

# Braunston Village News

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## OUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL Returned unopposed

When nominations for Braunston Parish Council closed there were just 13 names for the 12 seats. We would have to have an election to decide which of the 13 would not be a Councillor. On hearing this, one nominee, John Moger, decided to stand down. This public-spirited act has saved the Parish a considerable sum of money and John is to be thanked for it. However, it is sad that for the first time in over 30 years there will not be a Parish Council Election in Braunston.

Four councillors, Sue Burge, Terry Fuller, Chris Miller and Mike Robinson, are retiring. Their hard work during their period of office has been very much appreciated.

To help you contact a Councillor their phone numbers and a short profile are given below. They take office on 8th May.

**Melancy Boniface 891224**

has lived in the village for 12 years, coming from Ashby St Ledgers. She has four grown up children. She works at Brownlands Nursing Home in Daventry as a Registered General Nurse. Her great love is walking in the area and she takes a special interest in environmental issues that affect Braunston.

**Cindy Brewster 891511**

was born in Braunston and is mother to 13 year old Kelly who now attends Daventry William Parker School. Her work involves caring for and rehabilitating 12 to 15 year old offenders. Cindy enjoys charity fundraising and is particularly keen to see the new Village Hall renovations completed.

**Mick Clark 891133**

has lived in Braunston for 11 years. He has worked at Argos for 27 years and ran a small family business, *Braunston Reproductions* for 8 years. Other interests include golf and fishing with a keen interest in road safety and the local environment.

**Patrick Herlihy 890590**

30 years in Braunston. He taught in secondary schools and was County Secretary of a teacher's union. Now retired, Pat is secretary of Braunston Conservation Group. He has a special interest in the village environment.

**Mick Isom 890866**

was born in Braunston. He works at a local factory as Production Foreman. A Parish Councillor for the past 8 years, he has been a member of the Planning Committee and was a founder member of Braunston Conservation Group.

**Janet McCarthy 890336**

has lived in the village for 36 years. She has been a Parish Councillor for 24 years and Chairman of the council for 11 years. She is a Governor of Braunston School and an active member of various village groups.

**Louis Prat 890766**

has lived in Braunston for 23 years. Married with three children, he is a social worker with particular interest in the needs of children and the disabled. He is currently Chairman of the Executive Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scouts.

**Sara Tokley 891206**

has lived in Braunston for a number of years. She is bookkeeper by profession, married with two young boys. Sara is a Governor of Braunston School, secretary to the Junior Football Club and treasurer of the Playing Fields Association.

**Terry Waddleton 890128**

has lived in Braunston for 34 years and has been a Parish Councillor for 20 years. He ran Braunston junior youth club for about 18 years. A founder member of Braunston Twinning Association.

**Rob Whittington 891212**

has lived in Braunston for seven years after moving from Berkshire when he retired. As a canal enthusiast is keen to help protect and enhance the unique character of the village.

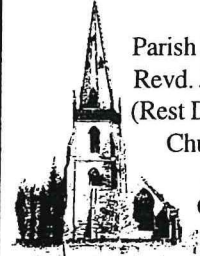
**Lynne Whyte 890865**

has lived in Braunston for over 13 years, works in Rugby as an Administration Manager. She is Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and is a Governor of Braunston School.

**Wendy Wilson 890348**

has lived in Braunston for 25 years and has been a Parish Councillor for 12, serving on Planning and Finance Committees. She works in the village and has been an active member of the Village Hall committee for the past 10 years.

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



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

Churchwardens:  
John Caunt 890776  
Charles Dunn 812143

**Sunday 7th May** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
6.30 pm Evensong

**Monday 8th May**

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

**Sunday 14th May** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Family Service – theme  
of HUNGER

**Sunday 21st May** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

**Monday 22nd May**

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

**Sunday 28th May** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

## Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 19 May at 7-30pm  
in the Village Hall

Reports on village issues and your chance to make your views known to the new Council. This year there will be no outside speaker so all the time can be given to village matters.

Closing date for the June edition is  
Tuesday 23rd May.

Leave your copy at the Post Office  
or e-mail [jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk)

## Village Hall news

Our fund now stands at just over £12,000 with over £100 added from our Cheese & Wine evening in April. Many thanks to all who attended and those who provided food and raffle prizes.

