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Den Making Event in Jetty Fields

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The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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REGISTERS FOR AUGUST 2014

BRAUNSTON

Baptisms:
17th August - Freya Van Vuuren
24th August - Jensen Oliver
24th August - Pippa Thompson
24th August - Noah Thompson

Funerals:
8th August - Bernard McPike
20th August - Vincent Hamlin

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory
On rapid change
I can't believe how fast my toenails are growing. Their pink glory is bolting away before my very eyes. Time is devastating their rosy lustre and with it the glow of contemplative pleasure that only a recent pedicure can provide. I suppose that, on balance, it's probably a good thing that my toenails are growing. It means I'm still alive- but oh how I lament the change. Still, a consoling cuppa and a biscuit or three will probably numb my pain.

But in the time it has taken my toenails to need secateurs the world has changed too. There is now a murderous Islamist Caliphate right in the heart of the powder keg known as the Middle East. The vicious circle of aggression and reprisal in Gaza is lethal and heart-breaking for both Palestine and Israel. In Turkey a new government promises to extend the reach of conservative Islamic rule to the very edge of Europe and the situation in the Ukraine is lurching the world unpredictably between peace and war. Obviously a custard cream and a cuddle, (or even a pedicure) are not going to sort this lot out.

Someone has put a so-called prayer into the box in church blaming "effing" (I paraphrase) God for it all. He doesn't need me to defend him but the reality is that God doesn't behead people or extort them or fire rockets into civilian streets or force people to do things his way or fund terrorists for political and economic gain or blow up aeroplanes. People and governments do those things, sometimes claiming to do it in his name. But its people who trash the world, not God. God loves and restores. I'm in no doubt that God will redeem his creation from whatever mayhem we sow in the end and that his Kingdom will come. I can't stop that (even if I wanted to, which I don't) any more than I can stop my toenails growing because he has promised it and it will be. But in the meantime we need to live better in this fallen world in which evil still wreaks suffering and pain and find ways to help billions of moderate people of all races and creeds "No. We don't want this." And we need to pray to God, whose name is our strongest hope, for a very rapid change indeed in the hearts and trajectory of humankind.

Best wishes, Sarah

Ps. On a totally different and much more cheerful note, thanks to a generous offer from Louis Prat to let us use the premises we are hoping to open a community café run by volunteers in place of The Cake Slice. We need to find about £700 for basic equipment and then hope to open for business in the next month or so.
August's floodlighting
2nd August - * Brian & Gloria's Wedding Anniversary
2nd August - In celebration of Plum and Matthew's wedding
3rd August - Happy Birthday John, in our thoughts everyday
16th August - George Brinkman. Remembered with love on your Birthday & always. Lesley xx
17th August - * Remembering the Mums, with love Jen & Chris
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 / Mum on her birthday
29th August - Val & Eric's Golden Wedding

September's floodlighting so far …
9th September - * For Pat on a special birthday from Sybil and all the family
9th September - Remembering Mum on what would have been her 90th birthday, Much love Carol, Gillian and Graham x
11th September - * Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th August 2014

BRAUNSTON PARCELS
1,394 parcels have now been sent to Afghanistan from Braunston since April 2007 and 17 of those have been sent to our current recipients; members of the Warthog Group, THE QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS.
Letters from them continue to be sent back to Braunston, each one thanking us for the support we continue to show to them during their deployment.

My sincere thanks go to everyone who continues to contribute to "the box."
Val Worrall
Braunston Village Gardens Association
welcomes all Braunston residents and their friends to take part in the Braunston Show
Saturday 6th September 2014
Braunston Village Hall 2pm

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 3rd September
Online at www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow
or 65 High Street by 7.00pm
or Post Office counter by 5.30pm
Any questions just ring Kate Mawer - the Show Secretary – 01788 890340
Exhibitors – please set up from 8.00am to 10.30am on Saturday morning.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday

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.
News from Jetty Field.

