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Peaceful Scene in Braunston
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ASHBY

Wedding: – Aug 27th Beale / McGettigan

BRAUNSTON

Weddings: - Aug 13th Wood / Jackman
Aug 20th O’Brien / Gibbs

Baptism:- Aug 21st Ivy-Mae Claire Taylor

Funeral: - Aug 11th Thelma Cluett

May she rest in peace and rise in glory
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Forthcoming meetings

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

5th September  Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website  
www.braunston.org.uk/bpc
August's floodlighting
2nd August - * Brian & Gloria's Wedding Anniversary
12th August - Very happy birthday Alison
16th August - * To celebrate Paula’s half-century
17th August - Remembering the Gerry’s with love. Jen & Chris
21st August - In loving memory of Sylvia Tatham
23rd August - Remembering Philip on his 32nd birthday. Happy Memories, love Margaret.
27th August - For Alison on her birthday, love Paul, Harry and Will

September's floodlighting so far …
3rd September - * Celebrating the BVGA Braunston Show
8th September – Remembering Lena and Ray Rushall on their Wedding Anniversary – Hazel, Janet and Heather
9th September – Remembering our dearest Mother, Grace Bennett on her birthday. Missed so much. Carol, Graham and Gillian xxx
11th September - * Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary
23rd September - To welcome Tony and Cyd from Jamaica, from the Parr Family
23rd September - For Neil.
24th September - Celebrating Sheila and David Parr’s 50th wedding anniversary
24th September - * In loving memory of Betty who left us two years ago. R.I.P. Cedric
* = Friends of All Saints – A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 20th August 2016

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
Always leave people better than you found them.
Hug the hurt.
Kiss the broken.
Befriend the lost.
Love the lonely
My two Tennessee nieces started college last week, one in Alabama and the other in Texas. Each had to run the gauntlet of the dreaded Sorority selection system. A nail-biting question stood between them and Eternal Joy. Would they or would they not be deemed acceptable members of one of the powerful sisterhoods with names like ‘Alpha Delta Pi’ or ‘Pi Beta Phi?’ (I don’t know why they are called that. It’s all Greek to me.)

Whilst there are some real benefits of being in a Sorority, the selection process is brutal and can involve public rejection and humiliation within just a few days of arriving at university. I’ve been watching with a mixture of horrified fascination and anxiety for my nieces, wondering why anyone would expose themselves to this. As it happens both girls were accepted but it was nerve-wrackingly close and I had been quietly making rescue plans to start a New International Sisterhood of Glorious Sorority Rejects. I had even thought about names: ‘Fi Phi Pho Phum’ perhaps, or ‘Moussaka Pheta Tsees’ or’ Key Lime Pi’ (I’ll refrain from sharing my most immature suggestions. I am, after all, 51 and a half and a pillar of the church!)

It seems that the most beautiful, brainy, cool, talented, glossy, socially acceptable girls of previous years select more beautiful brainy, cool etc. girls in their own image. Those who do not fit are rejected and run around frantically looking in vain for their name on the welcome banners of the sorority groups- a truly mortifying experience.

It sounds extreme but selecting people ‘like us’ is how the world works. It happens in school, in business, in friendship groups, and has been a trait of the church too. What defines ‘us’ may or may not be about race or creed or social class. It may be subtler than that. Often those who consider themselves to have the correct, tolerant, liberal, inclusive political and social views are the most exclusive of all because anyone who does not share their world-view is vilified. We are inherently self-selecting.

Jesus is the antidote to this tendency to select in our own image. I love that about him. There is absolutely nobody that he does not choose. Not even you. The brainy, cool, talented, glossy people are invited along with the intellectually challenged, the deeply uncool, below average, rough, scabby, limping, inept, flawed ones. You are chosen and so am I. The only selection criteria is that we want to accept the invitation. And marvellously, it’s the scabbiest among us, the least of us, the ones who nobody in their right mind would chose to have on their team, whom God seems to do the most with. I like that a lot.
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD

It’s GOLD for the Jetty Field volunteers

Wow what a wonderful work day was held on 13\textsuperscript{th} August in the Pocket Park. If gardening was an Olympic sport it would have been GOLD for the Jetty Field volunteers. It always amazes me how much can be achieved in 3 hours. 18 wonderful volunteers turned out to weed, cut, prune and tidy the Pocket Park.

