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One of the Braunston Buzzards on a fence at Brindley Quays

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St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers**

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**REGISTERS FOR August 2015**

**BRAUNSTON**

Funeral: 24th August—Peter Wenham

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*



## Braunston Parish Council

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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.

7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Full Council Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Jetty Fields Sub Committee
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

## **Floodlighting 2015**

### **August's floodlighting**

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

5th August - In memory of Pascal Dubos from Didier, Christine, Alain, Natalie and all his friends in Braunston

7th August – For my boy's best friend – Ben. Sleep well Hooligan xxx

12th August - \* Another Herlihy milestone

13th August - \* Our Heartfelt Thanks to KC Carers from Joyce and Ron

21st August - \* In Loving Memory of Sylvia Tatham

23rd August – Remembering Philip on his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday. "Climb every mountain". Miss you. Love Margaret

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

27th August - Remembering Alison with love on her birthday, Paul, Harry and Will



### **September's floodlighting so far ...**

9<sup>th</sup> September - Grace Bennett – Loving Birthday Memories of our dear mum. Carol, Graham & Gillian

11<sup>th</sup> September - \* Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary

13<sup>th</sup> September - Jackie, a very special sister and sister in law. Always and forever in our thoughts and hearts. Love Cay and Bill xx

20<sup>th</sup> Sept - \* Martin & Debbie's 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

23<sup>rd</sup> September - \* For Neil

24<sup>th</sup> September - In loving memory of Betty who left us a year ago. RIP, Cedric

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN  
Deadline – **20<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Writing a cheque to the All Saints' Church?**

**Please make payable to  
"PCC of Braunston".**

Thank you very much, Peter Hobbs, Treasurer

## On being taken down a peg

I doubt that I shall ever forget my first funeral. I was the shiny new curate of a canal village. The deceased was the casualty of a perishingly cold February night in which a lethal combination of industrial quantities of whisky and a gap between his boat and the towpath resulted in an icy end. The canal community arranged for his funeral on a grassy mound beside the cut and I was detailed to do my thing.

I presented myself at the time appointed, confident and buffed by theological college, my surplice as white as the driven snow, my shirt inky jet black with the original creases still pristine, my collar crisp and my very expensive wool cassock looking very much the business. I was full of the gospel (at least that hasn't faded!) proud as punch, green as grass (and apparently a walking advertisement for clichéd similes.)

There were 50 or 60 boaters gathered with nearly as many dogs as I positioned myself confidently on the grassy knoll, feeling a bit like Jesus giving his sermon on the mount. I opened the bible and began to read from the scriptures and as I read I noticed with immense satisfaction that the eyes of all were fixed on me, gratifyingly hanging, (it seemed to me,) on my every word. After a few sentences their attention sharpened even more and I began mentally congratulating myself on my vicarly authority and obviously excellent reading. I have never, before or since, had a congregation pay such close attention to me. They were riveted and I should have been suspicious.

Then I felt a puzzling sensation of warmth at the back of my cassock. I glanced around to see a brown and white springer spaniel with a jaunty red necktie gleefully and very prolifically using me as a lamp post. The February cutting wind dropped, there was not a ripple on the water, the birds stopped singing and held their breath. The boaters looked at me and I looked at the Springer Spaniel who grinned and took a bow. Later we were formally introduced – he was called Wally -and I forgave him despite his somewhat piquant legacy that lingered for months around my black baratheia

Jesus' mother, Mary sang a hymn called the Magnificat. You can find it in chapter 1 of Luke's gospel. It tells how God has "scattered the proud in the imaginations of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty."

God looks for humility and purity of heart and where he finds arrogance and status instead he is prone to dismantling it. Normally he is subtle but occasionally it just takes a Wally to bring down a wally.

Sarah



## **NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.**

A mixed summer so far regarding the weather but plants and grass are growing well! The garden is looking particularly lovely and many people enjoy walking through it and sitting down to take in the view and enjoy the peace and quiet of this wonderful part of the Pocket Park.

We have our next **WORK MORNING on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 until 12.00.** Do come along if you can and help us in the wild/conservation area and in the garden. We have a great deal to do and need all the help that we can get. You will be made most welcome. Just come along and meet outside the allotments at 9.00 a.m. Strong gloves and boots are a must! Tools will be supplied but you can bring your own (secateurs, loppers, rakes etc.) if you wish!



