

Braunston Village News

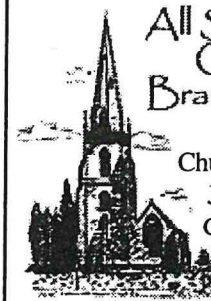
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Season's Greetings

To all readers of
this combined
Christmas and
New Year edition.



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Churchwardens:

John Caunt 890776
Charles Dunn 812143

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 3rd December

6.00 pm Deanery Advent Carol
Service at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 10th December

5.00 pm Christingle service

Sunday 17th December

6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 24th December

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25th December

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

*See inside for full list of services
in December & January*

The Braunston Twinning Association prepares for next year's visit to France

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th December at 8:00pm
at 38 Greenway

- please note change to usual day and venue! All Welcome

On 18th November The Twinning Association ran a very successful Quiz evening in the Village Hall with over 100 people taking part. There are colour pictures on the Braunston web site www.braunston.org.uk courtesy of Peter Andrews. Here is a picture of the winning team that scraped home by just a single point in a close fought competition:-



Janet McCarthy, Lynne Whyte (Star of the team), Elisabeth Davies, Owen Davies, Jean Waghorn, Geoff Waghorn.

Angling Club Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 2 December

2-00pm at the Village Hall

Father Christmas, tombola, cakes, raffles, white elephant stall and auction.

and when the festivities are all over.....Christmas Tree Collection

Daventry District Council is once again arranging for natural Christmas trees to be collected, for composting, early in the New Year. Trees may be left on the village green to the side of the bus shelter. The final day on which trees may be left is not yet known but will be advertised on the noticeboard which is on the bus shelter and in the Village Viewpoint column of the Daventry Express.

Please support our
Christmas Charity

The Children's Society

A special envelope will have been delivered with your copy of the BVN. We hope you will be kind enough to make a donation.

The envelopes will not be collected door to door. Please bring them to the Christingle Service on 10th December or leave the envelope at the Post Office or with a Churchwarden or leave it in the Rectory's letter box.

We have no doubt that this is a very worthy cause especially at this time of year.

As the Children's Society says:-

If you believe every child deserves a decent chance in life, you believe in everything we stand for.

Street cleaner resigns

Fred Hall who has been the village street cleaner for the last two years has retired. The Parish Council thanks him for what he has done in that time. The council has decided not to appoint a new cleaner immediately. The reason is that Daventry District Council has recently increased the amount of cleaning which it provides in the village and the council wishes to see the effect of this before making further street cleaning arrangements.

This is a good opportunity to thank those villagers who collect rubbish voluntarily when they see it around the place. Thank you to the considerable number of people who are known to do this.

Welton Road Play Area remains closed

The Play Area is to remain closed at least for the rest of the winter following the recent vandalism damage. The closure is for safety reasons to avoid the risk of injury to users. Unfortunately notices which are put up at the area giving this information are removed, often on the day on which they are posted.

The Parish Council wishes to stress to all parents and youngsters that the area should not be used at present. The gate will remain locked until the area can be used.

Please help us to avoid injuries by staying out of the play area!

December

1-22 Dec
Tuesdays All in term @ 1-30pm
Tuesdays All (except 26) @ 6-00pm
Thursdays All (except 28) @ 6-30pm
Thursdays All @ 8-00pm*
Saturday 2 @ 2-00pm
Monday 4 @ 7-30pm
Tuesday 5
Monday 11 @ 11-30am
Monday 11 @ 2-15pm
Tuesday 12 @ 8-00pm
Monday 18 @ 2-00pm

January

2-31 Jan
Tuesdays All in term @ 1-30pm
Tuesdays All (except 2) @ 6-00pm
Thursdays All @ 6-30pm
Thursdays All @ 8-00pm*
Monday 8 @ 2-15pm
Monday 8 @ 2-30pm
Monday 8 @ 7-30pm
Monday 22 @ 2-15pm
Monday 22 @ 2-30pm
Tuesday 23 @ 5-00pm

See separate column for services at All Saints Church. * Please check with organisers re holiday closing.

Scouts

All sections of 2nd Braunston Scout Group gathered for 'Bangers and Burgers' at Rabbit's house on Friday 3 Nov. The Scouts spent two afternoons pitching tents just in case the weather forecast was wrong! They were not needed as the weather proved to be the best of the weekend, but we needed to 'Be prepared'. Sixty Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their guests enjoyed an evening of traditional games, a barbecue, sparklers and the fireworks being set off in the field across the canal. The occasion closed with the investiture of Alex Curtis as a Beaver and Andrew Tibbles, Mathew Griffiths and Scott Gibson as Scouts. Our thanks go to Alex's Dad for organizing the food, ably assisted by Mathew's and to Val Ward who cleaned Rabbit's kitchen so that we could serve food from it!

