

Braunston Village News

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A45 to be detrunked

It has been talked about for a long time but now it looks as if it will really happen. The authorities have issued an order that will bring this into effect. There is as yet no firm date for when this to become effective. The length of road to be detrunked is, with minor exceptions, from Upton roundabout, Northampton, through Braunston to the M45 junction roundabout at Dunchurch and the section from the western edge of Coventry to the eastern edge of Birmingham. The Daventry Bypass is not a trunk road at present.

The immediate effect of detrunking is that responsibility for maintenance of the road will be transferred from the Highways Agency to Northamptonshire County Council.

Anyone who has any comments, either for or against should write to Highways Agency, C5, 5 Broadway, Broad Street, Birmingham, B15 1BL quoting HA 163/001/000031.

Comments must be received by 22 March 2001.

Pre-school passes Ofsted inspection with Flying Colours

Ofsted visited Braunston Pre-school on 8-9 February. No key issues of concern were identified and re-inspection is not required until 2 to 4 years' time. The feedback on the day was especially complimentary about our curriculum planning, music and I.T. (computer learning and programmable toys). The written report will follow after half term. This will be available in the parents' resource box in the main hall during session times for you to read. Thanks to all who work so hard to keep pre-school running so well, particularly Carole Tippett and Lyn Crooks who recently joined forces to job share the Supervisor's position. Lyn is a qualified primary teacher who has been involved with Pre-school over several years with her own children, and we are very pleased to welcome her to this new role.

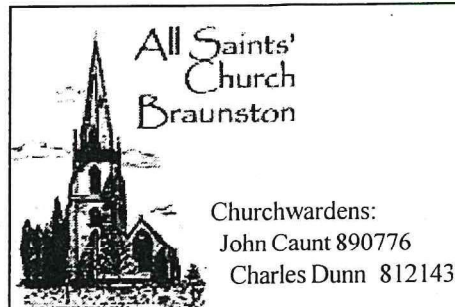
To enquire about a place in this excellent Pre-school please call Tamsen on 01788 891814. Pre-school is open 9.15-11.45 every day during term with Thursdays reserved for children starting school in September. Four year olds are eligible for Local Authority funding and names may be placed on our waiting list from 21 months. Families are then notified when space becomes available.

Back to the Future

A public meeting in the village hall on Friday March 30th, starting at 6.30pm. organised by the Braunston Village Design Statement Steering Group, will explain how Braunston people can influence new development in the Braunston area.

The aim is to produce a Village Design Statement showing the features that we value. This will influence the sorts of development that can take place. It will contain pictures and drawings of the area, and will cover some of the history of the village, to explain the planning guidelines that we want.

The meeting will have the help of Karren Britton who works in Daventry District Council Planning Department, and Abby Thomas who works for ACRE, a rural development charity. They will explain what a Village Design Statement is and how it is produced. There will also be the opportunity for people to say what they think should be protected, and raise any concerns they have about development. - Refreshments will be provided and the meeting will finish by 9.15pm.



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 March

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm EVENSONG

Sunday 11th March

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Monday 12th March

2.15pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 18th March

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm TEAM EVENSONG
at Helidon

Sunday 25th March

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am *Mothering Sunday*
FAMILY SERVICE

Monday 26th March

2.15pm The Little Fishers

Calling all Playing Field Association Trustees

(Committee)

There is to be a meeting of the Playing Field Association Trustees (committee members). This will be held on Monday 19 March 2001 at 8-00pm in the Village Hall Library.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the present parlous state of the PFA and, if possible, find a way forward.

Please make every effort to attend.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

2001 DATES FOR THE DIARY:-

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH – GARDEN STORE RE-OPENS FOR 2001 SEASON: EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FROM 11 AM UNTIL MIDDAY, UNTIL END OF JUNE. PRICES HELD FROM LAST YEAR (SEE BELOW). MEMBERSHIP STILL ONLY 20P FOR THE SEASON.

