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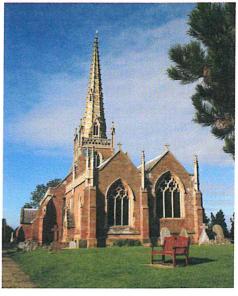
Our own Rev. Claire visits the Holy Land - see inside for her full revelations!

This edition being an Anniversary Edition we have included some "snapshots" of previous issues which we hope you will enjoy.

CAUTION



A reminder that Precautionary salt spreading occurs only on High Street and Welton Lane and only when the road temperature falls below 1 degree C



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Church Services & Events for February

Wednesday 2nd February

7.00pm Holy Communion

7.45pm PCC

Sunday 6th February

8am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish

Communion and Fishers

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 7th February

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 9th February

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Ash Wednesday

Team Service- Braunston

Sunday 13th February

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service

Monday 20th February

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 22nd February

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 26th February

7.30pm The Chesterfield

Singers Concert - All Saints

Church

Sunday 27th February

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

Monday 28th February

2pm Little Fishers

Lent Series - 7.30pm-8.45pm in the Church

Thursday 10th February -

Meditation

Wednesday 16th February -

'Passion for the world'

Thursday 24th February -

Meditation

Tuesday 1st March -

'Passion for the world'

Thursday 10th March -

Meditation

Tuesday 15th March -

'Passion for the world'



Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

We celebrate this month 35 years of the BVN!

In it's evolution over the years it has helped to keep members of Braunston village 'in touch' with all that is going on. We at All Saints have also valued it as a means of passing on information from the Church. A huge thank-you not only to those who write in the BVN and have acted as editors (some for many years!) but also to those who have delivered the magazines to our door, come rain or shine!

You may have noticed your Vicar 'went missing' at the beginning of this year! I have shortly returned from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It is the first time for some years that this has been possible so when the opportunity for a 'familiarisation visit' presented itself to



clergy in the Diocese I decided to 'go for it!' We had an amazing time and for those who are interested I've written a short report of my impressions of the Holy Land in this 'bumper edition'!

It feels as though we have just put away the Christmas decorations...but before you can blink the Easter eggs will be filling the shop shelves!

Something our Society is not very good at is delaying gratification. The Church on Ash Wednesday starts us off on the path towards Good Friday and Easter. A season marked by silence, and a reflection on where we are in our relationships (both vertical and horizontal!).

In keeping with last year- we are offering a series of opportunities in Lent to pause for reflection, discussion and fellowship. (see page 2). There are going to be three evenings of quiet meditation - a time to just come into Church and enjoy some stillness. On alternate weeks there will be more of a discussion group looking at the theme; 'Passion for the world'. The world's response to the tsunami shows that we have a passion for world justice and peace and the course will endeavour to examine and tackle some of these issues.

Please come and join us anytime during Lent and Easter!

God bless, Revd Claire

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Church Floodlighting - January and February 2005

1st Jan = A Happy & peaceful new year to you all

4th Jan = Lil King 1900 -1985 remembered with love Marie, Ann & Familes

7th Jan = Happy 1st Birthday William Morgan Howells

19th Jan = Richards' Birthday

20th Jan = Peggie's Birthday

21st Jan = In loving memory of Tom Childs with love Eileen & Family

21st Jan = Our return to the village - Val & Eric Ward

22nd Jan = In loving memory of mum

23rd Jan = To Vicky on her Birthday love always Mum

23rd Jan = For auntie Joyce's 85th Birthday love Joyce & Family

4th Feb = Happy Birthday Richard

9th Feb = Happy Birthday Gill Maltby

10th Feb = In Memory of Mansel Davies

12th Feb = In loving memory of Roy Bennett, love Sue, Alec, Gill & Family

16th Feb = Keren Andrews Birthday

19th Feb = Happy 70th Birthday Brian with all our love Jean Jo & Family and Paul & Family & Little Edna

22nd Feb = John & Rosemary – Happy 41st Wedding Anniversary

25th Feb = Birthday of Patricia Catherine - Cuthbert

26th Feb = To all our friends in Braunston & welcome the Chesterfield singers

Registers for January at All Saints' Braunston

Holy Baptisms

Welcome to the Church family

Sunday 30th January - Lauren Martin

Funerals

We commend to God's gracious care...

