

Braunston Village News

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Braunston Community Police Drop In Centre

In a new venture for the village there is, starting this month, to be a Community Police Drop In Centre. This will provide a regular opportunity for anyone who wishes to, to speak with Braunston's Community Beat police officer, PC Bob Dunn. PC Dunn will be in the Village Hall Library from 6-00pm to 8-00pm on the third Monday of every month (except August) at least until the end of this year.

He is able to speak and offer advice on Police community issues, home security, Neighbourhood Watch and personal safety.

A similar scheme is in operation in Weedon and has proved to be very valuable.

Whatever the policing issue, come and talk about it.

The Disabled

Do you ever look around and wonder how someone with a disability would be able to move around in the village. Obstructions which may not be seen, kerbs too high to step up or places which are not accessible for those in a wheelchair. There may be many examples.

Sara Tokley and Louis Prat are making it their business to note problem areas and then to try to have something done about them. If you spot anything which has either given you a problem or which you think would obstruct anyone with a disability please let Louis (01788 890766) or Sara (01788 891206) know and they will take the matter up. Daventry District Council has an Access Officer whose business it is to ensure that obstructions to disabled people are removed. He will be in the village in early June to discuss the issues.

Let's make sure that in Braunston disability does not mean exclusion.

HGV Survey

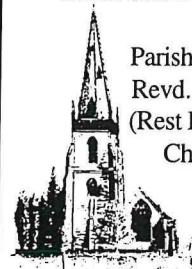
On a bright sunny day in early May a team of about a dozen volunteers set about carrying out a survey of the heavy goods vehicles passing into and out of the village. The count took place at two points one being the bend at Butlins Hill and the other in Welton Road almost opposite to National Starch. Sixty five vehicle movements were noted in the day which lasted from 7-00am to 7-00pm. A preliminary analysis has been made. The data has been sent to Northamptonshire County Council for further study. Early signs are that most of the vehicles spotted were making appropriate use of the village but the County Council will investigate any over which there are question marks.

Many thanks to all who helped.

New organ installed in the Church

Well, not actually brand new, it is an electronic organ in a large wooden box acquired from Ripon Cathedral for £7,500. The old organ, installed 150 years ago, is still there in fine working order and will continue to be used but the new organ which has a splendid sound will provide greater versatility. It will be dedicated on Sunday 28th May at the 10.30 am service and the first wedding using the new instrument will be on Saturday 27th May, the wedding of Andrew Bignell and Helen Williams.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



Parish Priest :
Rev. James Watson 890235
(Rest Day - Tuesdays)
Churchwardens:
John Caunt 890776
Charles Dunn 812143

CHURCH SERVICES

Thursday 1 June

Ascension Day 7.30 pm Eucharist
at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 4th June 7th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 11th June

Pentecost

8.00 am Holy Communion
~~10.30 am~~ Braunston Service
Cancelled but instead:
11.30 am **Pentecost service in
Abington Park, Northampton**

Monday 12th June

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 18th June

Trinity Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Thursday 22nd June

Corpus Christi 7.30 pm Eucharist
at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 25th June 1st Sunday after

Trinity
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Team Evensong
at Hellidon

Monday 26th June

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

*Closing date for the July edition is
Friday 23rd June*

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FERTILIZER SHOP - June 25th

is the last day on which the BVGA shop will be open on Sunday mornings from 11 a.m. till midday. So come along to the Village Hall and stock up on your composts, slug pellets, tomorite etc.

However you can still order by telephone after that date.

Protect your brown wheelie bin

The District Council is offering 90-litre biodegradable sacks to use in conjunction with the brown wheelie bins. Placed inside the bin, they help to keep it clean. Apparently a number of households have asked for these. The cost is £7-50 including VAT and delivery for 25 bags (a year's supply).

The bags can be obtained from Council Services Department, Daventry District Council, Contracts House, High March, Daventry, NN11 4HB. Cheques should be made payable to Daventry District Council.

Talking Rubbish

Daventry District Council is appealing for people to volunteer to be Community Waste Wardens. The job will involve giving information on the services available and to champion waste reduction and recycling in the local community.

There will be training available and access to the District Council's Waste Prevention and Recycling Officer.

If you are interested in finding more, please contact Geoff Waghorn (01788 890698) who will pass details to the District Council.

District Council Elections

The result of the election for a councillor for the Braunston Ward was:-

Janet McCarthy 517 (73.75%)

John Williams 184 (26.25%)

Congratulations to Councillor McCarthy on her re-election and also to the 54% of the electorate who voted.