Price list for products sold from Garden Store. The usual range of fertilizers are sold loose i.e. bonemeal, blood, fish & bone, Growmore etc.

Product	Quantity	Price
Compost - Richmoor	80 litres	£3.90
Compost – Richmoor	10 litre bucket	£0.60
John Innes seed compost	25 litres	£2.20
John Innes No. 2 compost	25 litres	£2.20
Growbag	For 3 plants	£1.20
Growbag	For 4 plants	£1.65
Ashby Manor Garden Mulch	80 litres	£3.50
Rooster – organic pelleted chicken manure	7.35 kgs	£6.00
Tomorite	1 litre	£3.50
Bamboo canes	8 ft	£0.22
Doff Slug pellets	800 g	£2.60
Doff Slug pellets	1 kg	£2.95
Water retaining gel	50g sachet	£1.00
Slow release fertiliser	120 g sachet	£0.80

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH – ILLUSTRATED TALK ON PELARGONIUMS (ex-GERANIUMS) PRESENTED BY PYE COURT NURSERY. 8.00 PM IN THE LIBRARY. ENTRANCE £1 ON THE DOOR. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH – BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND BRING-AND-BUY PLANT SALE. ON THE VILLAGE GREEN FROM 9 AM UNTIL MIDDAY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH – FRUIT FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

Also this year, either the 1st or 2nd Sunday in July will be the biannual **GARDENS OPEN DAY** in aid of MacMillan Nurses. Anyone who might be interested in opening their garden this year should contact Jean Dibben on 890515. Anyone who might like to lend a hand on the day in organising the visitors, selling programmes etc. would be very welcome.

Note for April

Parish Meeting

This year's Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18 April 2001 at 7-30pm. In addition to the usual business there will be consideration of the playing field and the Playing Field Association.

Braunston Calendar

Sundays All @ 11 am to end June	Gardens Association Store	Village Hall
Tuesdays All in term @ 1-30pm	Toddler Group	Village Hall
Tuesdays All @ 6-00pm	Computer sessions	Village Hall Library
Thursdays All @ 6-30pm	Computer sessions	Village Hall Library
Thursdays All @ 8-00pm	Bingo	Village Hall
Saturday 3 @ 8-00pm	Twinning Association Barn Dance	School Hall
Monday 5 @ 7-30pm	Parish Council	Village Hall Library
Tuesday 6 @ 7-30pm	Women's Institute 'What is Autism?'	Village Hall
Saturday 17 @ 2-00pm	Women's Institute Jumble Sale	Village Hall
Monday 19 @ 8-00pm	Playing Field Association Trustees	Village Hall Library
Friday 23 @ 5-00pm	April BVN deadline	Post Office
Saturday 24 a.m.	Scout Cake Stall	29 High St.
Tuesday 27 @ 8-00pm	'Illustrated Pelargonium Talk'	Village Hall Library
Friday 30 @ 6-30pm	Village Design Statement workshop.	Village Hall

See separate column for services at All Saints Church.

DO YOU REMEMBER ANY OF THE OLD PLAYGROUND GAMES YOU USED TO PLAY?

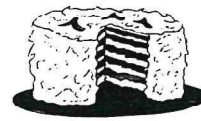
I am collecting skipping rhymes, ring games etc to teach to the pre-school children. If you remember the tunes/ rhymes/actions perhaps you could get in touch so that we keep passing them down to our children...for example "Blue Bells, cockle shells, eery ivy over" is one skipping song I remember - can you remind me of how it goes on?

Please call Alison Coleman on 01788 891096 with any more you remember - from Braunston or elsewhere.

Thanks.

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

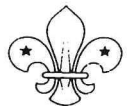


Scout Cake Stall and Tombola
Saturday morning
24th March

outside 29 High Street

Look out for posters advertising the event!

It is the day before Mothering Sunday so come and purchase your celebration cake!



