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All Saints' Church Information

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON

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BRAUNSTON REGISTERS

Baptism

18th October Noah Welch

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

30th October All Souls Service Welton 10-30

6th November Holy Communion Braunston 10-30

13th November Remembrance Day Services
Ashby, Welton and Braunston 10-30

20th November Morning Service Braunston 10.30

27th November Holy Communion Welton 10.30

Forward notice

17th December Coventry Brass Band Braunston Church 7.30

Church Letter

Harvest Time

We can look back on the last six months with a degree of amazement at what the weather brought us. Depending very much on where we live some areas experienced record-breaking high temperatures causing fires, while others have had heavy rain resulting in floods. Thankfully, what we have now is fairly normal and what we are more used to.

We are currently in a period where we can celebrate the season called Harvest, a time to give thanks to God for a good harvest. Traditional hymns such as 'We plough the fields and scatter' indicate a time of beginning, a time when the ground is prepared for planting and the seed placed in the ground. We then need the right weather at the right time to ensure a good yield of the crop. These requirements are out of our control, which is why we should say thank you for it happening. Years ago, the harvest was achieved by large numbers of men and women and indeed children, working long, hard hours to bring in the fruits of their labours. This was followed by a traditional harvest supper with another hymn 'Come ye thankful people, come' illustrating how grateful everyone was for the harvest coming home and grateful that it is finished. With so many people working together there was great camaraderie among the workers, even culminating in relationships and courtships! Today, there is a much smaller workforce, without the same degree of friendships and togetherness but sadly, at the same time with loneliness.

This year, despite the very dry summer, generally there have been good yields with the rain coming at just the right time. In most cases farmers have avoided the need to dry the crop after cutting. The same cannot be said for gardeners where vegetables in the main have not been plentiful. Most farmers are not in a position to irrigate their crops, while some gardeners certainly do. What does that tell us about nature? Still there is always next year!

Pat Milner

Churchwarden

Church Floodlighting

The complete **October** list

3rd - * Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends.

5th - * In memory of Rose Bray - boat woman

6th - * Ralph & Gill Maltby's Wedding Anniversary

6th - Our Wedding vow "until death us do part" taken sixty years
Diamond Anniversary

16th - Harvey, Amy & all the family. We pray for strength & courage

31st - * Remembering Joan & Bill Folkard and my brother, Michael,
Love Lin.

November list so far ...

8th - In loving memory of our great granddaughter Ava-May. Forever in our thoughts

12th - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

28th - * In memory of Chris Woods, friend & ringer

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

These are requests received before the BVN deadline – 12:00 midday
18th October.

The current fee to light All Saints' is £7 per evening, although you can give more, and we ask that you try to keep the length of the dedication for inclusion in the BVN to not more than 12 words.

The completed message with the donation can be left at the Post Office, but note that requests are only collected from the Post Office on the 18th of each month. Please mark the envelope 'Church Floodlighting'.



Tiny Treasures

Parent /Carer and toddler group for pre-school children. We meet on:



Tuesday mornings during term time 9.00am to 11.00am

Come along and enjoy playtime, stories, craft time and singing.

We meet in the **Parish Room All Saints' Church Braunston.**

The Church door will be open. Just come on in.



Outdoor Family Church

Remember, Remember.....

Saturday 5th November, 11am-1pm.

Gunpowder Plot Special

Meet outside the Village Hall, Ashby St Ledgers at 11.00am

What has the Gunpowder plot got to do with the parable of the Good Samaritan?

Family games and activities outside and inside.

A short Bible story, craft activities, toddler toys

Bacon baps and cheese and biscuits (or you can bring your own picnic)

All families welcome (you don't have to live in one of the villages).

No charge, but donations towards costs are appreciated.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in the prayer chain and receive a copy of the prayer chain or receive prayer for yourself, please contact either suejennens21@gmail.com or your church warden. The list is updated each month (first names only).

