

# BRAUNSTON NEWS Village

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*Love where you live*

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**Goodbye to Year 6 pupils - Good luck in your new schools**

*Picture provided by Andrew Allsop*



**The Blessed Virgin Mary & St  
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers**

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**REGISTERS FOR July/August 2013**

**BRAUNSTON**

**Weddings -**

**Baptisms -**

**Funerals -**

29th July - Shirley Aldridge

31st July - Mary Wenham

2nd August - Gert Brinkman

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**ASHBY**

**Baptism -**

4th August - Harriet Baker

## **In which courgettes play an unlikely role**

By the time you read this latest epistle from Sarah to the Braunstonians we shall be out of the dog days of August. Exam results

will have been received with rejoicing or despair; holidays- so anticipated and needed- will be receding into the mists of memory; Even gardens will be fading except, I fear, for the Rectory courgette patch whose enthusiasm remains undiminished. I would advise you not to leave any front-facing windows open at night as I may have to resort to sallying forth under cover of darkness to post my surplus courgettes through any unguarded orifice. You have been warned. It will be like "The Curse of the Wererabbit" in reverse.

The Braunston school leavers of last July have become Year Sevens (For older readers requiring translation into old money those are "first years") in their new secondary schools. I hope they have your prayers as they have mine. They are moving from a brilliant school which nurtures and cherishes Christian values, traditions and faith into places where, by and large, such things are almost a foreign language and where their first term's RE (which has nothing to do with the common sense and love and passion of spiritually motivated faith but is a trudge through a series of "belief systems") is likely to bore them witless and instil them with remorselessly undeniable atheist logic that entirely misses the point. It makes me want to cry with rage. It is like teaching children about art without ever giving them paints and paper, or football without ever putting them in a pair of boots on a muddy field. It is like learning about wholesome sex based exclusively on an Ikea instruction manual (insert part A into part B) and that mortifying lesson about how to put a condom on a... well, courgette deployment notwithstanding, the difference is that society is almost shamefully keen for them to learn the (hopefully loving and giving) nature of sex and no-one would dream of teaching art or football without the practical realities but faith is all about the heart and in a hostile environment it can be hard to explore and harder to own up to.

So I'm inviting any youngster from year seven up to come and help build a safe place for themselves to explore what it is to be a teenager who is also a person exploring the Christian faith - to create in effect their own 'church'. It will involve discussions, food (probably pizza rather than courgettes) and social action. More than that I don't know. I'm far too ancient to make those decisions for them. The plan is to get started in October. So if you know anyone who might like to know more drop me an email or pick up the phone. Now go and shut your windows.

Sarah



## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2013

Not shown in the August BVN ...

29th July - To Shirley and George, Thinking of you. Clara Aldridge

August's floodlighting

1st August - Celebrating today the graduation of Darryl Cootte Oakley from Mountview and wishing John could be by my side

2nd August - \* Brian & Gloria's Wedding Anniversary

2nd August - For Gertie with love from all the family

3rd August - Remembering the life of John Cootte a very special man, still greatly missed, taken far too soon

8th August - In memory of Mum and Nan on her birthday. Love always, Margaret and Anthony x

17th August - \* In loving memory of two wonderful mums, love always Jen & Chris Burton

19th August - \* Happy Birthday Dennis

21st August - \* In loving memory of Sylvia Tatham

27th August - \* Celebrating our Wedding Anniversary. Joanne & André

27th August - Remembering Alison on her birthday- Paul, Harry and William



September's floodlighting so far ...

11th September - \* Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary

28th September - \* Lit for Alice's Birthday

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th August 2013

### MOBILE LIBRARY

The time that the Mobile Library visits the village has changed. The day and location remain the same:-

Fourth Friday of each month at the Village Hall car park,  
Welton Road

time now 17.10 to 17.50

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust  
**SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE**

**Saturday 14th September 2013 10am-6pm**



People of any age are welcome to join in - Choose your own route (cycle or walk) according to how many churches or chapels you wish to visit on the day. Most of the churches are open from 10am to 6pm (some close earlier).

This annual event not only provides funds for the maintenance of the many historic churches in Northamptonshire but 50% of the money that is raised is returned directly to help All Saints' Church here in Braunston. In addition, there is the opportunity to visit and admire some of the wonderful Christian buildings in the County.

**Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are available from All Saints' Church (the rack at the back), John Caunt (Faw cliff, Cross Lane, Braunston) or can be requested via the NHCT website:**

**[www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle\\_ride](http://www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle_ride)**

Further information may also be obtained from the local organiser:-  
John Caunt on 01788 890 776

The NHCT is a registered charity No: 1021632

## NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

A great deal has been achieved in the last few weeks! The garden area has received many favourable comments and it is wonderful to see children and parents having a picnic in the area and enjoying themselves! The water feature is a step nearer being put back into use. We are grateful to our new volunteers, Peter and Paul , for their help and enthusiasm. Peter has used his tractor and mower to cut back some of the longer grass and also helped clear out one of the ditches running alongside the main field. Paul has assisted in the repair of the water feature.

Friends of Jetty Field. There will be more news about this new initiative in the next issue of the B.V.N. Please consider joining as it will help us make the Pocket Park even better.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ONE OR TWO VOLUNTEER FUND RAISERS TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH INTO HOW WE CAN OBTAIN GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING. Have you got a few hours to spare and would like to support us? Contact Pat. Herlihy - 01788 890590.

Allotments, allotments, allotments..... Anybody interested in putting their name down for an allotment? If so..... contact Pat. on the telephone number above.

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### The Gallie Wildlife Fund Annual Award. 2013.

This year has been particularly successful. We had a tremendous response from the year six children at our school. The eventual Cup and First Prize Winner was **James Law**. Second Prize winner was **Jessica Levison**. Well done to both of them- and to year six! We wish them all well at their new secondary schools. The cup will be awarded at the Braunston Horticultural Show on Saturday 7th September in the village hall at 4.30 p.m. Some of the entries are displayed on the Jetty Field Notice Board. A big thank you to Alan and Chris. for their help in connection with the competition and to the staff at the school for their help and enthusiasm.

**See Page 35 for photograph**

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT BRANCH**

The next meeting of the Branch will take place at the Sporting Club, Barby, on Tuesday 10th September 2013.

The lunch this month will be at the White Horse, Welton, on Wednesday 18th September at midday. No booking needed just come along and choose from the pub menu.

Tony Saunderson.  
Tel. No. 01788 890797

### **DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME**

Help yourselves get fit by joining in our 30/40 min Health Walks around the village.

Walks in September will take place on Thursdays the 19th and 26th departing from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2.pm

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.

Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

### **BRAUNSTON PARCELS**

The total number of parcels sent to our troops serving in Afghanistan has now reached 1,279 ----- an incredible amount! My sincere thanks go to everyone who continues to donate to this worthy cause.

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Val Worrall



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**Ballet Lessons**

Monday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 4.00pm - Prima Ballerinas 1 (3-5yrs)
- 4.30pm - Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-5yrs)
- 5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)
- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
- 6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-9yrs)
- 7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
- 7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
- 8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)



**Acting, Performance & Singing**

Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

- 5.00pm - Juice (3-7yrs)
- 5.45pm - Upload (8yrs+)

**Dance, Gym & Ballet**

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



- 5.00pm - Funky Dance & Modern (3-7yrs)
- 5.30pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
- 6.00pm - Street Dance & Modern (8yrs+)
- 7.00pm - Grade 3 Ballet (7yrs+)

We now have our very own dance studios in Southam, only 10/15 mins drive from Daventry, where we teach every genre you could wish for. Please visit our website and look at the Southam classes for more info.

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## **BRAUNSTON LADIES GROUP**

**Tuesday 10th September**

**Monday 28th October**

The play "Mansfield Park" at the Royal Theatre, Northampton at 7.45pm  
20 tickets are available at £17.50 each from Julia Beattie 890488

**Tuesday 12th November**

Making simple Christmas Cards with Tamsen Flack  
Meet at 7.30pm at 20 Welton Road

**Tuesday 10th December**

Safari Supper meet at 7.30pm  
More details later on

Everyone is welcome at all meetings - no annual subscription.

## **DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY**

Missing from the archives!

Has anybody got a volume of the H.E. Ruddy's work on the recent history of Braunston? If you have then please return it at a meeting or to one of the committee. Thank you!

