

Braybrooke Gin Festival

Saturday 1st July

Gin Bar & Masterclasses
Live Music & Entertainment
Braybrooke Beer
BBQ, Stone-Baked Pizzas
Street Food

Free Entry
Family Friendly

The Swan, Braybrooke



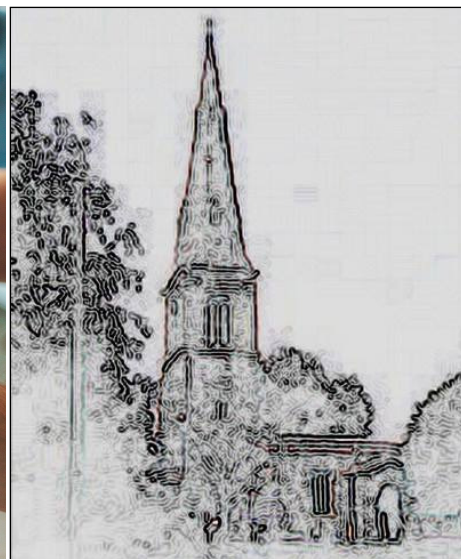
Braybrooke Summer Ball

Saturday 12th August

Arrival Drink and Canapés
Chandelier Lit Marquee
3 Course Formal Meal
Dancing
Black Tie Optional

Ticket Price £45.00
Tickets on sale at The Swan
or email info@swanbraybrooke.co.uk

Last few places



Fête Quiz

Tuesday 20th June 2023

This year's Fête Quiz will take place at the Swan on Tuesday 20 June at 6.45pm/7.00pm. Light refreshments will be served half-way through, to keep the old grey cells working!! Many thanks to the pub for hosting and running the quiz.

Teams of up to four people can enter with a cost of £10 per team, to be paid on the night. There will also be a raffle with some humdinger prizes on offer.

The Fête Quiz has become a tradition as part of the fête celebrations and all proceeds are donated to fête funds. All money raised through the quiz, duck race and fête (except for covering expenses) go towards supporting our village organisations. So, come along for a fun evening whilst contributing to the village.

To book a table, contact Alison Ullman on 01858 461528 or at faruli_uk@hotmail.com.



Braybrooke Fête

Saturday 24th June 2023, 1-4pm

Come along for a day of family fun! With a traditional silver band, BBQ, drinks, games, face painting and more, this fête will bring the nostalgia of your childhood back to life! Be sure to come to see the car show, petting zoo, tombola and eat some cake!

Don't forget to bring along cash for the stalls.

Braybrooke Village Fête Draw

We are once again asking you to help raise funds for the village by selling 2 books of raffle tickets that will shortly be delivered to you. If you require more books, or to donate to the raffle, please contact Linda Busby on 01858 462389. Please return counterfoils, cash, and any unsold books to 31 Griffin Road, or bring along on the day. Thank you for your help!

Braybrooke Village Duck Race

The village duck race will be on 17th June (time TBC) at the end of Newton Way.

If you have anything you want to donate to the tombola or bric-a-brac please email vsheldon@hotmail.com for arrangements. See you there!

The Jubilee Bench

The 'Jubilee Bench' now sits proudly on the village green and hopefully will remain in constant use for parishioners for the years to come. It is constructed from recycled materials and should have no issues with damage or rot.

The plaque records Queen Elizabeth's celebration as follows; 'In commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022'. An event which is unlikely ever to be repeated again.

Finally, on behalf of the Parish Council, may I thank the following parishioners and businesses who generously funded this project, and also thank Ed Mills for installing it:



G and P Normand
S Carter • W Templeton
P and J Hitchcock
Derek Ramshaw
P Ayton • A Wallis
Wooden House Kennels
Berry Bespoke Designs



Baptist Church Pop Up Cake Shop

Sat 3rd June, 10am – 12pm

You're all invited to the Pop Up Cake shop in the chapel on Saturday 3rd June between 10am and 12 noon.

Delicious cakes will be a £1 a piece and it would be great if you could use cash and bring a container too.