Thank You to Friends of All Saints'

The Parochial Parish Council of All Saints' Church Braunston would like to thank the 'Friends of All Saints' for their continuing support. During the last 12 months they have covered the costs of: Installing security cameras, repairs to the lightning conductor and minor, emergency repairs to the roof.

The Total cost of these exceeding £2,400.

Thank you so much 'Friends of All Saints' because without your ongoing support the maintenance of the church building would be in jeopardy.

Peter Hobbs, Treasurer, PCC of All Saints'.

Can you Help?



We urgently need help with keeping the church clean and cared for inside. Any amount of time you can give would be really appreciated. If you can help please contact

Pat Milner 01788 899157

Braunston Community Larder

The Village Community Larder is in church, on the left as you go into the church at the back.

Donations can be left and those in need are welcome to access it as needed.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

With the return of the :-

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Saturday 17th December
All Saints' Church Braunston

7:30pm prompt

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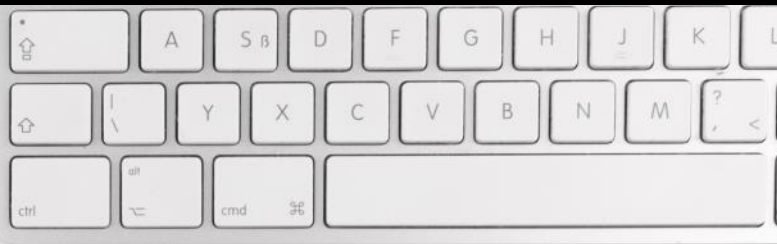
Interval refreshments provided

No tickets required, Entrance by donation.

Scarecrow Event

Thank you to everyone who came to see our scarecrows, joined us for tea and cake with Aunt Sally and Worzel Gummidge and helped to find Noah's lost animals. It was lovely to see you all.





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e: clerk@braunstonpc.org

Chair: Sandra Stapley, Vice-Chair: John Pomfret

This list shows which councillor to contact for the area you live in:

Archer Avenue and Cross Lane	Alan Mawer	01788 890340
Ashby Road		0800 002 9783
Church Road and Barby Road	Pete Morgan	07805 677559
Dark Lane	Sue Harrison	07769 589459
Eastfields	Jo Glover	07973 278052
The Green	Graham Newman	07710 290265
Greenway and Closes	Adrian Honeybill	0800 002 9783
High St (Old Plough to The Green)	Rhianna Conway	01788 890453
High St (A45 to Old Plough)	David Cary	07775 514840
London Rd, Hill Row, Old Rd, Marina	John Pomfret	07817 234727
Spinney Hill and Closes	Carrie-Ann Biggs	07796 712408
Welton Rd, School Cl, Maple Cl	Sandra Stapley	01788 890475

Forthcoming Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings at Braunston Village Hall.

7 th November	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting
21 st November (2023/2024 budget setting)	7.30pm	Council Precept Meeting
5 th December	7.30pm	Full Council Meeting

Agendas and minutes are available on the Braunston website.

Community Parish Meeting

At the Community Parish Meeting held on Saturday 15th October there was a presentation on behalf of Braunston Playing Fields Association with the need to replace the existing pavilion as it is coming to the end of its life.

A copy of the presentation can be viewed at

https://issuu.com/steve3436/docs/pavilion_cause_for_concern_2022

or on the Braunston website (link from news article on the 17th October)

As you will see from the presentation there is a need to replace the current pavilion as it is unsafe and some suggestions and ideas have been started; however we need to ask the village as a whole if they are prepared to help fund this through the likes of a public works loan board loan, it is also hoped to get grants from other sources.

So that we can put together a firm proposal for the village to decide on we would like some feedback as to whether or not you would be prepared to help fund a replacement pavilion and to what level you would be prepared for the council tax to rise to enable this project to continue.

There will be forms available from the Post Office and on the Parish Website Pages, please can we ask that all responses are made by the 30th November to enable us to progress the project and make a presentation to the village in early 2023.