We received a real boost to our morale - and to our funds - a few days ago! We were awarded £2885.00 from Northamptonshire Community Foundation. A very big thank you is owed to the committee of the Friends of Braunston Pocket Park; they worked extremely hard to put this successful bid together. The money will be spent on specific projects such as fencing, tree guards and a container to store our tools and machinery. There are also some other areas of our work that this money will contribute towards. This does not mean we no longer need your financial support! The £10 donation you give to become a member of the friends helps us with the day to day running of the six acre site and is a very real help in our work. Please keep supporting us and join if you are not already a member! The grant from the Parish Council and the extra financial support we receive to undertake specific tasks, like paying for tree surgery, is also greatly valued. The new kissing gate is in place and many people have commented on how useful it is. It now means that wheelchair and pushchair users can now access the field far more easily. This will be important when the main gate is closed if we have sheep back for a short while this autumn. The centre of the kissing gate area will be concreted in due course to help with access. The old kissing gate at the bottom of the spinney will be removed at some point in the future.

We owe a very big thank you to the manager at PLANT TOOL HIRE CENTRES.COM OF DAVENTRY for his generosity in hiring us the powered auger without charge! He saved us an awful lot of hard digging! Dennis still continues to support us in maintaining the whole area so that everybody can enjoy this tremendous asset.

Our next work morning is on Saturday 4th October, 9.00 to 12.00. We will be concentrating on the "wild area", below the allotments. Everybody is welcome to come along and help! Meet outside the allotment area. Bring gloves and some basic tools such as rakes and secateurs. Boots and hard wearing work clothes are essential. As usual, tea and biscuits will be provided! PLEASE HELP! CAN WE BEAT THE RECORD OF 23 HELPERS FROM OUR LAST WORK MORNING?

All Saints' Church are holding a Quiz Night in the Village Hall on Saturday 18th October. Teams no more than 6 - £8 per head. More details next month
Jenni’s Jottings

It doesn’t seem 2 minutes since I wrote the last Jenni’s Jottings at the beginning of the summer holidays and here we are welcoming in September with some cooler weather. I had to put socks on for the first time for months! Never mind lots of blackberries and apples about.

What a busy August we all had, our school children were especially busy. The annual Gallie competition was wonderful. As Chris was one of the judges I managed to have a peep and what a splendid array of projects there were. Well done to all of you. The second event involving the children was the den making session. Again there was a camp full of dens. I am sure the adults had as much fun as the children. I wish all Braunston children a happy time on their return (or start) at school.

The Arts & Craft weekend was a most enjoyable festival of Braunston talent (see report on P.35). I haven’t a crafty bone in my body so was so very impressed with all the different displays. For those of you who saw the Gusher picture about the event I do not make walking sticks but Chris was missing when the photographer came to our stall. I hope to be out of the dog house in time for the next BVN!!! Until then enjoy September and please read the ‘Exciting News’ below.

Cheers,

Jenni

EXCITING NEWS

Lots of people were sad when Poppies Tea Shop in the village closed. Then we were happy that it reopened as The Cake Slice. Then more doom and gloom as that too closed. Where could we go for coffee and cake? Well there is some stirrings in the undergrowth! Plans are afoot to open a Community Café / Craft Gallery. Louis Prat the owner of the premises has very kindly offered us the existing shop. The idea is to run the Café completely with volunteers managed by a volunteer manager. There is lots to be sorted out but so far people from the Church and the village have offered help both with working in the café and providing equipment and delicious edibles. Insurance will be provided by All Saints liability insurance but of course there will be some start up cash needed - about £700 to £800. It is early days but hopefully during October the doors will once again be open for hot drinks, cakes and crafts made in Braunston. If you can help in any way please get in touch with Ingrid Allsop on 01788 890826
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It is estimated that by 2030 there will be more than 49,000 people living with or beyond cancer in Northamptonshire.
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So far we have 71 Macmillan nurses and professionals working in the area and last year support lines helped with the questions and worries of 656 people from our region.
But more needs to be done - and that's where our 'Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning' comes in.

