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Lime Tree in morning frost - Jetty Fields

photograph by Chris Burton
The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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In which vicarly tears are shed over our suspicion of angels

By the time you read this you will probably be up to your armpits in Christmas preparations. I fear that I will probably not yet have bought a present or thought about sprouts. In my job Christmas preparation is all about reminding everyone from the preschool to the most ancient what we are really celebrating. It's a good job my beloved is a bit more practical otherwise it would be Christmas beans on toast for the Browns. Until the end of the Christmas Day services I am a sort of signpost pointing at the messy birth of a baby and the message of the angels. Then I can whip off my collar, turn into Mum and enjoy the feast like everyone else. For now though, here is a contribution which moved me to tears and which I have "adapted" (not plagiarised of course. Trust me. I'm a vicar!) from an advent prayer in a book from Iona *
"In the long ago days when the earth was still flat and heaven was just above the clouds and insanity was caused by demons, God's son was born to lighten all our darknesses.

Today, being clever and modern and scientific we know so much more and are now in bondage to different limitations. We doubt what we cannot prove and ignore what we cannot see. And finding neither time nor room for naïve faith we suspect angels and disbelieve good news.

We are infected and affected by the spirit of our times. Behind talk of world peace we hear the machinery of war; beneath talk of global equality we detect the posturing of the powerful. Beside talk of the church being renewed we are in bondage to failed patterns of the past. Rather than embrace the light we are fascinated by the darkness. We suspect angels and disbelieve good news.

Our cynicism is the fruit of our experience not the key to our future. Our suspiciousness helps us to smell the rat but never to recognise the dove. Our perfect analysis may describe the mountain but is helpless to move it. We suspect angels and disbelieve good news."

What a loss. As Christmas approaches I pray for all of you a share of that divine naiveté enjoyed by Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, and unnamed country folk who encountered angels and believed the Good News and recognised Christ among them.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year
Sarah

*Cloth for the Cradle published by Wild Goose Publications 1997
2nd November - Love to all the family, Jean and Geoff
12th November - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love
18th November - With much love to our Mum, Alison, on Harry's birthday
28th November - Birthday memories of Gladys Haynes lit by Tony

December's floodlighting so far …
3rd December - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum
6th December - Remembering Judith
14th December - * Lit for Lily Fairclough, loving mum & granma, forever in our thoughts. Love from all the family.
18th December - * Remembering Ron Tait with much love. Helen
20th December - In memory of Alison Thomas from the Thomas and Jennings families
20th December - * For Alan Powell in loving memory from Gill and family
23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger
24th December - Carl Grant. Birthday memories. Sharon, Kyle, Siann and family xxx
25th December - Lit by Lynn + Jim for Glad Owen. Always in our hearts. So sadly missed.
25th December - Remembering Lucy, Joe & Cliff Allcott at Christmas - Val & Roy
25th December - Remembering Alf & Sarah Bodley and Shirley Aldridge at Christmas - Val & Roy
30th December - * Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

January's floodlighting so far …
1st January - * Lit for Pam and John Rose-Casemore celebrating 60 years of marriage
8th January - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan
28th January - * Remembering Eric Alsop and Ted and Audrey Flower. Wonderful parents

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th November 2013
Saturday 7th December
10:00am to 12noon
at Braunston Village Hall
Christmas Coffee, Croissants, and
Christmas Gift Stalls
Stalls include:-
- Wood Crafts
- Cards
- Handbags
- Organic Beauty Products
- Handicraft Gifts
- Pottery
- Knitted Animals
- Balloon & Party
- Paper Crafts
- Raffle
- Christmas Gifts

In aid of Hope and Homes for Children
Hope and Homes for Children is a national charity helping to restore the lives of Orphaned or Abandoned Children. In 1999 it became a charity supported by the Braunston Village and it’s Church. With the funds raised a home was build called “Braunston House”. Since 2005 the villages of Braunston and Ashby St Ledger have raised over £23,000 to support this charity.