The village hall is run by a management committee consisting of up to 10 user group representatives and six elected members, plus up to 4 co-opted members. As the village hall is a registered charity, all members of the committee become charity trustees, and work in the interests of the charity in accordance with our constitution. The 6 village representatives are elected at the **A.G.M.**, which this year will take place on **Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, at 8.00 p.m. in the Old Library.** It is the opportunity for villagers to hear what has taken place over the past year, what is planned for the future, to examine the finances of the Village Hall and to vote for the 6 elected members. Everybody is welcome to attend. (If anyone is interested in standing for election to the committee, and wants further information on what is involved in being a charity trustee, then please telephone Lynne Whyte, Chairman of the committee, on 890865, who will be pleased to give you details.)

## Don't let Granny have all the fun

*Grandparents can (and do) use the village Internet service to learn as much about surfing the web as all youngsters do. But the service is for everyone of all ages.*

Have you thought of the Internet service in the Village Hall as an Internet telephone box? The advantage is that it is free, and in the warm and dry.

It is available whenever the Village Hall is open. It can be activated by flicking a wall switch.

**The system has been used for a variety of reasons:-**

- E-mails, particularly to friends and relatives abroad. (Of course the next visit is to see if there has been a reply!). You can also receive photographs by e-mail. It's easy to set up a FREE e-mail address
- Another common use has been to trace the family name or family tree.
- The system is available for shopping or banking – a boon for those without transport and who rely on our limited bus service.
- Research on any subject you can think of. Several villagers have traced the location of War Graves of family members killed in the two World Wars. Look at the Braunston web site and see what's going on in the Village.
- Save money at the newsagent by accessing your newspaper on the web.

### Help is available!

This is every Thursday evening from 7-00pm to 9-00pm and on two Wednesday afternoons per month from 2-00pm to 4-00pm.

You can come along for just a few minutes if you only want to do one quick job, or you can spend an hour or more surfing the web. All for free.

You don't have to book or make any arrangements in advance. Just turn up.

### Why come?

Every advert seems to end in 'dot com'; don't be left behind – find out what it's all about and how to use it to your advantage. Research for home, school or office. It's fun.

### What's available?

As well as Internet access there is a word processing facility, a printer and paper and a Touch Screen. The latter has recently been upgraded to include an entertainment section with film and video clips and BBC news online.

## Euro-MP visit

Bill Newton-Dunn MEP opened a new boat building workshop for *Utopia* during a recent visit to the Daventry area. As well as calling at Braunston Marina he was guest of honour of Daventry Business Association.

## Undergrounding of electric cables

East Midlands Electricity is to carry out a programme of undergrounding of its electricity supply cables in the Spinney Hill/Welton Road/Ashby Road area due to commence on 2 May 2000. The work is part of EME's ongoing work to upgrade its equipment.

## A45 safety

On 6 April 2000, the Parish Council held a helpful and productive meeting with representatives of the Highways Agency. The result of the meeting is that with minor alterations, the safety measures previously agreed will be put into place. The intention is that the work will be done by the summer of this year.

The site visit to the road had the useful by-product of the men from the agency experiencing for themselves the high speeds of vehicles using the A45. This was in spite of the fact that most drivers hit the brakes when they saw three men in fluorescent yellow jackets who may just have been part of a police speed check.

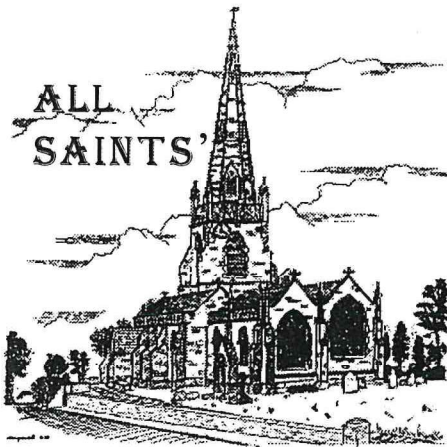
Additional safety changes will be proposed arising out of the visit. These will include improvements to the lining in the Old Road/Marina area and changes to the village name signs to slow traffic and warn of bends. There was also Highways Agency support for police speed checks. These suggestions will be passed to the Parish Council for comment before implementation.