Please see the photographs on page 37

The Parish Council's report, Unitary Councillor's report and reports from representatives of voluntary organisations are available on the Parish website.

Daventry – Braunston cycleway

West Northamptonshire Council secured funds to employ consultants to draw up a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Daventry. The aim of this is to encourage active travel and provide more choice in how we make journeys.

As well as looking at opportunities for cycling and walking in Daventry, the consultants were asked to look at links with villages close to the town. Three online workshops have been held for stakeholders from Daventry and surrounding villages and site visits have been made. Representatives from Braunston Parish Council have attended the workshops and the site visit in the parish.

The result of the consultants' work will be a document showing proposed schemes for making cycling and walking more attractive. Using the BVN and the village website, the Parish Council will provide a link to let you know where to read the document. We will also keep you informed, if at a later stage West Northamptonshire Council hold a public consultation on the Plan.

Parish Councillor Alan Mawer

I have been a councillor for 13 years and have lived in the village since 1997. My interests are in planning, access to services, sustainability and rights of way. I was pleased to chair the group that, with the participation of many volunteers in the village, saw Braunston achieve one of the first Neighbourhood Plans in the county. The Plan we wrote together is part of local planning policy and remains a good description of the parish.



Braunston has good shops and services, but with a population of 1700, it is inevitable that we need to visit neighbouring towns for some of our needs.

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There should be transport choices to suit everyone. Previously our Daventry, and now our West Northamptonshire councillors, have supported the development of improved walking and cycling options to get to Daventry. I have represented Braunston during the latest research and hope to see the route completed in the next year or two.

I encourage the council to liaise with Stagecoach and WNC to maintain the bus service at least at its current level. We should have a better service. Transport should be available for all, including those who do not have a car and for visitors to get to the village. Thank you to Margaret Hick and others for passing on information about buses and to Richard Patchesa and Graham Newman for working to get a shelter close to the current bus stops.

Braunston has gained a reputation locally for taking climate action, involving cutting costs, reducing emissions and increasing biodiversity. This is thanks to the enthusiasm of individuals and groups such as the Brownies and Braunston CAN and was recognised by the judges of the 2022 Village Competition that saw Braunston achieve a Gold Award.

I enjoyed working with volunteers to research historic footpaths and bridleways in the parish. This resulted in claims to add or amend three rights of way, currently being considered by WNC, and will protect the future of routes that have been used by Braunston people for decades.

I am the council representative on the Jetty Field committee. It is a privilege to work with volunteers who maintain and develop what I think is the best pocket park in the county.

On joining the council, I was allocated Archer Avenue and Cross Lane to report on and have been pleased to keep that responsibility throughout. My thanks go to Julie Jarrett and others in 'the Avenue' for keeping me in touch.

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As I sit and reflect in the quietness of my office, I think about everything that we have achieved at Braunston Primary School over the last seven weeks.

Twenty-nine new starters have begun their educational learning journey with us. They have been finding their way around and enjoying the experiences that our Early Years area provides for them. The team have worked tirelessly to ensure there is a wonderful, ever changing environment that lends itself to exploration and learning through open ended tasks.

The rest of the school has seamlessly slipped back into learning and are showing their learning behaviours by being ready, safe and respectful throughout the day. The excitement has heightened as we approach the end of term with house point number totals being calculated to see which house has earned the most by displaying our school values.

We have enjoyed several trips already in this academic year including: Citizenship Day (run by West Northamptonshire Council) and the Mosque in Leicester. We have also had numerous visitors into school who have enhanced the learning of our children.

Sport has been at the forefront too this term with the arrival of Mr Webb from Pacesetters. He has led our KS2 PE alongside our teaching staff to provide a range of sporting opportunities including tag rugby. These opportunities have provided us with the skill base to enter a wide range of competitive sporting competitions. The children have enjoyed these immensely. Additionally, we have also gained school games gold award – we are very proud of this.

