

Braunston Village News

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New Year - New Homes for Braunston People.

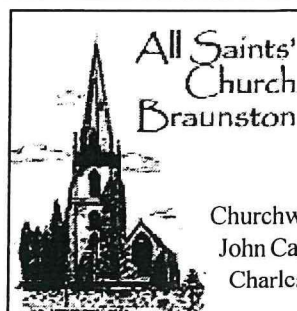
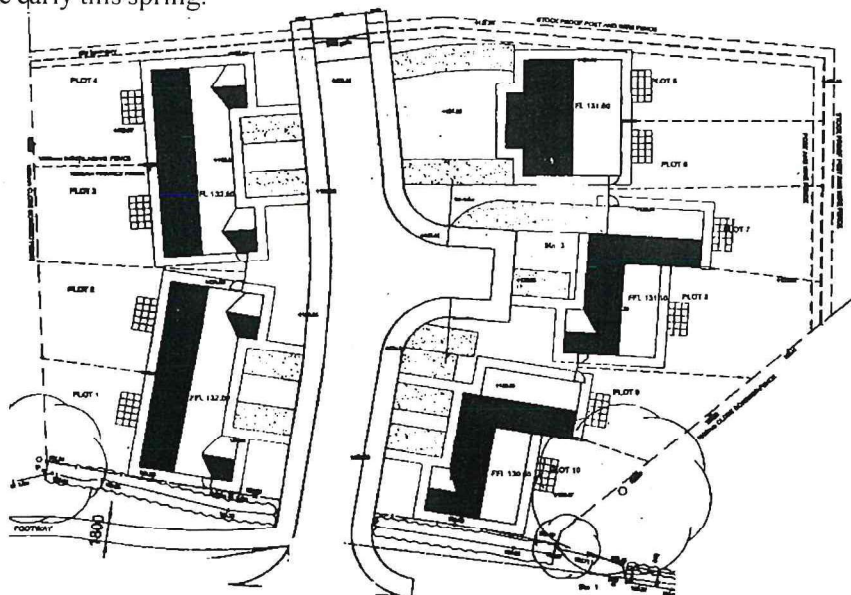
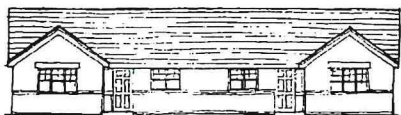
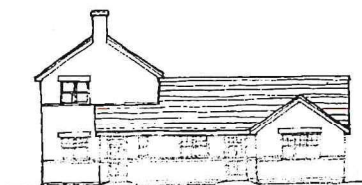
The recent 'housing needs' survey, carried out by the Parish Council, proved that there is a real need in the village for more houses and bungalows to rent. As a result, Government money has been made available, to purchase land and provide ten properties - 6 bungalows, 3 two bedroom houses and 1 three bedroom house. Bromford Housing Association was given planning permission for the development by Daventry District Council at the Planning Committee meeting on January 17 despite two letters of objection from villagers. The properties will be built on an area of 'exception' land (land which would not normally be given planning permission) This lies between number 64 Welton Road and 'The Rylands' and our thanks go to Andy and Tracey Cullinane and to Hilda and John Bradshaw for all their help and support during the consultation period.

The properties will **only** be available to

- Braunston people.
- People closely associated with the village. i.e. very close relatives or those working here.

Other people on the District Council Housing Waiting List will **not** be eligible and the properties will **not** be subject to the right to buy.

It is hoped that work will start on the site early this spring.



Churchwardens:
John Caunt 890776
Charles Dunn 812143

CHURCH SERVICES

Note: During the interregnum 8am services will normally only be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Sunday 4th February

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm EVENSONG

Sunday 11th February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Monday 12th February

2.15pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 18th February

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm TEAMEVENSONG at Ashby

Sunday 25th February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Wednesday 28th February

7.30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY –
Eucharist at Holy Cross

BVN DEADLINE

The closing date for the March edition is 5pm on Friday 23rd February. Leave your copy at the Post Office or e-mail jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk

Can the Village Website help you?

Not everyone has access to the Internet — yet! It is estimated that over 50% of the population do have access at home, at work or at school and there is a steady increase all the time. If you have never had a look at the web then do come along one Tuesday (6 to 8pm) or Thursday (6.30 to 9.30pm) and see for yourself. There will be a helper to guide you and it is FREE.

Our village website (www.braunston.org.uk) has lots of information about the village including shop opening times, Parish Council minutes, an updated copy of the Village Directory, many photographs and, most important, all the latest news and details of forthcoming events.

Did you miss the press date for BVN? Then why not put details of your meeting on the website?

Did you have an interesting meeting? Then tell others about it so that they will want to come to next one.

Have you got something you want to discuss? Then post a message on the Village Forum and get other people's views.

Got something you want to advertise? Charity adverts are free, commercial concerns make a donation to our Village Hall. Over 200 people will see your advert every week.

Why not take a look at the website and see how you can make it work for you?

You can join in the Forum directly from the website; other items can be sent by e-mail to webmaster@braunston.org.uk or to 6 Brindley Court.

PS. There are a few spare mailboxes available for use by Braunston residents (for a small fee). If you would like your email address to become yourname@braunston.org.uk then send an e-mail asking for details.

Braunston Village Design

The Countryside Agency encourages local people in producing an effective Village Design Statement. It should be representative of the village as a whole and should involve a wide selection of the village community in its production.

A Village Design Statement describes the local character and distinctiveness of the village and the surrounding countryside.

A steering group has been set up to look at the possibility of Braunston completing its own design statement describing the local character and distinctiveness of the village and the surrounding countryside.

The aim would be to get it adopted by the local authority to ensure that the design of future development and any change in Braunston is based on an understanding of the village's past and present, contributing to the protection and improvement of Braunston's special character and maintaining the high quality of its environment.

An open meeting for anyone interested in this project will take place on Friday 30 March 2001 at The Village Centre at 6-30pm.

The loan of old photographs, aerial photographs or sketches of the village would be much appreciated. Please contact Liz Purser on 891485 for further details and information.

A Christmas treat

A big thank you to all those who took advantage of the Parish Council scheme to provide brackets, trees and lights for display in the High Street and Village Green area. They created such a lovely Christmas atmosphere. Thank you too to all those who missed out and have already offered to add to the display this year. The scheme was initially planned to help support our village shops and pubs and in September the Parish Council will be discussing whether or not to extend the scheme to cover other areas of the village. Another idea for Christmas 2001 is to have traditional carol singing round the village, with lanterns and possibly members of the Daventry Town Band to provide the music. Would you or your organisation be interested in joining in? If so please let Geoff Waghorn or Janet McCarthy know as soon as possible so that the Parish Council can book the band if there is sufficient interest.



One stop offers **information** on leisure facilities on the Canal, an **exhibition** by local artists and a **gift shop** offering something that little bit different!

Discover 200 years of waterway history in one visit

Exhibition from 1st February – 28th February 2001

Michaela Kennard

Rugby artist Michaela displays a collection of her artwork, including paintings, textile pots and jewellery.

**Normal Weekday
Opening
0900 – 16.30
Mon - Fri**

For further information please telephone
The Stop House on 01788 890666



**Summer Time
Weekend Opening
1200 - 1600
Sat & Sun
from 5th May 2001
to 23rd Sept 2001**

BRAUNSTON PRE-SCHOOL

Due to a very high demand for places, the Pre-school is now open from 9.15 - 11.45 every day in term time. Thursday sessions are reserved for children who start school this September while Tuesdays are more geared towards the younger children.

If your child is aged between 2½ and 5 years old and would like a place please call Tamsen on 891814. Names can be placed on the waiting list from 21 months old. Funding is available for 4 year olds and some 3 year olds.

MEALS ON WHEELS

We need another driver to help with the delivery of Meals on Wheels in Braunston. This involves fetching meals from Daventry and delivery to clients. The whole operation takes an hour (or less) and you would only be called on once in three weeks.

If you can help, please contact:
Margaret Chamberlain on 890649 or Janet McCarthy on 890336

HALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME UP- DATE.

Our fund for this project now stands at nearly £15,000, which is almost double from that of a year ago. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fund raising efforts over the past year.

Much work has been done by the committee over the last 12 months to finalise all details, obtain planning permission and make the lottery application. We also commissioned a structural engineer to make a preliminary report on the Hall, to ensure that it could structurally withstand the major works that are planned inside. This report shows that the Hall is basically in good condition but that the roof, regardless of the project, needs structural work to the tune of £10,000.

The Quantity Surveyor estimated the building and refurbishment costs of the project to be £285,000 net. Together with the necessary structural improvements, professional fees and VAT, our new all-inclusive total is **£396,500**.

Our application to the National Lottery Charity Board, now for £300,000, was presented in January and we hope to hear the result within 3 or 4 months. We shall keep you informed. Obviously, the project cannot proceed unless we receive this major funding.

In the meantime, we will be considering carefully how we can find funding for the short-fall, which we estimate to be between £20,000 and £40,000. However, this could be more if Daventry District Council's reported financial crisis is confirmed and they make cuts in their budgets for such projects.

If anyone has any ideas for sources of funding, then please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the committee, or phone Lynne on 890865.

Will anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding please contact one of the Churchwardens, either John Caunt (890776) or Charles Dunn (812143)

If you would like the Church Spire lit up for your celebration or special event, please fill in a form to be found at the back of church and deliver it with £5 to John Caunt. (Fawcliff, Cross Lane.)

VACANCY

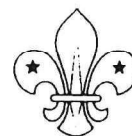
Braunston School Midday Supervisor

Duties include supervision within the dining hall (packed lunches only) and then in the playground until start of afternoon school. More details and an application form are available from the school office. Visits welcome. Phone 890494.

Apply early!

5½ hours per week in term time. £4.77 per hour.

2nd Braunston Scouts



Meet every Friday
evening

7 - 9 pm in the Den
Phone Janet on 890899
for details

Help wanted

- To fit out kitchen in the Den, to paint walls, mend benches.
- Gifts of emulsion paint- especially white. Phone Louis on 89766
- To be a tester for badge work in your special interest- only the occasional hour or two. Phone Sue Burge on 890310
- To give one or two evenings a month to the Scouts. Phone Janet on 890899

Recent events

- Beetle Drive
Adult winner - Michelle Griffiths
Under 18 winner - Ryan Spriggs
- Christmas Party in the Den for all sections. (This year a Christmas Dinner for older Scouts is planned)

Braunston Calendar

February

1 to 28
Tuesdays All in term @ 1-30pm
Tuesdays All @ 6-00pm
Thursdays All @ 6-30pm
Thursdays All @ 8-00pm
Monday 5 @ 7-30pm
Tuesday 6 @ 7-30pm
Thursday 8 @ 7-00pm
Monday 12 @ 2-30am
Monday 12 @ 2-15pm
Tuesday 20 @ 8-00pm
Friday 23 @ 5-00pm
Monday 26 @ 2-30pm
March
Saturday 3 @ 8-00pm
Friday 30 @ 6-30pm

Michaela Kennard artwork
Toddler Group
Computer sessions
Computer sessions
Bingo
Parish Council
Women's Institute 'Gypsies and Gentlemen'
Alpha Course commences
Friendly Club talk on 'Seals'
Little Fishers
Twinning Association
March BVN deadline
Friendly Club talk on 'Local Canals'

Twinning Association Barn Dance
Village Design Statement workshop for all

The Stop House
Village Hall
Village Hall Library
Village Hall Library
Village Hall
Village Hall Library
Village Hall
71 Church Road
Village Hall
All Saints Rooms
10 Welton Road
Post Office
Village Hall

School Hall
Village Hall

See separate column for services at All Saints Church.

Ward Action Service Plan (WASP)

The Parish Council is anxious to correct the impression, which may have been given by recent mailings and articles from Daventry District Council about the WASP scheme.

The Parish Council has not received and will not receive an Environmental Grant of £5000 from the District Council. It will not receive anything. The brief history of this matter is that when it was thought that Harrow Lane Garden would be a larger project than was eventually the case the Parish Council applied for a grant of £1095. The District Council takes on the story

“Based on this information [The application form and letters and conversations following] the Planning Department therefore set aside some ‘provisional’ budget for you, which is where the £5000 comes from. You should note that we did not confirm this figure with you, as the amount is not necessarily the amount that you would be granted...”

To date the Parish has not received the dog-waste bin, which has been promised under the scheme. This is in spite of the fact that the Parish Council has identified an appropriate site and done all necessary work to obtain the permission of neighbours.

On a, hopefully happier, note the Parish has been offered an additional bus shelter and a prospective site on the A45 identified. It is hoped that the work to erect this will commence in the near future.

There have been offers of other funds from the WASP scheme. As implementation of these will be in the hands of the Parish Council it is hopeful that work will go ahead.

The offers are £250 for a new seat, £1000 for additional trees and shrubs and £3000 for additional play equipment. The Parish Council would welcome ideas for these projects and in particular would like to hear from anyone who would agree to a new seat or additional trees near to where they live.

LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

We thought the Library was looking a little tired, and, bearing in mind that it is the one room relatively unaffected by the Hall Project, that it was time to give it a face-lift. We have therefore had it re-decorated and, with the benefit of an anonymous donation (for which we are very grateful), bought new tables, and a computer desk and chairs. We are now considering quotations for new curtains.

The library is very well used in the evenings for committee meetings and the computer sessions. It is mostly free throughout the day and at weekends and is available for hire, including free use of the computer, at a cost of £3.30 per hour for villagers. **To book, please call Clare on 891580.**

BVN items

May we remind those who leave copy at the Post Office to put the material in an envelope which is clearly marked ‘For Braunston Village News’ and also to write the month for which publication is requested?

You may also send items by e-mail to jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk
Thank you.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

Thanks to everyone who came to see this puppet show – we sold out at 105 tickets – approx. 60 children and 45 adults. We hope to stage a few more professional shows this year, so look out for future announcements.

Social Support for Carers

Hello my name is Jenny Osborne, I work for a registered charity called Northamptonshire Council for Disabled People, who are situated at 13 Hazelwood Road, Northampton.

I would like to tell you about a new social network for Carers that I have been involved with setting up.

We meet very informally on the first Tuesday of each month, from 8 p.m. onwards. The group is aimed particularly at Carers who work, from younger age groups or those living in rural areas that might find it difficult to access social or other support.

The venue is Grangewood Country Club in Northampton, it is fully accessible so you can bring along the person you care for if you wish, they would be made to feel welcome. It is hoped that over a period of time long term friendships can be made with people who can identify with their own caring situation.

A social programme is also in the process of being made for 2001, for example in the summer we are hoping to go sailing on Pitsford reservoir with the help of “Sailability” and trips to the theatre etc.

I can be contacted on Tel/Minicom 01604 624088. Fax 01604 605124 or E-mail me at mail@ncdp.fsnet.co.uk for more details and directions.

It is our intention to set up groups in all areas of the county, so please don't be put off by the fact that the meetings are held in Northampton.

Jenny Osborne
Carers Project worker

All Saints'



Churchwardens Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is behind us and we are now well into the New Year. Our services at All Saints' were well attended, in spite of us being without our own Vicar in the village for this most important season in the life of the Church. Unfortunately we still have no news to give on when a successor to James will be appointed; we continue to pray that a suitable candidate will come forward.

In checking what items of Parish property had been left behind in the Rectory, Charles and I were amazed to discover a pile of complete sets of the Braunston Parish Magazine dating back to the late 1890's. We assume that Bevan Griffiths moved them into the "new" Rectory in the 1950's and they have lain undisturbed by his successors since. Unfortunately they are in a somewhat fragile condition and so can not be made available for general inspection, they do however, provide an interesting insight into the life of Braunston one hundred years ago and a valuable source of reference. We thought that it might be interesting to reproduce some of the pages from time-to-time and so have added the page from February 1901 to this edition. If you think that this is of interest, then please let the editors of the BVN know and we will copy more pages in future editions

Yours sincerely,

John Caunt, Churchwarden

FROM THE REGISTERS...

Holy Baptism

7th January Alisdair ROLT

It is with great joy that we welcome this child into God's family

Funerals

6th December James SIME

20th Dec. Jennifer ROBINSON

10th Jan. William WHITLOCK

15th Jan. Iris GRIFFITHS

19th Jan. Frederick FAULKENER

May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Alpha Course

All Saints' Church is starting this successful video/discussion course for a third time for those wishing to explore the Christian faith as part of an informal group. It will commence on Thursday February 8th, at 71 Church Road and runs from 7pm to 9pm.

The evening starts with an informal supper. A key feature of the course is the friendly and relaxed atmosphere which develops among those taking part. The first video presentation is entitled "Christianity – Boring, Untrue or Irrelevant??". So you can see, there is stimulation as well as relaxation! Previous courses have been thoroughly appreciated by all who attended. Please contact Barrie or Gillian Thompson on 890091 to let them know you are coming (for catering) or if you require any more details.

Looking forward to seeing you there. - Barrie & Gillian Thompson

Alpha



Church Floodlighting

- 2nd Dec. For the late Walter Beckett's Birthday, from Sheila & Roger
- 4th Dec. In memory of Mark Sherress. Love Kerry Whitlow
- 6th Dec. For All Children on St. Nicholas' Day, from Margaret Massie
- 9th Dec. For Amanda on her Birthday.
- 11th Dec. In memory of Spencer Lee, from Joan Lee
- 14th Dec. In memory of Phyllis Davies, from Owen Davies
- 14th Dec. For Kurt Baker's 4th Birthday, from Mrs Pateman
- 16th Dec. For Lorna Cooper, from Clive
- 19th Dec. Fond Birthday memories. Doris Davis
- 19th Dec. For Great Grandma Gert Brinkman's 86th Birthday. Love from Olivia
- 24th Dec. On the occasion of the 21st Birthday of Andrew Burge
- 24th/25th Dec. In memory of John Critchlow from his wife Ann
- 26th Dec. Bob and June Arrowsmith's Wedding Anniversary

2001

- 1st Jan. In memory of Peter on our Golden Wedding Anniversary. From Barbara Nurser
- 9th Jan. In memory of William Kendall, from Mrs. E. Kendall
- 18th Jan. For Pam Back's Birthday, from Jenny, Tony & Margaret
- 19th Jan. Moving into Braunston. Mrs. J. Ward
- 19th Jan. Ric's Birthday
- 20th Jan. Peggie's Birthday
- 22/26 Jan. In memory of Gladys Horwood's - love from Ray, Julie & Garry
- 27th Jan. Celebration of Ric & Peggie's Wedding

February 1901

From the **Braunston Parish Magazine.**

The Rector gave his usual Tea to the Sunday School Scholars on the 1st of January. Before tea, prizes of books were given to all who had made more than 75 attendances. It was satisfactory to notice that a goodly number had reached the required standard. The highest attendance of the boys was made by William Day, viz., 93; and of the girls, Sarah Kitchin made the same excellent number of attendances. After a plentiful tea the children were dismissed to play for half an hour, while the guests to the number of about forty, partook of the cup which "cheers but does not inebriate." On the return of the children to the school a great treat awaited them. For the idea of providing a Christmas Tree had been warmly taken up by the ladies of the parish; and subscriptions to defray the necessary cost were kindly given by Lady Evelyn Riddell, Mrs. Lowndes, Mrs. Bucknill, Mrs. Adamthwaite, Mrs. Baylis, Mrs. Ellard, Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Cross, Miss West, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and Miss Hall. Miss Hall admirably discharged the office of Secretary, and together with the ladies resident in the village, decorated the Tree with lights and presents. The result was in every way satisfactory, and the children were much delighted with the tree and their presents, and signified their gratitude by giving hearty cheers for those who provided the Entertainment.

The Ringers, the Choir-boys, and the Choir-men, have all in turn been entertained to supper at the Rectory. It gives the Rector much pleasure to see them on such occasions, as he is fully aware and gladly recognizes that they are fellow-workers with him in the service of God's House, and can do a great deal by diligent attention to the duties which they have voluntarily undertaken to make the service of the Church beautiful and seemly. We have to record with respectful regret the death of our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria. The solemn fact wants no words. It has sunk deeply into all hearts. Her sorrowing people feel that as God has fulfilled one portion of the Church's prayer for the Queen, to "grant her, in health and wealth, long to live;" so they have good grounds for hoping that "finally after this life she has attained everlasting joy and felicity."

Marriage

Jan. 7 Harry Garner to Mary Ann Chambers

Burials.

Jan. 11—Ann Kite, aged 80.

Jan. 14—John Hiron, aged 61

Jan. 19—Emma Bland, aged 26.

From the 1901 registers:

Baptisms

Dec 30—Samuel Freeman Archer.

Jan. 6—Frances Ellen Kendall.

Friendly Club

Monday 12 February:

Anne Billingham will give an illustrated talk about 'Seals'.

Monday 26 February:

Simon Ainley will talk about 'Local Canals', illustrated with slides. This talk will be open to visitors at a charge of £1-00 which includes refreshments. Members are free as normal.

Twinning News

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th February at 8pm at 10 Welton Road.

Barn Dance

Dance Away Those Winter Blues - the next Twinning Association Barn Dance will be in the School Hall on Saturday 3rd March at 8pm. Tickets still only £5 (including a Ploughman's Supper) from Elizabeth Gwynne on 891331 (also from the Post Office from early February).

Twinning Visit to Quincy-Voisins

On the evening of Friday 4th May a coach will leave for Braunston's twin village, Quincy-Voisins, which lies to the east of Paris near Meaux (brie cheese and mustard) and Disneyland Paris.

Three days will be spent with host families before returning to Braunston on Tuesday 8th May. If you are interested in joining this enjoyable trip, or would like some more information, please contact Beverley Hankinson on 01788 891221 or Elizabeth Gwynne on 01788 891331 as soon as possible. The maximum cost will be £75 per person (£45 for children of 12 and under); this includes all travel expenses and accommodation/meals with a host family. (If we get a good response this amount could be significantly reduced).

Braunston Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 February 2001 at 7-30pm in the Village Hall Library



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MARTIN SCOTT

ADI, IAM

01788 890751



Women's Institute

**Tuesday 6 February 7-30pm
in the Village Hall**

"Gypsies and Gentlemen"

100 years of Caravanning by Peter Frost.

QUIZ RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Centenary Quiz. We had many entries quite close in points, which meant we had to do the marking very carefully. With a possible 200 points on offer, we had three entries tying on 195 points. A draw was made on January 8th, conducted at the Parish Council meeting. The entry drawn was **Rose Jolliffe** of Rugby, who wins the £10 prize. Congratulations to the winner, and the two unlucky runners up - **Andrew & Clare** and **Kate & Alan Mawer**. Answers are displayed on the Village Hall and Parish noticeboards, and copies can be obtained from the Post Office. If anyone wants to know their marks, please call Lynne on 890865.



Thanks for the donation of £40 to the BVN 'in memory of a late parishioner. Many thanks to Donnie and John.'

The Braunston and District Branch of the Royal British Legion are pleased to announce that the amount collected for the poppy appeal this year is £1877-97, an increase of 20.9% on last year. The branch would like to thank the collectors for their hard work and the people of Ashby St Ledgers, Welton and Braunston for their generosity.

THE BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

Mrs Julia Beattie

Fully registered I.S.T.D. teacher

**DANCE CLASSES AT
BRAUNSTON**

Enquiries Tel. RUGBY 890488

Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

Summer is fast approaching, and the village team are busily preparing for the coming season. We will be running 4 teams this year. Two in the Warwickshire Saturday league, one in the Rugby mid-week league and for the first time a junior (under 16) side in the Rugby league. New members will be warmly welcome, especially juniors. Please phone Richard Stapley (890475) for details including coaching and nets. More information can be gleaned from the website.

Little Fishers

Come and have fun with the Little Fishers, a group for babies to school age children (0-4 1/2). We meet every second and fourth Monday afternoon (next is 12 February) during term-time in the church room. For about twenty minutes we sing songs, say our prayers, hear a story and colour or cut out. Tea, squash and biscuits follow.

To whom it may concern

Will the person or persons persistently stealing plants from the new flower bed on the corner of Harrow Lane and the High Street **please stop**. The bed has been planted at public expense for the enjoyment of **all** villagers. It is costly and time consuming to have to keep replacing them and the inter planted bulbs are being trodden on and spoilt.

Our thanks to Frank and Jenny Oxborough who 'rescued' and re-planted the flower tub from outside the Post Office, the tub had been carried across the road and thrown into their garden in the early hours of Sunday 14 January.

The village does look so much nicer with the spring and summer flower displays. What a pity just a few people threaten to spoil it for everyone.