The Scouts are hoping to hold a Beetle Drive in the Village Hall on Saturday 20 January. Look for further information after Christmas.



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 1st December - 22nd December 2000

New to The Stop House Carol Wheeler shows a collection of ceramic art including patterned and textured surfaces using techniques of raku, linoprinting and impressing.

Exhibition from 2nd January - 31st January 2001

A collection of waterway pictures and local scenes by various artists, taken from the recently opened Dunchurch Gallery

**Normal Weekday
Opening**

0900 - 16.30

Mon - Fri

**For further information please telephone
The Stop House on 01788 890666**



**Canal-side
Christmas
Weekend Opening**

1200 - 1600

2nd - 3rd Dec 2000

Braunston Calendar

Ceramic Art - Carol Wheeler

Toddler Group

Computer sessions

Computer sessions

Bingo

Christmas Bazaar - Fishing Club

Parish Council

Women's Institute Christmas Party and Entertainment

Friendly Club Christmas lunch at Bretford

Little Fishers

Twinning Association

Friendly Club - Christmas Fair and Mince Pies

The Stop House

Village Hall

Village Hall Library

Village Hall Library

Village Hall

Village Hall

Village Hall Library

Coach leaves Green

All Saints Rooms

38 Greenway

Village Hall

Waterway pictures and local scenes

Toddler Group

Computer sessions

Computer sessions

Bingo

Little Fishers

Friendly Club - talk about India by Brian Dawson

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Little Fishers

Friendly Club

February BVN deadline

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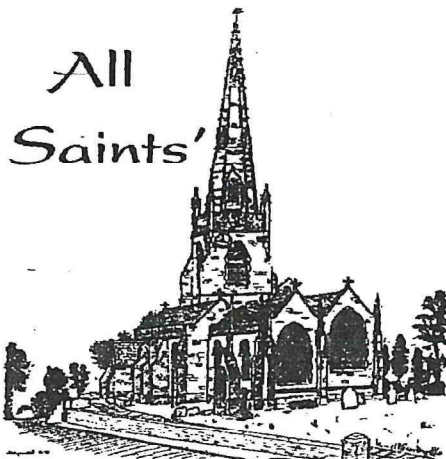
Village Hall

Village Hall Library

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Post Office



All Saints'

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd December

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.00pm Deanery Advent Carol Service at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 10th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
5.00pm Christingle Service

Monday 11th December

2.15pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 17th December

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.00pm Crib Service with Carols
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 31st December

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 7th January

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm EVENSONG

Monday 8th January

2.15pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 14th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 21st January

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Monday 22nd January

2.15pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 28th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

FROM THE REGISTER...

Funerals

2nd November Fiona MORETON

May she rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

Churchwarden's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Once more the seasons of Advent and Christmas is nearly here, but this year it is an extra special time for the Church, as this Christmas we celebrate two thousand years since the birth of Christ. Many people believed that the new Millennium started last New Year's Day, but most Christians consider the real start of the new Millennium to date from this Christmas.

At All Saints' we have planned a full series of services to mark this special occasion even though we are still without our own Vicar in the village. We start our special services with the ever-popular Christingle Service on 10th December. This year, in response to requests from parents of small children, we have brought the start time forward to 5pm. Also we will have a guest speaker, Debbie Smith from the Children's Society, who will tell us about their work. Please bring your donations in the envelope which you received with this copy of the BVN. On the next Sunday (17th December) there is the service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight, when we will sing all the well known carols. Do come along and join us.

On Christmas Eve there will be the usual Crib Service with carols at 6pm. Whilst this service is primarily intended for the children, who help to build the nativity scene, it has become increasingly popular with the adults in the last few years. Finally as the special day arrives we will have Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service at 10.30am.

We hope that many villagers will find time to be with us at All Saints' for at least one of our services, and we wish you all a happy and peaceful time this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

John Caunt, Churchwarden

Christingle Service

5.00pm Sunday 10th Dec.

Traditional Carols, scented candles and our new 'Cathedral Organ' will put the whole family in the Christmas mood. Come along to this beautiful family service where every child is given a lighted candle held in an orange decorated with sweets and fruits.

All ages are welcome to a special celebration of 2000 years of Christ.

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

Church Floodlighting

4th Nov. For Laura's 18th Birthday.

From Nanny & Grandad Berriman

8th Nov. Jean Sigsworth

Birthday memories

11th Nov. Ruth Powell's 80th birthday,

a regular visitor. From Chris Grossart

15th Nov. Roger Baker's 60th Birthday

26th Nov. For Janet's Birthday.