We have already welcomed families to school who are considering the learning future of their young children at Braunston. What a busy, fulfilling term!

Lianna Willis

Headteacher

Village Hall Information



To hire the hall please visit the website: braunstonvillagehall.org.uk

Contacts for Village Hall activities

Pop Mobility	Lorraine	01788 890846	Tues 2-3
The Hive	Valerie	01788 891975	1 st Weds 2-4
Art Group	Alan	01788 890526	Wed 2-4
Yoga	Sheila	01788 891831	Wed 7-8
Short Mat Bowls	Bill	01788 891145	Thurs 2-4
	David	01788 891183	
Brownies	Clare	07544 936589	Thurs 5.30-7
Friendly Club	Jenny	01788 890186	2 nd and 4 th Mon 2-4
Learn to Crochet	Gill	07711 742575	1 st and 3 rd Tues 10-12
History Society	Annie	01788 891179	3 rd Tues 7-9
Climate Action	Abigail	07989 421836	1 st Weds 7.30-9
Braunston Quilters	Laura	01788 890102	4 th Thurs 9.45-1
Gardens Ass'n	Kate	01788 890340	2 nd Thurs 7.30-9
Cinema Club	Arthur	01788 890508	Last Sat 7-10

Please check with contacts listed for information about holidays and breaks.

Pre-School Monday - Friday 01788 891891

braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com

Clubs and Groups

Braunston Community Car



The Community Car is for you, available for all residents' journeys for hospital, doctors and other medical appointments, shopping and local trips to friends.

Any payment is by voluntary contribution. To request a journey call Community Car number 07984 412921 (24 hrs notice where possible please).

The team would like to thank Zack of Vinetree Automotive of Staverton for his generous support in maintaining the Community Car.

We are now able to offer the availability of the Community Car for Sunday Church runs. Pre booking essential.

Many thanks to Amanda Goddard for her thoughtful donation to our service.

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Sat Nov 26th 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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Up & coming

EVENTS

November

17th - PSYCHIC NIGHT

26th - POKER NIGHT

29th - CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

December

3rd - CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

8th - PAINTING WITH NJOY ART UK

17th - ROCK & ROLL BINGO

23rd - CHRISTMAS JUMPER NIGHT

28th - SLOE GIN COMPETITION

THE
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Braunston History Society

Tuesday Nov 15th 7.30pm in Village Hall

Tonight our guest speaker is John Frearson who will give an illustrated talk on:

‘ The History of Lime and Cement Works of Rugby and the surrounding area.’

The Lime works were founded in 1776 and the Cement works in 1865.

Please come along and support your local history society.

Members Free, Guests £4

Dec 10th an early Christmas get together. Lunch Venue to be decided nearer the time, perhaps following a walk weather permitting.

Jan 17th John Pomfret. Water Mills of the Nene and Avon Valleys.

Braunston Community Café (Your Café) Grants Fund



Grants are typically made for the purchase of items that have benefit and longevity for clubs and societies, primarily but not solely for residents of the village. Max £1000.

Our constitution is on the village website with the application form. You can find us by searching under ‘Clubs & Societies’ and we are listed in various sections including charities, community and volunteers.

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Braunston Friendly Club

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Monday 14th November – A fruity Christmas decoration.

Kate will bring along a few items from the kitchen cupboard so that we can make ourselves a sweet-smelling Christmas decoration.

Monday 28th November – Christmas meal at Draycote Reservoir restaurant

Meet at the old bus bay at 11.20am -pre-book with Kate
Remember to bring your Christmas present.

For more information telephone
Jenny 890186 or Kate 890340

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Braunston Village Charity Christmas Gifts

At Christmas, the Charity aims to provide a small gift to any villager who meets one of the following criteria:

- is over 90 years of age
- has a permanent disability
- has a long-term serious or terminal illness or
- is experiencing particular hardship

This year, the Charity also has a small number of quilts available to distribute.