Notes from the Parish Council

Your Parish Council has been able to chalk up a number of significant successes recently:

- The Swan has been approved as an Asset of Community Value and added to NNC's Community Assets Register. That means that for the next 5 years if there is a risk that it might be sold and cease to be a public house, the community will have 6 weeks to decide whether to take it over, and 6 months to raise the money to do so.
- The Queen Elizabeth Jubilee bench has been installed on the Green – thanks to Ed Mills and to all those who contributed to the cost.
- We now have our own speed-activated traffic sign, courtesy of a police grant, that can be set up in different places to make drivers more speed-conscious in the village.
- And having been passed by referendum, our Neighbourhood Plan is due to be approved by the NNC Executive Committee at their meeting on 8 June.

These are just an indication of what the Parish Council might achieve in future. But, looking to that future, we think it would be good to draw in some newer members of our community without – at this stage – a commitment to election and formal membership. So we would like to invite anyone who might be interested, to drop in on one or two of our meetings and get a feel for the business.

The PC's Annual Meeting was on 16 May. In the absence of three members, we were not able to elect a new chairman, so George Normand continues until the July meeting when Paul Hitchcock will be nominated to the role with Bill Templeton as Vice-chairman. Please note that the July meeting will be earlier than usual, on 11 July.

Get in touch via the Contact Us page on the council website at braybrooke-pc.uk, or by speaking to/emailing any member of the PC.

All Saints Church, Braybrooke

Services

4 June – 10:00am – Holy Communion
18 June – 10:00am – Father's Day – All Age Service
2 July – 10:00am – Holy Communion
16 July – 10:00am – All Age Service
6 August – 10:00am – Holy Communion

Father's Day

Please join us to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday 18 June at 10:00am in the church. Cans of refreshment will be offered to all fathers!

The Churchyard

We hope to rewild part of the churchyard and create a glade in the top left corner. Any spare bulbs which you may have will be gratefully received. We hope to plant the bulbs after the service on Sunday 3 September. Volunteers to help will be much appreciated.

Pet Service

The Pet Service was held outside on Sunday 21 May, a beautiful sunny afternoon. We welcomed a variety of animals including dogs, skunks, a tortoise and a hedgehog which were a delight to children and adults alike. Afterwards everybody enjoyed tea and home made cakes and a chance to socialise.

Braybrooke Baptist Church

Villagers and walkers enjoyed Pru's beautiful garden flower display in the 'villagers chapel window' over Easter. Thank you Pru also for the window display to note the Coronation of King Charles 3rd.

If you would like to share your flowers/leaves/plants or place an arrangement to mark an occasion in the window, the chapel key is available from Jane Taylor and Gill Mitchell.



The designated wildflower strip of grass in front of the chapel established by Viv and Margaret Jackson's daffodils display has been 'helped' by planting primroses, cow slips, foxgloves. These plants might self seed and the birds will do their bit too. It will be interesting to see how it evolves over the years. If you wish to add a plant or scatter seeds, please enjoy doing so.



Braybrooke Cricket Club

The club had a strong start to the season, with a win away at Old. The following three games at home were a loss – in a low scoring game – against Abingdon, a good win against Charnwood, and a close match with Geddington that sadly ended in defeat.

We have had to cancel one match – around the May bank holiday – but are confident we will have a good season of games.

The club now runs net sessions at the Castle Ground throughout the season so if you fancy a knock, get in touch!

You can follow along with our progress, or get in touch at braybrooke.play-cricket.com – we're always happy to hear from people interested in playing, of all abilities and ages.

Margaret Jackson (1942–2023)

A note from the family

We wanted to express our sincere gratitude for the overwhelming presence at Mum's funeral. Your support and kind words during this difficult time meant so much to us and our families.

Losing Mum has been difficult, but the love and support we have received from everyone has helped us to find some comfort in this trying time. It was truly heartening to see so many people come together to honour Mum's life and legacy.

Thank you also for all your donations, we have split the £1000 between the two charities and made sure any specific donations will go to your chosen charity.