**JUST A REMINDER.....** We meet again, after the summer break, on Tuesday 16th September in The Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. It is an open archive meeting, a time for you to meet others and do some personal research relating to our village. Our first talk is on Tuesday 15th October. "**Althorp, the story of a country house.**"

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**PAEDIATRIC NURSE'S BABY WEIGHING &  
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**Tuesday 3rd September from 9.30 (TBC)**

**Tuesday 17th September from 1.30**



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Following Revd Sarah's newsletter last month I received a copy of this letter from Peter Andrews. Ed

### **HOW HOT IS HELL**

I was interested to read your article on the "hotness of hell". I find that very large numbers of people believe that Hell is very hot, but I know better and I think you should be informed of the truth. In fact it is far from hot, I would describe it as a bit on the cool side. That was particularly the case on the day I visited, in fact it drizzled with rain! You see Hell is a small town about 25km east of Trondheim in Norway. It is situated on the edge of a fjord near Stjordal with lovely scenery all around. If anyone asks me where to go for a peaceful holiday in beautiful surroundings then I tell them to "Go to Hell"

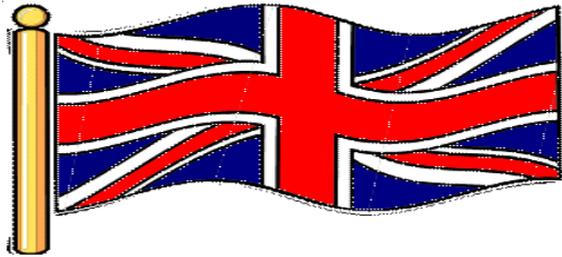
Cheerio, Peter.

**CALLING ALL YOGA LOVERS**  
**Ease into Autumn with Yoga beginning on Weds.**  
**Sept.11th in the Village Hall**

All Saints Church, Braunston  
September Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

7:30pm start

**LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS**



## Dunchurch Silver Band

Music includes

A Night at the Movies and all  
your PROMS favorites

Ticket price include interval refreshments of wine or  
soft drink and nibbles

Ticket Prices; Adult £10, Concessions £8

Accompanied Children £1

Tickets at All Saints' Church,

Charisma Hair Salon,

Braunston Post Office or at Door



## BVGA

Braunston Village Gardens Association  
Welcomes all Braunston residents and their  
friends to take part in the

**Braunston Show**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013**  
**Braunston Village Hall 2pm**

The Show offers you  
the opportunity from  
**2pm** to view the  
exhibits, enjoy tea and  
homemade cakes and  
try your luck with the  
raffle and tombola.  
Then at **4.30pm** the  
fantastic chance to  
buy **home grown and  
homemade produce**  
at fabulous prices at  
the auction.

**We look forward to  
seeing you on  
Saturday**

### Last few days to gather your exhibits together

Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Home Produce, Handicrafts and Photographs  
Be sure to have a go – we are a friendly show – and most importantly enjoy  
welcoming new exhibitors.

### Entry forms to be handed in by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Post Office counter by 5.30pm or 65 High Street by 7.00pm

Any questions just ring Kate Mawer - the Show Secretary – 01788 890340

**Exhibitors – please set up from 8.00am to 10.30am on  
Saturday morning.**

### 200 Club Winners latest results 2013

20.06.13	068	B. Bunn	£50
27.06.13	168	G. Taylor	£10
27.06.13	115	S. Brierley	£5
04.07.13	036	O. Davies	£10
04.07.13	032	A. Wren	£5
11.07.13	200	K. Brewster	£10
11.07.13	168	R. Hough	£5
18.07.13	140	R. Barnwell	£50
25.07.13	135	G. Donald	£10
25.07.13	105	J. Hutchinson	£5
01.08.13	101	J. McCarthy	£10
01.08.13	115	S. Brierley	£5
08.08.13	045	F. Hall	£10
08.08.13	064	R. Cluett	£5



**Warwickshire &  
Northamptonshire Air Ambulance**

## **Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day**

**This wonderful Fund Raiser will be held on The  
Green on**

**Saturday 28th September. 9am to 1pm**

**We are hoping to beat last years figure of £1882  
(plus £1500 from Barclays)**

**This year there will be Hot Dogs from  
Wolfhampcote Farm  
Tea, Coffee and Squash as well as the usual  
attractions of cakes, tombola, books, Win a  
Teddy etc.**