Thank you for your support
Brenda Hobbs 899086
on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children
NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

Winter has arrived, the leaves are down and volunteer work has almost come to a standstill in Jetty Field. Dennis, employed by Braunston Parish Council, has continued to work extremely hard on various tasks. He has tidied up all the fence areas, cleared around bushes and trees and undertaken essential repairs. We are grateful to the council for the financial support and for Dennis's hard work.

The sheep have been in the main field for about four weeks and will be removed by the end of December. The flock is monitored daily by the owners and by volunteers.

DON'T FORGET YOU CAN BECOME "A FRIEND OF BRAUNSTON POCKET PARK". Leaflets were in last month's B.V.N. and are also available from Pat. Herlihy by ringing 890590.

A message from Brian Oliver.

Brian Oliver wishes to say a huge thank you to all volunteers from the October Jetty Field Workday who helped and supported him during his unscheduled "rest break". Special thanks to Andrew and Ingrid who accompanied Gloria to University Hospital, Coventry and to all volunteers, friends and neighbours who have been so supportive since. His recovery should be complete by the next workday!

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.  
(D.H.B.H.S.)

We still have an interesting programme to come over the next few months. Our society Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 10th December at The Admiral Nelson. If you are a member and want to come along, please ring Annie, our secretary (891179.) In the new year we have an ARCHIVE EVENING at 7.30 p.m., Tuesday 21st January in the village hall. This is an opportunity for you to come along and do some personal research on our village.

THANKYOU

Many thanks to friends old and new for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts on my retirement. Sorry to those I did not manage to see. I have always worked in the village and spent the last 12 years working in the shop, and have seen several changes there. Before that I worked in the laboratory which was where Eastfields now stands. I'm sure I will still see many of you on my walks around the village and selling my cards.

Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy & Healthy 2014.

Linda Thornton
**BRAUNSTON PARCELS**

A staggering 1,316 parcels have now been sent to members of our armed forces serving overseas and my sincere thanks to all of you who contribute to "the box". Parcels are still being sent to HMS MONTROSE which is currently on patrol in the Gulf and Indian Ocean protecting the shipping lanes in that area from Somalian pirates.

We now have new recipients of our parcels sent to Afghanistan. They are members of the 9/12th ROYAL LANCERS.

Earlier, I received a letter from a soldier in 2nd ROYAL TANK REGIMENT who told me that the 9/12th ROYAL LANCERS were our "local" regiment and I subsequently learnt that their headquarters is in Leicestershire even though the regiment is currently based in Germany.

How "local" the 9/12th Royal Lancers really is didn't manifest itself to me until I received an email from Jenni Burton the editor of the BVN. She told me that she had been speaking to the wife of a sergeant in the Regiment. Apparently he had received one of our parcels to share with members of his platoon and they all wanted to pass on their thanks to us. They were delighted to receive it and overwhelmed to think that people were thinking of them. I too, have been in contact with his wife and she reiterated her husband's thanks.

Our parcels seem to have an even more special meaning, as our local "boy", Tristan Bell serving in the Royal Navy, is among those receiving our parcels along with the sergeant who lives in Flore. Incredible isn't?

My thanks once again to everyone who continues to donate to Braunston's Parcels. They will mean so much during the weeks leading up to Christmas. I am sure that you join me in wishing all our recipients, whether they are toiling in the harsh terrain of Afghanistan or are on the high seas a safe Christmas and a successful deployment.

Val Worrall

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**DAVENTRY HEALTH WALK SCHEME**

Help yourselves get fit by joining in our 30/40 min Health Walks around the village.

Walks in December will take place on Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th from outside The Cake Slice Tearooms, in the High Street. at 2pm

All are welcome but please wear suitable footwear as some walks may be over fields.