The Jackson Family



Flowers from the day of the funeral, courtesy Kiki Everard

Braybrooke Morris Dancers

It's a long time since Braybrooke Morris danced in a church, but we had the opportunity again on 19th April when we demonstrated Morris dancing to a U3A group at St Hugh's Church Market Harborough. The event was enthusiastically received by the group and the church made a good venue for the event. We also danced for the start of the Braybrooke Coronation Picnic on Sunday 7th May. For once it was a nice warm day and a very jolly atmosphere, probably more due to the large quantity of beer and wine on the tables rather than our dancing. We have now started our summer season dancing around the local pubs on Thursday nights. On 25th April we helped our clog dancing colleagues, Cobbled Together, celebrate their 25th Anniversary at Cranford and on 4th May we danced with Northampton Morris at the George, Brixworth.

The dancers can be seen at the following locations during June and July on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated:

1st June The Fox, Hallaton
 8th June The Fox, Wilbarston
 10th June Desborough Millennium Green (Saturday, 2.00pm)
 15th June Dukes Arms, Woodford
 21st June Queens Head, Billesdon (Wednesday)
 24th June Braybrooke Fete (Saturday, 1.00pm)
 29th June The Wharf, Welford
 6th July Chequers, Swinford
 13th July Chandlers Arms, Shearsby
 20th July White Horse, Stoke Albany
 23th July Tollemache Arms, Harrington (Sunday, 1.00pm)



With Northampton Morris at Brixworth

Anybody wishing to join us will be made most welcome. Please contact us at braybrookemorris2014.weebly.com.



With the U3A group in St Hugh's Church



King's Coronation Picnic – Sunday 7th May

Newton Way – A Lane Unchanged

I was recently reminded by a lady who grew up in Newton Way, that in the 1960's it was called Church Lane, but not for very long. From at least 1767, when the lane appears on the Braybrooke pre-enclosure map, it was called Pudding End, but then it did not end at the gates of No. 12. Originally the lane almost reached the railway (which was not there then), before taking a 90 degree turn left into Pudding End Lane and joining up with the Dingley Bridleway. The 7 houses which stood on this section of the lane are believed to have been demolished in the early 19th century and their site today is only marked by mounds. The lane can still be seen as a depression in the field beside the hedge.

The house fronting the lane, Number 2, was formally the Sun public house until it was closed by Phipps Brewery in 1967. Robert Marshall was landlord from at least 1737 until his death in 1766 and two years later the pub was re-built. The building which formerly stood between the pub and the Desborough Road may have been the brewhouse. When the pub closed, the last landlady, Queenie Whitbread and her barman, Tud Gilbert, moved two doors down to live at No. 6 Newton Way.

Number 4 was originally two thatched cottages, but was re-roofed in slate during the first half of the 20th century. The village wheelwright, William Atkins, lived in one of the cottages in the 19th century. Number 6 was also originally divided into two one up, one down cottages. The late Mrs Val Panter recalled her family living in one of the cottages during the war.

Numbers 8 and 10 were formerly tied cottages attached to Wantage Farm on Harborough Road. They date from the early 19th century and were also originally a pair of one up, one down thatched cottages. Soon after 1900 the estate, then still owned by Lord Overstone, built a two-story kitchen extension on to each cottage and around 1930, after the Newton family had bought the farm, the thatched roof was replaced with asbestos slate. These slates were very bright and I was told by Tud Gilbert that during the 2nd World War the roofs were coated in slurry so as not to appear a target for enemy aircraft.

The house now at the end of the lane, No. 12, was occupied by John Tolton in 1767. The house dates from the 18th century but incorporates a moulded beam from two hundred years earlier, which may have come from Braybrooke Castle. This house was also once divided into two separate dwellings.



View of Pudding End, taken on 1st May 1906 for Phipps Brewery

Although Newton Way only acquired its present name in memory of William Lancelot Newton, who died in 1969, it is by far the most unaltered street in Braybrooke. Even today the most recent building in the lane is No. 6 which was constructed in the mid-19th century. Now Newton Way is in the Conservation Area, it will hopefully keep some of its character for the future.

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On 17 April members enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mike Fielding on "Going the extra mile in Africa" with his story of setting up a school. Our scheduled speaker for 15 May had to cancel as she was going into hospital. Fortunately we were able to rearrange the session on "Riding for the Disabled". It was inspiring to learn about the work of the RDA which is committed to providing life-changing experiences for disabled children and adults with both physical and learning disabilities. The RDA, whose president is Princess Anne, is a charity and is supported by volunteers, qualified coaches and donations.