## **Braunston CE School Open Day**

Date: 7th October 2015

At

9.45 am

Parents of new children are  
Invited to look round the school during the  
Above time.

Please arrive promptly

## JENNI'S JOTTINGS

As I write this the rain is pouring down and I wonder where the scorching hot summer that we were promised is going to arrive! We have had some lovely days and I hope you have managed to enjoy them.

I was finishing off the BVN when I heard the church bells ringing and I remembered it was the Memorial Service for Peter Wenham. I had to hurry to join the large congregation. My last memory of this fine gentleman was him sitting in the Community Café not so very long ago drinking a coffee and a huge piece of strawberry gateau which he thoroughly enjoyed. He will be missed by all the people there ( plus one dog) and by all his other many friends.

Following Sarah's letter which mentioned the dog 'anointing' her robes story I thought I would share a similar story with you. Many years ago Chris and I were 'folkies' and on this occasion were travelling to the Lake District on a coach with our local Folk Club. After the second stop for the men to 'view the hedge' us ladies decided we also needed a comfort break. To preserve our modesty we climbed over a gate and entered the field. Facing the hedge we proceeded to do the 'necessary'. Suddenly there was a lot of clapping, whistling and stamping of feet behind us. Unbeknown to us the farmers were harvesting further down the field and came over the horizon to be met with a sight to behold. Some very red faced ladies got back on the bus accompanied by more cheers!

It is feeling very autumnal now on my morning dog walk and I have seen my first Christmas Catalogue!!! However, as usual there is plenty to look forward to in September. I expect all the gardeners are protecting their prize specimens for the show. There is another Family Fun Day in the Playing Field and some real bargains to bid for at the Auction of Promises.

As I was compiling the Future Events page I noticed we had a double up which could have been quite catastrophic. PLEASE if you are planning an event check this page for double ups and also let me know so that I can keep the page up to date.

Enjoy September all. Cheers Jenni



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4.00pm - 4.30pm  
**Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-6 yrs)**  
4.30pm - 5.00pm

**Pre Syllabus Ballet (5-6 yrs)**  
5.00pm - 5.45pm

**Pre Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)**  
5.45pm - 6.30pm

**Primary Ballet (8 yrs+)**  
6.30pm - 7.15pm

**Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)**  
7.15pm - 7.45pm

**Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)**  
7.45pm - 8.15pm

**Adult Ballet (no exp req)**  
8.15pm - 9.15pm

**Friday**

**Gymnastics (all ages)**  
5.00pm - 5.30pm

**Street Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)**  
5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Grade 3 Ballet (13 yrs+)**  
6.30pm - 7.15pm

**Grade 4 Ballet (15 yrs+)**  
7.15pm - 8.15pm



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## BRAUNSTON FRONT GARDENS & CONTAINER COMPETITION 2015

*(Judged this year by John Dennett of Dennett's Garden Centre, Daventry)*

**MILLENNIUM CUP** *presented annually to the most well-decorated business premises on the High Street*

Joint Winners: **The Wheatsheaf / Southfield Arts**

**THE DENNETT CUP** *presented by the Dennett family for the best decorated business not on the High Street*

Winner: **The Admiral Nelson**

### FRONT GARDEN

1. 30 Archer Avenue lovely display of colours but more than a summer garden
2. 6 School Close clever use of landscaping materials, decking and plants on a difficult slope to create year round interest.
2. Checkley Close, High Street, a colourful welcome to the High Street
3. 48 Ashby Road a colourful Summer garden
- 55 Ashby Road an interesting garden which cleverly drew the eyes to more colour through the back gate

### CONTAINERS

1. 18 Brindley Quays a clever grouping of containers to the back and front filling a small space
2. 1 The Green a full and well maintained manger
3. 21 High Street a very pretty pair of small cone-shaped containers

### JUDGE'S COMMENTS

The Judge thanks all those in the village who may not have won prizes but who brighten the village by their gardening efforts.

The Judge highly commended the area around the Marina which although obviously maintained by different people presented a lovely touristy area around the Marina Shop, Gongoozler and other businesses.

## **BRAUNSTON ART GROUP**

The Art Group meets  
every Wednesday  
between 2 and 4 pm in  
the library of the Village  
Hall.