**Donations of things for any of the stalls will be  
gratefully recieved.**

**If you have a 'pop up' Gazebo you could lend us  
we would be very grateful.**

**Please contact Kim or George Donald on 01788  
891264**

**or see Kim at the village shop  
We look forward to seeing you there**

**CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2013**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday Sep 1	<b>9:15AM Holy Communion - Ash; 11:00 AM Holy Communion &amp; Junior Church Br; 1.30 PM Baptism Pitt; 6:30 PM Evensong - Br</b>
Monday Sep 2	7:30 PM Church Choir
Tuesday Sep 3	9:00 AM Morning prayer - Br
Wednesday Sep 4	12:30 PM Peace at lunchtime
Thursday Sep 5	7:30 PM Bell Ringers
Sunday Sep 8	<b>8:00 AM Holy Communion Br; 9:15 AM Morning Prayer - Ash; 11:00 AM Family Service Br Baptism Morgan; 1.15PM Baptism Hall</b>
Monday Sep 9	2:00 PM Little Fishers; 7:30 PM Church Choir
Tuesday Sep 10	9:00 AM Morning prayer - Br
Wednesday Sep 11	12:30 PM Peace at lunchtime; 3:30 PM Worship On Wednesday service at school
Thursday Sep 12	7:30 PM Bell Ringers
Friday Sep 13	1:00 PM Wedding Smout/Robinson
Saturday Sep 14	10:00 AM Historic churches Ride & Stride; 12:30 PM Wedding Skelcy/Robertson
Sunday Sep 15	<b>8:00 AM Holy Communion Br; 9:15 AM Holy Communion - Ash; 11:00 AM Holy Communion; 1:30 PM Baptism Taylor; 3:00 PM Baptism Barnwell</b>
Monday Sep 16	2:00 PM Little Fishers; 7:30 PM Church Choir
Tuesday Sep 17	9:00 AM Morning prayer - Br
Wednesday Sep 18	12:30 PM Peace at lunchtime; 7:30 PM Deanery Synod at Braunston Parish Rm
Thursday Sep 19	7:30 PM Bell Ringers
Saturday Sep 21	7:30 PM Last Night of the Proms (All Saints' Church)
Sunday Sep 22	<b>8:00 AM Holy Communion Br; 9:15 AM Ashby Pyjama and Breakfast service (Ashby St Ledgers Village Hall); 11:00 AM Family Communion Br</b>
Monday Sep 23	2:00 PM Little Fishers; 7:30 PM Church Choir
Tuesday Sep 24	9:00 AM Morning prayer - Br; 7:30 PM Bible Study - Br
Wednesday Sep 25	12:30 PM Peace at lunchtime; 3:30 PM Worship On Wednesday service at school
Thursday Sep 26	7:30 PM Bell Ringers
Saturday Sep 28	2:00 PM Wedding Maltby/Mackenzie
Sunday Sep 29	<b>9.15AM Ashby Breakfast and harvest festival; 11:00 AM Braunston Service - Br</b>
Monday Sep 30	2:00 PM Little Fishers; 7:30 PM Church Choir

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2013

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 Paediatric Nurse: Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Women's Institute
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Braunston Show
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Fun in The Park
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts: 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Royal British Legion meeting at Sporting Club Barby: Braunston Ladies Group
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Yoga: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing :
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts: 19.30 History Society
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	13.30 Paediatric Nurse: Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : Yoga: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: Royal British Legion Lunch at White Horse, Welton
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9am Scout Group Cake Stall: 10.00 MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Explorer Scouts Friendly Club
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : Yoga: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing:
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library – 17.10 – 17.50
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day: 19.30 Cinema Club

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

# **Fun in The Park**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

2 - 5 pm in the

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All Saints' Church

# Quiz Night



**Braunston Village Hall  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. October  
7:00pm for 7:30pm**

**Teams no more than 6  
£8 per head**

**includes Quiz & Supper**  
**Bring your own drinks**  
**and Glasses**

**Know  
it all?**



**Interested?**

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**2nd Braunston Scout Group**

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## Friends of All Saints'

### RAISING THE ROOF!

Braunston is to bid for a major cash boost from the Lottery Fund to save the village church.

A quarter of a million pounds is urgently needed to carry out essential repairs. The Friends of All Saints have managed to raise about a quarter of the amount required but fear they will be unable to meet their target without more help. They are hoping that the Lottery Fund will come to the rescue. Some of the money already raised has been used to carry out repairs to window surrounds after falling masonry made parts of the building unsafe. Other crucial work involves overhauling the roof and making good sections of masonry and plaster as well as repairing leaks and decor.