Friday 21st January - Stephen Arrowsmith

Tsunami Appeal - Thanks

Thank You

Many thanks to all those who so generously supported the Coffee Morning enabling us to send £1,135-49 from Braunston to the Tsunami Appeal Fund.

Special thanks to all the willing helpers without whom we would have been unable to hold this event.

Janet & John Caunt

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From Rev Claire:

I am still in the process of assimilating the experiences I had whilst on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. But if I were asked to write what it was like in a nutshell I would say the trip affirmed my faith but also opened my eyes to the political unease in Israel.

We started the pilgrimage up Mount Tabor where the transfiguration was said to have occurred – it was a beautiful, peaceful place and we could identify strongly with the apostle Peter's words; 'It is good Lord to be here'. At this point we were staying in a Kibutz and were visiting the places where Jesus began his ministry – along the shores of Lake Galilee.

The combination of excavation, research and local knowledge has helped to locate the important places of pilgrimage in the Holy Land. One of the things that struck me was how close in vicinity places were. As we took a boat across the Lake Galilee – you could imagine how easy it would be for Jesus to address the crowds from his boat. From here you can easily disembark into Capernaum and the Mount of Beatitudes is there as a nearby backdrop.

We were privileged in one sense because the holy places were not overcrowded with tourists – but we came to desire strongly that others would come – for reasons I will go on to describe.

After Galilee we travelled by coach to Jerusalem. Jesus would have made this trip seven or so times in his life. As well as thinking back to Jesus' time there was plenty to preoccupy the mind today. As we drove along the separation of land became obvious. A double line of barbed wire would divide one set of people from the other.

Land 'owned' by the Israelis and land 'occupied' by the Palestinians.

As we called in on Jericho we saw how four years of political instability has badly hit the Palestinians. The local people were ravenous for our trade. They are not allowed by the state of Israel to export their vegetable or fruit produce so there is no fresh money coming into their economy. Having fulfilled a dream of a lifetime, (ridden a camel!) we moved onto Jerusalem.



We went down to the garden of Gethsemane. This is the place of the Last Supper at the foot of the Kidron Valley, with olive trees dating back to the time of Jesus.

We were fortunate to be able go through the security check to Bethlehem. The place of Jesus' birth is surrounded by the wall which has been erected in the last 6 months by the Israeli state. It feels like a 'ghetto'



with three ways in and out – all with security checks. Along the way we were privileged to encounter 'living stones' – a hospital for babies in Bethlehem, an ecumenically run school in Nazareth, a Lutheran run hostel / arts and meeting place for Christians in Bethlehem. The people who ran these were equally passionate about democracy – stability for the Israelis – freedom from oppression for the Palestinians.

Christians make up 2% of the population – but feel they have an important job to do in the peace process. At the Church of the Nativity a young Palestinian woman said; 'We need to teach our boys to grow up with an alternative to guns'.

As we walked the way of the cross (the Via Dolorosa) we encountered the same sights and sounds that Jesus would have encountered. The busy-ness of the narrow market streets, the indifference as we passed by, and painfully as we climbed towards the place of the cross, the same scene of soldiers with weapons walking nonchalantly around.

It is a painful path, often involving self – sacrifice to establish peace. Jesus insisted on non-violent means of reconciling people to

each other and to God. How today is so similar to his day!

This point was driven home when we had the privilege of meeting Mordecai Vanunu who was imprisoned for 18 years (put into solitary confinement) for leaking to the media that Israel was making nuclear weapons. He was a Jew and had become a Christian. He preferred to suffer for what he believed rather than to give into pressure. His faith is remarkable and constant. When he was released a few months ago he was asked not to speak to foreigners – but here he was talking to us!