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4.30pm - Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-5yrs)
5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)
5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-9yrs)
7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (11yrs+)
8.15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

Acting, Performance & Singing
Tuesday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

5.45pm - Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)

Dance, Gym & Ballet
Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

5.00pm - Gymnastics (all ages)
5.30pm - Street Dance & Modern (8yrs+)
6.00pm - Grade 3 Ballet (13yrs+)
7.15pm - Grade 4 Ballet (14yrs+)

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Safari Supper meet at 7.30pm
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All Saints’ Church Christmas Services 2013

Sunday 1st December
6pm Deanery Advent Praise at Holy Cross Daventry

Wednesday 18th December
09:30am School Christmas Service at All Saints’
12:30pm Carols in the Village Hall with Peace at Lunchtime

Saturday 21st December
7:30pm Christmas Extravaganza at All Saints’
(Carols & Christmas Music with Dunchurch Silver Band)

Sunday 22nd December
6:30pm Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints’
Traditional choral service of scripture, carols and music

Monday 2nd December
4pm Christingle at All Saints’

Tuesday 24th December
4pm Crib Service - Really Festive and Cheerful
11:30pm Christmas Midnight Mass

Wednesday Christmas Day 25th December
11:00am Christmas Family Service with Communion
13:30pm Christmas Lunch at Village Hall
CHRISTMAS ORDERS

Fresh Free Range - Turkey
Fresh Free Range - Bronze Turkey
Fresh Free Range - Turkey Breast
Fresh Free Range - Stuffed Turkey Breast
Fresh Free Range - Cockerel
Fresh Free Range - Duck
Fresh Free Range - Goose
Top Quality Beef
Rib of Beef
Sirloin of Beef
Topside of Beef
Fillet of Beef
Crackling Free Range Pork
Boned & Rolled Leg of Pork
Boned and Rolled Loin of Pork
Fresh Gammon Joints
Cooked Gammon Joints
Home-Made - Sausage Meat
Home-Made - Pork Chipolatas
Home-Made - Pigs in Blankets
Home-Made - Pork Pies - 1lb or 2lb
Turkey & Cranberry Pies - 1lb
Duck & Orange Pies - 1lb
Game Pie
Chicken & Ham Pies

Closing Date for last orders
12th December
Formerly known as Braunston Youth Club

Village Hall

Disco and New games

7pm to 9pm

Entrance Fee: £1

Members ages 9 – 16 years of age

6th, 13th and 20th December

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!

Volunteers still needed, if interested please ring Judy on 0796943556

THE CAKE SLICE

Amanda and staff would like to wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would like to thank you for all your support over the last 9 months.

Please come and join us on Monday 2 December and Tuesday 3 December for our Christmas shopping evening from 6-30pm to 8-30pm

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Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch

Remembrance Day services on 10th November at Braunston and Welton parish churches were well attended. It was nice to see so many youngsters present. A small gathering marked the end of WW1 at Braunston Memorial at 11am on 11th November.

A big thank you to the many people who contributed to the Poppy Day Appeal. The amount collected will be given in the next issue of the BVN. Also, thanks to the 24 individuals and businesses for their hard work in making the collections.

We are sad to announce the deaths recently of two of our members:-
Firstly that of Mick Abbott. Mick was a very dedicated member of the branch and was our secretary and involved in many aspects of the Legion's work. As a mark of respect the Legion provided a guard of honour at his funeral.
Secondly, the death of Hilary Cockerill. Hilary regularly attended our meetings with her husband Brian.

Both Mick and Hilary will be sadly missed by all their friends at the Legion.
The Legion ran a raffle at the Church Fete in the Village Hall on 9th November. The sum of £121 was raised for Church and Legion funds. Thank you to all who gave their support.
The December meeting will be held on the 10th at 8pm. It will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby. Please note this change of venue.
The monthly lunches will not be held in December and January but will resume in February.

