

Braunston Village News

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News from the Gardens Association

Annual Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show

Saturday 9th September

Schedules for the Show will be out in early August. This year, we hope that many more people will support the Show by entering at least one class. It's a bit of fun, and helps keep some of the traditional old crafts and skills going, like cooking, sewing, making wine, or growing vegetables! We think, that in a village of this size, we should be able to attract more than 40 entrants, so, if you've always meant to have a go, but never quite got round to it, do try and find the time this year.

Without entries, there can be no Show.

If the kids are bored during the summer holidays, why not get them to enter a class or two, as there are several classes just for them – including drawing and model making. There's no entry fee, they have a chance to win some pocket-money, and it might keep them quiet for an hour or two.

Once you've made up your mind which classes to enter, you have to remember to get the entry form in by the deadline of 5 p.m. on Thursday, 7th September. Full details are on the Schedule, and we will remind you what to do in the next issue of Braunston Village News.

Gardens Competition

By the time this issue is out, the Gardens Competition will have been judged, and the winners notified of their success. A full list will be posted in the window of Braunston Village Stores. The Gardens Association is very grateful to the two judges from Badby, who spent nearly a whole day looking at all the gardens viewable from a public footpath, in every part of Braunston. Standards are very high, which makes the judging especially difficult.

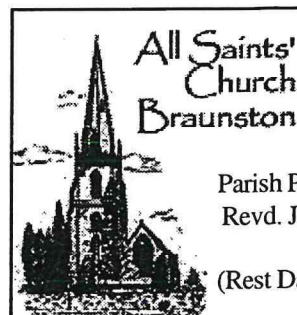
Congratulations to the winners. Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the Annual Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show, on Saturday 9th September,

Obituary

Mr L.W. (Dick) Herne

We are sad to report that Dick Herne died on 15th July after a short illness, aged 83. Dick was a pillar of strength for the BVN. During the early 90's he was a regular contributor with his 'Village Notes' - usually little excerpts of village history. We occasionally reprint some of these under the heading 'From our archives' and will continue to do so from time to time.

Not only did he write for the BVN but he delivered it regularly in High Street and Nibbetts Lane for about 20 years.



All Saints' Church
Braunston

Parish Priest :
Revd. James Watson
890235
(Rest Day - Tuesdays)

Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776
Charles Dunn 812143

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th August Trinity 7
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30 pm Service of Celebration
for the Queen Mother's
100th Birthday

Sunday 13th August Trinity 8
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am FAMILY 'PET' SERVICE

Sunday 20th August Trinity 9
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30 pm TEAM EVENSONG
at All Saints' Braunston

Sunday 27th August Trinity 10
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST



Community Police Drop-In Sessions

There will NOT be a session in August.

The next one will be on Monday 18th September 2000 from 6-00pm to 8-00pm. All of the sessions are held in the Village Hall Library.

The closing date for the September edition is noon on Wednesday 23 Aug. Leave your copy at the Post Office or e-mail jrwbw@globalnet.co.uk

Have you got an important event coming up such as a special birthday or a christening?

WHY NOT HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL?

It is now possible to hire three rooms in the Braunston Memorial Hall - the Main Hall, Small Hall (Games Room) and Meeting Room (old Library). Recent events that have taken place include children's parties/discos, wedding receptions, christening parties, dances and fundraising events such as a Quiz Night, Table Top Sale and Book Sale.

If you would like to hire the Hall, please contact C. Ashley (01788 891580) for booking details and current Hire Charges.

We are pleased to offer substantially reduced rates for Braunston residents.

Please book well in advance, but in an emergency contact G Brewster (01788 891511).

We are also pleased to announce that, due to popular demand, the Hall will introduce a No-Smoking Policy from 1st October 2000.

More Village Hall News

Thanks to Jan Wilcox whose reflexology offer has raised £140 towards the building fund.

If you have an idea of something which you could do which would help to raise money for the Village Hall building please let us know. Good ideas are always welcome!

Another milestone in the new extension and refurbishment project will be the granting of planning permission by Daventry District Council. The application is due to be considered at any time now.

Planning permission will be the signal for another hard fundraising push in order to ensure the plans and vision are turned into reality.



2nd Braunston Scouts go to Mud Camp!

(officially "The Millennium Camp")

Five Scouts and six Cubs with their leaders joined the special event at Cottesbrook Hall on the Friday of the Spring Bank Holiday weekend looking forward to their first Scout Camp. By Saturday they were on their way home leaving a sea of mud behind!

To compensate, there was a 'Fun Evening' and B.B.Q in June to which all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were invited. Later - much later - the Cubs and Scouts set out on a night walk along the canal returning to camp, in the early dawn, to camp at 40 Church Road. Thank you to Peter Griffiths for sterling work with the sausages and hamburgers at the breakfast that completed a fun packed 12 hours!

Forthcoming attraction: The leaders are trying to arrange a camping weekend at Coton during September for the Cubs and Scouts.