From Ray Hutchinson

29th Nov. Catherine Ashley's 12th

Birthday. From Clare Ashley

Braunston Parish Council Budget 2001/2002

At its annual budget meeting held on 15 November 2000 the Parish Council agreed a budget for the year ending 31 March 2002 of £34,500. Of this amount approximately £7,200 will come from the council's reserves. £25,000 will be requested as precept (Council Tax). The precept amount has remained the same for the last three years. The remainder of the forecast spending will be paid for from other sources of Parish Council income which it is estimated will be £2,300.

It is expected that council spending in the year 2001/2002 will be as shown below. The areas of spending and the amounts spent can change as the year progresses depending on circumstances at the time.

	£
Administration	4,800
Donations*	1,200
Street Lighting	6,600
Village Hall	4,000
Mowing**	5,000
Cleaning/Maintenance	2,500
Amenities inc. flower tubs	
BVN, street furniture	2,740
Road Safety	600
Play Area	1,150
Playing Field	1,200
Twinning	200
Training	500
Noticeboard	610
Village Design Statement	500
Loan interest and repayment	2,900
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	34,500

*to groups in the village and those outside which benefit villagers.

** the County Council reimburses approximately £1200 of this.

Friendly Club

Monday December 11th: Christmas lunch at the Queen's Head, Bretford. Coach leaves the Green at 11-30am and at 2-30pm for the return journey.

This is your invitation to come and enjoy afternoon tea at the Village Centre, with an opportunity to buy those last minute gifts and home made 'goodies' for Christmas. Everyone will be welcome at

The Friendly Club Christmas Fair and Mince Pie Tea.
Monday 18 December
2-00pm to 4-00pm.

New Year New Look!

After running for thirty six years as an 'over 60's' club, in the New Year the Friendly Club will be welcoming all those who are 50+. Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month, 2-30pm to 4-30pm in the Village Centre.

Subscription only £6 a year for full afternoon tea (with home made cakes), talks, entertainment, outings and the occasional ploughman's lunch.

Make a New Year Resolution! Don't sit at home alone, have a change, join us and enjoy the company.

Monday January 8th 2001: Brian Dawson will talk about a holiday in India, illustrated with slides.

Monday January 22nd: Speaker or entertainment still to be arranged.

Braunston Parish Council

Next Meetings
Monday 4 December 2000
Monday 8 January 2001
7-30pm
Village Hall Library

SMILE AMONGST IT ALL ... !

"Well" said the chairman of the parish council. "You can talk all night about this chandelier for the parish 'all, but I'm going to tell 'e what I think of it. There be three reasons why we shouldn't waste our money on such fripperies. First, there's none of us can spell chandelier. Secondly, you can bet your life there's nobody locally who can play one. And third, what we really want is more lighting in the parish 'all."



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Thanks are due to our advertisers for their support which helps to reduce the cost to the Parish Council and therefore all villagers.

Thanks to the Angling Club for the £10 donation towards the cost of BVN printing.

Thanks to the BVN distributors

The last edition of the year is a good opportunity to thank everyone who helps in any way with the BVN. In particular, in this issue we want to show our appreciation to the people who make sure that the BVN is delivered to every home in the village. At present the delivery team is:-
Mr P Andrews, Mr B Berry, Mr O Davies, Mr R Dibben, Mrs P Dring, Mrs I Griffin, Mrs G Jones, Mrs S Monk, Mrs M Pateman, Mrs S Potter, Mr D Turner, Mr D Warner, Mr and Mrs Whittington, Mrs W Wilson and Mr J Woodall. We are also grateful to our 'relief' distributors.

We oughtn't to forget Braunston School which in most months delivers the packs of magazines to the distributors ready for delivery.

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Braunston WI

Tuesday 5 December:

Christmas Party and Entertainment.

Local Information Advice and Guidance (LIAG)

If you want help or advice on learning and employment issues ring Penny Crowder on 01327 300232 ext. 330. She will arrange an appointment in the Village Hall Library.

Consumer Affairs

Northamptonshire Trading Standards send us their newsletter on a regular basis. These usually have lots of good advice. Here are a few from the latest edition:-

◆ Shopping on the Internet. See the tips on www.tradingstandards.gov.uk

◆ Doorstep salesmen. Ask for the contact phone number of his company. Be careful of a scam selling water purifiers and wanting to come inside to take a sample.

◆ Trading Standards Advice Service: Phone 01604 707909

Toddler Group

This small friendly group meets in the Village Hall from 1-30pm to 3-00pm every Tuesday during term time. It's a chance for parents/carers and pre-school children to chat and play. Just turn up. Cost is £1-20.

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the February edition is 5-00pm on Tuesday 23 January.

Leave your copy at the Post Office or e-mail jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk