

Braunston Village News

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Rev'd Claire to be new Vicar



Braunston's new vicar will be Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore who is currently a member of the team ministry at Kingsthorpe in Northampton. She will be one of the priests serving the seven parish team centred on Daventry and will have special responsibility for Braunston. We are very thankful that not only have we had a short interregnum, but throughout we have had excellent support from the Daventry team here in Braunston at All Saints Church. Before being ordained, Revd. Claire was for several years a teacher in a com-

prehensive school in Derbyshire. She followed this by 2 years as a CMS mission partner in Uganda. On her return to this country she spent another year teaching before becoming initially a careworker and then assisting at a hostel for homeless men, both in Leeds. For the next 2 years Revd. Claire was the Support and Recruitment Officer for the Volunteer Missionary Movement, an ecumenical missionary organisation. Finally, for the last 4 years, she has been part of the Kingsthorpe team ministry where she had close associations with the local church schools and is chaplain for Westwood House, the diocesan family care centre. A feature at Kingsthorpe is regular worship together with the Methodists, Baptists and local House Church. With her wide experience we can count ourselves very fortunate to be able to welcome Revd. Claire to Braunston. Her induction service at All Saints will be held on Friday June 8th presided over by Bishop Paul, Bishop of Brixworth. We will publish the timing as soon as arrangements are finalised and look forward to seeing a large congregation for this joyous occasion.

Note: The seven parishes in the Daventry team are Braunston, Ashby St Legers, Welton, Staverton, Catesby, Hellidon and Holy Cross Daventry

Financial Crisis Delays Village Improvements

The refurbishment and traffic calming schemes originally sanctioned in 1997, have once again been delayed, due to the financial situation at Daventry District Council. The scheme, which had already been deferred from its original 1999 starting date, was due to commence in February this year. The Parish Council has now been advised that the scheme has been put in the 2001/2 budget and will commence in February 2002. In the mean time Braunston will suffer another year of poor and in some cases dangerous footpaths, speeding traffic and a crumbling pebble bank. The Parish Council will be pressing the County Council to implement urgent "patch" repairs to the High Street footpath as an interim measure, to make it safe. At the time of writing, the message from the Architects and Engineers department at Daventry is that the scheme is on target and there are no further plans to defer.

Happy


Easter

from 2001
All Saints' Church

CHURCH SERVICES

Note: During the interregnum 8am services will normally only be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Sunday 1st April

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm EVENSONG

Sunday 8th April – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Thursday 12th April –

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm PARISH EUCHARIST

Friday 13th April – Good Friday

2.00pm Service of Meditation

Sunday 15th April – Easter Day

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 22nd April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 29th April

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

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- **What do you think about keeping our village clean?**
- **Calling all dog owners**

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the May edition is 5 pm on Monday 23rd April. Please leave your copy at the Post Office in an envelope marked BVN or e-mail jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk

A COMPLETE PANE

The half term holiday in February resulted in the Village Hall having 7 windows broken – one on the Monday and six on the Friday evening. This follows three broken over a Friday evening in December. If anyone saw anything, or knows anything, then please call 890865.

Obviously, it is other people's children that do this, but the trustees of the Village Hall would be grateful if every parent could take some time to explain to their children that deliberately throwing rocks through windows is definitely wrong.

When everyone is trying so hard to raise money to improve the facilities for everyone, then having to spend £140.00 on unnecessary repairs for vandalism is a little soul destroying.

And it is **YOUR** money that is being spent to repair the damage of the ignorant few.

Please be assured that in the event of the culprits, past or future, being identified, then their parents will be pursued for the full cost of the repairs.

Postal Votes and Rolling Registers

Changes have been made to postal vote legislation. The main changes in the legislation are that:

- Any elector will be able to apply for a postal vote at any time simply because they want one.
- Applications to vote by post indefinitely no longer need a countersignature to support the application.
- Electoral registration officers can accept applications by fax as long as there is a legible signature.
- The deadline for accepting applications has been extended to six working days before the poll.

The new legislation allows people to be added to and deleted from electoral registers throughout the year, thus abolishing the need for inclusion on 10 October the previous year. People will now be able to apply to be included on the electoral register at any time as long as they have a base. It stands to reason that there will be more changes to registers and local authorities will be obliged to publish these changes monthly.

