

# Braunston Village News

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*This issue published jointly by All Saints' Church and the Braunston Parish Council for every home in Braunston*

## National Starch Closure

### ..... a letter from the Company

*Ru Hamilton, Plant Manager writes:*

Dear Neighbour,

At the end of last year, National Starch & Chemical announced that it will close its Braunston site. The plans are to close the labs and offices by the end of this year, and to cease production in mid 2001. Regretfully, 55 people will either retire or be made redundant. This decision has been taken because the site has become too expensive to run and the business really needs now to be based closer to the future customer base, which is in continental Europe.

This was a particularly hard decision to make. Despite tremendous efforts from our employees, it has simply not been possible to continue successfully from this location. This closure is particularly sad considering the long history of the site and the close ties that have been built with the village.

We are now committed to doing everything possible to help our employees who we believe deserve our full support in finding work outside of our company. For example, we are providing on-site counselling and outplacement services that will provide assistance in interview techniques, CV writing, etc. In addition, we will of course do everything necessary to ensure that we leave the site in an environmentally sound condition.

National Starch is proud of its association with Braunston and has valued being part of the local community. We would like to thank everyone who has made it possible.

Yours sincerely  
*Ru Hamilton*  
Plant Manager

## Village bus services slashed

### 6-00pm Rugby to Daventry - Geoff Amos

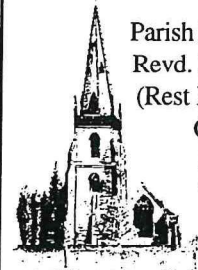
This will no longer operate from 20 March 2000. It has only been carrying one or two passengers. Stagecoach United Counties 773 service (Rugby to Northampton) runs at more or less the same time. From 20 March it will come into Braunston village *but only if* the driver is requested to do this when the passenger boards the bus.

### Crick to Daventry via Braunston. Weds, Fri and Saturday evenings - Stagecoach Midland Red. 91

This service introduced a year ago will stop running after the week of 24 April 2000. The reason given by Northamptonshire County Council is low passenger numbers leading to a subsidy of £32-75 per passenger.

*The motto has to be Use it or Lose it!*

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



Parish Priest :  
Revd. James Watson 890235  
(Rest Day - Tuesdays)  
Churchwardens:  
John Caunt 890776  
Trevor Minett 890908

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist and  
Holy Baptism  
6.30 pm Evensong

#### Ash Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

7.30 pm Eucharist and  
Imposition of Ashes

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Family Service – theme:  
“Water”; lollipops for all!

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong  
at Staverton

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

#### Every Wednesday

10.30 am Holy Communion

*Closing date for the April edition is  
Thursday 23rd March.*

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



## Calling all women!

Did you know that the Guide Association is the world's largest female voluntary organisation and that nationally, 1 in 3 girls aged 5 to 10 is a member? But not in Braunston! Guiding is a game with a purpose. Members of all ages are challenged to explore their creativity, get involved with the community, support the environment and think for themselves.

Guiding aims to help girls develop and achieve their potential by providing a range of activities - indoors and outdoors, nationally and internationally. We can be involved in anything from computers to the environment and crafts to canoeing. Above all we like to enjoy ourselves.

Guiding has been available in Braunston for over 30 years, but do you want it now? If so, then your help is needed urgently. Due to lack of leaders, there has never been a Rainbow unit, aged 5 to 7, and the Brownie Pack, aged 7 to 10, finished over a year ago.

The Guides in Braunston are flourishing at the moment and would like to have another adult or two to join them. Any female over 18 who wants to add Guiding to their CV is welcome to contact Jean Dibben to find out more. You would need to be prepared to have fun, work in a team and be part of the worldwide organisation that can have a positive influence in the lives of girls and young women.

*If you are interested or wish to know more please contact*

**Jean Dibben, 32 Church Road.  
Tel: 890515.**

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## Pre-School Entry Age Lowered

**Braunston Pre-school** is pleased to announce that we can now accept children at two-and-a-half - WITHOUT THEIR PARENTS STAYING TOO! If you would like to take advantage of this and your child is out of nappies, please call Alison on 891096.

Braunston Pre-school is a member of the Pre-school Learning Alliance and we received a very good report from our most recent Ofsted inspection.

