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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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## REGISTERS FOR November / December 2013

### **Confirmation - 13/11/13**

Laura McClachlan-Gee	Ashby St Ledger
Laura Robinson	Braunston
Tracy Martins	Braunston
Becky Wheeler	Braunston
Kate Harrison	Braunston
Jessica Levinson	Braunston
William Thomas	Braunston
Bradley Martins	Braunston

### **Funerals**

Margaret Ofield - 02/12/13	Ashby St Ledger
Owen Howells 08/11/13	Braunston
Doreen Langmead 28/11/13	Braunston

### **Baptisms**

Lilie Childs 03/11/13	Braunston
Rosie Childs 03/11/13	Braunston
Kate Harrison 10/11/13	Braunston

## **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

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2013

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 7<sup>th</sup>. December**  
**10:00am to 12noon**  
**at Braunston Village Hall**  
**Christmas Coffee, Croissants, and**  
**Christmas Gift Stalls**

Stalls include:-

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Cards  
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Hope & Homes for Children



## 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 Abandon 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

### **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

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Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)



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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 (12yrs+)
- 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+)
- 6.30pm - Grade 3 Ballet (13yrs+)
- 7.15pm - Grade 4 Ballet (14yrs+)

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## **BRAUNSTON LADIES GROUP**

**Tuesday 10th December**

Safari Supper meet at 7.30pm

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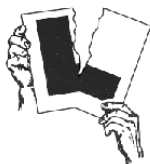
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## **All Saints' Church Christmas Services 2013**



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

6pm Deanery **Advent Praise** at Holy Cross Daventry

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

4pm **Christingle** at All Saints'

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

09:30am **School Christmas Service** at All Saints'

12:30pm **Carols in the Village Hall** with Peace at Lunchtime

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

7:30pm **Christmas Extravaganza** at All Saints'  
(Carols & Christmas Music with Dunchurch Silver Band)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

6:30pm **Nine Lessons and Carols** at All Saints'

Traditional choral service of scripture, carols and music

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

4pm **Crib Service** - Really Festive and Cheerful

11:30pm **Christmas Midnight Mass**

**Wednesday Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

11:00am **Christmas Family Service** with Communion

13:30pm **Christmas Lunch** at Village Hall





# **VILLAGE MEATS**



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## **CHRISTMAS ORDERS**

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**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**

# **The B.Y.C**

*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

**6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!**

Volunteers still needed, if interested please ring Judy on 07 969 43556

## **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.

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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 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

## CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DECEMBER 2013

Day		Time	Event	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>09:15</b>	<b>Holy Communion - Ash</b>	
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion &amp; Junior Church Br</b>	
		<b>18:30</b>	<b>Evensong - Br</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>2</b>	14:00	Little Fishers	
		16:00	Christingle Service	
		19:30	Church Choir	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>3</b>	09:00	Morning prayer - Br	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4</b>	12:30	Peace at lunchtime	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>5</b>	19:30	Bell Ringers	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>7</b>	17.3	Youth Church	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion Br</b>	
		<b>09:15</b>	<b>Morning Prayer - Ash</b>	
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Family Service Br</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9</b>	14:00	Little Fishers	
		19:30	Church Choir	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>10</b>	09:00	Morning prayer - Maple Close	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11</b>	12:30	Peace at lunchtime	
		15.3	Worship on Wednesday	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>12</b>	19:30	Bell Ringers	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>14</b>	17.3	Youth Church	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion Br</b>	
		<b>09:15</b>	<b>Holy Communion - Ash</b>	
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Parish Communion Br</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>16</b>	14:00	Little Fishers	
		19:30	Church Choir	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>17</b>	09:00	Morning prayer - Br	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>18</b>	09:30	School Christmas Service	
		12:30	Carols at lunchtime	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>19</b>	19:30	Bell Ringers	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>21</b>	17.3	Youth Church	
		19:30	Christmas Extravaganza	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion Br</b>	
		<b>09:15</b>	<b>Ashby Carols and morning prayer</b>	
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Family Communion Br</b>	
		<b>18:30</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>	
		19:30	Church Choir	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Crib Service Ashby</b>	
		<b>16:00</b>	<b>Crib Service Br</b>	
		<b>23:30</b>	<b>Midnight Mass Ash and Br</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>Christmas Day Family Communion - Br</b>	
		13:30	Christmas Lunch - Village Hall	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>26</b>	19:30	Bell Ringers	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>28</b>	14:00	Morgan Wheeler wedding	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>Team Service at Holy Cross</b>	
		<b>11</b>	<b>Quiet post christmas service Br</b>	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>31</b>	09:00	Morning prayer - Br	



## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS DECEMBER 2013

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group :19.30 W.I.:19.30
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.30 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10am. Coffee, Croissants and Gifts – Village Hall for Hope & Homes: 11am Christmas Market on the Green
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Friendly Club Christmas lunch: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: History Club Christmas Lunch – Admiral Nelson: 19.30 Braunston Ladies Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion Meeting at George Hotel, Kilsby
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Braunston Youth Club
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Royal British Legion Concert in Daventry
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group Christmas Party:
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	19.00 Braunston Cinema Club
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	

# CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2014

Day		Time	Event
Thu	2	19:30	Bell Ringers
Sat	4	17:30	Youth Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9.15</b>	<b>Holy Communion- Ash</b>
			<b>Holy Communion &amp; Junior Church Br</b>
		<b>11:00</b>	
		<b>18:30</b>	<b>Evensong - Br</b>
Mon	6	19:30	Church Choir
Tue	7	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	8	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	9	19:30	Bell Ringers
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9.15</b>	<b>Holy Communion -Ah</b>
		<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion Br</b>
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Family Service Br</b>
Mon	13	14:00	Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	14	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	15	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	Worship on Wed at School
Thu	16	19:30	Bell Ringers
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion Br</b>
		<b>09:15</b>	<b>Holy Communion- Ash</b>
			<b>Holy Communion &amp; Junior Church Br</b>
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Br</b>
Mon	20	14:00	Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	21	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	22	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Thu	23	19:30	Bell Ringers
Sat	25	19:00	Burns' Night Supper
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion Br</b>
		<b>09:30</b>	<b>Breakfast Service - Ash</b>
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion Br</b>
Mon	27	14:00	Little Fishers
		19:30	Church Choir
Tue	28	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	29	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
		15:30	Worship on Wed at School
Thu	30	19:30	Bell Ringers

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2014

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Braunston Youth Club
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts:
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	:Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts: 14.00 Friendly Club
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Braunston Youth Club
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Burns Night in Village Hall
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Friendly Club: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	

# **CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA**

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## BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY

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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](http://www.braunstoncanalsociety.org.uk)

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### Carol Singing in the Village Hall

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

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17/10/13	095	S. Rolt	£10
17/10/13	077	L. Boniface	£5
24/10/13	084	P. Edwards	£10
24/10/13	075	S. McDonald	£5
31/10/13	101	J. McCarthy	£10
31/10/13	112	C. Martin	£5

### \*\*\*MEMORY STARS\*\*\*

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## Braunston Walkers 19/10/2013

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



# Abigail Campbell

## District Councillor

### **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**

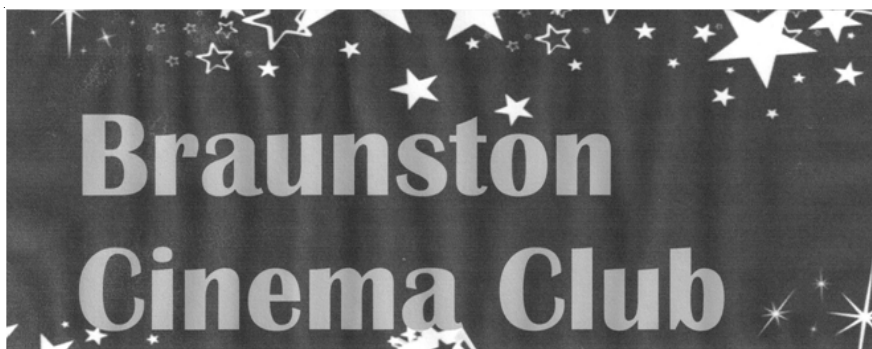
Look out for our special Christmas postbox: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Market; Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Church; Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Friendly Club; Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> The Cake Slice. Delivery by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. 10p a card; all proceeds to a village good cause. 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](mailto:acampbell@daventrydc.gov.uk) or call 01788 891782



# **Braunston Cinema Club**

**Braunston Village Hall**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm**

## **A Christmas Story**

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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

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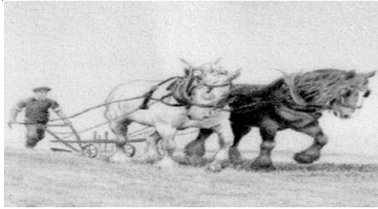
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A separate lounge bar is also available for private functions i.e. Christenings, Birthday parties, private dining, Funerals and any other events you may have.

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](http://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 his 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

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## **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.

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**saturday  
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**4 p.m.**



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### **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.

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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

# BURNS' NIGHT

Saturday 25th January, 7pm for 7:30pm  
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**Ticket Prices: Adult £15**

from All Saint's Church, Braunston Post Office,  
Charisma (Braunston Hair Salon) or ring 01788 899  
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**Limited tickets available - please book  
soon!**

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS RELEASE

## FLY THE FLAG FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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](http://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...!!**

PUB GAMES AVAILABLE, DARTS, SKITTLES & POOL.

ALL SPORTS INCLUDING ALL FOOTBALL, AVIVA PREMIER RUGBY, PREMIER  
LEAGUE DARTS

ALWAYS SHOWN ON BIG SCREENS

FINE SELECTION OF REAL CASK ALES

FOOD WILL BE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THE WHEATSHEAF  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**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](mailto:jenni_burton@btinternet.com) Tel: 01788 891546