Calling all dog owners

During the Foot & Mouth epidemic dog owners have been forced to exercise their animals by walking around the streets. The majority are very responsible and clear up any "accident" and either take it home or place it in one of the bins provided. Some are less public spirited and having cleaned up and placed it in a plastic bag leave it in situ for someone else to have to deal with. Worse still some owners choose to do nothing! Spoiling it for everyone. They are reminded that it is an **offence** and they could be prosecuted.

If you are a dog owner, please take a plastic bag with you. Clean up any "accidents" and place in one of the bins provided. The bins are placed by the playing field gate on Barby Road, the Church Road/ Ashway footpath, by the Bus Shelter on The Green, at the top of Ashby Road and near the Church Road/ High Street junction. **Please be a responsible dog owner and keep Braunston clean and healthy.**

See letter on Page 4 for more on this subject

Community Beat Drop-In sessions

PC Scott Bennett our new Community Beat Officer will be holding drop-in sessions in the Village Hall Library. The dates arranged so far are:-

Wednesday 4 April

Monday 4 June

Monday 2 July

Wednesday 1 August

All are from 5-30pm to 7-00pm.

If there is anything to do with policing which you want to ask questions about, discuss or report these sessions are a good opportunity.

Village Maintenance

Since the resignation of Fred Hall, the village has not had a program of cleaning. The District Council provides a limited litter picking service which has coped with the worst of the problem, in the main areas of the village during the winter months. With the approach of warmer weather, lighter evenings and **hopefully** an early lifting of the restrictions on our canal the towpath and footpaths, there will inevitably be an increase in the litter problem. We want our village to be clean and pleasant for residents and visitors alike, the prosperity of the village and its businesses is heavily reliant on attracting visitors. The Parish Council now has to decide whether or not to advertise for a new village cleaner.

Let us have your views. *Have you seen an increase in litter lately? Is it sufficient to have the District Council service, with a little self help from villagers? Do you clean the area in front of your property? Would you like to see a new cleaner/maintenance operative working around the village?* Contact your local councillor - see the Village Directory for names and phone numbers - or contact Janet McCarthy or Geoff Waghorn. In the meantime, a big thank you to all those public spirited villagers who voluntarily pick up litter when they find it, in particular Mrs Vincent and Mrs Beaton who do a wonderful job. Our apologies to those who are anonymous.

Help wanted to type manuscript.

Author requires assistance to produce a typescript on his own word processor in Mill Close.

Advice on 'Word' available.

Time [3 hrs per week] by arrangement.

Please phone Pat Herlihy 890590 for further details and discussion.

Braunston Calendar

April

Tuesdays All in term @ 1-30pm	Toddler Group	Village Hall
Tuesdays All @ 6-00pm	Computer sessions	Village Hall Library
Thursdays All @ 6-30pm	Computer sessions	Village Hall Library
Thursdays All @ 8-00pm	Bingo	Village Hall
Monday 2 @ 7-30pm	Parish Council	Village Hall Library
Tuesday 3 @ 7-30pm	W I 'Wanda Fashions'	Village Hall
Wednesday 4 @ 5-30pm	Police Drop-In Session	Village Hall Library
Monday 9 @ 2-30am	Friendly Club Tea Dance	Village Hall
Wednesday 18 @ 7-30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
Saturday 21 @ 10-00am	Village Springclean	Meet on Green
Monday 23 @ 2-30pm	Friendly Club talk Blooms	Village Hall
Monday 23 @ 5-00pm	May BVN deadline	Post Office
Saturday 28	Design Statement w'shop	Village Hall

See separate column for services at All Saints Church.

All Saints'



Churchwarden's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

As you will see from the front page, the Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore has been appointed as the new Team Vicar for Braunston. We are delighted that she has agreed to take up this post and look forward to her Induction by the Bishop of Brixworth on Friday 8th June. We are fortunate that we will only have had a break of nine months without our own Vicar in the village, and we are most grateful for the support that we have received from the Daventry Team during the Interregnum.

You may have heard the church bell being tolled at noon on Sunday March 18th. We were asked to do this to mark the Church's concern for the farmers and all whose livelihood has been affected by the tragic consequences of the Foot and Mouth outbreak. We are also using special prayers for the farmers and all those involved with the current problems. Whilst the animals in our own immediate area have mercifully not been affected, the effect on village life is apparent. The canals have all been closed, depriving the village of visitors whose presence adds so much to the life of Braunston and of customers for the village shops, pubs and the canal support services. We continue to pray that the disease will be rapidly contained and that effects of this national disaster will be short lived.