You are reminded of the Legion Christmas Band Concert on 14th December. See below.
The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held at the George Hotel, Kilsby on 12th November.

the reports given by the outgoing Chairman and acting Secretary were encouraging but we could do with more members to enable the Legion branch to remain viable. The Treasurer reported that the finances were in good shape. During the year £2700 was donated to Galanus House, the Legion retirement home, to provide extra facilities for the residents.

Election of Officers. Alan Kirton said that after 15 years as Chairman he reluctantly was unable to stand for re-election. Tony Saunderson was elected in his place.
The Rev. Clive Cooper, our Padre for many years, has reluctantly had to resign. The Rev John Stevenson was elected in his place.
All other officers were re-elected.

In recognition of his long service to the Branch, Alan Kirton was presented with the Rushall Cup. Both he and Clive were thanked for their long and dedicated service to the Branch.

Tony Saunderson - 01788 890797

The Royal British Legion (Northants Group 4)  
In conjunction with  
Daventry Brass Band  
And 497 (Daventry) Squadron Air Training Corps  
Present  
‘A CHRISTMAS CONCERT’  
7.30pm Saturday 14th December  
Daventry Community Centre  
Ashby Road Daventry  
Interval refreshments  
Tea / Coffee and Mince pies and Raffle  
Tickets £7.50 from Colin White 01788 890390 or at the door
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We are approaching our second birthday and celebrated with a social evening at the Admiral Nelson recently. We were pleased to receive our Adoption renewal certificate for the next 12 months which was presented by Miriam Tedder from the Canals and Rivers Trust. We were also pleased and very surprised to receive a cheque, presented by Bernard Morton, from the Inland Waterways Association - Northampton Branch. This cheque for £200 is in addition to one from them received recently for £50. These are valuable contributions to our funds and will be used to assist our work on our adopted section of the Grand Union Canal. It was a very successful evening which was again made possible by the assistance and skills of all at the Nelson, to whom we give our thanks.

Chris Burton - www.braunstoncanalsociety.org.uk

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All Saints’ Church
Carol Singing

Carol Singing in the Village Hall
Wednesday 18th December - 12:30pm
Come and join the regular Peace at lunchtime crew for a light lunch and a cheerful and informal sing of everyone’s favourite carols. 12.30 for half an hour of carols followed by lunch and chat with old and new friends of all ages.
No charge but donations welcome towards food and drink. If you need a lift please get in touch with Rev Sarah by the day before! (Tel 01788 890 298)

Nine Lessons & Carols
Sunday 22nd December - 6:30pm - All Saints’ Church
If you like your carol service very traditional and candlelit this is for you. Nine readings from the bible explaining God’s work and purpose in sending Jesus to us interspersed with 9 traditional carols with organ and choir and a number of choir only items. Probably not suitable for very young children or those who like their Christmas’s informal.

Crib Service - Christmas Eve
Sunday 24th December - 4pm - All Saints' Church
Energetic nativity fun for everyone and particularly for young children. Come and join in the Christmas story with singing, costumes, candles, dancing and noise! A real celebration of what Christmas is really about.
BRAUNSTON TODDLER GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2013 1PM-3PM
£2.00 PER FAMILY

Come along and enjoy lots of fun activities, games, food and drink.

There will be a visit from a very special man with a red suit and white beard......listen for the jingle bells.

If you wish your child to receive a gift from the 'visitor' please bring a small present with you and clearly label it with your child's name.

Join us and get into the party spirit....It's too good to miss!!

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***MEMORY STARS***

If you should need more than the one card available in this edition of the B.V.N. there are more available at the Post Office, The Cake Slice, Charisma and the Church. Each star that is returned will be put on the special Christmas tree in All Saints' Church.