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Nick Strivens  
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## **Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE Saturday 12th 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](http://www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle_ride)**

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



## Braunston Parish Council

### Christmas Tree Scheme

Following on from parishioners requests the Parish Council has agreed to extend the current Christmas tree scheme to any resident that wishes to take part from within the Parish.

The resident will need to pay for bracket (£22.50) and lights (£9.99) upon order and then each year for a tree (current price £13.50)

The Parish Council will arrange to centrally order all the brackets and lights and have these delivered to each household. Orders will need to be with me by the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

The trees will be as usual ordered for the first weekend in December, delivery / collection arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time

If you wish to take part, please order using the form below

### **Christmas Tree Scheme Order Form**

Please can I order the following: -

Qty	Item	Price	Total
	Brackets	£22.50	
	Lights	£9.99	

For the following address

I have enclosed a cheque payable to Braunston Parish Council for a total of £\_\_\_\_\_

Please send/deliver to address above by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Braunston Playingfield Association**

**Invite you  
TO**

**Family Fun Day and picnic**

**at Braunston Playingfield  
Sunday 13th Sept.**

**2pm-5pm.**

**Bouncy castle, games  
tea, coffee, cakes, and treats.**

### **Reminder - Neighbourhood Plan Consultation.**

We hope you have had time to look at the consultation version of Braunston's Neighbourhood Plan. You can download it here <http://www.braunston.org.uk/org> or pick up a paper copy at the following locations: the Community Café, Braunston Village Stores, All Saints Church, Braunston Marina Shop, Braunston Village Hall and the offices of Daventry District Council.

Any parishioner who would like a paper copy delivered to his or her home should ring 01788 899287 or 01788 890340.

If you know of a visually impaired person who would like help with reading the plan please ring one of the above numbers.

Please use the response form available on-line or the paper version available at the locations listed above to make comments about this the plan.

Response forms must be submitted by Monday 21st September 2015. Paper copies of the form can be left in the collection boxes at Braunston Village Stores, the Community Café or Braunston Marina Shop or sent to Neighbourhood Plan, 65 High Street, Braunston, NN11 7HS.

**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL.**  
**KEEPING YOU INFORMED!**

The Annual General Meeting of the Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation was held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. The present committee was re-elected for another year and there were no changes to the membership of the village representatives. There was a great deal of positive news in the chairman's report; he noted that the water main has now been completely replaced in plastic. The fire alarm system has been serviced and, where necessary, items relating to this either repaired or replaced. A full fixed wiring test has been completed and all remedial works that were highlighted in the report are being dealt with by Head Tech Electrical. The Library walls have been plaster boarded and redecorated. A new carpet has been laid and new lighting installed. The Gallie Room has had a "lick of paint" and it is hoped to decorate the entrance hall, some of the external doors and sills and do some decoration in the Main Hall in the near future. The Main Hall, entrance and passage have new LED lighting and new LED floodlighting has been put in the car park to assist on darker nights. A new arrangement has been made for the large refuse bins.

Quotations have been agreed for the re-surfacing of the car park. This should be happening very shortly. Notices will go up to warn people of the work and it is hoped that any inconvenience caused by this very necessary improvement will be kept to a minimum.

The only negative part of the chairman's report reflected on two things; some minor vandalism to the property and the likelihood that the "200 Club" must fold. Ron Hunt and his volunteer helpers have done a magnificent job over a number of years but Ron has to step down and nobody has come forward to take over.

The chairman concluded his report by thanking the committee for all the progress made in the past year and hoped that the hall will continue to prosper and that we continue to improve the facilities for the benefit of our village.

Our next ordinary meeting will be held in the library at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>. October.

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

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm.

The September luncheon will, also, be at the George Hotel on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> at midday.

All are welcome at both events.

Tony Saunderson - Tel. No. 01788 890797

## 200 Club Results 2015

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
16.07.15	039	B. Oliver	£50
23.07.15	117	K. Donald	£10
23.07.15	204	E. Archer	£5
30.07.15	178	I. Luckey	£10
30.07.15	161	E. Tomlinson	£5
06.08.15	202	C. Price	£10
06.08.15	016	J. Burton	£5

The 200 Club has now closed down. People who have paid in advance by cash, Direct Debit or Standing Order will be reimbursed in the next week or two. And a reminder - would all of those who pay by Direct Debit or Standing Order please cancel them.