We were extremely privileged to go on this pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we were asked to pass on to you that it is perfectly safe to visit. It is also a place where you will be made to feel most welcome and where you can contribute to the economy and the cause of those who are suffering. Our guide Amma was excellent and Revd Liz and I feel inspired to take out a group in about 18 months time – so if you would like to walk in the way of our Lord and be challenged by the Israel of today start saving your pennies!

Have you ever thought of becoming a Parish Councillor?

If so this may be your opportunity.

Due to the resignation of John Moger, who is unfortunately leaving the village, a vacancy has occurred on the Parish Council. John has been an active and dedicated Councillor, who will be very much missed.

The Parish Council is looking to co-opt an equally energetic and committed replacement and would like to hear from anyone who is interested. Experience is not essential as training will be given.

The Parish Council meets in the Village

Hall at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of every month, with the occasional extra meeting to deal with important issues as they arise.

If you would like to be involved the running of the village and helping to plan its future, please submit in writing your personal details, interests and experience and send together with your reasons for wanting to be a Councillor to:

> Steve Rolt, The Parish Clerk, 34-36 High Street, Braunston.



CONCERT



Braunston Church

Village Voices & Friends Singers from Chesterfield

26th February 2005 7.30pm

£6 Adults, £4 Concession & £1 Children This includes refreshments'

Light & varied music! - All Welcome!

Toddler Services at Holy Cross

Tuesdays 2.00pm

Module 2 - Who is God?

1 February - Where does God live?

8 February - What does God look like?

Half Term

22 Feb - God is powerful 1 March - God is everywhere

> All Saints' Braunston Little Fishers Mondays - 2.00pm

200 Club Winners

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"Special Memories" of Braunston Village News

Those who made it happen



Douglas Gallie and his wife, Marjorie at the time of their Golden Wedding in 1982. Douglas was former head teacher at Braunston, who started the Village-wide Braunston Village News in 1970 when the Diocesan newssheet folded due to lack of funds. Douglas prepared and edited 232 editions of the BVN from 1970 to 1990

His daughter recently wrote to us:

"I do have some memories of my father's connection with the BVN:

Probably his proudest achievement was the "Nature Notes". He told me that one month, there was a space and he wondered how to fill it. He jotted down a description of some aspect of Braunston wildlife that appealed to him at that moment and filled the space. He did it again in a few more issues. One or two people commented favourably but he didn't plan it as a permanent feature until after it was left out one month due to lack of time or space. He was amazed to receive complaints from several people who claimed they missed it. So he decided to continue".

Other editors of the BVN over the years include:

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		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	Editions	
Marguerite Foulkes	1990	1994	45		
Owen Davies	1994	2000	56		
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Geoff Waghorn \ \} Villag	ge News				
Owen Davies }					
}Joint editors	2002	2004	31		
Steve Rolt }					

"Special Memories" of Braunston Village News

From Issue No 1- (Price 3d) - January 1970

"As the Deanery Magazine had to finish due to the cost of printing, the Parochial Church Council decided to issue a Parish News Sheet every month. It was felt that the cost of its production should be covered and a charge if 3d should be made"

Significantly, the cost of 3d does not appear on subsequent editions

From Issue No. 50: May 1974

"After 66 years service in the choir, **Mr S M Capell** feels he ought now to resign. He was admitted at the age of eight and has given loyal service to the Church. Except for the period of military service during World War One he has been a regular Chorister"

From Issue No. 100: July 1978

"June 14th 1978 - The whole village was deeply shocked to hear of the sudden death of Miss Thompson in Coventry on 8th June. Miss Thompson had been the Accooiuntant of our church for over 30 years, and the way she produced our Annual Church Accounts showed how professional she was in her work. She had been a Parish Councillor for over 20 years and the various Societies in the village will miss her enthusiasm"

"We very much regret that Mr K B Dawson will be leaving on July 21st but we wish him well in his new post as Headmaster of The Grange Junior School, Daventry. He has given 10 years of loyal service to the school and to the Communities at Braunston and Onley"

From Issue No. 200: September 1987

Enrolment at Adult evening classes in "Drawing and Painting; Patchwork and Quilting; Bobbin Lacemking; Shorthand; Slim Trim; French; Upholstery; Yoga Creative Arts and a Crafts Workshop"

From Issue No. 250: March 1992

"Braunston Village Hall Committee wish to thank all those who gave donations towards improvements. The first stage of our improvements plan has now been successfully completed and has made a vast difference in both appearance and warmth to the Hall."