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Hallaton and Medbourne 9.5 miles
What an amazing area for a walk and with very warm, dry weather, it was nothing like October. Just north east of Market Harborough, Hallaton is a lovely old village packed full of, chocolate box, pretty cottages. Ten of us parked up near the church and set off up the main street before taking a footpath on the right, straight through a house!! This archway leads into a narrow path between hedges downhill and over a stream, Medbourne Brook, and then steeply uphill past the delightfully named Hare Pie Bank. With great views back over Hallaton that we often paused to see as we puffed uphill. At the top we reached a grassy track, part of the Macmillan Way, but we continued straight ahead over fields to reach Slawston village cowering under the 131 metre Slawston Hill. We walked left along the main village street and then turned right on the Medbourne road. The hedgerows were jam packed with Sloes and blackberries and we eventually got to a crossroads where we turned right on the Macmillan Way, a narrow road passing through a disused railway bridge although this old rail track seems to stop abruptly in the next field. We speculated that it was some kind of mine or industrial site although there were no signs other than the disused line stopping. We turned off the road left through several extremely muddy and ploughed fields which were really hard work, as a red kite soared in the air to our right before we arrived at the road into Medbourne. We were soon ensconced in the Neville Arms, a wonderful old pub with an upmarket restaurant. That is where they put us and we obviously removed muddy boots but still felt a bit conspicuous as we got seated. We need not have worried as the staff were very attentive and the food and beer, London Pride, was really excellent. Highly recommended if you are ever up that way. After lunch we left the pub and followed a path alongside Medbourne Brook to reach a 14th century packhorse bridge over the river leading into the old church yard. Medbourne is another fantastic village and we walked along a road and into fields soon climbing, again, uphill to an imposing house known as Nut Bush before we reached a road and then the gateway into a tree lined avenue to reach Nevill Holt a massive old stone house that had been owned by the Cunard family but was now owned by David Ross of Carphone Warehouse. In the old footballer adage this is a real walk of two halves and for me the second half was the best. Our path took us around the estate passing a beautiful sculpture of a horses head standing 30 feet high. We walked by the old church which is attached to the house and through the tiny hamlet of estate cottages to join a footpath through a field of recently harvested sweetcorn and downhill to cross the Uppingham Road (Uppingham was where the chef, Rick Stein, went to school) The path then crossed a field and went uphill to the top of a ridge where we could see the church at Hallaton in the distance and like a mirage it seemed to get no closer! A bridle way lead us to the hamlet of Blaston and then over fields to reach Hallaton. Super views all round. We were soon driving home for a welcoming cuppa!

We are a group of friends enjoying walks in the countryside. Why not come and join us? Our next walks are as follows: 16th Nov Around Flore (c.10 miles), 21st Dec Christmas Walk (c.6 miles)
Fundraising

December 2013
Sat. 7th. 10:00am - 12:00noon -HOPE & HOMES Coffee & Croissant Morning - Crafts & Christmas Gifts - Village Hall
Sat 21st. 7:30pm Christmas Extravaganza -Dunchurch Silver Band - All Saints Church

January 2014
Sat. 25th. 7:00pm -Burns' Night - Village Hall

April 2014
Car Boot Sale - to be confirmed

May 2014
Sat. 17th. Quiz Night - Village Hall

June 2014
Sat. 7th. 12:00noon- 4:00pm Braunston Church Fete on the Green

July 2014
Car Boot Sale - to be confirmed

August 2014
Fri. 1st. Car Treasure Hunt - All Saints Church

September 2014
Sat. 13th. Proms Night - Dunchurch Silver Band - All Saints Church
Sat. 27th September - Air Ambulance Fund Raising Day

October 2014
Mon 6th. Harvest Supper
Sat. 18th. Quiz Night - Village Hall

November 2014
Sat. 15th. Autumn Fair - to be confirmed

Church Autumn Fair Craft Stall
A very big THANK YOU to all who contributed handicrafts for the Church Autumn Fair on Saturday 16th November. Many thanks also to all who came to buy and a special thank you to Eileen and Aileen for their great sales expertise. It was a great success and made a big contribution to the total funds raised.
Hilary Dunn
Foodbank
Our local food bank is expecting to be busy over the coming weeks. They’ve had a busy year - over 500 referrals so far, a big increase on the 100 in 2010, their first year of operation. I think the work done by the food bank is tremendous. But I also think it’s shameful that it has to exist at all.

