

Braunston Village News

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The Herne Legacy

Many in the village will have fond memories of Audrey and Dick Herne and will also know of their active involvement in village life. Dick's interest in and knowledge of local history is something for which he will be long remembered.

It was with both pleasure and surprise that the Village Hall received a gift of £5,000 from Dick Herne's estate. We are grateful to his family who executed a Deed of Variation to his will which made the donation possible. Friends of Braunston School (£4,000) and William Makepeace Charity (£1,000) also received bequests.

How should the money be used? This is probably summed up best in the letter that accompanied the donation.

"He (Dick Herne) was very involved in local history through teaching, research and writing and we hope the money can be used to encourage others, including local school children, to become involved and enjoy study of the locality and its history as he did. He wrote local guides to both the church and village itself and we hope this tradition can be renewed in imaginative ways to the benefit of the local community, visitors and school parties. As an unofficial 'holder of archives', he would have also valued making interesting study material, local documents and historical artefacts available to a wider audience."

News from the Village Hall

New Groups

The next stage in the formation of Theatre, Badminton & History groups is to meet the others sharing the interest and discuss how the groups can be developed. The many people who formally responded to the questionnaire have been written to, and invited to a series of meetings in the **Library of the Village Hall on Sunday afternoon, June 10th**.

These will be timed as follows: **HISTORY AT 3.00 P.M. THEATRE AT 3.45 PM AND BADMINTON AT 4.30 P.M.** These are open meetings, and anyone interested in being involved with these new groups will be very welcome.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held at **8.00 p.m.** in the library of the Village Hall on **Monday, June 25th**. It is the occasion when we report on our year's activities to the people of Braunston, for whom the Village Hall is held in trust. All residents are invited to attend and hear this report and to receive the audited accounts for the past year, and also to ask any questions they may have, or to put forward any suggestions.

There are also elections to the 6 available positions of Trustee on the Management Committee, open to any resident of Braunston over the age of 18. We currently have 5 elected representatives joining the 8 user group representatives and one co-opted member, which makes for a very lively and dedicated group, that meets once a month on the last Monday of each month, for an hour or two.

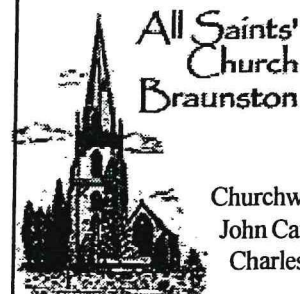
Our Lottery Bid.

I am pleased to report that an assessment has been carried out by **Community Action** (the new name for the National Lottery Charities Board, to whom we made our grant application). They came to visit us on May 8th, giving us a vigorous interrogation on our project. Their report now goes to the area committee to decide whether our grant (for £300,000) will be approved. We have been told that we should hear the result in July.

We also received a visit from Ford Trust UK, who will consider our application for financial assistance, once we hear whether our lottery grant is approved.

Fund raising.

Thanks to everyone who attended the May Book Sale, to all those who gave books and to those who gave up their time to help. The afternoon raised a total of **£160**, for the Project Fund. Our next scheduled event is not until November, when we have booked a musical performed by the professional Looking Glass Theatre, called **Dick Turpin**. We shall let you know dates, times and prices later. Any suggestions for fund raising activities would be gratefully received.



Churchwardens:
John Caunt 890776
Charles Dunn 812143

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd June

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm Pentecost Praise

Friday 8th June

7.30pm Licensing of Revd. Claire
Rose-Casemore

Sunday 10th June

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Monday 11th June

2.15pm The Little Fishers

Thursday 14th June

7.30pm Corpus Christi Team
Eucharist at Braunston

Sunday 17th June

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 24th June

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm Team Choral Evensong at
Hellidon

Monday 25th June

2.15pm The Little Fishers

New Vicar arrives 8 June.....
See inside for details.

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the July edition is
12 noon on
Saturday 23 June
Leave your copy at the Post Office
in an envelope marked BVN or e-mail
jrwbw@globalnet.co.uk

Gardens Association

Our plant sale raised £175.25 – thanks to everyone who donated plants and to those who came to buy them.

The Garden Store is open for another FOUR Sundays (until June 27th) for the purchase of composts, grow bags, fertilizers etc. We also stock slow release fertilizer and swellgel – to keep those hanging baskets and container plants in good condition over the (hopefully) long hot summer. Open from 11-12 at the Village Hall. Outside these times, you can telephone your order to 890865 and we can deliver to your door.