## Friends of Braunston CE School

### Appeal for used Inkjet Printer Cartridges

For every empty inkjet cartridge donated Braunston School will receive either 50p or £1-00. Now that an increasing number of us have printers there is a potential for a substantial amount of money to be collected for the school without anyone spending a penny extra.

#### What to do?

- 1) Simply put the used inkjet cartridge into its original packaging or a plastic bag (not Clingfilm or sticky tap which makes it valueless)
- 2) Take it to Braunston School
- 3) Put it into the special collection box.

If you can't get to the school collection can be arranged if you ring and request it.

The following makes of inkjet printer cartridge are acceptable: Hewlett Packard, Apple Stylewriter, Canon, Lexmark, Infotech/Ricoh and Panasonic Panafax.

As if helping the school isn't enough incentive there is also a donation of 20p per cartridge to The British Wheelchair Athletics Association and reused cartridges don't end up in landfill sites where they damage the environment.

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## WANTED

### Junior Youth Club Co-ordinator

#### First the good news:

We already have a good number of junior school children in the 8 to 11 year old age group who we like a youth club.

We already have a number of volunteers to help at the clubs fortnightly session.

#### BUT

We don't have anyone to oversee all of the arrangements, ensure that there are enough volunteers at each session, plan any special activities and oversee the finances.

If this is something which you think you may be able to help with have a word with Sara Tokley to find out more (01788 891206).

## Choristers' Success

Head Choristers Phillip Monk and Guy Hutchinson recently gained their Bishop's Awards from the South East Midlands area of the Royal School of Church Music. This is the highest regional award available. Having both passed the practical exam with a merit, they were subsequently invited to sing with several other new and existing award winners at a special service at Peterborough Cathedral in January.

### *Phillip takes up the story:*

On Saturday 22nd January, Guy Hutchinson and I travelled to Peterborough to attend a one day Royal School of Church Music award winners choir school culminating in Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. Our choirmaster for the day was Mr. Christopher Gower, who is Master of the Music at the Cathedral and the organist was Mr. Thomas More. There were approximately 25 award winners together with some adults to enhance the tenor and bass sections. Our day started in the Cathedral song school and after a run through the music for Evensong, we moved down to the choir stalls in the Chancel so that we could work with the organ. It was extremely hard work and we were very relieved when we stopped for lunch and were able to relax for a while. When we returned after lunch we robed and continued with the rehearsals and were instructed on our entrance and exit from the service. Evensong began at 3.30pm and lasted for nearly an hour. It was a wonderful experience to sing in such a magnificent Cathedral. The sound produced by the organ seemed to fill every bit of space. Mr Gower was very patient with us and I hope that the congregation enjoyed the service. I know Guy and I had a great day.

For further details about singing opportunities at All Saints' Church, please contact the Director of Music, David Noble (01788 815173) or the Vicar, James Watson (890235).

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## BRAUNSTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Missing equipment

Sometime over the Christmas period a netball pole and stand was stolen from Braunston School. Obviously the school cannot play their forthcoming fixtures without this equipment. If anyone has any information would they please contact the school on 890494?

# NEWS FROM THE GARDENS ASSOCIATION.

Our compost & fertiliser shop will re-open for this season on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. As usual, our store at the Village Hall will be manned by volunteers from 11.00 a.m. until midday every Sunday until the end of June. Membership is again only 20p for the whole season. All profits go to support our activities in the village. Here is a selection of our competitively priced products:-

Product	Quantity	Price
Compost - Richmoor	80 litres	£3-90
 <b>John Innes seed compost</b>	25 litres	£2-20
John Innes No.2 compost	25 litres	£2-20
Growbag	For 3 plants	£1-20
<b>Growbag</b>	For 4 plants	£1-65
 <b>Ashby Manor Garden Mulch</b>	80 litres	£3-50
<b>Rooster-organic pelleted chicken manure</b>	7.35kgs	£6-00
Tomorite	1 litre	£3-50
Bamboo canes	8ft	£0-22
Doff Slug pellets	1Kg	£2-95
Water retaining gel	50g sachet	£1-00
Slow release fertiliser	120g sachet	£0-80

As well as the above, we also sell Growmore, Bonemeal, Lawn Sand, Lawn Food, Rose Fertiliser, Blood Fish & Bone, Lime, Sulphate of Ammonia and Sulphate of Potash. We sell these loose in quantities of 1lb to 28lb, as well as whole bags. And, as we can't afford new weights, we will continue to sell in lb's – it is a private club after all!