A number of HGVs use Brindley Quays as a place to change direction on the A45. We in Braunston believe that this is because signs in Daventry are missed because they are inadequate. Having for a number of years contended that there is no problem; the Highways Agency is to review signage in Daventry again. In the meantime it accepts that 'improved signage is likely to resolve the problem'.

## The grey mast is Orange

The Highways Agency agreed with Parish Councillors that the mast and box belonging to *Orange* which appeared by the side of the A45 about six weeks ago is in an unsafe position and should be moved. We have been informed since the site meeting that although *Orange* may have just about complied with the letter of the law in erecting the equipment, its procedures were below what should be expected. In any event items have to be placed in safe areas which the current site is not considered to be. We await events but we are probably all pleased to know that no company, however large, can put hardware just where it pleases.

As a number of the wooden poles which will be removed carry street lamps, the Parish Council is to take the opportunity to buy replacements rather than leave lamps on sawn off wooden poles. In addition a new lamp will be provided at the junction of Welton Road and Spinney Hill. The undergrounding will not incur a direct cost to the village. The new lamps will cost £1176.



### Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

#### New organ for All Saints' Church

The PCC is in the process of buying a new organ for the church. The organ comes from Ripon Cathedral in Yorkshire and is an electronic instrument. This does not mean however that we shall be losing the old organ. It will remain and be used and maintained as it has been in the past. The reason for acquiring a new organ is that it will enable us to broaden our repertoire. The current organ has a narrow keyboard and this means that certain pieces of music simply cannot be played.

The cost of the new organ is £7,500 but this is partly offset by a recent donation to the organ fund of £5,000. In addition, we have been given a substantial grant from the landfill tax scheme (£4,800) which will help us to re-order the back of the church to accommodate the instrument.

The instrument has been carefully vetted and represents good value – a new organ of equivalent specification would cost £80,000. There is some additional work that will need to be done to digitalise the working parts but we hope to install the new organ in May.

Yours sincerely,

*Rev'd. James Watson*

### From the registers...

#### Holy Baptism

23rd April 2000

Gwendoline, Kelly and  
Amanda Ford.

Jamie and Emma Kennedy.

*We welcome them into the Lord's family  
with great joy.*

### Notices...

#### ALPHA

**The easy and enjoyable introduction to the Christian faith.**

Begins again on Wednesday May 17th at 7pm in the Parish Room of the Church. Come and find out in a relaxed, informal atmosphere why 3.5 million people have been on **ALPHA** or know someone who has! **ALPHA** looks at questions such as, "What is the point of life?", "What happens when we die?" and "Who is Jesus?". A typical evening begins at 7 pm with a cooked meal followed by a video lasting 40 mins, followed by a discussion. Each session ends at approximately 9.15 pm.

If you would like to speak to someone who has already been on a course or would like to join **ALPHA**, then please speak to Beryl on 890814.

#### THE LITTLE FISHERS

*Toddlers' Service  
every other  
Monday at  
2.15pm*

The **LITTLE FISHERS** toddlers' service will be 4 years old when it meets again after the Easter break on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Little Fishers is a fun way for children to begin their Church life. We begin with an easy-to-sing worship song, hear a story and then do an activity. We end with orange and biscuits at the back of church. All children and their parents/carers are welcome. The Little Fishers meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays during term-time at 2.15 pm in the church.

### Advance warning!

**CHRISTIAN AID** week begins on 14th May. Following the Chancellor's proposals on 'Getting Britain Giving', if you put your name and address on the gift envelope, Christian Aid can get an extra 28p on every pound that is given. No signature required!

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 Abington Park in 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 Floodlighting

29th March For Walter Childs, in memory of his birthday, with love from his sisters and brothers

6th April Birth of Jordan Oliver, grandson of Tony and Barbara Saunderson.

8th April In memory of Louisa Manning who died on Maundy Thursday 18 years ago.

9th April In memory of Herbert and Rhoda Rushall, on their wedding anniversary.