A big THANK YOU to all contributors who over many years have helped raise funds for the Village Hall.

Please note that Jenni did fortunately win on the final draw!

Ron

### Macmillan Coffee Morning



The Macmillan Coffee morning will take place on a Saturday in October ( date to be advised) in the Village Hall from 10.00am until 12 noon. Come along and enjoy a delicious home made cake with your coffee or tea. There will be cakes for sale, a bring and buy stall and a raffle.

If you would like to help in any way - by making a cake, running a stall, helping on the day, or making a donation' please contact Janet McCarthy on 01788 890336.

## **THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.**

The society is back after the summer break and we start our programme with an excellent talk by **Malcolm Deacon**. It is on **TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL.** The talk entitled “**MISSION AND EMPIRE**” is a story of two Northamptonshire men and their huge impact on India and the West Indies during the nineteenth century. Highly illustrated, it gives a vivid picture of the growth of Empire in the Georgian period and tells of what William Carey did for India and what William Knibb achieved for the slaves in Jamaica. Do come along and enjoy a talk about our local history! Non members- £2, members are free. You can always become a member by joining at any of our meetings!

### **HAVE YOU ANY INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY OF ANY OF THE PUBLIC HOUSES, PAST AND PRESENT, IN BRAUNSTON?**

If you have then please bring it along to any of our meetings or contact Annie, our secretary, **891179** or Andrew, the chairman, **890826**. If we receive sufficient information from local people and from our own researches we want to produce a booklet on the subject!

#### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or  
even touched -  
they must be felt with the heart

Helen Keller.

## UNDERCOVER OPERATION

What's going on?

You might well ask. Scaffolding everywhere. Can't see the wood for the trees. Or, at least, can't see the church for all the shrouds surrounding it.



Something is up. Is it being knocked down? Rebuilt? Turned into a block of flats?

Well, come and find out!

There is an exhibition in the church showing what is being done to save the building from destruction. It will be open for general viewing on two Sunday afternoons this month – the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> – from 2 to 5pm. With tea and biscuits.

For health and safety reasons it will not be possible to go up the scaffolding to roof level, but the exhibition has photographs revealing the extent of the hidden problems and also explains what is being done to deal with them. Those interested in this splendid Grade II Listed Building can take a tour of the church at ground level, highlighting its history, architecture and contents.

And don't forget the tea and biscuits afterwards.

The total cost of the essential repairs will be not far short of £300,000. There have been big grants but, even more important, many people from the village – churchgoers and non-believers alike – have shown their love of this historic building by making contributions to the cost. More than anything, that is what has made it worthwhile as well as financially possible.

The work should be finished before the end of the year. So, if you want to see it for yourself, make sure to come along to the Teas and Tours sessions this month.

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2015

<b>Day</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tue	1	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		18:00	Wedding rehearsal
Wed	2	11:00	Wedding Bodily Hennessey
		12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	5	17:30	Youth church
Sun	6	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	11 am Parish Communion Br
		18:30	Evensong - Br
		14:00	Church roof work open afternoon
Mon	7	19:00	Sung Compline
Tue	8	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	9	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	12	10:00	Ride and Stride
		13:00	Wedding Whitlock/Foster
		17:30	Youth church
		19:00	Auction of Promises
Sun	13	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Morning Prayer Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br with Terry /Ives baptism
		13:30	Baptism Watts/ Clements
Tue	15	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	16	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	19	17:30	Youth church
		19:30	Last Night of the Proms Concert
Sun	20	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Tue	22	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	23	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	26	10:00	Deanery Church Growth Away Day- Moulton
Sun	27	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Family Communion Br
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	29	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	30	12:30	Peace at lunchtime

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2015

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 7.30 W.I :
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Braunston Show
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion meeting at George Hotel, Kilsby
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Jetty Fields Work Morning
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fun Day in the Playing Field
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	14.15 Friendly Club Trip: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: History Society
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Braunston: Scouts :12.00 Royal British Legion Lunch at George Hotel Kilsby: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
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Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library Visit: 19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Arias for Autumn ( for Air Ambulance Fund)
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	14.30 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:

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## **ADMIRAL NELSON MUSIC FESTIVAL REVIEW**

So Saturday the 8th August saw many of us take the annual pilgrimage to the Admiral Nelson festival. This event is undoubtedly the most anticipated on the Braunston calendar and each year it becomes (slightly) bigger and better. Whether it's the musical programming or the nitty gritty of having better security or a larger bar, the team behind the event always try to improve on the year before without being overtly ambitious. This year was no exception, from mid morning I could see the cars roll into the car park on what can only be described as a glorious summer's day.