*Don't forget* – this coming Sunday and **every** Sunday until the end of June, we will be open from 11.00 a.m. until midday. Everybody welcome.

## Charity Commission Surgeries 2000

These will take place at the Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton on

**14 April, 23 June,  
15 September, 3 November  
8 December.**

An appointment may be valuable if you are a charity trustee requiring advice or wishing to follow up previous correspondence.

The surgeries will also be useful for a group which is considering registration as a charity.

There is no charge.

For more details and a booking form contact:-

Pam Wilton  
Northamptonshire ACRE  
Hunsbury Hill Centre  
Harksome Hill  
Northampton NN4 9QX  
Tel: 01604 765888  
Fax: 01604 708571  
Email:  
acre@nacre.powernet.co.uk

## Notes for the diary:

### Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Plant Sale** in aid of the Village Hall improvement scheme: 9 a.m. until 12.00 on The Green. All donations of plants or seedlings welcome – please bring them on the day.

### Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

## The Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show.

### FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We have about 300 sandy-coloured block pavers to give away. If you would like them please call us on 891096.

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

## Hall Improvement scheme update.

Our Fund for this project now stands at just over £11,000. Letters written to grant making trusts have elicited the following donations:-

**£200** from the Sudborough Foundation, **£400** from the Benham Charitable Settlement, & **£1000** from the Maud Elkington Charitable Trust.

Our table top sale raised £300. Many thanks to everyone involved, particularly those who took tables to raise money for the Hall project.

Our grateful thanks, too, for the donation of £100 from a resident. Grant applications will be made to the National

Lottery Charity Board (£150,000 approx) and to Daventry District Council (£20,000), when we have all the necessary information to hand.

Plans are underway for further village events:

our next fund raising is a **BRING AND BUY 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND BOOK SALE** in the Old Library on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 till 12.00. The internet computer will also be available for anyone who is interested to see what it is all about, and we will be serving refreshments as well. Everyone welcome.

### FREE INTERNET ACCESS

We are pleased to announce the Village Hall has received a grant of **£1100 from the Lloyds TSB Foundation** to allow free internet access in the Library to continue for a further year. The grant will fund the room hire, plus the purchase of a printer. The parish council covers the cost of the telephone and the internet service, so we can continue to offer free internet access to any Braunston resident until Easter 2001.

Supervised tuition sessions take place every Thursday evening from 7 – 9 and every other Wednesday afternoon (next session 8<sup>th</sup> Mar) from 2 – 4. However, the computer is available at times whenever the hall is open and the library vacant.

### VILLAGE HALL CONTACT NUMBERS:

Chairman:

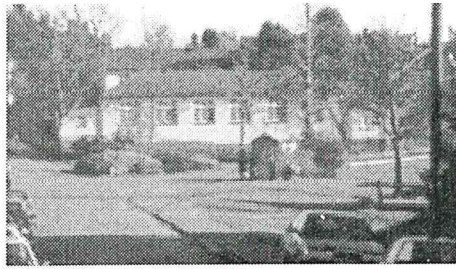
890865 (Lynne Whyte)

Secretary and Booking:

891580 (Clare Ashley)

Treasurer:

890348 (Wendy Wilson)



## 200 club - 300 club - 400 club ???

**Newcomers to the village may have heard of the 200 club, and have wondered what it is. Well, it's a weekly lottery that has operated for over 30 years, and the funds raised supplement the income of the village hall. With a waiting list of people who would like numbers, we think now might be a good time to expand.**

**A number costs £1.00 every four weeks, (£13 per annum) and there is a weekly draw at Bingo on Thursday evenings, with winning numbers posted in the Village Hall and the Post Office. At the moment, one number wins £50 on week 1, and two numbers are drawn weekly for three weeks to win either £10 or £5. With further members, we can add more prizes, perhaps with a higher value.**

**However, as we only have 4 collectors, and it is very time consuming for them to collect from so many homes, we are proposing alternative payment methods for new members – either an annual standing order from your bank, or payment at Braunston Post Office. If you wish to belong to our lottery, please can you register your name, address, how many numbers you require, and your preferred payment method at the Post Office. Standing order forms can be collected there. Existing members can ask their collectors for further numbers, or a different payment method if they would like to change it. However, anyone who wishes to continue with their present arrangements can do so.**

**The new prize amounts will be announced in the May edition of the village news.**

**Many thanks to Steve and Jenny at the Post Office for their help in this.**



Hope and Homes for Children

*A family and a future for young victims of war or disaster*

Two more events in April will complete our money raising efforts which will enable Braunston's Millennium Fund to buy a house that will give a much needed home to orphaned children in a poor area of the world.