Despite the rain (it wouldn’t be a work morning without it) we left the Pocket Park looking fabulous. Thank you so much to everyone who attended.

We will be holding another work-day on Saturday 10\textsuperscript{th} September. Your help would be greatly appreciated. You don’t have to be green fingered! We’ll provide the coffee and cake you bring your gardening gloves!

On this work day we will be planting 500 crocus bulbs for the Purple 4 Polio campaign as well as clearing space in the wild garden to create our new nursery area ready for the arrival of our sapling trees from the Woodland Trust.
I wonder how many of you are as exhausted as I am? I have run, swam, jumped, ridden, cycled, fenced and done many other activities. Sadly of course I didn’t get any medals sitting in my chair eating popcorn but I was with out athletes all the way and I am sure it must have helped them. Didn’t they do a fantastic job? I have learnt about sports that I didn’t know existed like all the funny races in the ‘tippy up’ stadium! I wish I could have been there and joined in all the celebrations.

What a lovely surprise it was to hear that Braunston was awarded the Best Large Village in Northampton this year. So many people work hard to keep our village beautiful and to continue to lead the many clubs, societies and events. Well done all of us!!

I have spoken to lots of people who went to the Admiral Nelson music festival. We were unable to go but have heard so much praise for it and we will definitely go next year if there is one. We were very impressed by how professional the organisers were with making sure that everything before, during and after went well. The security was exceptional. Even the fireworks which were loud but we were warned about them and 5 minutes of noise was worth it. Well done to all those involved.

I volunteer for the Canal & River Trust at the Stop House as do some other villagers. We are looking for a couple more people to help out. If you are interested please get in touch with me.

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Parish Nurse Vacancy (part-time)
16 hours over 2 days per week

All Saints’ Church is currently looking to employ a dedicated Christian Registered Nurse for 16 hours per week based on NHS Band 6 pay scale for a fixed initial period of 3 years. This is a new post which offers an exciting opportunity for the right applicant to develop the role of providing a nursing service which integrates spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional and social health for the community of Braunston.

Please see www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk/parishnurse for the full advert

For an application pack and full job description, please write to Joanne Gibson: c/o The Rectory, 71 High Street, Braunston, Daventry, Northamptonshire NN11 7HS or email: parishnurseproject@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 15th September 2016
Interviews: 28th - 29th September 2016
Parish Nurse Training: 31st October - 3rd November 2016
Maple close development Information (12 dwellings)

"Below are the ways in which residents can express their interest in the new Maple Close development. This has an 'expected' completion date of April 2017. This is fantastic news for many residents who can access this affordable housing scheme. There will be a mixture of 2 and 3 bedroom properties. I would suggest that you register with both Homechoice and Northants Rural Housing Association. Special thanks to Abigail Campbell for making this happen"
Jason Pritchard (District Councillor)

Eligibility will work on a cascade basis, starting with those currently living in Braunston, have lived in Braunston, work in Braunston, have relatives in Braunston.

Applicants for Maple Close should make sure that they are registered with the Council’s ‘HomeChoice @ Daventry’. Application forms for this can be found on the Council’s website: https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/housing/homechoice-information/. Alternatively applicants can request a form by calling the Housing Options team via the Council’s main telephone no: 01327 87110001327 871100 or by emailing Sue Billingsley on sbillingsley@daventrydc.gov.uk. Once the properties are available, applicants will be able to ‘bid’ for the properties via the Council’s HomeChoice website. The housing needs team will then nominate eligible applicants from the bidding list to Northants Rural Housing Association.