17th & 18th In memory of Ann Waller

23rd April 40th Wedding Anniversary of Pat and Sybil Herlihy

23rd April Fondest memories of Doreen on her birthday from Len and the family

24th April For Alan Sanders

25th April In memory of Geoff Curtis on his birthday

26th April In memory of my wife, from Eric Roberts

### FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS', BRAUNSTON

This year's winner is Owen Davies of 63 High Street, Braunston. (Ticket No.016) The cash prize of £150 is on its way to you!

### HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN.



Next month we will report the final amount presented at the Celebration Concert on 29th April. It looks about £13,000!!!

## Friendly Club

### Thursday 11 May

Coach trip to Banbury. The coach will pick up from The Green at 0-30am and leave Banbury at 2-30pm for the return journey. Cost is £5-00. We have a number of spare seats for visitors. Please contact Gill on 890763.

Monday 22 May will be a Tea Dance.



**Thanks** to those who helped with Operation Springclean on 16 April.

**Thanks** to Peter Andrews for paying for the telephone line and associated costs for the Internet access. (Peter has already paid all costs of the line since its installation and has offered to continue for a further year.)

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### Braunston Parish Council

Next Meeting  
Monday 8 May 2000  
7-30pm  
Village Hall Library

### Harrow Lane Garden

You may be wondering why the area at the corner of Harrow Lane and High Street continues to look so untidy. The Parish Council hoped to use this site, no longer needed for East Midlands Electricity equipment, as a garden perhaps with a noticeboard and other features allowing for a pleasant view in that part of the village and also to improve the line of vision on an awkward corner.

Negotiations with EME began three years ago but these have proved to be very difficult.

There have been several changes of their conditions of use including the most recent that it be a garden with no plants in the ground. A change of their officer dealing with the matter and now their wish that we pay rent for use of the site have slowed matters further.

The council has not given up hope but there is still work to be done.

## HGV Survey

On Monday 15 May 2000 there is to be a survey of Heavy Goods Vehicles using the village. Although the County Council has given advice and will help with analysis of the data, the survey is going to be carried out by volunteers from the village.

The count will take place at two points, the A45 end of High Street and Welton Road. It will last from 7-00am to 7-00pm.

The more people who are able to help the shorter will be the time which each individual has spend counting.

**If you are able to spare half an hour or more please let us know by contacting Geoff Waghorn on 01788 890698.**

## BOAT SHOW 2000



*Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May*

Organised by British waterways and hosted by Crick Marina, the country's premier narrowboat show takes place on the Leicester Line of the Grand Union Canal. This unique and friendly event combines a 3-day waterside festival of fun for all the family with the national trade show for the inland waterway enthusiast!

### ATTRACTIONS

**Hundreds of Narrowboats,  
Boat Trips,  
Art and Craft Stalls,  
Historic Boat Experience,  
Barn Dance, Fireworks,  
Real Ale Beer Tent,  
Morris Dancers,  
Debates,  
Music from the Cut,  
Live Theatre,  
Hot and Cold Food,  
Jazz Bands,  
Guided Walks,  
Crick Canal Chorus**

For further information contact the  
Boat Show Information Line on 01788 891555  
E-mail: [jan.dunseith@britishwaterways.co.uk](mailto:jan.dunseith@britishwaterways.co.uk)  
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scouts

**Cake Stall** Thank you to everyone who contributed in one way or another. We raised £47-00 for The Den Maintenance Funds.

**Uniforms** We are to trial a system of 'recycling' out grown, unwanted Beaver, Cub and Scout uniforms. If you would like to donate or sell unwanted uniforms, ring Margaret on 890619.

**The Committee** The Executive Committee is responsible for fundraising, looking after The Den and its grounds etc. We meet once a month, for an hour or so, and try to do a fundraising event every two to three months. We are short of members so we are asking any parent, ex-scout or interested villager to volunteer their time.

In particular we need a **TREASURER**; this is not an onerous position. If you feel able to help in any way, contact Louis - 890766. Our AGM is on Friday 5 May, 7-30pm at The Den. You are welcome to attend.

The Beavers and Cubs are running at almost maximum numbers, **there are vacancies for Scouts**. If you are interested in becoming a Scout, ring Janet - 890899. Scouting is open to both girls and boys.