If you would like to suggest someone who might be eligible for a Christmas gift or for help from the Charity, please contact the Charity via the webpage on the Village Website or by phone on 07943 486097.

The Braunston Village Charity was formed in 2015 to bring together a number of smaller charities dedicated to assisting and supporting villagers by making small, one-off grants and gifts. To be eligible, recipients must live in the village and the grant or gift cannot be to provide something that should be provided by the state.

The Charity is managed by a Board of Trustees representing the Parochial Church Council, the Parish Council and other village organisations and areas of the village.

The Trustees have developed a webpage for the Charity which is hosted on the Village Website. This gives details on how to apply to the charity and more details on the type of help that can be given. This link will take you straight to the page

<https://www.braunston.org.uk/org.aspx?n=Braunston-Village-Charity>

Please note that all vouchers that have been issued before December 1st 2022 will cease to be valid after 31st December 2022.

Brownies



During September we began to work on our 'skills for life' theme award and our lead badge. Part of this was the Brownies handled money on a Macmillan night where we raised £231.60. Thank you to all who attended this very successful night.

During October we celebrated our first Gold Award winner- Aimee has been a very active Brownie and displays our Girlguiding values everyday. We are very proud of her.

We attended a Twycross Zoo trip where we joined Girlguiding units from across Northamptonshire, we also played a game of 'Weltonolpoly' which involved us visiting every road in Welton, along with units from our district.

We meet 5:30-7:00pm on Thursdays during term time in the Village Hall. If you would like to join please email: secondbraunstonbrownies@hotmail.com





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Please remember that we are here for you to contact when you are unable to collect your own shopping, medication, change light bulbs or even to walk your dog. We will try to help with most things.

If anyone would like to be added to our volunteer group, please make contact. This doesn't have to be a regular commitment, accept a request for help where you can.

Scarecrow event

Many thanks to all that took part in both making the scarecrows and visiting them. It was lovely to see so many people at the church and at the Friends of Raymond's stall on the Green.

Winners:

- Judges' choice was Fried and Broom (The Cannings) with a near second place of Buy British (Amanda Goddard)

Thank you Gill, Richard and Linda for being our judges.

- Adults' choice was also Fried and Broom with Under the Sea coming second (The Hutchinsons).
- Children's choice was Under the Sea with Little Heroes (The Adams) second.

Mini scarecrows

The phrase proved difficult with some mini scarecrows not found and Zs looking like Ns. A lesson learned for our team.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was the answer. Claire Clarke was pulled out of the winner's hat.

Congratulations to all winners who received vouchers.

The Cosy Club

Announcing the launch of the Cosy Club. Come along and chat with others, play boardgames, cards or dominoes. Perhaps bring along your knitting or sit quietly and read a book from the shelf. Other suggestions welcome. *Included is keeping warm and a hot drink.* Everyone is welcome, any age.

Where: The Wheatsheaf

Starting: Monday 31st October.

When: Monday and Tuesdays 9am – noon

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9am – 10am (10 -1pm will be normal Coffee Club at normal prices).

Why: The NHS website states that ‘Some people are more vulnerable to the effects of cold weather’. This includes-

- people aged 65 and older
- babies and children under the age of 5
- people who have a long-term health condition
- people with a disability
- pregnant women
- people who have a mental health condition

Fuel bills are increasing which might lead to people not putting on the heating, hence the idea of the Cosy Club. Initially funded by Braunston Heart, we are hoping further funding will be forthcoming. We are funding 4 hours per week, Chris and Claire are generously giving a further 5 hours.

This is an experimental service which will be trialed for one month, if not used we will assume it is not needed and it will cease. Otherwise it will continue through to spring as necessary. Perhaps we haven't got this right and there is something else we need to consider; we are open to alternatives so make contact.

The Cosy Club – somewhere to meet and keep warm with others (or in your own space if you prefer). Come along and try it out.