In addition to the Council’s register, applicants may also wish to register their interest with Northants Rural Housing Association who will be managing the scheme. Their details are as follows:

Northants Rural Housing Association
Whitwick Business Centre
Stenston Road
Coalville
Leicestershire
LE67 4JP
0300 1234 009
enquiries@midlandsrural.org.uk
The Branch collects over £7,000 a year towards the national Poppy Appeal. This has only been possible because of the hard work put in by volunteer collectors. In recognition, those collectors with long service are to be presented with long service awards. The presentation will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, at 7.00pm on 13\textsuperscript{th} September. Collectors who qualify for this award will be advised shortly with an invitation to attend the presentation which will be followed by a buffet. This invitation is extended to anyone else who is interested.

The presentation will replace the normal monthly Branch meeting.

It has been decided to resume the annual Christmas Band concert this year to be given by the Legion in conjunction with Daventry Brass. It will be held in Daventry on 10\textsuperscript{th} December and further details are to follow. This concert has always been popular and so please make a note in your diary.

The Branch will be joining the RAF Association Rugby on 9\textsuperscript{th} September for a visit to Duxford Air Museum

The September Luncheon will be held on the 21\textsuperscript{st} at Midday at the George Hotel, Kilsby.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797
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Who on earth dreams these up? Why, a lexophile of course
• I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
• I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me
• I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me

More next month, perhaps!
ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH BRAUNSTON

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
7:30PM START

CITY OF COVENTRY BRASS BAND

MUSIC FEATURES ALL YOUR PROMS FAVORITES
TICKET PRICE INCLUDES INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS OF
CAVA AND CANAPES OR SOFT DRINKS
TICKET PRICES; ADULT £10, CONCESSIONS £8
ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN £1
TICKETS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH,
BRAUNSTON POST OFFICE
BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION
Gardening together in Braunston
SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Thursday 8\(^{th}\) September 7.30pm – Village Hall – Planning Meeting – all welcome

Sunday 18\(^{th}\) September 10am – Village Hall – Community Gardening – all welcome

BRAUNSTON SHOW
SATURDAY 3\(^{RD}\) SEPTEMBER

We look forward to seeing you at The Show, whether as an entrant in the morning or visitor in the afternoon to see “What villagers can do”. All information is available on the website. www.braunston.org.uk/bvgashow.

Schedules are also available at Select Convenience Stores, the Community Café and Gongoozler’s Rest.

BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS VISIT
SATURDAY 24\(^{TH}\) SEPTEMBER

OPEN TO EVERYONE. Travel by coach to this interesting garden with 4 glasshouses, sensory gardens and a great deal more.

CONTACT KATE MAWER 890340 for more information.

The coach will leave Braunston Village Hall at 10am to arrive for 11am. We expect to leave the gardens at 3pm to return by 4.00pm. But we can leave later if preferred.

The cost will be £6 for entry or £4 for senior citizens and children. Plus £17 for transport in a 33 seater Claydon Fox coach.

**Total cost £23 or £21 for senior citizens.**

(If we have 22 or more people going the transport costs will reduce and you will receive a refund between £2 and £6, depending upon numbers). Please see our webpage for more details about all BVGA activities. [http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvga](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bvga)

I would like to apologise for the clash of date with the Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day. We moved the visit from June to September to avoid the Church Fete and we thought we had checked for other clashes of dates on the website etc. We will aim to do better next year.
Braunston Show

To show what villagers can do

Saturday 3rd September 2016
2pm at
Braunston Village Hall
Admission 50p
(Accompanied children free entry)

Plenty to enjoy on the day

Tombola and raffle prizes
Home-made cakes
Refreshments

4.30pm Auction of fresh produce
and baking
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THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th Sept

A society evening in the library. The Archives will be open and if anyone has a burning topic to discuss or suggestions for future meetings then please do come along to the Village Hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
We had a very good turnout at the NHW meeting at the village hall.
We had around 30 people attend including myself, PCSO Kevin Thompson and four members of the Parish Council. There have been two recent burglaries in the village and two attempted burglaries. In total there have been four crimes including a car burglary. We agreed at the meeting that it is good to make people aware of crimes that have taken place but not to put too much detail on social media as you don’t know who could see it. If a crime is in progress call 999, if it has already taken place you must report it to 101, no matter how trivial it may seem.