I fear that we are coming to accept the existence of food banks; they’re beginning to seem normal. But they should not be normal in one of the richest countries in the world. We need to do much more, locally and nationally, to address the causes of poverty and the growing inequalities that divide us.

I have heard of people returning food items to the food bank that need heating up because they cannot afford both to eat and heat. And many of these people are in employment; what they earn is just not enough to live on.

The food bank is at 23 High March, Daventry, and is open 10.30-12.30 from Monday to Friday. Referrals can be made from a range of organisations - ring 0844 855 2122 to find out more. If you are able to make a donation to the food bank please call 07576 663968.

Christmas Lunch
A Christmas Lunch is being organised by the church in the Village Hall for those who would otherwise be alone. This is a fantastic initiative and I’m sure all offers of help would be gladly received.

Braunston Mail
Look out for our special Christmas postbox: Saturday 7th Christmas Market; Sunday 8th Church; Monday 9th Friendly Club; Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th The Cake Slice. Delivery by Sunday 22nd. 10p a card; all proceeds to a village good cause. If you’d like to help deliver or find out more please contact Keren Andrews on 01788 891343

Ward Walkabout
My first Ward Walkabout of 2014 will be on the morning of Saturday 11 January, around Eastfields, Dark Lane, and Top and Bottom Locks.

Best wishes for a happy festive season, Abigail

email acampbell@daventrydc.gov.uk or call 01788 891782
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Saturday 21st December 7.30pm

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Clubs and Society Events

**Braunston Women’s Institute**

**Next Meeting** -
Tuesday December 3rd.

Come and start this Festive Season off at our Christmas Party. Good food, great company and magical entertainment provided by the Braunston Singers.

There will not be a meeting in January.

Contact Barbara - 890452

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**Friendly Club**

Next Meeting: Monday December 9th

Our Christmas Lunch at Table-Table. Transport by DACT bus and private cars from The Green at 11.45 for 12.30 lunch. Please bring a small wrapped Christmas gift.

**Monday December 16th**

Mince pie tea at the earlier time of 2.00pm. There will be a raffle. Visitors are welcome at a charge of £1 for tea and mince pies.

**January 13th 2014**

A get together for tea and chat at 2.00pm.

**January 27th**

Again at 2.00pm For a film show - details later followed by tea.

Gill Powell 890763

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**Braunston Fishing Club**

**BINGO**

Every Thursday throughout the year

8.00pm in the Village Hall

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A separate lounge bar is also available for private functions i.e. Christenings, Birthday parties, private dining, Funerals and any other events you may have.

Our Christmas menu is being served from 1st December to the 24th December and booking is advisable - £15 for a 3 course meal plus coffee and mints.

Diary of December events
1st December  Quiz Night - max 6 in a team, £1 per person. Bottle of wine and a cash jackpot for winners. Starts at 7.30
6th December  Dave Pepper - 8pm
14th December Pete Lawrence - Festive DJ Session straight after Wolfhampcote Service. Mulled wine and mince pies.
Christmas Eve  "The Christmas Jumper" competition - Prizes!!
Christmas Day  Drinks being served 11-1pm
Boxing Day  3pm Stiff Joints Band
New Years Eve  Party - Mike James Smith and Disco

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From all of us at the Plough

25th January 2014  Folk Singers
26th January 2014  Quiz Night from 7pm

Please find us on Facebook as we regularly add special offers and events to this page (Facebook page The Old Plough Braunston)
Jenni’s Jottings
Braunston Events - To see all scheduled events in Braunston, please visit www.braunston.org.uk/events.
If your organisation’s events are not already listed, please register with the above website to help people find events and avoid clashes.
Thank you
Chris & I would like to thank all the people of Braunston for their support of the BVN this year. I would also like to say a BIG thank you for the beautiful flowers from whoever sent them! They are still blooming and very beautiful.
Another thank you
Chris would like to add his thanks for all the good wishes he has received following is accident and subsequent stroke.
Finally!
We would like to wish all our readers, contributors and distributors a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL 2014.

