

# THE BOOK OF BRAUNTON

Avril Stone

The big village with a big heart – one of the oldest villages in the kingdom with its origins in farming and seafaring. A village which boasts one of only two Open Field Systems in the country – The Great Field. A village that is the gateway to the golden sands and renowned surfing paradise of North Devon.

This is not your usual history book going back to ancient times but a pageant of personal memories of people who have lived, worked, been schooled or been associated in any way with this vibrant Devonshire community.

There are stories and hundreds of photographs about farmers, tradesmen, butchers, bakers, seafarers, rabbit wholesalers and milkmen. Also memories of wartime when the RAF operated from Chivenor and when the American Army made the village their home whilst training for the D-Day Landings. There are recollections of school life, carnivals, policemen, doctors and nurses, sporting clubs and much more...

This is a book which records the past for the present and future to enjoy.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

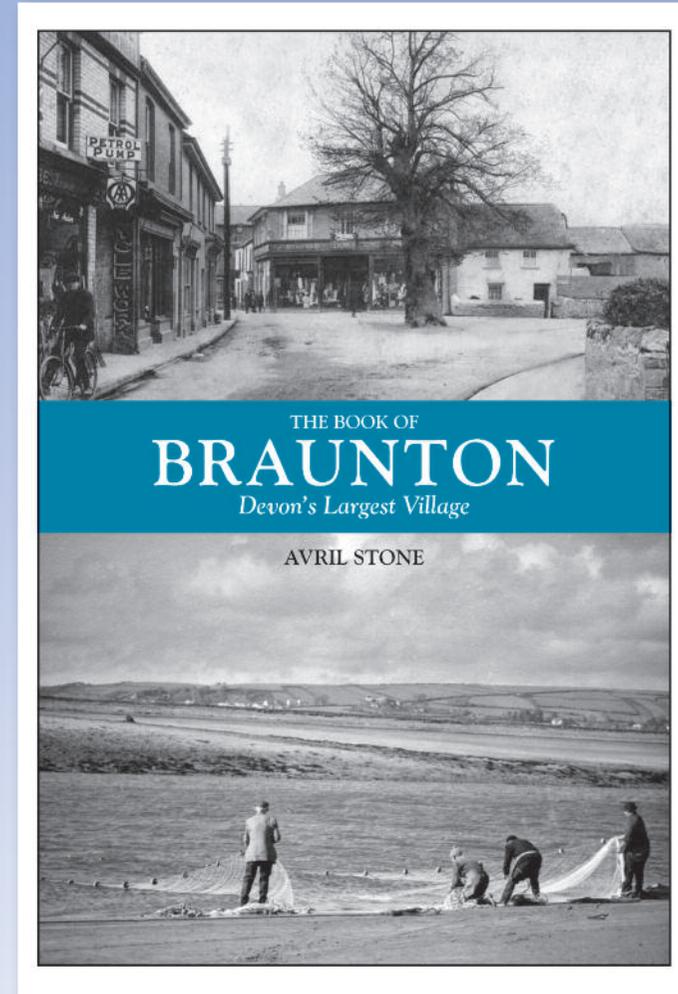
Braunton is the latest story to glide off the pen of **Avril Stone**. She spent more than two years gathering the memories of the village in the 20th-into-21st century. It's a fascinating read. Farmers, seafarers, railway folk, butchers, bakers, sailmakers ... they all help her paint in print and photographs a world just gone by.

Avril Stone is a bestselling author of books about North Devon. This one on Braunton is lavishly illustrated and worthy companion to those on her home town of Barnstaple and the village of High Bickington, her long-time home with her husband Eric. Avril also compiled a volume of the memories of Southend on the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland where she lived with Eric for eight years. Her latest book of a century of memories of Braunton will add brightness to your bookshelf.

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The Band of Hope from the Congregational church in 1920s.



Above: The farmers survey the devastation after the flood receded in December 1910.



Left: Ellis the Butchers at the bottom of Heanton Street.

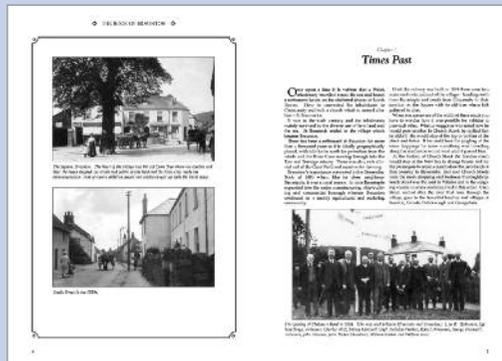


Left: Maypole dancing at the Centenary Celebrations at Caen Street School in 1973.

Below: South Street celebrates VE Day.



Left: Tommy Clarke, Henry Mitchell and Jack Mitchell pull in their nets.



Example of a double-page spread.