Now a delegation from the church has held a preliminary meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund and say they are encouraged by the reception they received. An architect, Stephen Oliver, has already been commissioned to draw up detailed plans for the restoration work. The next stage will be to submit a formal application to the Lottery Fund by their November deadline. Included in the bid are plans to make the church building available for more community-based events in addition to church services. It's unlikely that the application, even if successful, will cover all of the costs. So the fund-raising programme will need to continue.

Once the essential repairs have been dealt with, the Friends want to build up a sufficient reserve of funds to enable regular maintenance to be carried out. It's hoped this will avoid a future crisis threatening the continued existence of the building.

### IT'S A MUG'S GAME...

There's a new look for the Friends of All Saints', Braunston. There is now a professionally designed logo which will feature on all material from the Friends as they push ahead with their ambitious campaign to save the village church from possible demolition. The stylish logo can also be found on mugs, pens and shopping bags being sold to raise funds.

The logo was commissioned from Collingwood Design and produced by Diane Butler, who generously gave her time and expertise free of charge.

The smart pens, environmentally-friendly reusable shopping bags and inevitable mugs were on sale throughout the Historic Boats Rally and will be available at many other village events in the future. Look out for them!

The Friends have the ambitious target of raising a cool quarter of a million pounds to carry out essential repairs to the church and safeguard its future. Already almost a quarter of the amount needed has been raised, much of it from local generosity. That still leaves a mountain to climb but the Friends are confident that churchgoers and non-churchgoers alike will rally round to save the iconic "Cathedral of the Canals".

Watch this space!



# Braunston garage

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## Braunston Canal Society

August seems to have been a quiet month for the group, holidays etc tend to make this time of the year more difficult to plan. We continue to maintain the Stop House garden, and now the bird nesting season is past we can consider hedge cutting and similar work. We are to repeat our successful joint effort with Friends of Raymond and the Blisworth Canal Partnership to extend our work on the o/s of the canal, specifically the section between the Marina entrance and Butchers Bridge. This will entail using more powered equipment this time, we will therefore need to carry out training and assessment of some of our members in order to use chippers etc. We also hope to start work painting Lock 2 before the end of Aug. We are always on the look out for more members who are available to assist us in our work, please contact me on 01788891546

Chris Burton - [www.braunstoncanalsociety.org.uk](http://www.braunstoncanalsociety.org.uk)

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**Happy September all of you.**

**Please remember to contact me if you have any stories, photographs, reports of events etc. It is your magazine so let me know what you would like to read.  
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## Braunston Village Best Garden Awards 2013

The gardens were judged at the end of a very dry and hot July this year when for the first time in many years our lawns had turned from green to brown. Despite this the good people of Braunston had once again risen to the challenge of producing wonderful displays in their front gardens. Whether large or small, front gardens give pleasure not only to their occupants but also to all who pass by and if cared for can lift the appearance of the whole village. Judging between such a wide variety of gardens of different styles and sizes is never easy and the decisions are based on how they look on a particular day following such criteria as impact, careful use of colour, style, thought, special features and aftercare.

### Best Garden Category

#### 1st Place:

**14 Maple Close** -- This ticks all the boxes - a small garden with everything you'd hope to find in a large one - flowers, vegetables and some interesting garden features all meticulously maintained and put together with thought and style.

#### 2nd Place:

**48 Ashby Road** - The colourful bedding is like a firework display lighting up Ashby Road and spreading its glory further afield as others in the same road are inspired to follow suit.

#### 3rd Places

**=50 Ashby Road** - Good use of seasonal bedding plants with containers and hanging baskets offering enough colour to turn your head and knock your socks off!

**=69 Church Road** This lovely lawned garden, follows the line of a curving driveway and gives a relaxed feel, offering continuous interest with flowering shrubs and herbaceous plants.

#### Highly Commended:

**=The Doctor's House**, High Street. - Just what the doctor ordered: soothing and relaxed with a cheerful, mature Fuchsia to provide a warm welcome.

**=21 Archer Avenue** - Colourful hanging baskets entice the eye to peep over the hedge to view this well planted and maintained garden.

Hanging Basket and Container Category

#### 1st Place

**21 High Street** - Tastefully planted hanging baskets, and containers framing

the cottage door right on the street bring cheer to locals and visitors alike.

### 2nd Places

**=1 The Green** - Bulging with colour vigour, the manger and hanging basket combination really catch the eye - it's a wonder people aren't crashing their cars as they take a look while passing!