Local farmer and International DJ Ted Nilsson kicked off proceedings with a laid-back house set, easing the crowd into what was obviously going to be a long day. With 9 bands performing on the main stage throughout the day it was advisable to find yourself a base and stick with it. At around 2pm the crowds really started to gather and were just in time for one of Rugby's best bands; Paper Street Soap Company who roused the crowd with their unique folk twist of rock and pop classics. With the sun blazing it was refreshment time, the main bar stocked beer, cider and spirits whilst the small relief bar outside the pub itself had a selection of real ales too. The latter seemed slightly quicker to get served at too. Although all in all service time wasn't too bad (15 mins at it's worst).

There were a few tears shed when Nelson stalwarts Got It Covered announced that the festival would be their last outing together as a band but the solid performance they delivered more than made up for it. The Motor City String band followed and their blue grass rendition of the Stones' 'Honky Tonk Woman' had men, women and children locked in arms for some good 'ol country dancing'.

With the sun, drink and dancing draining folks energy it was time for food and the vast array on offer meant there was something for everyone. Healthy wraps from StrEAT food or delicious wood fired pizza's from original pizza box, you name it and it was there.

Happily stuffed it was time for more music, the Antarctic Monkeys not only looked the part but they sounded the part too delivering a set something akin to Alex Turner's mob at Glastonbury. Are You Experienced doffed their caps to Jimi Hendrix and the Jimi alike even played the guitar upside down. Then, whilst Amanda Nilsson was serving up delicious bangers on her Wolfhampcote farm stall, hubby Ted Nilsson was serving up bangers of his own, in the way of a concentrated mix of crowd pleasing dance anthems on the main stage. If the crowd weren't in a party mood by now they certainly were after Ted had whipped them up into a frenzy. Although not everyone's cup of tea the UK Foo Fighters closed the festival accompanied by a colourful firework crescendo. If Braunston inhabitants missed the festival then they certainly didn't miss the fireworks. All in all a lovely, well executed (and trouble free) day was had by all in attendance. See you at the front next year!  
Nick Darby

## THE GALLIE WILDLIFE FUND ANNUAL PRIZE SUMMER 2015

At the end of last summer term Year 6 pupils from Braunston Church of England Primary School spent the morning with local residents, Alan Mawer, Chris Burton and Andrew Alsop discovering all about our Pocket Park. They looked at all the areas of our wonderful park including the allotments, the garden, the wooded area and the main field. We spent a large amount of the morning appreciating the historical and geographical aspects of the main Jetty Field. This part of the experience was led by Alan.

On returning to school the pupils were set a challenge to write a report on their morning looking at this wonderful asset in the heart of our village. After the judging, a special assembly was held for the year six pupils and their staff. The final winners were—First Prize and the Cup went to **Evie Law**, Second Prize went to **James Hollingshead** and the Poster competition was won by **James Comelius**.

Evie's work and a report of the morning had been displayed on the Pocket Park notice board for some weeks.

Congratulations go to the whole of Year 6 for taking part so enthusiastically and for trying so hard!

Thank you to the volunteers and the staff from the school for all their help!

### Braunston Calendar 2016

Only **£5** at  
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**The Mobile Sight Centre will visit New  
Daventry on Wednesday 16th September  
10am—1pm**



### THE MOBILE LIBRARY

**The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall**

**On Friday 25th September**

**17.10 to 17.50**

**FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
<b>September</b>		
5th	Braunston Show	BVGA
12th	Historic Ride & Stride	All Saints Church
12th	Auction of Promises	All Saints Church
13th	Fun Day	Playing Fields Assoc.
19th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church
26th	Arias for Autumn	Air Ambulance
26th	Fund Raising Day	Air Ambulance
<b>October</b>		
3rd	Braunston Bakes	
5th	Harvest Supper in Village Hall	All Saints Church
7th	Braunston School Open Day	
17th	Autumn Quiz	All Saints Church
27th	Garden Talk @ Cannons Ashby	BVGA
<b>November</b>		
14th	Autumn Fayre	All Saints Church
21st	Friends Barn Dance	All Saints Church
25th to 28th	November Show	Braunston Players
<b>December</b>		
10th	AGM	BVGA
12th	Christmas Fair & Braunston Bakes	
18th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints Church
<b>2016</b>		
<b>June</b>		
11th	Church Fete	All Saints Church



