as an author and an artist. He wrote under the name BB but used his real name as the illustrator of his, and other author’s books. He also wrote and illustrated hundreds of magazine articles. He produced sixty books. There were award winning children’s books; countryside books; books on wildfowling, shooting and fishing and some on travels with his caravan. Two of the best are Wild Lone the story of a Pytchley Fox, and Manka, The Sky Gypsy the tale of an albino goose. Both are masterpieces.

In 1974, his wife, Cecily, became unwell after working in their garden while a farmer was spraying his fields next door. She died a few weeks later. It confirmed BB’s long-held views on the harm insecticide poisons were doing to his beloved wildlife.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was that, almost single handed he saved Britain’s second biggest butterfly, the purple emperor, from extinction by raising them, safe from DDT sprays, in huge muslin cages in his Northamptonshire garden. The woods around what was his house are still the most important British site for this spectacular insect.
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

Autumn is upon us

We’re into the last month of the grass cutting season in Jetty Field. A massive thank you to Peter Biggs for all his hours spent on the tractor cutting the field. Also thanks to our wonderful volunteers who turned up on the last work morning where we successfully weeded the bottom of the field around all the new saplings we planted last Autumn plus placed more chippings into the copse area.

We will be holding our last work of the year on Saturday 7th October. Please come along and help us. No experience is necessary. We will be weeding, pruning and planting our Autumn bedding plants for some colour throughout the winter.

We will also be holding our next Jetty Field meeting in the village hall on Thursday 8th November from 7.30pm, again anyone is welcome to join us.
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The mobile Sight Unit will be in Daventry
Wednesday 25th October
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27th October
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Braunston Playing Field Survey

We are looking for your feedback on Braunston Playing Field. Please take some time to complete and return the Braunston Community Café.

Age
- Under 16
- 16 – 24
- 25 – 34
- 35 – 44
- 45 – 54
- Over 55

In the last month how often have you used the Playing Field

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What facilities did you use
- Children’s play equipment
- Football Pitch
- Field only
- Cricket
- Basketball Court
- Attended an event

What do you like most about the playing field facilities?

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What do you like least about the playing field facilities

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What would you like to see improved?

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If you would like to be involved please submit an email address

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Braunston Women’s Institute

**Next meeting.** Tuesday, October 3rd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
At this meeting, we shall hold our Annual General meeting. This is your chance to have a say about how things are run and to elect the committee for 2017 to 2018.
Afterwards Kate Mawer will give us an update on the work of ACWW and there will be time for a bit of socialising.

Contact Barbara on: 01788 890452

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Braunston Fishing Club
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Braunston Friendly Club

**Monday 9th October - 2pm to 4pm**
We will be enjoying a talk from the **Jetty Field Association**. Non-members are very welcome to join our meetings, so if you would like to find out more about what is happening at Jetty Field this year do come along.

**Monday 23rd October – leaving Braunston at 12pm**
Friendly Club **Birthday Meal** at Three Horseshoes at Princethorpe. Be sure to book your place with Jenny. We meet in The Gallie Room at the Village Hall. For more information telephone **Jenny 890186**

**RAINFALL— 2016/2017**
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23rd - 25th November

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

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Memories of Moppo

Long-time resident of Mill Close, Joan Wooten died on the 20th August, peacefully in her sleep in Nottinghamshire. Joan was 93.
The first time I met her she was wearing a bright orange wig, a red nose and was ‘playing’ a rubber guitar!
Joan was a well-known eccentric renowned for playing a clown called Moppo, entertaining at children’s parties and had the privilege to be chosen to perform in the Big Top circus ring with Roberts’ Brothers Circus. At that time, she would have been well into her 60’s.
She had a fascination with occarinas, small percussion instruments played with the mouth. She asked us to buy genuine pan pipes in Peru so she could teach herself to play them. Ann her daughter, with whom she lived the last four years said she played her piano every day until she passed away.
She is remembered in Braunston for always going to the Pre-school and the school assembly and telling the children stories. She always played for the Panto group and the W.I. Jerusalem. A formidable woman!
Mavis Eley
Dave Peters 1942 - 2011
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BRIDGE DRIVE TURNS UP TRUMPS

Braunston's first ever bridge drive turned into an even bigger success than expected, thanks to a huge community effort.