From Issue No. 335: January 2000

"A new Millennium and a new style news-sheet for Braunston"

This was the first "trial" edition to bring together the Village News, published by All Saints' Church and the Braunston News, published occasionally by the Parish Council. For the first time there were two joint editors - one from the church and one from the Parish Council

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The Ownerships Show 2005 Braunston Marina 5/6 February

In addition to the usual display of boats with many chances to buy shares and the collection of stands selling a range of canal-oriented goodies there will be one special but sad event

The Daystar Theatre will be making their very last performance - an extra performance on the Saturday evening

"Ownership" is a scheme run along the lines of a private boating club within which each member actually owns a stake in their boat, for life, or for as short a time as they decide. All the time they own their share they can use their boat on the canals and rivers of Europe according to a booking and exchange system administered by "Ownerships"

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Braunston Village Hall

Enquiries about availability and hire rates, both for the library and the two halls, should be made to:

The Bookings Secretary,

Clare Ashley on 07929 048396



Braunston Rainfall

23rd Nov to 23rd Dec 22mm 12 Dec to

23 Jan 27mm

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We have a very special Valentines Menu that will run alongside our full normal menu on Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th and Monday 14th February -

please ring to book your table.

And don't forget Mother's Day on Sunday 6th March - we shall be open & serving food all day!

> We look forward to welcoming you down the Nelson! Damian and Jenny Brooks

PS - Did you know we now serve food every Sunday evening 7pm - 9pm!

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Village Events



We are planning our next

Local Talent Concert

and we need you!

If you would like to get involved and you play instruments, sing / dance / do acting / like reading etc.

Please contact Michelle on 01788 890235

for more details!

Braunston CE Primary School Barby Lane Braunston Tel: 01788 890494

Midday Supervisor required

for 1hour 20 minutes per day, term time only. Salary £5.60 per hour

Duties will include supervision within the dining hall (packed lunches only) and then in the playground until the start of afternoon school.

More details and alpplication form are available from the School office.

Parish Council Complaints Procedure

Recently a verbal complaint was received about a 'near miss' at the Church Road/High Street junction also an accident at the Barby Road/Greenway junction. The Parish Council will actively pursue any highway or accident complaints but requires full details of times, dates etc., in writing, before action can be taken.

We would advise all complainants to notify the Police immediately so that their complaint can be officially logged for future reference.

The Parish Council regrets that it is unable to deal with anonymous complaints. Anyone who has a serious complaint that they wish the Council to act upon, must give an address, telephone number or accessible e-mail address, that they can be contacted. If the matter is sensitive, it will be dealt with in an appropriate manner. However it is important to note that all Parish Council business has to be carried out in the public domain and minutes of meetings are published.

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Village Hall News

REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

The Phase 2 project is close to finishing – several months after the intended completion date. Thank you to the users who have been patiently waiting for the builders to leave us. With the hall so much in demand, it has been difficult to find the time for the builders to finish. The project has not run as smoothly as our Phase 1, but we are gradually getting there. We expect the final works and "snagging" to be completed during half term this month.

A "talking point" has been the partition between the two halls – some groups are finding it difficult to change their pattern of use. The intention of the partition was to allow the 2 halls to be let, separately, to compatible users, whilst retaining the flexibility of opening the partition for when the whole hall is booked and large numbers of people need to circulate. This will allow us to increase the hall's income and help secure the long-term financial viability of this important community resource. We hope users will soon get used to going to the kitchen via the corridor.