Late June or early July is judging time for the Gardens Competition, so if you see a group peering at your garden from a public footpath, it will probably be our 2 invited judges from Badby, plus escorts, deciding on which are the best gardens and floral displays in the village. Results will be announced as soon as they are known, with prizes awarded at Braunston Show in September. It is a difficult and arduous job – standards are high throughout the village, it is a large area to cover and involves a lot of walking. The judges visit every street, and it can take a whole day to do the job properly, with their only reward being lunch, plus our gratitude.

Victim Support

Northamptonshire

What is Victim Support?

Victim Support is an independent national charity. Trained volunteers based in local schemes contact people following a crime to offer free, confidential support and information. Our Witness Service helps victims, witnesses and their families before during and after a trial.

MORE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

We depend upon people to give their time to help victims recover from the distress caused by crime. Full training is given, expenses are paid and full support is given to volunteers by paid staff.

Specialist training is also offered in the areas of racist crime, domestic violence, rape & sexual assault and supporting the families of murder victims.

If you have good communication skills, spare time that you would like to put to good use, and are interested in finding out more about the opportunities that Victim Support can offer, please telephone **01604 603477**

to find out your local contact:

WORKING FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

SCOUTCAR SUCCESS

2nd Braunston Scouts and Cubs went to Wolverhampton on the 12th of May to have some fun at the “Scoutcar” races, and came back with two trophies!

What is “Scoutcar” then? It’s an event where a group of Cubs, Scouts or Venture Scouts build a pedal cart and race it around a track at near break-neck speeds, generally having a laugh but also trying to win races. It requires a fair degree of engineering skill, and a lot of fitness to keep the car going.

Braunston Scouts have not been to a Scoutcar event in over 5 years, but still they managed to scoop the third prize in the Cub Sprints and a first in the Cub Grand Prix.

Proud Cub leader Andy Isom said, “We went to have a bit of fun and for the experience, but we came back with trophies! It’s marvellous!”

The Cubs and Scouts would like to say a big thank-you to Gordon Kemp, who brought the car to life and kept it living throughout great trouble (A broken axle or two is not too tough for him to handle), to Philip Hutchinson, for turning chaos into order by organising the teams, whilst managing various crises along the way, Peter Griffiths for Formula One quality engineering and to Andy and Laura Isom for help with transport and putting up with them for the day. The team and leaders were rewarded after all their hard work by a fish and chip supper and a hero’s welcome as they arrived home.



From right to left, top to bottom: Guy Hutchinson, Kane Moore, Darrel Melotti holding a trophy, Daniel Moore, Matthew Griffiths holding the cup, Anthony Isom, Andy Isom, Richard, Laura Isom, and James Isom.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT UPDATE

From the Steering Group Chairman, Alan Mees

The Action Day duly took place on Saturday 28 April. In the morning six groups of villagers conducted a survey of the village, photographing notable features. After lunch, with the films developed, they presented a display of their pictures to the other groups.

The project has now moved on the next stage - with groups meeting to process the material from the Action Day. The objective is to identify the typical design features of buildings that best represent the character of Braunston, together with aspects of their setting. The end product will be expressed in a published document, partly financed by a grant from Daventry District Council. It is envisaged that a draft of the document will be produced for village-wide comment and ultimate approval later this year.

Meanwhile, anyone else who wishes to be further involved with this project would be most welcome; please contact the Secretary, Liz Purser, 3 High Street, and Tel. 891485.



Churchwardens Letter

Dear Parishioners,

The big day is nearly here when we welcome our new Vicar to Braunston. The Bishop of Brixworth will license the Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore on Friday 8th June and all Braunston is invited to share in this joyful occasion. Invitations have also been sent to all Claire's friends and relatives, the congregation in her old parish of Kingsthorpe, all the churches in the Daventry Team and local representatives. Replies to the invitations have been coming in and we are expecting a full congregation. All Saints' is noted for its hospitality on these occasions and many parishioners have volunteered to provide the food for the reception afterwards.

The Sunday after Revd. Claire's arrival would normally have been our monthly Family Service, but in order to allow her to hold a Parish Eucharist on her first Sunday in the village we have moved the Family Service from Sunday 10th June to the Sunday 17th June.

We have received excellent support from Revd. Clive Cooper and the Daventry Team during the last nine months since Revd. James left, but we are all pleased that the interregnum is coming to an end and are sure that Braunston will make Claire welcome.

We look forward to seeing everyone at All Saints on the 8th June.

Yours sincerely,
John Caunt, Churchwarden

Notices...

Until the arrival of Revd. Claire will anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding please contact one of the Churchwardens - John Caunt (890776) or Charles Dunn (812143).

Church Floodlighting

- 1st May Keren & John Andrews second Wedding Anniversary
15th May For Dennis Clarke. Loving memories on his 70th Birthday. Kay & Family
17th May In loving memory of mother, Daisy Berry, on her Birthday. From Sydney, Ben & John

Lighting Certificates, showing the church lit at night, are now available for those who would like to send them to relatives and friends, or buy them for their own use. They can be bought from Sheila Rowley at 5 Dane Court (tel: 890559). The price is £1 each.

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

Note. Although your floodlighting will be printed in the BYN sometimes due to lack of space your full dedication will be abbreviated. We apologise for having to do this.

All Saints Braunston

PENTECOST PRAISE

June 3rd 6-30pm

A service of popular hymns and readings

ALL WELCOME

From the Registers.....

Funerals

3rd May Lily Midson
5th May William Hughes

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

Little Fishers

If you are aged up to five, come and join us at Little Fishers. We play musical instruments, sing songs, say our prayers and colour pictures. After, we have squash and a biscuit.

This month we meet on Mondays 11 and 25 June at 2-15pm in the Church Room.

Open Gardens - On Sunday

1 July, from 2-5.30pm, nine Braunston villagers will be opening their gardens to the public, with all funds raised going to Macmillan Nurses.

Admission will be £1.50 for all 9 gardens, payable at the Village Hall or at any of the Open Gardens. Accompanied children under 16 are free.

Teas, a raffle and a plant stall will be available during the afternoon at the Village Hall.

Further details from Jean Dibben 890515 or Melanie Walsh 891174.

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN SESSION JULY 3RD

..... IT'S FUN AND IT'S FREE

Question: Where can you find dough, paint, music, programmable toys, qualified staff and lots of play?

Answer: Braunston Pre-school

If you are looking for a stimulating, safe environment where children learn through play then Braunston Pre-school is the place for you. We are Ofsted and Social Services inspected and both these excellent reports will be available for you to read at our OPEN DAY on Tuesday 3rd July in the Village Hall from 9.00 to 12.00

Just turn up on the day to meet the staff, play with the toys and find out more about the things your child could be doing at a session. Although we are very full at this point in the year we are currently taking names on our waiting list for September. We accept children from two and a half to five years old. Those over 4 and some 3 year olds qualify for local authority funding.

See you there!

Contact Alison on 891096 for more details

Welton Road Play Area

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the play area has been reopened following its closure due to vandalism damage last year. We hope that many children will enjoy a visit to it to play on the equipment which is there.

Repairing the vandalised items cost the council (that is to say all Council Tax payers in the parish) £779. Hopefully everyone will always take care of all equipment in the village which is provided for the pleasure of everyone. If you do spot anyone causing malicious damage to any property, whether private or public, please take action by contacting the police on 01327 300300.

Community Police Drop In Sessions

The next session will be held in the Village Hall Library on Monday 4 June from 5-30pm to 7-00pm. Anyone who has any matter which they wish to raise with our village constable, PC Scott Bennett, is welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary, just turn up.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996

Did you know that under this Act a number of areas are designated where it is illegal to allow dogs to foul? Land automatically designated includes Carriageways with a speed of 40mph or less and adjoining verges. All footpaths, verges and public open spaces located within 40mph or less areas. Parks and grassland maintained by DDC.

Land in Braunston already designated by request of the Parish Council is the Playing Field and the Pocket Park.

Braunston Parish Council

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 June 2001 at 7-30pm in the Village Hall Library



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Women's Institute

Tuesday 5 June 7-30pm in the Village Hall

"Survival of the Fittest"

A brief history of child-rearing
Jan Warner

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation will be held at **BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL** on **MONDAY JUNE 25TH** at **8.00 PM** in the **LIBRARY** of the **VILLAGE HALL**
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Twinning Association

This year's AGM will be on **Tuesday 19th June at 8pm** in the **Old Library** in the **Village Hall**.

Join us at the meeting, learn about activities in the last year, including the trip to France in May, and hear about our plans for next year.

Access to the Countryside

The Countryside Agency has produced a useful leaflet, *New rights, new responsibilities*, which shows the main points arising out of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (often spoken of as 'The right to roam').

There are copies of the leaflet at the Village Hall Library. The library can USUALLY be accessed whenever the hall is open but the library is not being used for a meeting.

Lost and Found

A set of mortice keys was found in a handbag sold at the Braunston WI Jumble Sale on Saturday, 17 March 2001. If they belong to you, please contact Chris Godwin 01788 890981.



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 June - 29th June 2001

Dale Howett - Handmade Working Boats

The youngest exhibitor to the Stop House so far! Thirteen year old Dale displays a collection of his handmade traditional narrowboats.

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