Many of you who look at my NHW page on Facebook may have noticed a locksmith’s details which were shared at the meeting. Through the Keyhole are a 24hour mobile locksmith that provide anti-snap locks. If anyone is interested in their services contact Darren O’Neill on 07512 013846 or email dazzla39@gmail.com

I should like to thank all those who attended the meeting and if you wish to contact me regarding concerns about crime, my number is 01788 890121.
Thanks
Julie Jarrett your NHW Co-ordinator
Grants of up to £10,000 for Home Owners

Home owners over the age of 18 who are receiving a means-tested benefit can now access up to £10,000 to make essential repairs to their homes.

Housing Repairs Assistance grants can provide up to £5,000 to fund work including: replacement or repair of central heating boilers and radiators, new security measures, replacement windows, doors, roof repairs and so much more. If the work required exceeds £5,000 eligible homeowners can also access a further £5,000 of funds in the form of an interest-free loan repayable only when the property is sold.

Grants of up to £30,000 for Disabled residents

Disabled Facilities Grants can be used to fund a wide range of improvements and adaptations within the home including, installation of ramps, ground floor bedrooms and bathrooms, level access showers, widening of doorways, driveway and parking solutions plus lots more.

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Why not give Care & Repair a call today to see if you could be eligible: 01327 871100, visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/CareandRepair or email CareandRepair@Daventrydc.gov.uk
Staverton (c.10 miles) Saturday 16/7/2016
On just about the hottest day of the year sixteen of us met up at the village hall and walked down through Jetty Fields and along the path behind Archer Avenue to reach Nibbits Lane, down to the canal. Lots of laughs and chatter as we passed the enticing smells coming from The Gongoozlers Rest and followed the canal and under the A45 before joining the bridleway over to the church at Wolfhamcote. A fantastic day for a walk with high temperature, a hint of a cooling breeze and sunshine. What’s not to like? We took a path behind the church, left under the old railway and along a hedge before the path became a delightful walkway through golden fields of swaying barley running parallel with the River Leam. This farmer has cleared the footpath over several fields including one of delicious peas till we reached the Miry Bridge where the three parishes of Braunston, Staverton and Willoughby meet. After a pause for sweets kindly supplied by Terry we were soon on our way again toward Flecknoe. We crossed the Great Central disused railway and another field where a sheep farmer was herding up his flock for treatment. Nigel, our resident sheep expert, checked out the farmers actions which would be his task on his small herd in the afternoon. We paused again for Nigel and Judith’s sweets before reaching Flecknoe. What a pretty little village but we had to get to the pub so we set off over more barley fields, back over the disused railway and on through another field of crops including a bamboo like crop which is used for biofuel. Joining another field we were treated to a field of bright blue Linseed, a great sight. Our path then entered a wood and emerged in a field with Donkeys and Llamas before we turned right over a stile and walked along a valley of long grass to emerge next to a large stone house and someone’s drive. At this point we normally go straight uphill into the village but this time we took a sharp right turn and emerged above the garden of the house in a pretty green valley then took a left turn up into Staverton to find the Countryman pub. A really welcome sight, as it was by now getting very, very, hot and so were we! Phew!! We were soon enjoying foaming pints of Poacher’s Pocket, a Church End brew which was really good, although to be fair any liquid would have been good given the heat! The ciabattas were promptly served (mine included fresh battered fish, no Birds Eye fishfingers here) and very tasty as were the chips. Excellent service, beer and good value food and of course highly recommended. Our route back went through the old stone village and then picked up the Jurassic Way with magnificent views over the Warwickshire Plain and our own Braunston church steeple in the distance. We went behind Berryfields farm then through Braunston Covert, despite the dry weather and dry ground on the rest of the route this was still a wet muddy quagmire which has to be passed with care. We climbed up to reach the A45 and then, with beautiful Braunston laying off to our left, continued passing a wedding party.
in full swing at the big house on the hill. On our way down amongst the many cars we had to avoid came the happy couple in the back of a white convertible. We all gave them a wave. Which is more than we got from most of the passing cars that we had stepped off the path to avoid. Once we reached the Admiral Nelson we were soon on our way home along the canal and back up through Jettyfields. It was nice to see Alan and Avril Dent in the High Street, we have missed them on our walks. The temperature was still rising as we got home for a rest. This is a splendid walk straight from the door.