**=13 Countryside** - the hanging basket and containers here are overflowing with colour and vigour and are complimentary to the surrounding plants in this small front garden.

### 3rd Place

**=1A High Street** - A generous row of well filled and maintained containers and baskets with tasteful colour scheme bring a splash of colour to the High Street.

**=6 Hill Row** - An abundance of well planted containers make a stunning display that simply cannot be ignored.

### The Millenium Cup

**The Winner: The Wheat sheaf Pub** - Colourful and welcoming hanging baskets and mangers - very well maintained.

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**Notes for your Diary  
(Events for All Saints' Church and  
Friends of All Saints)**

14th Sept	Historic Ride & Stride (sponsored walk or cycle)
21st Sept	Proms Concert (Dunchurch Silver Band)
7th Oct	Harvest Supper
19th Oct	Quiz Night
16th Nov	Autumn Fair (at Village Hall)
21st Dec	Christmas Extravaganza (Dunchurch Silver Band)
25th Jan 14	Burns' Supper
17th May 14	Quiz Night

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**ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY  
The Braunston Macmillan Support Coffee  
Morning**

will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday September 21st from 10.00 until 12.00 noon.

Come and enjoy a delicious home made cake (or two) and your morning coffee / tea in good company.

Raffle, Stalls & Bring & Buy

All offers of help, cakes, items etc to Janet McCarthy on 890336

## Braunston Walkers

Ashby St Ledgers 7.5 miles

We kept this one short and sweet as the heat wave continues. We set off through the village, Ash Way cut through to Church Road then right along the narrow alley to Ash Way, the Greenway and into Countryside leaving the village on the footpath where the horses are kept, avoiding the electric fences, and over the stream which rises in a lake which we pass later on our route. We started to climb the field passing a bull who gave us a disdainful look as if to ask why we were disturbing his ladies and more importantly his grazing. It was thankfully a cloudy and slightly cooler day that was ideal for walking as 9 of us gazed back over the village before climbing the first of many stiles and passing through a sheep field. We crossed a narrow track (another two stiles!) went over a grassy field and another stile to enter a field full of inquisitive and lively bullocks charging around like a gang of surly teenagers. We leapt the next stile by Braunston Fields Farm and crossed a field then (after another stile) we climbed the hill along a tree clad valley beneath Tiltups Farm and climbed steeply uphill, passing a second, even bigger but just as docile, bull to reach the Longdown Lane. Walking into Barby we were looking for the footpath sign which says, optimistically, "Ashby St Ledgers ½ a mile". It must be at least 2 miles as we soon found out crossing more fields and then crossing the Ridgeway Road to reach Ashby Home Woods and its magnificent boating lake. Our path takes us alongside the lake and through the Crown owned shooting estate with more fields and stiles to carefully cross the busy A361 and finally emerge in the beautiful old village of Ashby St Ledgers. By now we were ready for a lunch time pint which was handy as we were at The Old Coach House. Service was a bit slow, it was lucky we were not a big group, but the food was fantastic and we enjoyed our pints of Flowers as we waited. The pub has been "gentrified" and has lost the old village inn look but the food was really excellent. We dragged ourselves away to complete the circuit with a quick romp along the Jurassic way and home for a refreshing cuppa!! We walk on the third Saturday each month and meet at 10 at the village hall. Please come and join us (c.10 miles), on our next walks as follows: 20th 21st and 22nd September Norfolk Weekend, 19th Oct Medbourne 16th Nov Around Flore (c.10 miles) , 21st Dec Christmas Walk (c.6 miles)



**Abigail Campbell**

**District Councillor**

### **A sense of occasion**

In the past week I've been to a music festival, a Bollywood Night and a boat strike rally. All in Braunston! – at the Nelson, the Village Hall and the Stop House. Next weekend a Tapas Bar and a pub are popping up on the High Street. And soon I hope the aroma of a pop-up bakery will fill the air.

I think we can sometimes overlook the value of a gathering – the way it can create a sense of belonging. Because people make places more than places make people. As the boat strikers knew, communities that gather together are harder to break apart. And as times get harder, these gatherings are more important than ever. Thanks to all who organise them. It can seem a thankless task when stacking chairs, washing up or litter-picking the morning after. But we'd be a much poorer community in every way without your efforts.