CURTAINS

Following much discussion and examination of fabrics, a small committee has selected a suitable fabric and the new Hall curtains have been ordered. We hope they will be in place by the end of this month. We are pleased to announce that we have received a contribution of £1500 from the **Tesco Charity Trust**, that goes towards the curtains, plus funds the purchase of the 6 light-weight tables and a small table trolley, which were purchased recently. Our thanks to Tescos, and to the other donors, for enabling us to further improve the hall.

OLD-TIME MUSIC HALL

The Braunston Players' Old-Time Music Hall was a tremendous success. The 3 nights sold out very quickly. The performance was enthusiastically received, and was of a very high quality. A staggering total of £1400 was raised for the Village Hall, which is gratefully received. A sincere thank you to everyone involved: as well as the performers, there were

numerous helpers - the many people backstage and front of house, and all those who donated raffle prizes. Thanks also to the 180 people who came to see it over the 3 nights. The production is currently on tour – we hope Willoughby and Farthingstone will enjoy it as much as we did.

THE CLASSIC BUSKERS TO PLAY AT BRAUNSTON

Friday 11th March

We have not hosted a professional theatre performance for some time, as we were concentrating on the refurbishment project. However, through Northampton Touring Arts. we have booked, for one night only, the CLASSIC BUSKERS, who will be visiting Braunston with their MicroClassics production - using 30 woodwind instruments and 2 styles of accordion (pink and yellow). Their programme is drawn from the realm of popular classics which they play on improbable instruments at ridiculous speeds. Their repertoire consists mainly of arrangements and derangements of most of the world's musical masterpieces. The Classic Buskers have performed at a number of impressive venues including the Royal Albert Hall, the Festival Hall and the Sydney Opera House. And, soon, at Braunston Village Hall.

Tickets cost £6.00 each and are available by telephoning 01788 890865. Or by calling at The Boat Shop at Bottom Lock. Don't miss out this time – reserve your tickets, for FRIDAY 11th MARCH, as soon as you can.

Clubs and Associations in Braunston

New Village Society -Braunston Walkers Group

Is anyone interested in helping to establish an informal ramblers group in Braunston?

If you want to burn off some Christmas calories, enjoy the local countryside and make new friends, then this could be for you. We'll organise a different walk each month, and make the most of our beautiful surroundings. And we might even keep fit! Singles, couples and all ages welcome.

If you are interested, please ring Philip on 891437.

Friendly Club

February 14th
Demonstration of Hand made card
making by Joan Wood

February 28th Mavis Eley will lead us through some armchair exercises:- a fun way to keep fit

Gill Powell 890763

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT



The total amount collected in Braunston for the Poppy Day appeal amounted to a record £1453.

Thanks to all for their generous donations and to the collectors.

The Legion has several wheel chairs available for loan. Anyone needing one should contact a committee member.

The next meeting is at the Sporting Club Barby at 8.00 pm on 8th February 2005. New or prospective members are welcome to attend.

Tony Saunderson 6, Greenway Braunston 01788 890797.

Clubs and Society Events in Braunston

Braunston Twinning Association

BARN DANCE

A Trip to Quincy Voisins

At the November Brains of Braunston Quiz, held in the Village Hall, we carried out some research, using a questionnaire, on attitudes to Twinning and what people knew anout Tewinning. An amazing 75% of respondents knew what twinning is about

78% of respondents thought that at £50.00 per person (£40 for children) twinning weekend trip was very cheap, excellent or good value and 32% were interested in joining a twinning weekend trip to Quincy Voisins.

So we have booked a coach and we are off for a long weekend leaving Braunston at 9.00am on 29th April, returning on the Bank Holiday Monday. We still have a few places left on the coach so if you would like to join us just call Christine Grossart on 01788 890491 for more information

Two-thirds of respondents did not know that most "twinners" speak little or no French so don't worry about not speaking French. We have great fun, visit lots of interesting places and make great friends on Twinning Weekends.

Most people who have been to Quincy like to host when the French come to visit us but we can work around it if you are unable to or do not want to host from Quincy in the future.