Our next walks are as follows: Sept 16th -18th Dunster Weekend, Oct 15th Salcey Forest (c.10 miles)
Nov 19th Brinklow (c9 miles), Dec 17th Xmas Walk (c.6 miles)

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**Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day**

This wonderful Fund Raiser will be held on The Green on Saturday 24th 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, Face Painting, Crafts etc.

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

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BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION
Annual Gardens Competition Results 2016
Gardens and floral displays that can be seen from the public highway are judged on a day in the summer, unknown to all but the judges and their BVGA guides. This year, in July, our judges were Chris Littlewood and Sally Miller of Bliss Lane Nursery. The trophies will be awarded at Braunston Show on Saturday 3rd September at 4.30pm.

GARDENS TROPHY

1st 14 Maple Close. A good mixture of flowers and vegetables that was really cottagey and fun.
2nd 69 Church Road. A good variety of plants, both perennial and annuals.
3rd 20 Ashby Road. A very pretty garden with lovely hanging baskets.

Highly commended
9 Cross Lane. A cottage garden that is a haven for wildlife.
55 Ashby Road
50 Ashby Road

There was a very high standard in many of the Ashby Road gardens. The judges declared it as the best road in the village for the gardens that are seen from the public highway.

OLD PLOUGH TROPHY FOR BASKETS AND CONTAINERS

1st 46 Church Road. Perfect.
2nd 12 The Green. Excellent.
3rd 9 Hazel Croft. Fantastic hanging basket and a nice mixture of flowers.

Highly Commended
21 Greenway. A very colourful show.

MILLENNIUM CUP awarded to
the business on the High Street and The Green with the best floral display.

Winner - The Wheatsheaf

Highly commended
Your Café and B&B at 21 High Street

DENNETT CUP awarded to
the business not on the High Street or The Green with the best floral display.

Winner - The Admiral Nelson

Highly Commended
The Union Canal Carriers, Braunston Marina Shop, Tradline Rope & Fenders and Midland Chandlers.
The Mobile Sight Centre will visit New Street Daventry on Wednesday 14th and 21st September 2016

THE MOBILE LIBRARY
Friday 23rd September 2016
16.30—16.55
FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE | EVENT | ORGANISATION
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**September**
3rd | Braunston Show | BVGA
17th | Last Night of the Proms | All Saints' Church
24th | Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day | BVGA
24th | Visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens | BVGA
**October**
8th | Quiz Night | All Saints' Church
**November**
12th | Autumn fair | All Saints' Church
23rd-26th | November Show | Braunston Players

HEALTH WALKS

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks will be across fields.

Walks will start from outside the Community Cafe at 2pm Fridays, 2nd, 9th and 16th September

Leader: Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)
The Boathouse
Beautiful Canal-side Pub & Restaurant

Outdoor seating and gated Children’s play area

To book a table with us call 01788 891734
Or pop in and see a member of the team
Last month’s notes on the adder seemed to generate a lot of interest so I thought that this month I would focus on the grass or water snake (*Natrix natrix*). A snake in your Braunston garden it is most likely to be a grass snake and if you have a good warm compost heap you are likely to have it adopted as the perfect nursery to lay its clutch of between eight and 40 leathery off white snake eggs.

The grass snake is typically dark green or brown in colour with a characteristic yellow collar behind the head. Our largest British reptile, in exceptional cases it can grow to over six feet. More typical females, when fully grown, reach three feet or a little longer. Males are much shorter and significantly slimmer.

Grass snakes feed mainly on toads, frogs and newts although they may also occasionally eat ants and larvae and even more rarely small mammals. Individual snakes may only need to eat two or three frogs or toads throughout an entire season. Snakes which have recently eaten will stay in one location, basking to keep warm until the meal has been digested.

Strong swimmers, they can sometimes be seen in the canal, heads up, like a miniature Loch Ness Monster. Last month the Braunston Bugle had a great picture of a grass snake on a lock gate. More often their preferred habitat will be domestic gardens, field margins or woodland borders. These offer good cover while still affording opportunities for basking in sunny clearings. On pond, river or canal fringes it is sometimes easier to spot this secretive species so people mistakenly think they are always associated with ponds and water.