### **Photo opportunities**

As part of the neighbourhood planning project, we'll be giving young people in Braunston disposable cameras to record what they like and don't like about living here. More details soon but do get in touch now to register your interest in taking part.

### **Timebanking**

This month the Timebank has got leaflets delivered, bicycles fixed, and given IT training. What could you or your group give or gain? The official launch of Braunston Timebank is on the afternoon of Friday 20 September in the Village Hall. Do come along if you can. Or get in touch with me at any time to find out more.

### **Surgeries – 7 September**

Ashby Rd, Spinney Hill, Maple Close and Welton Rd.

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Sept 2013



Hope & Homes for Children

# Hope and Homes for Children

## Funds Raised

Money raised from Penny Pots in July	£ 47.72
Making total raised since 1 <sup>st</sup> . March 2013	£ 1,084.53

We received the following letter following the cheque we sent to Home & Homes last month.

*Dear Brenda,*

Once again, please pass on our very grateful thanks to all the villagers and churches of Braunston and Ashby St Ledgers for their kind donation totalling a wonderful £1,000. It's really kind of everyone to donate both in monetary terms and their time in running a Hope and Homes for Children stall at your annual church fete. We are continually truly grateful.

Please let everyone know about the success I have outlined below about Agnes. It really proves that your support is invaluable to the children we help:

*"I am completely amazed at the positive change in Agnes and I am very happy to see her and to have her in my house. She has become very happy and comfortable".* These are the words of Agnes's grandmother from Kigali, Rwanda.

Agnes was placed in the Mpora PEFA orphanage in Kigali, Rwanda when she was just a baby after she was discovered in a bush by a passer-by called Venantie. She was taken in by Venantie who treated her as her own, but her finances meant she wasn't able to care for her as well as her own children. When her finances did improve, the orphanage did not let her go back to Venantie because she was not her biological mother. It was then we had just begun our pilot project to close Mpora PEFA that we discovered this little malnourished girl, Agnes who was shy and very sad. We couldn't trace her birth mother but having only known Venantie as her real mother we were able to reunite them. Agnes, is now 6 and a new child, barely recognisable from the sad little girl we had come to know in PEFA. She smiles and jokes with her new family.

Your kindness helps us to bring happiness to many more children by preventing them from the sad life Agnes experienced in the orphanage. Following the closure of Mpora PEFA, our work has already started on our next orphanage closure in Rwanda, the Noel Nyundo where already 11 children have left the orphanage and have been reunited with their families.

*With very best wishes to you all,*

*Janette*

Janette Rennie  
Hope and Homes for Children

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## Clubs and Society Events

### **Braunston Women's Institute**



#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday. September 3rd when our speaker will be

**The Rev. SARAH BROWN**  
On "My Life as a Vicar"

The Challenge is for 'A Sunday School Prize!'

Please remember to collect for our **JUMBLE SALE** on Saturday, October 5th.

Contact: Barbara Bury 01788 890452

### **Friendly Club**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Monday 9th September  
We shall be entertained by some of the **Braunston Singers**.

Monday 23rd September  
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## GERTRUDE BRINKMAN - LAST LANDLADY OF THE DOG & GUN

### More of Gertrudes' memories

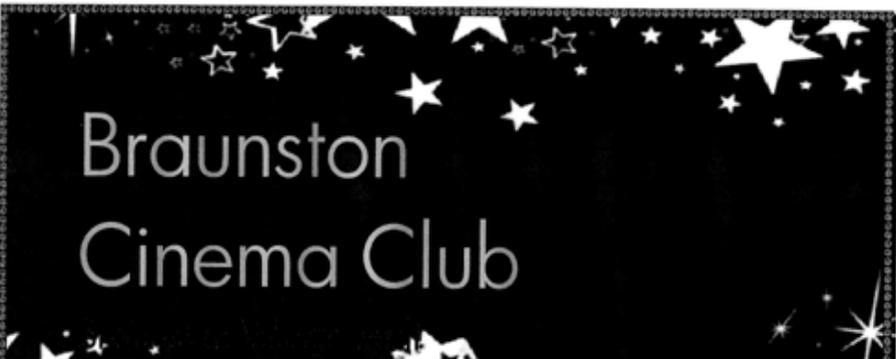
In July time we used to get two geese from a little farm at Fawsley. We got these geese and fattened them up for Christmas and keep them in the pigsties. My Dad used to have pigeon shows in the club house. We bought a load of tables and folding chairs. To start with you used to have whist drives in there. And then once a year he had a pigeon shows in there."