Newcomers welcome. There are a few vacancies for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts when activities resume in September after the summer holidays. To find out more please phone Louis on 890766

Can you spare 1 or 2 evenings per month?

Help wanted! The Executive Committee is still seeking Assistant Leaders for both Cubs and Scouts. If you can give a little time please ring Louis on 890766 to talk about what would be involved.

Cub Leaders. Tracey Brock has recently left to live in America. We wish her and her family all the best in their new life and thank her for giving her time to the Cubs. We welcome Laura Isom as one of the Cub Leaders.

New Tax Takes The Strain

The latest offering from the small room in Whitehall responsible for innovations in stealth taxes should come as a welcome relief for all navvies who have ever put their foot in it.

The Transitional Uniform Response for Dogs Tax (TURD Tax for short) is to be phased in over the next few years in order to encourage responsible dog ownership and reduce the incidence of unaccompanied faeces being deposited in public places.

As Lord Whiffy, minister with special responsibility for Doggy Doos, announced to a packed House, "we all know of someone who has stepped in a portion and now this government is taking firm action to stamp out this problem. The great British public want to see a clean pair of heels and no slip ups. The TURD Tax is just what the doctor ordered."

The level of taxation is to be varied according to size of dog, average deposit size and placement. No allowances will be made for special dietary needs but a rebate system is being considered for owners who can provide evidence of a regular collection service being carried out. An annual return being required in early April with records to be kept for five years.

The Inland Revenue will be responsible for catching evaders so dog owners won't be surprised to find an inspector watching their four legged friend's every movement. There is also a research programme underway to create an electronic measuring device that can be retro-fitted to all canines but making the mechanism tamperproof has proven difficult.

There will be an appeals system for those who feel overtaxed, independently adjudicated by Offpoop.

So we can all expect cleaner towpaths in years to come and be able to step out in style with confidence.

Dorian Mead.

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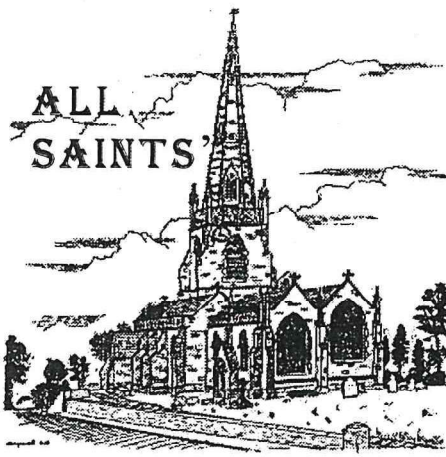
Braunston Parish Council

Next Meeting

Monday 7 August 2000

7-30pm

Village Hall Library



From the registers...

Baptism

2nd July Jacob Freeman SPRUCE

It is with great joy that we welcome this child into God's family.

Funerals

24th July Leslie William 'Dick' HERNE

May he rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.

Notices...

Get Lost!

The annual **TREASURE HUNT** takes place on **Thursday August 3rd**. Cars will be leaving from 6 pm from the church in time to return for supper about 8 pm. If you would like to take part (and don't mind getting lost!), please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Supper tickets are £3.50 for adults and £1 for children. Entry per car for the treasure hunt is £1. All are welcome.

Queen Mother at 100.

HRH the Queen Mother is 100 years old this year and to celebrate the occasion, there will be a special birthday service of hymns and readings on **Sunday 6th August at 6.30 pm**. Members of the British Legion will also be in attendance. All are welcome.

Church Floodlighting

27th June In loving memory of Doris Davis
 1st July In memory of Stephen and Robert Dickens
 2nd July For the baptism of Jacob Freeman Spruce, from Graham and Linda
 3rd July For James, from L. Watson
 6th July For Louise's 12th birthday from Linda Williams
 8th July For Violet Russell's birthday
 24th July For Syd Buckley, in memory of his birthday

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

*Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player,
 That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
 And then is heard no more;*

So said Macbeth on hearing of the death of his wife in Shakespeare's great tragedy *Macbeth*. Life is shorter for some than for others. For HRH the Queen Mother it has proved longer than most. Her 100 years span the century that is just passed and she has witnessed all its great events, both its tragedies and joys. She has made a unique contribution to the life of the nation and everyone seems to have a good word for her. She has undoubtedly been the mainstay of the royal household and has earned the respect and love of millions. It is right that we should celebrate her centenary.

But there are others whose lives have not been so long. Is it therefore true to say that their lives have been the less meaningful? I am reminded of the letter written by a fighter pilot during the war which his mother received posthumously soon after the Battle of Britain had begun. In it he re-echoes the sentiment behind Shakespeare's words - life is 'but a walking shadow' If this is the case, then whether we live to forty or one hundred doesn't make that much difference - our lifespan remains just the tiniest flicker in the history of time. He goes on to say, then, that it is not length of years that matter, rather it is the measure of a person's sacrifice that really makes a difference. In the case of that fighter pilot who died so young, his sacrifice is still effective today through the peace and freedom that we enjoy.