Twinkle on the Green

Sunday 4th December 4-7pm

There will be lights, music, food, stalls and raffle prizes. Most importantly Father Christmas has agreed to visit us again. There will be men with drums and bagpipes, dancers, mulled wine, the balloon lady again, face painting and....well, come and see. It was a great event last year so put it in your diaries.

Needed: volunteers to help with the raffle and others to man the road closure. Stallholders. Raffle prizes. Contact us please on: hearttwinkleteam@gmail.com or telephone 0800 0029066

Jo Glover Kindness and Compassion

The Hive

The Ladies of The Hive would like to thank Chris at The Wheatsheaf for his kind support in hosting our Craft Sale on Wednesday, 19th October. We are delighted to report £381 was raised in aid of The Braunston Community Car. Thanks also to everyone who kindly made and donated the items for sale and to all those who came along, spent their pennies with us and helped make this a wonderful fundraising event.



The Hive

For ladies living in and locally to Braunston Village



Our first Annual General Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, November 2nd at 2.15 pm in the Village Hall
Members Only

This is your chance to help decide in which direction The Hive heads next year. We need members' input with proposals & activities for the Hive programme. So please come along, enjoy the friendship & companionship, have your say & vote.

Contact: Valerie 891975

Braunston CAN (Climate Action Network)

The Energy Crisis – reducing energy bills and environmental impact

The current 'cost-of-living' crisis resulting from increased energy tariffs affects us all, whichever energy source we use. The recent cap on the cost of each unit of electricity (average £0.34 per kWh) will help to stem the increase in bills temporarily, but the true energy costs (both to the individual and the environment) will ultimately need to be repaid.

In the meantime, a range of well-known measures can be implemented to reduce those costs: using low-energy light bulbs; increasing insulation layers in lofts and around hot-water cylinders; draught-proofing doors/windows/letterboxes; reducing thermostats by 1⁰C; drawing curtains as soon as possible etc. These can be supplemented by more personal measures such as reducing time in the shower to around 4 minutes, wearing extra layers of clothing, and only filling the kettle with the amount of water needed. For example, a full 3kW kettle - which takes about 5 minutes (one twelfth of an hour) to boil from cold - will cost about 8.5p each time, (i.e. (3 x 34p) divided by 12 = 8.5p).

A rapid move towards increasing renewable, less polluting and cheap sources of electricity (wind and solar power) is the obvious way forward.

More ideas and suggestions about energy saving can be found on the following websites:

- energysavingtrust.org.uk
- ofgem.gov.uk
- which.co.uk/energy_bills/saving

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd November. You are welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining us, please message 07989 421836 or 07554 264742. We are on Facebook as Braunston Climate Action Network (B-CAN). We also link with Climate Action West Northamptonshire who can also be found on Facebook.

Information about our projects is on our webpage, in the 'Village Info' section of the village website, under 'Climate Emergency'. These projects have a direct impact on carbon emissions and climate as well as bringing co-benefits that will come with the post-fossil fuel age.

Braunston Village Gardens Association

We have placed an order for the same brand, Bloom and Gro, of 40 litre sacks of peat-free compost that we sold last season, and which proved to be popular. Our suppliers have said that the manufacturers may increase the price in the new year, so we wanted to buy a batch before then.

The price of compost from this delivery, which we expect by the end of October, is £6 per sack. Please let us know how many you would like and we will reserve them for you and arrange for collection, or for delivery if you are not able to collect from us.

We wanted to make it clear that what we previously called the Garden Store is a shop that is run by volunteers, so we have decided to call it the Braunston Community Garden Shop. In 2023 it will run the same as previously.

- The shed at the Village Hall will be open from 11 to 12 on Sunday mornings from 5th March to 28th May selling the same range of garden products including composts, fertilisers, canes, Tomorite and twine.
- There will be an opportunity in early February to order any garden items including seeds and a wide range of plant foods, whether on our stock list or not. These will be delivered from our suppliers at the end of February or in early March.