**Daventry Volunteer Centre**  
*The Library, North Street, Daventry*  
**We need you!**

We have a wide selection of requests for help from local charities. If you would like to offer a few hours of your time please phone 01327 300614

### Stop Press!

Please look at the enclosed questionnaire

## Could this be the start of **Braunston Village Information Centre?**

You may know that Braunston Parish Council is setting up an exciting new community library and bookshop in the village hall. A computer with Internet access has been installed and there are volunteers at various times offering assistance to those who need help in using it. The village hall is well used by a wide range of groups from a children's playgroup to adult education classes. Whilst these groups are operating, there is usually access to the library although there may not be a volunteer to assist.

The LIAG programme – a county-wide initiative to improve information, advice and guidance for adults on learning and work opportunities – is committed to supporting Braunston Parish Council with this innovative project. We have already given support in obtaining additional IT equipment, such as a printer.

### **We could also offer:**

- software to enable people to access information on career opportunities and to help with decisions
- Internet links to useful website pages for careers information and advice
- a mini careers library with reference books, college and university prospectuses and information in general related to careers
- noticeboards with literature from various organisations offering information, advice and guidance signposting and also providing information about voluntary organisations
- information that would be helpful for making career choices, identifying training or qualifications required and hints on (eg) how to prepare a CV
- training to volunteers who might be interested in helping people find their way around the careers information and help with referral when appropriate
- drop in sessions, co-ordinated with voluntary organisations and community groups, giving people the opportunity to access information on a wide range of issues, including careers.

**BUT we need your ideas and comments to ensure that it really meets your needs so please spare a few minutes to complete the questionnaire overleaf.**

What other kinds of information would you like to have available? Please write your ideas below and we will contact relevant organisations.

It is hoped that we can offer a similar service to organisations in a number of villages throughout the Daventry District and South Northants areas, to assist people living in isolated communities to find out about learning and employment opportunities, and so discover ways of enhancing their lives.

Once completed would you please return this questionnaire to the **Village Post Office by Wednesday 31 May 2000.**

Details of other  
useful information.....

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# LIAG Local Information Advice and Guidance

## Survey of Work, Skills and Learning Opportunities

The government is keen for people to have easy access to information and advice on learning and work decisions. We are gathering information to help to ensure that this happens. This questionnaire is aimed at people who are over 19 and living in villages in Daventry District or South Northants areas. We are keen to have your views whether you are:

- employed but thinking of changing the type of work you do
- not in employment and seeking employment or training
- not in employment but may like to have careers information & advice for possible future use

**All replies will be treated in strict confidence**

1.	In which village do you live?	
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Please tick appropriate box for each question where relevant

2.	Do you have a job?	Yes (specify what kind of job)	No (go to Question 6)
3.	Is the job paid/voluntary?	Paid	Voluntary
4.	Is the job full time/part time?	Full time (min 35 hours/week)	Part time
5.	Are you happy in your job?	Very Happy	OK
6.	What sort of work would you like to do?		Very Unhappy
7.	Do you <b>have</b> the qualifications/ Skills needed?	Yes (specify qualifications)	No
8.	Do you <b>know</b> what qualifications or skills are needed?	Yes (specify qualifications)	No
9.	Do you know where you can go to obtain further qualifications, skills and training?	Yes (specify where)	No
10.	Do you have access to transport?	Yes	No
11.	Specify transport available to you?	Own car	Family car
		Bus	Other
12.	How often do you have access to transport?	Every day	Every evening
			Other (specify)
13.	Do you take part in voluntary organisation or community group activities in your village?	Yes (specify)	No
14.	Do you know where you might obtain information on learning/training/employment ?	Yes (specify)	No
15.	Would you like to have careers information/advice available in your village?	Yes	No
16.	Are you aware of any courses or training taking place in your village?	Yes (specify)	No
17.	What sort of courses would you like to have in your village?		

**Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.**

**If you would like to know about the availability of careers information and advice please insert your name, address and telephone number (otherwise leave blank).**

Name: ..... Age (if under 19) .....

Address: .....

Telephone no (day time):..... Evening: .....