## **Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day**

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

**Saturday 26th September.  
9am to 1pm**

**There will be a Barbeque with delicious  
Hot Dogs  
Tea, Coffee and Squash as well as the usual  
attractions of cakes, tombola, books, Win a  
Teddy, Raffle etc.**

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

**Please contact Kim or George Donald on  
01788 891264  
or see Kim at the village shop  
We look forward to seeing you there**

# *Arias for Autumn*

*Performed by Voci Vivo*

*( including villagers Phill &  
Sue Abbott)*

*7pm at All Saint's Church  
Braunston*

*On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
2015*

*Tickets £10*

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*Wharf House Narrowboats at  
Bottom Lock*

*or on the door*

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Ambulance*

# Braunston Youth Club

Dates for this Autumn are:-

11th September 2015

25th September 2015

9th October 2015

23rd October 2015

6th November 2015

20th November 2015

4th December 2015

18th December 2015

***Entrance fee still only £1.00***

***7:00 O'clock until 9:00***

***At Braunston Village Hall***

**But we desperately need Volunteers**

**If you can help please ring Judy on 07969435567**

## **NORTHANTS OPEN STUDIOS TRAILS 2015**

29th August until 26th September.

Join us Saturday 29th August 11am-4pm in Alfred East Manor House Gardens for The Little Draw & Big Paint.

Also the launch of the largest visual arts event in and around the county. This year The Alfred East Art Gallery, Sheep Street, Kettering, NN16 0AN will be hosting the Central Exhibition. Examples of each participating artist, craftsperson & designer makers in one room.

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## CLUBS AND SOCIETY EVENTS

### Braunston Women's Institute



#### Next Meeting:-

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September** at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Captain William Wells will talk about the Kon Tiki expedition.

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

### Braunston Friendly Club

#### Next Meetings:-

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** A cream tea at Barby garden centre. Transport by DACT, leaving the Green at 2.15pm and returning at 4.00pm. Cost is £ 4.00 each. Names to Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336.

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>** Our Harvest Festival with a Bring and Buy stall of Harvest produce, proceeds to charity. Meeting in the Gallie room Village hall at the usual time 2.30 pm.

Gill 890763

### Braunston Fishing Club BINGO

**Every Thursday throughout the year  
8.00pm in the Village Hall  
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### TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL:-

Mrs Leyla Clayson  
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Braunston  
Leyla\_geric@hotmail.com

### RAINFALL— 2014/2015

2014	2015	
Jan		52.7
Feb		31.0
Mar		25.1
Apr		14.1
May	71.1	45.2
Jun	45.7	24.5
July	37.6	47.8
Aug	46.7	
Sep	7.6	
Oct	33.5	
Nov	68.2	
Dec	43.5	

All in mms

Information provided by Rob Buckley

**Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 150815 - Arthingworth (c.10 miles)**

It was a fine, warm and sunny day as thirteen of us (unlucky for some but not us) met up for the drive to Arthingworth. It is a village in Northamptonshire just this side of Market

Harborough. Another forgotten small gem of our beautiful county that packs in great scenery and lots of interest. We parked at The Bulls Head and ordered lunch. Our walk went the length of the village which stands on a hill and then we joined a field path off left passing a small pond and on over three fields to reach and join the disused Brampton Valley Railway trail heading north.

We were in fine spirits as we approached the dark tunnel entrance at Oxendon. The tunnel is about 400