Please let us know if you would like to join the friendly team of volunteers who run the shop. You can choose whether to help serve customers on a Sunday morning including keeping a record of sales, help with unloading the stock from pallets when we receive a delivery or drive purchases to people in the village who are not able to collect from us.

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We have been taking photos and making short films for our Photography badge and then earning the newest Cub badge: Money skills handling foreign currency, spotting scams and how to budget for something



Film Makers

Scouts had a go at making quills from goose feathers and then writing with them. They all worked even if a bit messy. We have also been using video cameras to make a TV advert and a 'public information' film

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Braunston Canal Society

September started with an ad hoc task party. Skippy was used to access the island at the junction bridges. It was given a good strimming to make way for the daffodils in spring. The arisings were deposited at the Midland Chandlers water point



Despite a few rain showers during the first scheduled task party the weir and bypass at lock 1 were cleared of vegetation. Subsequent ad

hoc task parties lowered the height of the adjacent hedge making future cutting much easier. The arisings were taken to our composting station at Union Canal Carriers where, subsequently, our second task party of the month made a start on their grounds maintenance



The Society is always keen to welcome new

volunteers so if you would like to come along and have some fun you can email us at braunstoncanalsociety@gmail.com or phone/text us on 07817 435911. If you would like to see our previous activities check out our website at www.braunston.org.uk/bcs.

Braunston Walkers

Saturday 15/10/22 Grandborough

On a bright sunny day sixteen eager souls set off along Church Road to the cut through to Greenway and then along Mill Close to enter fields over to the Bathing Bridge on the canal. We followed the diagonal path over fields with cattle and into fields of fresh turf, ideal for walkers on the springy grass. After a couple of awkward stiles we emerged onto the A45 with traffic flying by. We crossed over and walked on the path by the busy road into Willoughby. Passing through the village we arrived at the Rose pub which is currently having a new thatched roof. The path alongside the pub leads to the Old Rectory and a field of very curious alpacas watching our progress. We arrived alongside the beautiful village pond which, given all the dry weather, looked very low. We had interrupted a magnificent heron who lazily flapped off.

Then we had to walk along the minor road towards Grandborough for a mile or so before taking a field path with magnificent views all round to the village. We passed the lovely old mill and wandered down to the church with its twin giant redwood trees. They are a great landmark in the area standing proud either side of the church spire. We remembered a previous walk when the church warden had given us a guided tour up the steeple. Fantastic! It was 4.5 miles out and we were ready when we arrived at The Shoulder of Mutton who had a good, varied menu and were still serving magnificent breakfasts. As there were 16 of us the food took a while but was all very good. We sat in the conservatory. Someone arrived outside and did a Harry Worth impression in the glass.

After lunch it was an easy stroll about 4 miles over fields with distant views of All Saints' which never seemed to get any closer, to reach the Wolfhamcote bridleway. Nigel opened up the church to show us the Via Beata's 23rd art installation. It's the 23rd psalm on a carving of a lamb. Looking in the eye of the lamb you can see Jesus. He handed out sweets. Nigel that is not Jesus and we strolled home ready for a cuppa. It had remained dry all day. A great walk, pub and company.

Our next walk is November 19th when we will probably walk locally and lunch at the Old Plough.

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Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The 2022 season was completed with a very successful intra club match played between The 'Patel Pie Chuckers' and the 'Shingler Sledgers'. All available players were "selected" into two roughly equal teams, with wherever possible, family members pitted against each other.

Everyone was expected to bowl at least 2 overs and batsmen had to retire on 50 but could return to the crease after the rest of their team had been dismissed. The match went down to the wire with the 'Pie Chuckers' winning by just one run. The highlight was a maiden century by Ollie Dunn, albeit scored in two periods having had to 'retire' on 52 to return later to complete his ton.