BRAUNSTON MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 20th September 10.00am until 12 noon

Please come along and help to provide more Macmillan hours for Northamptonshire, by enjoying coffee and cake with friends.
There will be a 'Bring and Buy' stall, Cake stall and Raffle.
For further information, offers of help or donations please contact
Janet McCarthy on 890336
A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, ‘When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah’. The teacher asked, ‘What if Jonah went to hell?’ The little girl replied, ‘Then you ask him’.
CAN-SEE VWAH-ZAN
(OR QUINCY -OISINS, AS THEY SAY IN FRANCE)

About a couple of months ago, an intriguing flyer slithered out of our Broadwell parish magazine about a visit to Quincy-Voisins, in France, planned for May by the Twinners of Braunston. As a long standing Francophile I was keen to join the group and to introduce my husband to la vie française.

We were quickly welcomed by the organisers in Braunston and attended a couple of fund-raising events before our trip. Twinners in Q-V are subsidised but Braunston Twinners must raise money for when Q-V visit Braunston. On the other hand for our visit to Q-V this year other than air-fares all accommodation meals and entertainment were provided by the hosts.

On Friday May 4 we flew from Luton to Paris. A coach then took us to Q-V were we were welcomed at a champagne reception hosted at the Mairie by the mayor. This was the perfect opportunity for hosts and visitors to mingle with the entente cordiale supplemented by generous supplies of wine and nibbles. Here we were introduced to our host for the weekend, the delightful and friendly Sabine.

On Saturday the weather was good as Twinners and hosts gathered again for a coach trip to the Chateau De Vaux Le Vicomte in the valley of the Marne. The Chateau is spectacular and was built by M Le Fouquet, Louis XIV’s very efficient finance minister. In fact Louis XIV was so taken by the Chateau that he employed the same team to build the larger, even more grand Chateau de Versailles along the same lines. We spent an entire day touring the house and enjoying the formal gardens which were inspirational throughout Europe.

Dinner in the evening was a joint effort by Sabine and her friend and neighbour Annie. Annie was hosting two other Twinners - John and Liz, and they arranged a communal meal for all six of us.

Sunday was beautifully sunny and began with a trip to the boulangerie with its wonderful smell of warm freshly-baked baguettes. This was followed by a visit it to the market held in the village square with its beautiful array of locally grown vegetables, wondrous cheeses and every kind of fish, seafood, meat and charcuterie imaginable.

At noon everyone congregated at the local restaurant Le Petit Grain Du Sel. In true French style lunch was a banquet which did not finish until 5.30 in the afternoon! The leisurely pace of the meal allowed plenty of time for mingling and chatting with new and old friends alike all accompanied by a group musicians and singers - "Arcadium" -who delighted us throughout the afternoon.

Monday brought a trip with Annie to nearby Meaux, famous for its mustard, while Sabine prepared our communal lunch. In the afternoon we said our farewells and offered grateful thanks for a fantastically enjoyable weekend, each promising to meet next year in Braunston, but all too soon it was time to board the bus back to the airport.

Sue Rollason-Foxon
All Saints Church, Braunston

Saturday 13\textsuperscript{th}. September

7:30pm start

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The Royal British Legion  Braunston & District Branch.

There was a good turnout of members at the church service at Welton on 3rd August. However, the public attendance was disappointingly poor. A number of members attended the "lights-out" event at Hillmorton on 4th August. These events were to mark the centenary of the start of WW1 in 1914. The Legion also marked the anniversary of VJ Day, the ending of WW2, at its luncheon on 15th August.

Galanus House, the Legion Retirement Home at Southam, is holding a fete on Saturday 6th September to raise funds. The support of Members of the public will be most welcomed. This is a good chance to visit this prestigious Home which caters for all those with armed forces connections.

The September luncheon will be on Wednesday 17th at the Sporting Club, Barby, at Midday. All members and friends welcomed.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Tuesday 9th September at the George Hotel, Kilsby.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797.