Yours sincerely,
John Caunt, Churchwarden

Will anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding please contact one of the Churchwardens - John Caunt (890776) or Charles Dunn (812143).

Church Floodlighting

26th Feb.	For Pauline Knibbs birthday. With much love from all the family.
1st March	In memory of Joe, from Rebecca Watson
5th March	In memory of my dear Auntie Phyllis in Australia. Love, Pamela Bach
7th March	In memory of my dear Auntie Eileen. Love, Pam
8th March	For Claire's birthday. Lots of love, from all the family
25th March	For Joan Grossart's Birthday. From Peter & Chris Grossart
29th March	In memory of Walter Childs' birthday. With love from his sisters & brothers.

Lighting Certificates, showing the church lit at night, are now available for those who would like to send them to relatives and friends, or buy them for their own use. They can be bought from Sheila Rowley at 5 Dane Court (tel: 890559). The price is £1 each.

If you would like the Church Spire lit up for your celebration or special event, then please fill in a form at the back of church and deliver it with £5 to John Caunt at Fawcliff, Cross Lane.

Note. Although your floodlighting will be printed in the BVN sometimes due to lack of space your full dedication will be abbreviated. We apologise for having to do this.

WE NEED YOUR BOOKS

Rugby Interact Club (a group of sixth form students from Lawrence Sheriff and Rugby High school) are collecting books for BookAid, a charity that gives people in developing countries access to books for education and recreation. Books are vital tools for learning, yet children and adults in many parts of the world do not have access to them.

To help, dig out some spare books and put them in the box in the Post Office, which will be there until the end of April.

It costs £1.50 to collect, sort, pack and ship a book, so any donations to accompany your books will help enormously and can also be taken to the Post Office.

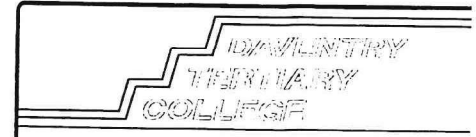
Books should in general be less than 10 yrs old and in good condition because they have to travel long distances often to hot or humid countries. Both fiction and non-fiction for children and adults are all useful. Atlases and other reference books are particularly useful as are professional journals from the last two years.

The books you donate could make a huge difference to the lives of people with very few opportunities and enable them to realise their potential and contribute to the development of their communities.

Thank you.

For more details or large numbers of books please contact Philip Hutchinson on 01788 890 899 or email

philip@hutchinson17.freemove.co.uk. You can also visit the BookAid website: www.bookaid.org



Early warning Festival Weekend 6 - 8 July

Fun & Entertainment for everyone
Sports, Concerts, Car boot sales, craft village, living history camps and much much more!

Details from Chris Thompson on
01327 300232 and see:
www.davcoll.ac.uk/festival

Daventry Area Community Transport (DACT)

The DACT car scheme is open to anyone who has difficulty accessing public transport either because they can't physically get on a bus or there is no bus service available at the time needed. Many of the journeys undertaken are related to medical reasons but there are other uses for the scheme.

If you think that you could be helped by DACT or you are able to offer your services as a volunteer driver please telephone 01327 701666 to find more details.

DACT would like to come to speak to any group in the village whose members would benefit from finding out more about the services offered or who could offer help. The talks last for 15-30 minutes. Ring the above number to find out more.

Daventry and District Citizens Advice Bureau

The CAB is now able to offer a home visiting service to anyone in Braunston who is unable to access the service at The Abbey in Daventry either in person or by phone. The service offered at home is the full CAB range including money advice.

David Rodd of CAB says "A number of elderly people across the district have found the service particularly useful with advice on disability benefits many of which are non means tested and can make a very real difference to income."

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 7-30pm at the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all

Friendly Club

The club will meet on **Monday 9 April** for a **Tea Dance at 2-30pm** in the **Village Hall**. This will be open to any interested villagers at a charge of £1-00 which will include afternoon tea.

Monday 23 April. A speaker from Blooms Garden Centre, Rugby Branch about the Blooms Company and the plants they have in stock.