Unfortunately, the inclement weather meant that we had fewer friends and family able to support the venture this year, but much needed funds were raised to help cover the costs of the forthcoming pitch preparation for the 2023 season.



This has now been done. The square has been scarified, over one ton of loam has been spread over the surface, the pitch ends have been re-seeded and repaired, weedkiller and fertilizer have been applied. All we need now is for the unseasonably warm weather to continue for another week or so and for a little rain to encourage the grass to germinate. Already the square looks to be in the best shape it has probably been in.

Thanks must go to the nine club members who spent a Sunday



morning doing the bulk of the heavy work. This would not have been possible though without the time spent in the previous week by Terry Isom scarifying.

The annual presentation evening will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 2nd December starting at 7pm.

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Jetty Field

The Jetty Field is looking splendid at present with its autumnal colours. The reds, oranges, golds and greens of the trees and hedges are a picture and are well worth visiting if you have not been there in the last few weeks. The main field was mown at the beginning of September and some of the cuttings have been used as a mulch for the community orchard and other trees at the bottom of the field. After a very dry summer the fruit trees are flourishing, thanks in part to the small handful of volunteers who regularly watered them during the drought.

We have also noticed a distinct improvement in insect and plant species in the field this summer. This is part of a long-term project and it will be interesting to see what progress will be made in the next few years.

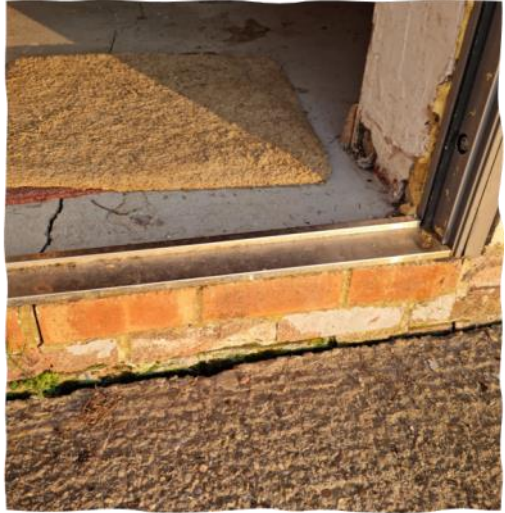
The pathway between the Pocket Park and Eastfields has now been repaired. The step at the bottom has been removed and the path with its gentler gradient is much safer, especially as the winter



approaches. A concrete base for a proposed bench has also been installed. It is likely that the bench will be of the same design and material as the WI bench already in the field.

We are also looking at the state of some of the large poplar trees and have sought professional help.

Playing Field Pavilion



The photographs above show the Playing Field Pavilion has large cracks across the floor and down the front and back wall. These cracks are growing longer and wider and the roof is unstable.

Other news

Braunston Weather Report for September 2022

Total Rainfall	55.2 mm
Wettest Day	21.9 mm on Monday 5 th
Wettest Hour	15.0 mm on Monday 5 th ending at 23.38
Highest Temperature	23.9 °C at 15.19 on Sunday 4 th
Lowest Temperature	2.6 °C at 06.58 on Sunday 25 th
Highest Pressure	1027.7 hpa at 10.27 on Tuesday 20 th
Lowest Pressure	996.6 hPa at 19.24 on Friday 30 th
Strongest Wind Gust	27.3 mph at 14.36 on Monday 26 th
Brightest Sun	924 W/m ² at 13.27 Monday 12 th
Highest UV Index	8 at 13.03 on Sunday 4 th

The average rainfall for September since 2015 has been 50.75 mm. So, we have received slightly more than the average rainfall this month.

Adrian

Wanted - used stamps, postcards and coins

We still need your used stamps, postcards and coins to help continue to raise money for dogs' charities. The amount raised so far is £6075.69. Thank you. Please keep sending them to:

Val Ward, 51 High Street, Braunston.

Bin Collections

Wednesday	2 nd November	Food and Garden
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