Jenni & Chris Burton

THE BRAUNSTON TIMELINE.

The unveiling of the TIMELINE takes place on Saturday 7th December and everybody is welcome to view it from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. at All Saints' Braunston Church. Tea and biscuits will be available.
The TIMELINE is a permanent display mounted in the church. It is over five metres long and over one metre high and printed in colour on aluminium.
The TIMELINE has been professionally designed and produced. This has been possible as a result of financial support from Daventry District Council and Braunston Parish Council in the form of grants. Other local groups and individuals have also given money so that this dream has become a reality after over two years of research and planning.
The TIMELINE records some major historical events of the village of Braunston on the top section and of the world on the bottom section, from A.D. 43 to the present day.
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Something unique happens in the isolated, redundant and beautiful C13th church of St Peter in the lost village of Wolfhampcote at 4pm on the second Saturday in December of every year.
Some people come from all over the country to experience and take part in what has become a popular local tradition.
Villagers, dressed warmly and bearing candle lanterns, get together, and entertain themselves in a pre-Christmas winter festival. The sight of this ancient Church lit purely by hundreds of candles is quite breath-taking both to adults and children alike.
Carols and Christmas songs are interspersed by volunteers reciting either comic or serious poems, monologues and readings and sometimes by a solo instrumentalist. Music is usually provided by a folk band, quite in keeping with the pre-organ church tradition.
This informal get-together on 14th December is a truly wonderful start to the Christmas festivities and if you have never attended you have missed out on something very rare and rather beautiful!
Christmas waste and recycling collections 2013

Households across Daventry District are being made aware of the 2013 Christmas and New Year arrangements for waste and recycling collections.

Collection dates
Collections will take place as scheduled, including Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There will be no collection on Christmas Day (Wednesday) and instead those properties affected will receive a collection on Sunday, 29 December.

Black bins - Over Christmas, black bins will continue to be collected fortnightly as normal. There are special arrangements for households on Wednesday collections affected by Christmas Day (see below). Please make sure you recycle as much as possible.

Brown bins - From Monday, 23 December to Saturday, 4 January inclusive, brown bin collections will be suspended for all households in Daventry District. This will enable crews to focus on collecting extra recycling over Christmas.

Recycling boxes and food bins - these will continue to be collected weekly for all properties on their scheduled collection day. Extra recycling will also be collected - see below for details.

Christmas Day alternative arrangements - Households due to have their black bin emptied on Christmas Day should instead put their black bin, recycling and food waste out on Sunday 29th December. Properties that would have received a brown bin collection that day should present only their recycling and food waste for collection on Sunday, 29th December.

Extra recycling - You can put out extra recycling for collection over Christmas. If you have more recycling than your boxes can hold, please continue to sort your items and place them into carrier bags next to your boxes (not black or green sacks). Please put all your glass into your blue box and then separate any additional into bags, plastic into another, tins into another, etc.

Large cardboard will also be collected over Christmas, during weeks commencing 23 and 30 December. If you have large cardboard and it won't fit in your recycling box, please flatten it as much as possible and place next to your boxes on your collection day.

Real Christmas trees - There are no special arrangements for the collection for real Christmas trees this year. You can place real Christmas trees alongside your brown bin for collection when the garden waste service resumes from 6 January onwards. Alternatively you can take them to your nearest household waste recycling centre. Find your nearest one here.

Check your new collection calendar - All homes will soon receive a new annual waste and recycling calendar, including details about Christmas arrangements.

More information about waste and recycling is available online or call 01327 871100.
All Saints' Church

**B U R N S' N I G H T**
Saturday 25th January, 7pm for 7:30pm
Braunston Village Hall

Dinner (including Starter, Haggis, Sweet, Shortbread Coffee & Mints)
With Piper, Music & Licensed Bar

Come have a dance

*Hunt oot yer Tartan!*

Ticket Prices: Adult £15
from All Saint's Church, Braunston Post Office, Charisma (Braunston Hair Salon) or ring 01788 899 086

Limited tickets available - please book soon!
A competition has been launched on Northamptonshire County Council’s website to find a flag for Northamptonshire. The contest is open to schools, community groups or individuals to design a flag which they believe best represents the county. All entries will be assessed by a panel of judges, including a representative from The Flag Institute in London and a Professor in cultural studies, and a final five designs will be put to a public vote.

Chairman of the county council Cllr Joan Kirkbride said: "Over the past two years here in the UK we have had ample opportunities to get out there and wave flags. Whether it has been to celebrate the Royal Wedding, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee or supporting our Olympic heroes.

"The Parliamentary Flags and Heraldry Committee is now encouraging communities across the country to get involved and register their own flags. We think this is a golden opportunity for Northamptonshire to find a flag we can be proud of.

"We are looking for a flag which can help raise recognition of Northamptonshire across the country, express pride in our local community and celebrate the heritage and culture of our corner of the country."

People can find out full details of the competition by visiting www.northamptonshire.gov.uk. Here there are details of how to enter, closing dates for entry plus tips for any budding flag designers who want to take part.

All entries will then be judged by a panel including:

"Professor Jon Stobart - University of Northampton.
"Cllr Joan Kirkbride - Chairman of the county council
"Alex Kirkbride
"Cllr Heather Smith Deputy - Leader of Northamptonshire County Council
"Cllr Johnnie Amos - Commonwealth Flag Project and County Flag Co-ordinator
"Philip Tibbetts - The Flag Institute London
"David Smith - Northamptonshire County Cricket Club

These panellists will then chose a final set of five designs which will open for public vote on the council's website.

From Simon Deacon, communications and marketing manager, 01604 367323
HELP REQUIRED:
Do you have 2 hours free on a Tuesday afternoon?
Do you have children/grandchildren in the pre-school/school?

If you answered yes to one, or both of the above questions how would you like to assist Mandy with Braunston Toddler Group with basic tasks, such as setting up, refreshments and helping to tidy away at the end of session? Would also be really great if anyone local could give their time to come and read stories to the children, or assist with crafts
Please pop along and see Mandy at the Village Hall on a Tuesday afternoon, if this is of interest to you - Any help is greatly appreciated.

AIR AMBULANCE FUND RAISING DAY - 28th September 2013

Thank you very much for all your help, from putting up the tents to helping on the day and also everybody who came and supported us on the day.

Our final figure raised was:-

£2400.00

Barclays Bank are to match fund this by giving us **** (we don't know yet)

So a fantastic effort by all.
Kim & George Donald

See you next year on 27th September
THE WHEATSHEAF INN,
10 THE GREEN, BRAUNSTON.
01788 890748

Sat 7th Dec - Live music being performed by "Tempting Fate"

Sat 14th Dec - Live music performed by "Dr Strangelove"
Sat 21st Dec - Live music being performed by "Catch 23"

NEW YEARS EVE - Karaoke Night
Our opening times for xmas are as follows
XMAS DAY - 11am - 2pm
BOXING DAY - 12 noon - MIDNIGHT
NYE - 12 noon - Late
NY DAY - 12 noon - 11pm

FROM GLEN AND ALL THE STAFF AT "THE SHEAF" WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS FOR THERE VALUED CUSTOM THROUGHOUT 2013 AND WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR...!!
BRING ON 2014..!!

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BVN Deadline - February 2014 Edition
The next newsletter will be published on 1st February 2014. Please leave material at the Post Office before NOON on the 20th January or by Email to the Editor Jenni Burton jenni_burton@btinternet.com Tel: 01788 891546

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