The house was thatched until sometime the 70s  
"It was still thatched when we left but I think it was Jim Tennant, the first residential owner, who had the thatch taken off. We used to have the Thatcher come. We had done by an old boy who came and we never thought he would finish it. He used to come and whittle a few twigs one day and then he would turn up again and you would not see him for a week. He was ages. All he earned, he spent in the pub. There was a date stone when they took the bathroom window out. I asked what has happened to the date stone and I asked Reg Johnson what had happened to the date stone - 'Ooh Christ he said. I was ever so upset. I suddenly realised that the date stone had gone. It stood in the garden for ages. 1772 it said on it."

"I remember when they used to talk in the pub about who was the chap that had done the murder? Was it Macrae? Yes, it was his brother that had the pie shop. He did the murder, and didn't he bury whoever it was on the back road to Northampton along the road to Long Buckby? Yes one of those roads. Because I heard them talk about it in the bar. In the bar we had a yellow slab floor and at night when we used to go to bed sometimes the chairs used to move and make a noise, and we used to say 'Hello, Macrae's at it again'. We heard him no end. He never did any harm. But we used to hear it about. There was a table in the bar window, two sat one side and two side sat the other side to play dominoes. Instead of picking the chairs up, at night when you cleared up you put the chairs back under the table and in the morning they had moved. Sometimes after you were in bed for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour you would hear him come up the stairs. The stairs used to creak. Things used to move."



*One more story to follow next month.*



# Braunston Cinema Club

Saturday 28 September 7.30pm

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## **1923 BRAUNSTON CANALBOAT CELEBRATION A GREAT SUCCESS**

Almost 150 people gathered in the Stop House Garden on Tuesday 13th August to celebrate the day ninety years ago that the canal here made national headlines with the biggest and most important strike in the history of British canals.

Braunston villagers, descendents of strikers, canal families, trades unionists, and waterway enthusiasts were among the crowd who listened to speeches, memories and music commemorating the strike.

Rugs covered the lawn as families soaked up the sunshine and enjoyed luscious cakes and cream teas served by Avril and her team on the Gongoozler.

There were many contemporary strike photographs on show and it was fascinating to see so many people finding members of their families and old friends among the faces.

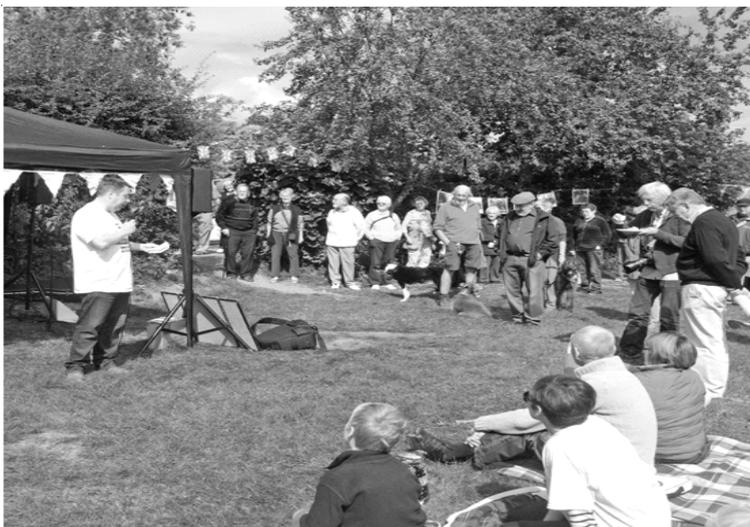
Short guided walks took visitors to the Stop House and the Marina Bridge to see where some of the key events of the strike happened. The band 'Life and Times' presented a new song on the strike specially written for the event.

Julia Long, National Officer of Unite the Union bought greetings from her organisation, direct descendents of the original Transport and General Workers Union who supported the canal boatmen in the strike. Unite were a major sponsor of this year's Celebration.

Tim Coghlan of Braunston Marina held the audience in the palm of his hand with his dialect readings of old tales of the canal boatmen.

Over one hundred copies of a new booklet on the history of the strike were sold. All profits will go to fund a permanent canalside memorial to the strike and the striking families.

Peter Frost



John Andrews (Chair of Daventry Constituency Labour Party & Braunston resident) addressing the crowd

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**Gaillie Wildlife Fund Annual Award**  
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