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*The Gongoozlers Rest*
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Join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September 9am - 2pm. All sales from tea, coffee and homemade cake go to Macmillan. There will also be a cake stall and tombola - any donations to stalls would be very welcome.
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Andrew Alsop.
This is the second of twelve personal profiles of parish councillors. As a Parish Council we recognised that, as individuals, we may not be very well known to those we represent in our village. Over the next few months we hope to go some way in putting that right! I am the vice - chairman for this year and have a special responsibility on the council for Dark Lane and Jetty Field. I am working towards my fifth year living in Braunston. Ingrid, my wife, and I decided to move to this beautiful village when we retired from our careers as Headteachers in Bedfordshire. We had cruised through the village on the canal and often remarked how, one day, we might try to live there! We have two children, a son and a daughter. Living in the middle of England means we do not lose touch with relatives and friends and this is very important to us.
I have been, and still am, very active in community life. I believe very strongly that we should all try to commit ourselves to some form of community activity so that we can make our neighbourhood a better place to live. I really enjoy working with other volunteers in Jetty Field and the Pocket Park in general. It is a fabulous asset to our village and should be looked after for the benefit of all who are lucky enough to experience it; now and in the future. I have also become very involved in the Dick Herne Braunston History society, organising the talks and visits. Ingrid and I are also members of the congregation of All Saints' Church and we help with fund raising and organising events such as The Arts and Crafts Festival, musical and other entertainment evenings. We are both volunteers at Canons Ashby for the National Trust.
I love the scenery and the number of beautiful walks around the village and by the canal. Our two dogs also enjoy this. Being outdoors is an important part of my life and my allotments and working as a volunteer with the Timebank helps greatly with this. I love sport and played a great deal of rugby and cricket, when younger. I was also a keen triathlete and marathon runner. We share a wonderful village and should do all we can to maintain and improve it by working together. Our Chairman listed the issues that face us very succinctly in the last issue of the B.V.N. We can only react to the needs of our community if parishioners express their concerns by contacting us or coming to the meetings at 7.30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.
I can be contacted at my house, by telephone or email. All my details are on the village website in the section about the Parish Council.
200 CLUB WINNERS 2014

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The Dick Herne Braunston History Society.

We have our first talk of our new society year after the summer break. We are very pleased to welcome George Dickinson, a well known member of our community, to talk to us. His theme will be "Canal memories of the last Braunston Bobby." Everybody is very welcome to attend on TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL. Members are free, non members - £2.

On SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL we are holding a HERITAGE DAY in conjunction with Northamptonshire Association for Local History. It is entitled "Canals, cholera, chaos and conspiracy." Attendance at this very special occasion is by prior booking ONLY! Tickets can be obtained from Dr. Terry Waterfield (01327 312850) or our chairman, Chris. Pardoe, (890448). The charge is £16, this includes the cost of all refreshments and a hot lunch. The day starts at 9.00 a.m. and finishes at 3.30 p.m.

We have a day visit to BLETCHLEY PARK, the home of the code breakers, on SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER. Places are limited to "first come, first served." Contact Chris,(890448) or Annie (891179).
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## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2014

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<td>12 Royal British Legion Lunch at Kilsby 20.00 Royal British Legion Meeting: Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: 15.30 Housing Drop-in Event</td>
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Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust
SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE
Saturday 13th September 10am-6pm

People of any age are welcome to join in - Cycle or Walk your own route according to how many churches or chapels you wish to visit. Most churches are open from 10am to 6pm.

This annual provides funds for the maintenance of the many historic churches in Northamptonshire and 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) or can be requested via the NHCT website:

www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle_ride

Further information also available from the local organiser, Gloria Brough on 01327 876 638

Braunston CE School
Open Days

18th September 2014 - 9.30
1st October 2014 - 1.30

Parents of new children are invited to look round the school at the above times

DO YOU NEED HELP?
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