People from around the village and beyond loaned all the necessary equipment from packs of playing cards to tablecloths. Some twenty folding card tables also miraculously appeared as if from nowhere, loaned by card players far and wide.

The icing on the cake (to coin a phrase) came in the tea break. A superb assortment of cakes and sandwiches to feed 56 was produced by a team of volunteers, led by Alison Milner and Hilary Dunn. It was arguably the highlight of the afternoon, with everything from smoked salmon sandwiches to profiteroles, plus chocolate brownies, meringues, lemon drizzle cake and more. One regular player at bridge drives observed: “The bar has been raised for bridge teas!”

Twenty-eight teams of very varying abilities took part. The winners took home two bottles of champagne and the runners-up two bottles of Prosecco. Instead of a booby prize, there was one for the team who came “Nearest to nought”, who picked up two bottles of table wine.

But the real winners were The Friends of All Saints, whose funds were boosted by £550 after all expenses had been paid.

The Friends are committed to repairing and maintaining Braunston's historic church for future generations. A major restoration programme was completed last year, but there is still work to be done. They have just agreed to contribute more than £40,000 to repair the West End windows, so the bridge drive proceeds will be a welcome boost.

And with so many people enthusiastically helping out, a repeat is, as they say, “on the cards”.
Groups planning events urged to get in touch

Community groups planning fundraising events in the run up to Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas are urged to get in touch with Daventry District Council for a grant.

One-off grants of up to £500 are available to help local groups in Daventry District put on events for the wider community.

Applicants must demonstrate they have support from their local town or parish council and must also match any funding they receive. Applications should be submitted at least four weeks before the planned event and applicants will be notified of a decision within two weeks of their submission.

Seasonal events that have benefited from grants in the past include a firework display, pantomime, and a Christmas dinner for senior citizens, providing entertainment for the local community as well as valued funds for local good causes.

For more information about Community Grants offered by DDC, including the eligibility criteria for each grant, visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/communitygrants or phone Community Development Co-ordinator Tim Cantwell on 01327 871100.

For further information please contact:

Ian O’Pray, Media Officer at Daventry District Council, on 01327 302310 or email iopray@daventrydc.gov.uk
HEARING LOOP IN VILLAGE HALL

"The Cinema club and Community cafe have jointly financed the installation of a Hearing loop in the main hall of the Village hall which is available to all user groups. The system installed does not have boundary microphones. Cinema club members can access this simply by switching their hearing aid to the T setting which will link you wirelessly to our equipment.

The system can be accessed by other users who are holding meetings addressed by a speaker who will be required to wear a lapel microphone. Wearers of hearing aids will again have to switch to the T setting which will link you wirelessly to the loop.

Any user group wanting to use the loop please contact the Cinema club on 01788 890508 or batchelors.boxtree@btinternet.com for instructions and to borrow the lapel microphone.

We hope that the installation of this loop will allow those with hearing loss to better appreciate and enjoy events in the Village hall."

Braunston Village Community Cafe - YOUR CAFE

The cafe continues to thrive and provide grant funds for projects to Braunston village societies and associations. Since we started almost three years ago, some £7000 has been paid out from 21 successful applications representing 14 different village groups.

To give some examples of projects we have supported most recently, funds have been provided for: improving the entrance to Jetty Field; a wicket cover for the cricket club; games and equipment for the youth club; a gazebo for the playing fields and contributing to the cost for a hearing loop in the village hall.

A further £4000 has been added to the funds pot so far in 2017. We have had fewer applications this year which means the funds available currently stand at £5500. So please get your applications in! Full details of the application process are on the village website.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 31 October at 4pm in the Church Parish Room, all are welcome.
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