And it is still the case today. It is not the length of a life that is important, rather it is the character of that life that makes the difference, and character is developed not through pursuing self-interest, but through dedication to a cause and through determination to do the right thing in all circumstances. Such an approach to life will inevitably result in making sacrifices but those who follow this path will be making the world a better place for others.

So we give thanks for the Queen Mother's life and we remember those less famous, who have also made a unique contribution to our national life.

Yours sincerely,

Rev'd. James Watson

Danger - Pet Service!

"Never work with children or animals" or so they say.

This month for the first time ever in Braunston, the Family Service on August 13th will be a **PET SERVICE**. You are invited to bring your pet, preferably your friendly and non-poisonous ones to this service.

Although the invitation is to 'all creatures great and small' please ensure that they are either on a lead, and where necessary in a cage!

The service begins at 10.30 am and last approximately 35 - 40 minutes. All pets and pet owners are welcome.

In response to popular demand 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), or from the Rectory, High Street (tel: 890235). 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 post it through the Rectory letter box with £5.

Braunston Pre-School

Starts again on 5th September on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Children accepted from 2½ years old (provided they are out of nappies.)

Start days will be staggered to allow children to settle in.

If you want a place for your child please phone Alison on 891096 now.

Jayne Miller has now left and until a new supervisor (See Advert on page 4) is in place Carol Tippett the deputy will be acting supervisor.

Braunston Websites

There are now three sites of interest

NEW www.braunston.org.uk
www.braunston.net
www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

Friendly Club

The club meets only once during August.

There will be an outing to **Hatton Craft Centre, Warwickshire.**

Coach leaves The Green at 1-30pm.

Cost £5-00 per head.

Children/grandchildren £2-50 each.

Visitors welcome.

The coach will leave Hatton between 5-00pm and 5-30pm for the return journey.



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The Braunston Tai Chi and Qigong

Club reopens on
Monday 4th September
Classes held in the

Village Hall

Mondays 7.00 - 8.30 pm

(plenty of car parking space)

Fee: £3.50 (Classes fully insured)

Tutor: John Harford, President of the Nei Chia Association of Great Britain. Registered in Great Britain and China.

Tai Chi and Qigong is the supreme ultimate Chinese system for the improvement of health, relaxation and personal development.

This is a Community project and will be of interest to all sections of the general population wishing to improve their overall health. Light exercise is involved.

Come and try it!

Beginners welcome.

Enquiries - 01327 705807

Consumer Affairs

* *Enjoy your holidays but don't be taken in by Timeshare salesmen!*
Previous problems caused by some holiday time share companies using hard-sell tactics led to the introduction of legislation that gives consumers a cooling off period in which to cancel an agreement. In an effort to get round this, some companies have devised the 'points' holiday scheme which involves buying points that can be traded in for foreign holidays.. Not a bad idea in itself but the Timeshare Act does not cover these contracts. So, if you do sign such an agreement, but later change your mind, it is unlikely you will be able to cancel it.

Don't let yourself be pressured into signing agreements. Make sure you read and understand the small print!

* *Does your Pooch need a Passport?*

It is now possible to take your pet to some places overseas and return without quarantine but the pet must have certificates for vaccinations and treatments and must be fitted with a microchip. Details available by phone during office hours on 0870 241 1710

* *Extra protection for Defective Purchases.*

If you buy a present for someone they will now have the same contractual rights as if they had bought the item themselves. The law changed in May so it is worth telling the retailer that the item is a present when you buy it and now the recipient will be able to resolve any problems without your help.

* *Small Claims Court Access Easier*

Last year's changes in procedures for the Small Claims Court put off some consumers because of having to pay an allocation fee of £80. Due to pressure from consumer organisations the fee has now been scrapped.

For more details on any of these topics or problems with goods and services you have bought contact:

Northamptonshire Trading Standards
Wootton Hall Park,
Northampton NN4 0GB

Telephone 01604 707909

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Braunston Twinning Association

Will you be the new

BRAINS of BRAUNSTON!?!

Our fun quiz will be back on

Saturday 18 November.

Put it in your diary now - there will be more details after the summer holidays.

Next meeting **Wednesday 30 August**

at 8pm in the Old Library, Village Hall
all welcome.

Vacancies

Braunston Pre-School Supervisor and Assistant

A rewarding job that fits in with school.

Must enjoy working with young children and have relevant experience.

Working sessions are 3½ hours week-day mornings during term time.

Hourly rate between £3.70 and £5.00 depending on qualifications

4 weeks annual holiday pay.

Call Alison for further details and an application form ...017888 891096

Closing date 5th August
So Hurry!

See page 3 for news of Pre-School

There's always a solution!

The problem: Two local authorities in Yorkshire could not agree which was responsible for cutting the grass on a verge. The long grass obscured a road sign and was therefore a danger to traffic.

The solution: The sign was put onto a longer pole which kept it clear of the un-mown grass.