**On April 9th 2000** come and enjoy a fun day based at the school and playing field by taking part in a Sponsored walk for **all** ages finishing with refreshments in the school hall. Both walkers and helpers are wanted.

### The plans are as follows:-

**1 p.m.** Adult walkers will start from the school on a walk of about 5 miles across fields/country via footpaths/towpaths enjoying the countryside that surrounds our village and finishing at the school in time for refreshments.

**2.30p.m.** Children will begin up to 10 circuits of the playing field (approx. 3 miles if they complete all 10) followed by refreshments in the school hall.

**3.30p.m.** A toddlers totter will take place in the school playground or in the school hall if the weather is unkind.

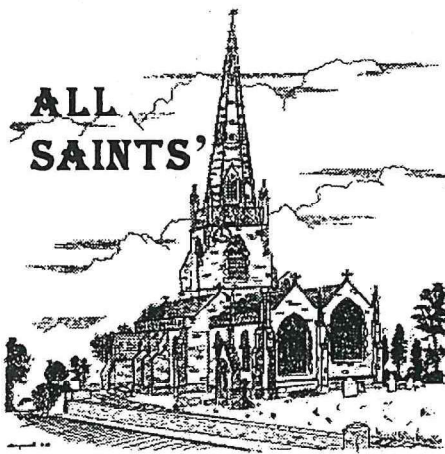
**4p.m.** Refreshments and certificates will be presented to those who complete the walk.

Stanley Unwin hopes to be able to join us to give out certificates to participants together with Tony Osborne who is the Community Co-ordinator for Hope & Homes.

**Please support us and come and enjoy a fun day for all ages.**

If you are not a walker, we would welcome offers of help to be a steward or to help with refreshments. For Sponsor forms and offers of help please contact any of the committee whose names and contact numbers appear on page 3.

Also on page 3 are details of a celebration concert.



### Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Lent will soon be upon us. We shall be marking the beginning of the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday with a Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the church.

Lent is often seen as a time of giving something up, whether it be chocolate or alcohol or the like. But really Lent should be a time for taking things on, doing something extra to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Easter when it arrives forty days after Ash Wednesday. This is why All Saints' Church runs Lent courses each year.

This time, there are two options. First, there is a chance to study the section of St. Matthew's Gospel which is more commonly known as *The Sermon on the Mount*. It contains a sizeable chunk of Jesus' teaching on how we should relate to God and each other. It contains some demanding moral injunctions and we shall explore how we might apply them in our modern day. Alternatively, there is a chance to explore our faith through the hymns that have been written down the ages. All the hymns are on a CD so no singing is required! This course has been put together by the ecumenical partnership *Churches together in Britain and Ireland*, and it would be particularly good if people from the other denominations could join in. If you would like to take part in either group, please put your name on the list at the back of church where full details are given.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

### Notices...

HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN.



# £10,000 RAISED

*Well done and thank  
you everyone!*

We have now broken through the £10,000 target! Mark Cook of the Hope and Homes for Children charity will be here in person to receive the cheque, which by that time will be well over the £10,000 mark. He will attend our final fund-raising event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April which will be a concert in the church. Please try and make this event and meet a remarkable man.

The next fundraising event will be on

**Sunday 9th April**

**Sponsored walk and fun-day**

for all the family

starting at the Playing Field

See details on another page

Please join in.

To get your sponsor forms and make your offers to help in anyway please contact:

Rev. James Watson	890235
Janet McCarthy	890336
John Caunt	890776
Sheila Rowley	890559
Annette Iles	891712
Barrie & Gillian Thompson	890091

### From the registers...

#### Holy Baptism

6th February Toby Shackleford  
Adam Shackleford

*It is with great pleasure that we welcome these two children into the Lord's family*

#### Funerals

7th February Betty May  
10th February Irene Holmes

*May they rest in peace and let light perpetual shine upon them*

**LENT LUNCHESES** will again take place this year on Saturdays from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. Enjoy a bowl of nourishing soup and roll of bread. All proceeds go to **HOPE AND HOMES**. They will take place on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April in the Parish Room of the church.