Future Meetings

- 12 June – Visit to Braybrooke Beer followed by Garden Meeting
10 July – Anita Chipalkatty – Taste of India – Demonstration and Food Tasting

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining WI should contact Lisa Templeton (01858 461028).

Moonwalk Article

On Saturday 20th May local ladies Cerys, Linda, Barbara and Jen undertook the London Moonwalk – a charity walk to raise money for Breast Cancer. The walk starts around midnight and trails across London, taking in the many sights through the night, with the ladies completing the 15 mile walk at 5.15am.

A huge thank you for all the sponsorship and good wishes. If you'd still like to make a donation, our Just Giving page remains open ([braybrooke.news/mw](https://www.justgiving.com/braybrooke-news/mw)).



Police Liaison & Neighbourhood Alert – Speed Limit Adherence

What do you understand the following road sign to mean?



- Does it indicate the minimum speed at which you should travel within that section of road?
- Is it the "target speed" which you should aim for throughout the coming section of road?
- Is it the specified maximum speed which you ought not to exceed..... and that if circumstances such as an environment with parked cars, pedestrians, children, cyclists, horse riders etc. are likely, then to drive at <30mph might be the most sensible course of action?

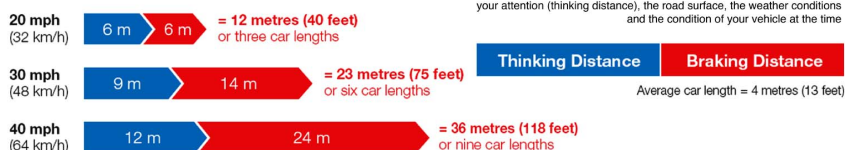
Those of us who have chosen the third of the above options are correct... But how many of us could put hand on heart and state that we adhere to speed limits at all times?

Just remember, it takes twice the distance to come to a complete stop from 30mph as it does from 20mph, so please be considerate both as you drive within the village and as you approach it – and everywhere else that you drive, too, of course!

The Parish now has its own Speed Indicator Device [SID], bought with a grant from Northants Police Road Safety Fund. For the time being, it is sited at the junction of Desborough Road and School Lane. The SID can be repositioned as required and will hopefully serve as a reminder to all drivers not to exceed the designated speed limits.

Local Police Officers will, of course, continue with their own periodic speed management and enforcement, independent of the SID.

Typical Stopping Distances



Field Mapletoft Coniers & Hawes Education Fund

Founded in 1684 exclusively for the people of Braybrooke, this fund is able to pay a modest grant to students in higher education for the purchase of books. Anybody wishing to apply for a grant should outline their needs in writing to the secretary, Mr Geoff Pitcher, 10 Newland Street, Braybrooke. All applications will be considered on merit by the charity trustees.

♥ Loving Where We Live

Thanks to everyone who helped to clear the local verges and hedgerows of plastic bottles, paper cups, aluminium cans, fast food wrappers and other detritus on the **Braybrooke Litter Pick** in early April.

We cleared 122 bags of litter, tyres, old carpets, bits of cars and other items from Harborough Road, Park Hill, Top Road and Desborough Road



Braybrooke Communication – Have Your Say

In the Neighbourhood Plan ([braybrooke.news/np](https://www.braybrooke.news/np)), one of the community actions (PC1) is:

The Parish Council will facilitate and support discussions to improve information flow in the community.

To that end, in the next issue of the Gossip – and simultaneously via the village email list – there will be a questionnaire/survey on what the future of local communication should look like. If you have any thoughts or opinions to share before then, contact me at news@braybrooke.news or pop a note through the door at 20 Griffin Road. The current communication channels include (some are more active than others):

Social Media (Facebook/Twitter) • Gossip • Website Email (Village Mailing List) • Notice Board

The Gossip is printed every 2 months.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the next edition, or to discuss sponsorship, email: news@braybrooke.news.

Next deadline: **Thursday 27 July 2023**



Brookside Care Home – Respite Offer

Until 29th June, book two weeks respite and receive a complimentary extra week

Be our guest! Come and take a respite break at Brookside and enjoy 24-hour care, home cooked food and live entertainment – and make long lasting friendships.

Please call for room availability on 01858 465899.