Letters from Readers

Since the Foot and Mouth outbreak it has become difficult for dog owners to find somewhere different to take their dogs for a walk. The number of people using Greenway has doubled. This is not a problem; what is a problem is the amount of dog mess being left on our gardens. The footpath in Barby Lane is full of it. There is a bin for dog mess by the playing fields as well as four others in the village.

Will the offending owners please pick up after their dogs and don't let them use other people's gardens as toilets. Remember if you are caught you could be reported and fined up to £300.

Barbara Fletcher, Greenway (dog owner!)

Board of Visitors

HMPYOI and RC Onley
HMP Rye Hill

There are currently vacancies for members of the Boards of Visitors at both of the above establishments. The work is voluntary but expenses are paid and training is given.

The work involves monitoring the fabric of the prison, listening to applications made by prisoners and staff and generally ensuring the prison is run according to the regulations laid down. Board members are not Prison Visitors. Anyone interested in membership of one of the boards should contact the Clerk to the Board of Visitors at either establishment. The address is Onley, Willoughby, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV23 8AP.

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The next meeting will be held on **Monday 2 April 2001** at 7-30pm in the **Village Hall Library**



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The new Village Hall Sign.

Whilst most of us know where the Village Hall is, we had been told of many instances of new residents, and also visitors to events, experiencing difficulties in finding us.

We were therefore particularly pleased to take up an offer of commemorating the lives of George and Blanche Green by way of a new post and sign for the Hall. With a donation to cover the cost of materials, plus the procurement of the sign-writing services of Ron Hough, a family friend, we are very grateful to Roy Green and his family for their generosity.

We have received many favourable comments, especially noting the way in which the sign emphasises the long standing links between village, the old school and the canal.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Council Exchange Wanted

3 Bedroom House in Daventry (Grange)

3 Bedroom House in Braunston wanted

Anything considered

Any condition

Tel: Liz 01327 879610



One stop offers **information** on leisure facilities on the Canal, an **exhibition** by local artists and a **gift shop** offering something that little bit different!

Discover 200 years of waterway history in one visit

Exhibition from 2nd April - 27th April 2001

Barbara Barrett - Painted Glass Work

Barbara returns to the Stop House with a selection of painted glass work, plus a new range of giftware.

Normal Weekday
Opening

0900 - 16.30

Mon - Fri

For further information please telephone
The Stop House on 01788 890666



Summer Time
Weekend Opening

1200 - 1600

Sat & Sun
from 5th May 2001
to 23rd Sept 2001

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We hope to hear about our lottery bid soon. Assuming we are successful the building work could commence in Spring 2002 to be completed by Autumn 2002. Once completed, we will have two large halls (that can be combined into one larger one), plus 2 meeting rooms. All toilet and kitchen facilities will be improved and it will be fully accessible and useful for the less able amongst our community. With this much more flexible accommodation, we will be looking to encourage new groups to use the Hall. We have already received the following suggestions:

- ◆ **THEATRE GROUP** – staging of amateur plays and entertainment
- ◆ **BADMINTON CLUB** - for fun or local league
- ◆ **HISTORY SOCIETY** – presentation of material relating to Braunston's heritage
- ◆ **YOUTH CLUB** – reforming of social group for 11-17 year olds.

New groups attract funding and support from a wide variety of sources, which will enable us to furnish the hall with the necessary equipment and facilities to support these new activities. Now is the time to develop these ideas, suggest other activities that you'd like to see, and to apply for the necessary funding.

If you are interested in any of the above, have an idea of something else you would like to see in the new Village Hall, or have an interest that is not currently catered for, then we need to hear from you. The next step might be to have a general meeting to discuss all the ideas and to meet the others who have the same interest as you. For this to happen, we need **YOU** to tell **US** what you want, so please complete and return the form below.

Lynne Whyte, Chairman, Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation March 2001

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I might be interesting in TALKING ABOUT/FORMING/JOINING the following new activities in Braunston Village Hall. Please also indicate the no. of people in your household who could be interested.

	Level of Interest (please tick)			No. of people in household interested
	TALKING/ MEETING	FORMING/ STARTING	JOINING	
THEATRE GROUP				
BADMINTON GROUP				
HISTORY SOCIETY				
YOUTH CLUB				
OTHER (please specify)				

your name (s).....

your address

.....

telephone no.

Please continue on reverse of form, if necessary.

Please return to Braunston Post Office, or Lynne Whyte, 15 Cross Lane (tel. 890865).