We'd love you to join us on this really great value weekend.

Saturday 5th March 2005

Braunston Twinning Association

in Braunston School

Tickets £6.00 - including a Ploughman's Supper

Bring your own drinks

Tickets can be purchased from Braunston Post Office or Denise at 10 Welton Road 01788 890128

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Braunston Village Gardens Association will be organising an Open Gardens day in aid of Macmillan Nurses this summer. It will probably be on a Sunday in early July.

We will be contacting those of you who have opened their gardens in previous years to see if you are willing to do so again. If anyone else would be willing to open their garden, please contact:

Jean Dibben on 01788 890515 or e-mail:dibben@btinternet.com.

Any size or style of garden is suitable as our visitors enjoy the variety.

Clubs and Society Events in Braunston

The Dick Herne History Society

Braunston History Society are holding their next OPEN DAY in June

It will include an area dedicated to World War 2 and its effect on Village Life.

We are asking that anybody with experiences and memories of the war gets in touch with us.

We want to hear about the Puddle Banks Bomb, Home Guard, fire brigade, duty in the forces, evacuees and anything else you can tell us about Braunston life in the war.

We will gladly write them down for you and we are hoping that somebody somewhere has memorabilia such as ration books, photographs, badges, powdered milk or even something more unusual to lend us.

We need your response quickly and ask that you contact Cris Pardoe on 01788 890448 as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish room at the Church on Tuesday 15 February at 7.30pm.



Braunston Women's Institute

Tuesday 1st February

Mrs E Morgan will talk on "Life of a Romano/British Lady at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Challenge - Homemade Jewellery

Visitors and friends welcome

W.I. SPRING FAYRE AND NEARLY NEW SALE

Saturday 5th March in Braunston Village Hall 2.00 to 4.00pm

Books

Bric-a-brac

Tombola

Cakes Raffle Nearly new clothes

Crafts

Everyone welcome - Free tea and coffee

Entrance:

30p Adults

Children free

Clubs and Associations in Braunston

Club	Contact	Phone 01788)	Meetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
After School Club	-		
Beavers	Sue Burge	890766	6-8yr old Boys and Girls - Mondays
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday evenings at 7.30, beginners at 7.00pm
Brownies	Karen or Nicola Holman	891299	Wed 6.30 to 8.00 for 7- 10yr old girls
Church Choir	David Noble	815173	Mondays Juniors 7-8pm Seniors 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Cub Scouts	Louis Prat	890766	8-10½ year old Boys and Girls on Wednesdays
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763	Village Hall 2.30pm on 2 nd and 4 th Mondays
Friends of Braunston School	Michelle Griffiths	890345	
Gardens Assn	David White	890865	
Guides			
History Society	Chris Pardoe	890448	
Junior and Infants School		890494	ŧ :
Junior Football	Shaun Tokley Robin Childs	891206 890728	Training on Sundays 10.30-noon for 9+ years
Playing Fields	Simon Skelcey,	891220	
Association	Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson	890583 890348,	e. , e ese
Pre-School	Catherine Cook	01327 703483.	Mon - Fri am during term time in the Village Hall

Clubs and Associations in Braunston

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2nd Tuesday of month at 8.00pm
School of Dance	Julia Beattie	890488	
Scouts	, .		10½ - 15½ yr old Boys and Girls on Fridays
Short Mat Bowls	Gill Powell	890763	
Singles	Ann	891561	
Braunston Tai Chi Club	John Harford	705807	Mondays 7-8.30pm Village Hall
Toddler Groups	Sylvia Dawson	890195	Tuesdays 1-3 yr olds Village Hall
Twinning Association	Chris Grossart Elizabeth Gwynne	890491 891331	
Venture Scouts	Louis Prat	890766	15½ - 20 yr olds
Village Hall Committee	Clare Ashley	07929048396	
Women's Institute	Rosemary Harding Sue Baker	891854 891967	1st Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA	Jackie Green	890145	Thursday evenings at School during Autumn and Spring Terms
Youth Club	Cindy Brewster		Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

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