metres long and you can see the light of the exit in the distance but once inside you really are plunged into darkness and need torches to see the uneven surface that you have to walk on. Sandra boldly lead the way with the whirring of her windup torch. We followed on with a motley collection of flickering torches and soon reached the exit. Great fun! At the end we planned to join the footpath that is the Midshires Way, Macmillan Way and the Jurassic Way which also goes through Braunston . To reach this path we needed to get up the side of a steep, muddy and slippery, railway cutting. We struggled up the slope, sliding down as much as up but soon got to the top just like Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensin, thanks to Ronald who hauled Avril up. We then followed the path over fields enjoying the wonderful views over to Market Harborough. Some fields had been recently harvested and even worse, for walkers, ploughed so that we had to trudge through deep uneven mud. Red Kites flew overhead as we wended our way back to the village. All very tiring but great for burning calories which we would soon replace and then some with baguettes and chips at The Bulls Head. We arrived and at the pub and rearranged their tables and chairs outside in the sun to enjoy great pints of Adnams beer. It was good to see Alan Dent who joined us for lunch. I was really glad we didn't have to tell him that we had left Avril behind stuck on the muddy slope. After lunch we left the village past the magnificent old stone church and then past a dreadful brick wall complete with minarets and an equally ugly, over the top, house before joining a field path off right which lead over several fields towards the village of Harrington. This village punches well above its weight when it comes to interest. We enjoyed Nigel and Judith's sweets and stood gazing over the site of an old manor house which was pulled down in 1705. We continued over the humps and bumps that make up the site of the house and some terraces called 'The Falls.' These contains the remains of terraces, fishponds and a sunken garden, which may have had a fountain. The fishponds were constructed to supply fresh fish to the monastic house. Eel, bream, pike, and perch were bred in a series of ponds of varying size fed by channels. The gardens were laid out by Sir Lionel Tollemache, 2nd Baronet who married Hon. Elizabeth Stanhope, daughter of John Stanhope, 1st Baron Stanhope, around 1620 and inherited the estate in 1675. It is now listed as an historical archaeological site. We continued on the road out of the village which had also housed a USAF air base during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, home to the Carpetbaggers a Bomber group with the task of dropping clandestine agents behind enemy lines and in the late 50s when the

Cold War was in full swing it became a Thor missile base aimed at Moscow. There is also a Gin distillery at Falls Farm which featured in the TV programme "Countryfile". We went through the tiny village passing a pretty thatched pub called The Tollmarche Arms before following a raised path alongside the road to reach the church. Sadly locked as it contains a *tuba stentoro-phonica*, or a speaking trumpet, one of only eight in the country that we would have liked to see. Sir Samuel Morland claimed to have invented these horns, for speaking between ships. The device, also known as "The Harrington Vamping Horn", was demonstrated to Charles II in St James' Park. We walked downhill on a road, over the River Ise a notorious flooding spot and then took field paths back to the cars at Arthingworth and home for a well earned cuppa.

Our next walks are as follows:

18/9 to 20/9 Knighton Walking weekend, 17/10 Abthorpe and Bucknell Woods (c.9 miles)  
21/11 Crick and Winwick (c.9 miles), 19/12 Xmas Walk



## **Hope and Homes for Children**

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Braunston Art Group	Nick Strivens	890764
Braunston Canal Society	Nick Strivens	890764
Braunston Cinema Club	Sandy Mac Donald	891488
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491
Braunston Singers	Jacqui Lancaster	891018
Braunston Walkers	Phillip or Ray	891437 / 891384
Church Choir	John Viggars	0247667 9967
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590
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Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763
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Toddler Group		
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Work on our restoration project is now well underway. The stonemasons have taken down some of the unsafe masonry and been removing loose/flaking stonework. Samples of new stone and mortar have been provided to ensure that they match the original as far as possible.

A temporary timber roof structure has been erected over the first valley gutter to provide weather protection whilst the old lead and timbers are being replaced. The gutter has been completely opened up, inspected and remedial actions agreed prior to reforming the wooden framework and fitting the new lead covering.

In addition, actions have been agreed for repair/replacement of the existing damaged cast iron rainwater downpipes and fittings.

On the financial front we have received the £3770 VAT reclaimed from last year's investigation work and are now submitting our first VAT reclaim forms for the current restoration work. With the start of the repairs, and receipt of relevant invoices, we have now been able to request payment of the £5000 grant from the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust.

In parallel with the above we have made good progress on many of the associated activities such as,

- Adding a "Visit Us" section to the church website
- First draft of church history presentation
- Final review of Area Information Boards prior to manufacture
- Completion of new Church Guide Sheets prior to publishing

The church will be open from 2pm until 5pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September with a display of photographs of the work in progress and the remaining programme. Tours of the church will also be available at these sessions. See separate notice for details.

## Frosty's Nature Notes – the buzzard

Now the threat of new houses in the wild corner of Brindley Quays has been withdrawn a new and very welcome visitor has taken up frequent residence among the ancient trees. Our new bird is a Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*) Britain's commonest and most widespread raptor or bird of prey.

The bird is often to be seen perched on a brand new fence gazing purposefully at the wild meadow trying to spot any small mammal whose luck has just run out. They mainly eat small rodents, but also take birds, reptiles, amphibians, larger insects and earthworms. They use three main hunting techniques. They locate prey from a perch and then fly directly to it. They soar over open country, occasionally hanging in the wind before dropping on to the prey and following up the attack on the ground. Sometimes they may be seen walking on the ground looking for worms or slugs

Buzzards are quite large with broad, rounded wings, and a short neck and tail. When gliding and soaring it will often hold its wings in a shallow vee and fan out their tail. Buzzards can range from dark brown to much paler variations but always have dark wingtips and a finely barred tail. Found in most habitats particularly woodland, and wild scrub increasingly they are feeling less threatened and moving into villages and towns. Their plaintive mewing call sounds exactly like a distressed cat sometimes causing confusion when they roost near houses.

The skies above Braunston are well populated by raptors – surely the most exciting of birds. We have owls, kestrels and sparrowhawks of course, and the famous Church peregrines. Now red kites are to be seen. They are, presumably some of the 400 kites released at Rockingham Forest and now spreading all across our county.

Our front cover picture –taken by a local resident – shows the buzzard on the Brindley Quays' fence.

### **BRAUNSTON ALLOTMENTS**

There will be an allotment coming free shortly. If you are interested please contact Bob Cluett on 01788 890630

**All Saints Church, Braunston**  
**LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm start**



**City of Coventry Brass**

**Ticket price includes interval refreshments  
of wine/soft drinks & nibbles**

Tickets Adult £10, Concessions £8, Accompanied Children £1  
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**SUMMER DEN MAKING**

20 children took part in this summer's den-making challenge, organised by Braunston Parish Council, Friends of Braunston Pocket Park and Braunston Scouts. All the dens showed great creativity and construction skills, and a lot of fun was had by all, adults included. Special thanks to Andrew Alsop, Mark Fitzhugh and Steve Rolt for their help.

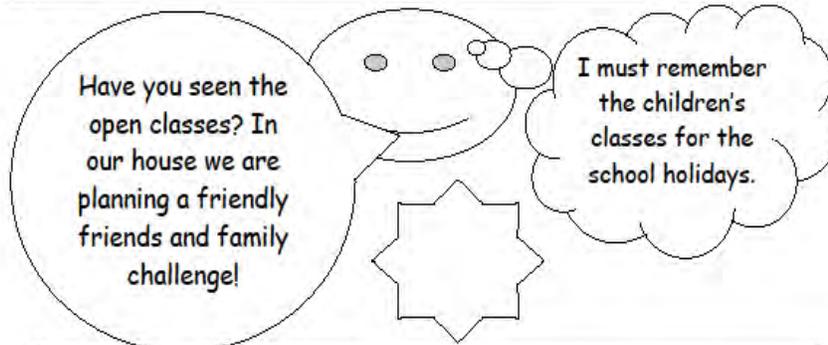




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Saturday 5th September 2015

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Any questions?  
Contact Kate Mawer either via the website or by telephone 890340 with any questions.

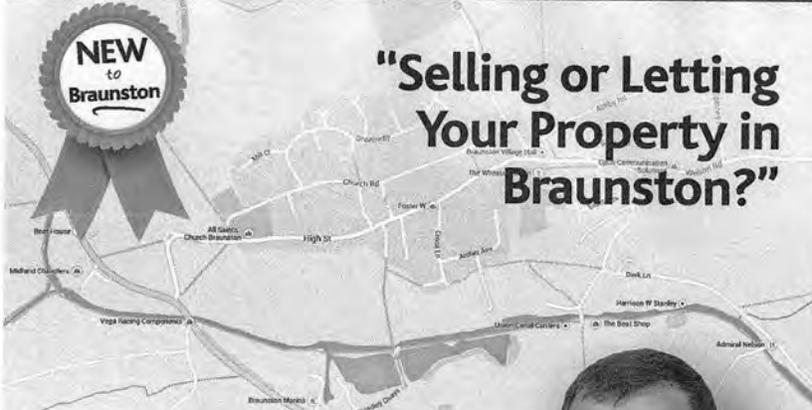
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