Make a note

### Celebration Concert

**Saturday 29th April  
in the Church**

given by professional national artists and young, talented artists from our own village.

More details in April BVN.

This is when we present Mark Cook, the founder of the

**Hope and Homes for Children**  
with a cheque in excess of our £1 0,000 target.

### Church Floodlighting



*Picture above shows  
Richard Jaremijenko  
of 14 Countryside  
switching on the floodlights on  
New Year's Eve*

1<sup>st</sup> February On my wife's birthday,  
from Peter Ballinger

2<sup>nd</sup> February Candlemass,  
the Presentation of Christ

2<sup>nd</sup> February In memory of Dennis Taylor

12<sup>th</sup> February Remembering Karen Childs  
on her birthday, from Dad, Kim and Helen

13<sup>th</sup> February For Leonard Knibbs –

Happy Birthday Dad, Grandad,  
and Great Grandad, with love.

14<sup>th</sup> February In memory of Sarah Bodley -  
20 years since she died, love  
from all her family.

22<sup>nd</sup> February In memory of George Green,  
beloved father of Roy and Pam  
and much loved by all the rest of  
his family.

26<sup>th</sup> February For Pauline Knibbs, on her  
birthday.

## Friendly Club

### Monday 13 March

Chris Danes, a potter, will bring a portable wheel so that members may try 'throwing' pots. (*Bring a pinafore!*)

### Monday 27 March

Braunston School pupils will entertain with singing and instruments etc.

## A45

Parish Councillors will be meeting with Paul Hillman of the Highways Agency on Thursday 6 April 2000 in order to discuss changes to improve safety which have been proposed as a result of previous meetings between the agency and the council.

Details of the proposals are on display in the Village Hall Library.

## THE BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

Mrs Julia Beattie

Fully registered I.S.T.D. teacher

## DANCE CLASSES AT BRAUNSTON

Enquiries Tel. RUGBY 890488

## Braunston Parish Council

Next Meeting

Monday 6 March 2000

7-30pm

Village Hall Library



The PCC and the Parish Council are extremely grateful to Gwen Cole and Dick Hayes for the two donations which were received this month. Advertising revenue only goes part of the way to covering production costs which are in the region of £130 per issue. Any donation reduces the amount which the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council have to pay to cover costs.

Mrs Gwen Cole would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages of sympathy received on the death of John.

Gwen and family are grateful for your kind thoughts.

## Advance Notice

Operation Springclean will take place  
Sunday 16 April  
commencing at 10-00am.

## Cycle Action in Daventry District

Mike Arnold is trying to find out if there is interest in setting up a cycling oriented group in the Daventry Area.

### Why not visit the website at

<http://www.fortunecity.com/olympia/luge/843/index.htm>

**Aims and Targets:** 'To work towards making Daventry a safer and more pleasant place to cycle and to encourage people to make more journeys by bike'.

If you can help set up a group or want to join a group contact Mike Arnold on:-  
01327 302531 or  
marnold@daventrydc.gov.uk or  
mike@ncieh.freemove.co.uk



**British Waterways**

*are looking to recruit a*

## SEASONAL RETAIL ASSISTANT

To work at

**The Stop House, Braunston**

**Saturdays and Sundays**

**12.00 - 4.00pm.**

23 April - 28 August

Outgoing, mature and  
confident personality  
essential.

Experience of working with the  
public preferable.

**£5.00 per hour**

*Please apply in writing outlining any  
relevant experience to:*

Helen Lucas, The Stop House,  
Braunston, Northamptonshire,  
NN11 7JQ by 9 March 2000.



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## Braunston Women's Institute

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7-30pm in Braunston Village Hall. New members are very welcome.

### Tuesday 7 March

Our speaker will be Mrs Pat Streecon who will talk about 'Victorian Boxes'.

**Saturday 18 March - 2-00pm - Braunston Village Hall**

Annual Jumble Sale including a cake stall, refreshments and a raffle.

## Do you have a view on Daventry Tertiary College?

The college Corporation is looking for new members to be responsible for the governance of the College.

These are voluntary, public service appointments that can make a difference to what the College does and how it serves the community. The Corporation needs people with a wide range of different experience.

To find out more contact the Clerk on 01327-300232.

**But hurry - applications close Friday 3rd March.**