Not venomous, the snake’s only defence is to produce a foul garlicky fluid from the anal glands, or to feign death. They may perform an aggressive dance hissing and striking but they rarely bite. Sadly, far too often they are killed by fearful phobic gardeners despite the fact they are both harmless and fully protected by law.

As well as humans the snake’s natural predators include badgers, foxes, cats, hedgehogs and a number of birds including the heron. One of our finest towpath spectacles is a heron plucking a grass snake from the shallows and the epic battle as the snake whips and twists to regain its freedom.
BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Family Fun Day

Sunday 11th September
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Braunston Women’s Institute

Next Meeting:-
September 6th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

At this meeting our speaker will be Ruth Orpen who has some fascinating facts about Birth Stones. Do you know what yours is? If not, come and find out. Visitors will be very welcome. There will be a trading stall.

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meetings:-
September 12th at 2pm
Cym Beasley is coming to talk to us about needle felting

September 26th at 2pm
Harvest Festival, please bring harvest produce for the bring and buy sale

Braunston Fishing Club

BINGO
Every Thursday throughout the year
8.00pm in the Village Hall
Non members welcome

TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL
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62 High Street
Braunston
Leyla_geric@hotmail.com
01788 899138

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Information provided by Rob Buckley
WATFORD VILLAGE
Olde English Fayre

Sunday 4th September 2016
Watford Village Green NN6 7UY
(On the Main Road through Watford Village next to the Village Hall)

Stalls & Sideshows
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Dog Show
Children's Activities
Live Band
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Watford Village Green
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1. Puppy 6-12 Months
2. Best Rescue
3. Best Veteran 7+ Yrs
4. Prettiest Bitch
5. Handsomest Dog
6. Best 6 Legs
7. Dog most like its Owner
8. Waggiest Tail
9. Best Brace
10. Best Condition

All 1st place Winners compete for Best in Show
and Reserve Best in Show
2nd. Braunston Scouts

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All Saints’ Church

Quiz Night

Saturday 8th October
Braunston Village Hall
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Proceeds in aid of All Saints’ Church Braunston
ALL THAT JAZZ

It could have been a washout...but thanks to careful planning, a wonderful setting and some great music, even the occasional heavy shower did not prevent Jazz in the Afternoon at Bragborough Hall from being a huge success.

Geoff and Odette Phipps had generously made available the grounds of their lovely house, with its commanding views towards Braunston and beyond. The event was organised by The Friends of All Saints and sold out almost as soon as tickets went on sale.

Three sets of marquees and tents had been erected and when the rains came, the bands kept playing as if on the Titanic, while the audience retreated under cover. At one point the performers' tent looked to be in danger of taking off due to the high winds. Fortunately, it stayed safely rooted to the ground. Music was by The Chris Parker Trio, Scratch and Sniff and The Invited Guests...and if some of it might struggle to be counted as Jazz, it still all went down a treat.

Strawberries and cream kindly organised by the WI, and a champagne and Prosecco bar all added to the sense of occasion. There was light relief too when Clive Goodchild – a vegetarian – won the raffle prize of a hamper of fine meat. He swapped it for some wine.

The figures are still being finalised, but it's expected that after all costs have been paid the event will have raised more than £2,000. The money will help to ensure that the recently repaired church building remains in the best condition, so that it can be enjoyed by the whole village and by all who visit Braunston.
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I am looking forward to the Braunston Show this month and seeing the wonderful displays. Congratulations to all who won the Gardens Competition. In my usual nosey fashion I have peeped at some of the winning gardens and agree that they are spectacular. It must have been quite difficult with the hot weather keeping everything looking good.

I continue to walk Bramble my dog early in the morning and am still in T shirts, however, the last few mornings are distinctly autumnal. As I write this we have the first rainy day we have had for ages and I am sure the gardeners will be glad of it.

Lots to look forward to this month so enjoy September everyone.

Jenni
DTP