Thank You

To the many villagers who supported me on election day and to all those who offered encouragement and helped on the day. I'm sorry it was not possible to speak to everyone whilst I was canvassing but please do contact me if there is an issue or problem where your feel I may be able to help. Either call at The Old Forge or telephone me on 890336. I am here to assist all villagers.

Janet McCarthy
District Councillor for
Braunston Ward.

Correction

The secretary of the Junior Football Club is Tracey Gibson, not as stated in the last issue. Our apologies to her.

Braunston Parish Council

Next Meeting
Monday 5 June 2000
7-30pm
Village Hall Library

Questionnaire in May issue

Do you recall the orange sheet inserted into the May BVN? Unfortunately not many forms had been returned by the 31 May deadline. It's still not too late. If you return the questionnaire in the next week or two it will still be looked at.

Whilst Local Information Advice and Guidance are there to help those who need work advice, they want to find the views of us all even if we don't need any assistance at present.

If you can spare a couple of minutes, your completed questionnaire would help to build the bigger picture.

Free internet access update

The Wednesday afternoon sessions for free internet access have now been cancelled, as we were finding that the people who came were experienced users, and did not need supervision.

We are therefore continuing only with the regular weekly Thursday evening supervised sessions, when the library will be manned from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m., and when anyone is welcome to come along, beginner or whiz kid.

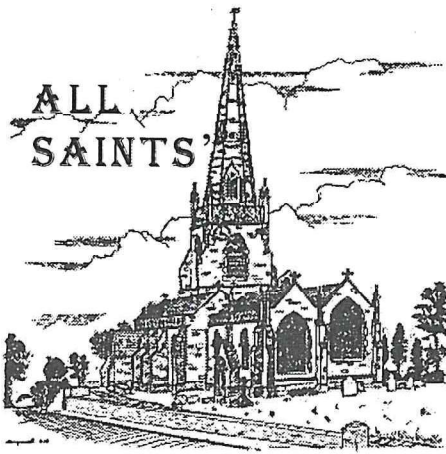
In addition the Village Hall is almost certain to be open, and the Library free, every Thursday afternoon. If you want to use the computer, and don't need any help, feel free to come along then. For further information, call 890865.

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Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Commemoration of our Millennium Appeal

When we set off last year to raise £10,000 to build an orphanage, little did we know that we would raise £14,500 in double quick time! May I thank everyone who helped us reach this figure. Mark Cook from HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN came to the final Celebration Concert where he received the cheque and spoke movingly about the work the charity was doing. He also told us where our home would be – in the Sudan. He expressed his wish that we should keep in contact with them as the home was filled with children, something which we are very keen to do. Watch this space!

Now that the fundraising is over, we need to find a suitable way of commemorating our Millennium Project. Obviously, it would be inappropriate to spend a large sum. People have suggested various options, from a roundel in one of the windows to a plaque on a wall. I would be grateful to hear from people who have their own ideas.

Yours sincerely,

Rev'd. James Watson

**What ideas
do you
have** 

From the registers...

Holy Matrimony

27th May

Helen WILLIAMS

and Andrew BIGNELL

We wish them every blessing in their married life together.

Funeral

22nd May

Alma SADLER

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

Church Floodlighting

29th April To celebrate 50 years of Hotel Narrowboats

29th April Rebecca Penhall's birthday

30th April In celebration of 50 years of Hotel Boating on Britain's inland waterways.

3rd May Feast of St. Mark

4th May On Sylvia White's birthday

7th May Peter Hick, on his birthday, with love, Margaret

7th May Birthday of Amanda and Michelle, love from Mum, Dad, Claire and family.

9th May Betty May – loving memories on her 80 birthday.

10th May Mary's birthday, from Peter Wenham

13th May Mrs. E. Merchant – birthday remembrance from all her family.

15th May Birthday memories of Dennis Clarke

16th May Jane Stevenson's birthday

16th May For my daughter, Caroline's, birthday

16th May 30th Wedding Anniversary of Jane and William Benson.

20th May Connie Dodd's birthday

21st May For Sharon Grant's 40th birthday from Kyle and Siann

22nd May Tina's birthday – from Jean Hossain

Correction: 17th & 18th April 'In memory of Anne Waller's 80th birthday.'

In response to popular demand LIGHTING CERTIFICATES

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.

Notices...

On PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) 11th June, all the churches in the Northampton area, ours included, have been invited to a shared act of worship at 11.30 am in Abington Park, Northampton. This is one of the events in 2000 which all the church denominations are supporting by way of celebrating the true meaning of the Millennium – the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ. **There will therefore be no 10.30 am service in Braunston.**



Church Fête

Saturday

17th June

in the Rectory Garden at 2 pm.

As usual, there will be games and stalls as well as teas and cakes. Come along and bring your family and friends and have an enjoyable afternoon!

Do you look after someone else?

Carers Forum Northamptonshire are looking to identify as many unpaid Carers as possible around the county, who would be willing to help us to respond to the local authorities regarding recent changes in the way they are delivering services.

The Forum was set up in 1993 to be the Carer's voice in our county. The authorities are constantly seeking the Forum's opinion. To be able to speak authoritatively the Forum has a Carers Database, with over 680 members. The members are consulted about what they think of the quality of services now and how they could be improved. This is usually done by sending questionnaires, thus avoiding the need to attend meetings.

If you are willing to be a part of our organisation for consultation or would like to be more actively involved, or would just like information and advice, please make contact.

This project is run by Northamptonshire Council for Disabled People who are registered under the Data protection Act of 1984, so you can be sure that all information is kept totally confidential.

Free leaflets available on request:

'Signpost to Services for Carers'

'Support Groups in Northamptonshire'

To follow up please phone Jenny Osborne on 01604-624088

Friendly Club

Monday 12th June

Tea Dance

Tuesday 20th June

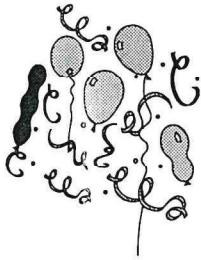
Coach trip to Moreton in the Marsh leaving The Green at 9.30 am and return departure at 2.00 pm. Cost £6. There are plenty of spare seats for friends and relations.

Please phone:

Gill on 890763 or Ann on 890132

Please note change of date from that announced at the club.

Braunston Pre-School



Friday 7th July at 10.00 am
in the Village Hall

Help us celebrate over 25 years of Pre-School in Braunston. There will be ... wine ... cheese ... cake... and a chance to add to our "memories" book. Tell everyone who has had a connection with Pre-School

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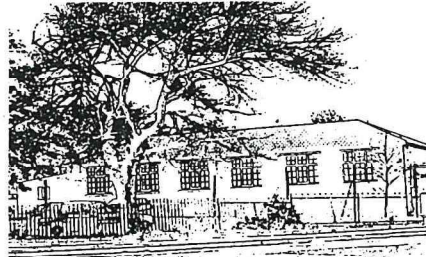
Tuesday 6th June

7-30pm

in the Village Hall

"Housekeeping at the Mansion House"
a talk by Valerie White.

Village Hall Fundraising



Try something new!

REFLEXOLOGY SESSION £10

"A treat for your feet"

Jan Wilcox writes: "I am just completing a course in Reflexology and am glad to offer an hour's reflexology for £10 (half the usual price) all of which will go the Village Hall appeal."

Reflexology - for those of you who haven't had it - is a technique of applying gentle pressure to the reflexes on the hands or feet to bring about deep relaxation, unblock energy channels and balance the whole body. It can be very beneficial and relieve symptoms of many common ailments including asthma, migraine, sinusitis, insomnia and stress. A treatment will last about one hour.

Thank you Jan!

Book before 11th June on 890286

and also:

BOOK SALE

Sunday 2nd July

2 - 5 pm in the Village Hall
Refreshments available too!

BRAUNSTON WEBSITE

There are now two addresses for access to this site.

www.braunston.org.uk

www.braunston.net

National Working Boat Gathering

Saturday 8th and
Sunday 9th July

The Stop House Lawn and
Grand Union Canal,
Braunston

The Commercial Boat Operators Association in partnership with British Waterways, are hosting a millennium celebration of working canal boats; historic, present and future.

Along with the magnificent display of boats, other attractions will include traditional craft workshops, loading and unloading demonstrations, impromptu entertainment and a beer tent.

Opening Times:

Saturday 10am to 6pm

Sunday 10am to 5pm

For further information please contact David Blagrove, CBOA on 01604 862174, email cboa@canalcarrying.co.uk or have a look on the CBOA's website at www.canalcarrying.co.uk/cboa

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Delegation or what!

The Parish Council wrote a letter to the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire. A reply was received from a superintendent saying that an inspector would deal with the matter in due course. The superintendent's signature was, of course, Pped.