

**BRAUNSTON**



**NEWS**

**Village**

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Love where you live, live where you love

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**Peaceful Scene in Braunston**

*Photograph by Mitch Spearing*



The Blessed Virgin Mary &  
St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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**REGISTERS FOR AUGUST**

**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*



## PARISH PAGE

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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

5<sup>th</sup> September      Full Council Meeting

**All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website  
[www.braunston.org.uk/bpc](http://www.braunston.org.uk/bpc)**

## FLOODLIGHTING 2016

### 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 Phillip 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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

## SARAH'S LETTER



### On being chosen

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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

## JENNI'S JOTTINGS

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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5:20pm - 5:45pm  
**Pro Primary Ballet (7-8 yrs)**  
5:45pm - 6:30pm

**Primary Ballet (9 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 max age)**  
8:15pm - 8:55pm

**Friday**

**Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)**  
5:45pm - 6:45pm

**Gymnastics (all ages)**  
5:00pm - 5:30pm  
**Soloist Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)**  
5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Grade 3 Ballet (10 yrs+)**  
6:30pm - 7:15pm  
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Please see [www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk/parishnurse](http://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](mailto:parishnurseproject@allsaintsbraunston.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Interviews: 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Parish Nurse Training: 31<sup>st</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### 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](mailto:sbillingsley@daventrydc.gov.uk) <<mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@midlandsrural.org.uk)

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT**

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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> September for a visit to Duxford Air Museum

The September Luncheon will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Midday at the George Hotel, Kilsby.

Tony Saunderson  
Tel. No. 01788 890797

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- *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!

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**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN ASSOCIATION**  
**Gardening together in Braunston**  
**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm – Village Hall – Planning Meeting**  
– all welcome

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10am – Village Hall – Community Gardening**  
– all welcome

**BRAUNSTON SHOW**  
**SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://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<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

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**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>

*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

## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS SEPT 2016

<b>Day</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b> <b>A</b> = Ashby <b>B</b> = Braunston
Fri	2	19:00	Sung Compline
Sat	3	17:30	Youth church
Sun	4	09:15	Holy Communion <b>A</b>
		11:00	Parish Communion <b>B</b>
		13:30	Baptism Peake
		18:30	Evensong - <b>B</b>
Tue	6	09:00	Morning prayer - <b>B</b>
Wed	7	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	10	14:00	Wedding Stott/Harrison
		17:30	Youth church
Sun	11	08:00	Holy Communion <b>B</b>
		09:15	Holy Communion <b>A</b>
		11:00	Family Service <b>B</b>
		12:30	Lunch at Rectory
Mon	12	13:30	Little Fishers
		18:15	Ashby Friends- <b>B</b> Parish Room
		19:00	Ashby PCC- <b>B</b> Parish Room
		19:30	Team Healing Service Holy Cross
Tue	13	09:00	Morning prayer - <b>B</b>
Wed	14	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	17	17:30	Youth church
		19:30	Last Night of the Proms
Sun	18	08:00	Holy Communion <b>B</b>
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church <b>B</b>
Mon	19	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	20	09:00	Morning prayer - <b>B</b>
Wed	21	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	24	17:30	Youth church
Sun	25	08:00	Holy Communion <b>B</b>
		09:15	Breakfast Service <b>A</b>
		11:00	Family Communion <b>B</b>
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Mon	26	13:30	Little Fishers
Tue	27	09:00	Morning prayer - <b>B</b>
Wed	28	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Fri	30	00:00	School Harvest Service in church
Sat	1	11:00	Ashby Patronal service and lunch
Sun	2	09:15	Harvest service <b>A</b>
		11:00	Harvest Family Service and lunch <b>B</b>
		18:00	Harvest Communion Service <b>B</b>

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS SEPT 2016

Thursday	1st	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Saturday	3rd	BVGA Braunston Show
Sunday	4th	Watford Village Fayre & Dog Show
Monday	5th	Parish Council Meeting: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	6th	Womens' Institute: Beavers:
Wednesday	7th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	8th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: BVGA Planning Mtg
Friday	9th	Royal British Legion visit to Duxford Air Museum
Saturday	10th	Jetty Field Work Party
Sunday	11th	Family Fun Day
Monday	12th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	13th	19.00 Royal British Legion - George Hotel Kilsby: Beavers:
Wednesday	14th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	15th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	16th	Youth Club
Saturday	17th	9am Scouts Cake Stall
Sunday	18th	Community Gardening
Monday	19th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	20th	Dick Herne History Society: Beavers: Noon, royal British Legion Lunch, George Hotel
Wednesday	21st	Kilsby: 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	22nd	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	23rd	Mobile Library
Saturday	24th	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day: BVGA visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens: Cinema Club
Monday	26th	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	27th	Beavers:
Wednesday	28th	19.00 Yoga
Thursday	29th	13.45 Short Mat Bowls: Cubs: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	30th	Youth Club

## 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](mailto: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.

To qualify for this grant you or a person living within the property must be disabled and be receiving a qualifying means-tested benefit. If a disabled person is under the age of 18 they will be automatically entitled to apply for the maximum grant of £30,000 but if you are over 18 the amount you can apply for will depend on your income and savings.

**Why not give Care & Repair a call today to see if you could be eligible:** 01327 871100, visit [www.daventrydc.gov.uk/CareandRepair](http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/CareandRepair) or email [CareandRepair@Daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:CareandRepair@Daventrydc.gov.uk)

## BRAUNSTON WALKERS

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. Whats 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 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Dunster Weekend, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Salcey Forest (c.10 miles)

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Brinklow (c9 miles), Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Xmas Walk (c.6 miles)

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4.30pm.

### **GARDENS TROPHY**

**1<sup>st</sup> 14 Maple Close.** A good mixture of flowers and vegetables that was really cottagey and fun.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 69 Church Road.** A good variety of plants, both perennial and annuals.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> 46 Church Road.** Perfect.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 12 The Green.** Excellent.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
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**Winner - The Admiral Nelson**

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
<b>September</b>		
3rd	Braunston Show	BVGA
17th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints' Church
24th	Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day	
24th	Visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens	BVGA
<b>October</b>		
8th	Quiz Night	All Saints' Church
<b>November</b>		
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.

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## FROSTY'S NATURE NOTES

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.

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### Braunston Women's Institute



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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  
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### Braunston Friendly Club

**Next Meetings:-**  
**September 12th** at 2pm

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talk to us about needle  
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May	45.2	32.5
June	24.5	68.1
July	47.8	7.8
Aug	43.5	
Sept	33.2	
Oct	47.9	
Nov	61.3	
Dec	72.2	
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## 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

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