Jottings from Braunston's Waterfront

• The first weekend in February saw the Marina bustling with the now annual 'Ownership Show' opened by David Suchet.

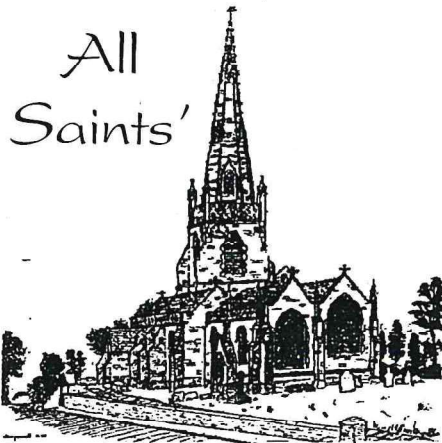
• There is concern about a plan a developer has to build 12 houses on the old station site (Yes, Braunston did have a rail service 50 years ago!)

• Development of the Green Acre car park (beside the Stop House) is still on the cards but the start of the work has been delayed

• Part of the canal below the Admiral Nelson has been drained to fit new gates on Lock 2

• Braunston enhances its boat building tradition with a new business 'Wharf House Narrowboats' at the bottom lock.





All Saints'

Churchwarden's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday is now past and the Church has entered the period of Lent, which is a time of preparation, leading to the joy of Easter. Traditionally Lent was a period of abstinence, and at All Saints we will be continuing this idea by holding a series of Lent Lunches on three Saturdays in March. Everyone is most welcome to come and share with us a modest lunch of soup and fresh bread, and to give what they would have spent on lunch towards those less fortunate than ourselves. All monies collected this year will go to our millennium charity, Hope & Homes for Children. Further details of dates and times are on this page.

You may remember that All Saints raised £15,000 for Hope & Homes last year, to buy a home for orphan children in the Sudan. We heard recently from the charity regarding progress. As it is H & H policy to refuse to give away charity money as bribes to officials, which is the local custom in that part of the world, they have encountered numerous unnecessary delays and obstructions. Nevertheless things are now moving forward and they hope to have bought Braunston's home by the year-end.

A number of parishioners have commented favourably on the extract from the 100 year old Braunston Parish Magazine which was published in the February BVN. Older readers remembered some of those named in the article and we will certainly reprint further pages from time-to-time.

Yours sincerely,
John Caunt, Churchwarden

Church Floodlighting

9th January	For William Kendall. Birthday memories of a special husband, father and grandad. From Mrs. E. Kendall
31st January	In memory of my Mother, Constance Towler. From Chris on the narrowboat Elstree.
12th February	Karen Childs. Birthday Memories. Love Dad, Kim & Helen.
14th February	St. Valentine's Day
16th February	Keren Andrews Birthday
18th February	For Bill Griffin's 80th birthday, from the family.

All Saints' Lent Lunches

In aid of Hope & Homes for Children.

Saturdays

10th, 17th and 31st March

12.15 to 2 p.m.

All Saints' Church Parish Room.

Come along and share lunch with us.

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 BVN sometimes due to lack of space your full dedication will be abbreviated. We apologise for having to do this.

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

Braunston Toddler Group

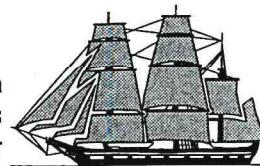
- *not just for toddlers!*

This small friendly group meets every Tuesday during term in the Village Hall. Come along at any time between 1.30 and 3.00 for a cup of something and a chat, and let the children play and watch what's going on. Even the babies enjoy the conversation and the music. The older children love the toys, the space, meeting others their own age, singing and getting involved with the craft activity. Parents, childminders and grandparents are all welcome...
... and all ages and stages up to 5 are catered for. A nominal charge of just £1.20 covers the costs....
..... Feel free to turn up during any session... or call Tamsen on 891814 if you would like more information.

Village Notes.....

.....Braunston and the Royal Navy.

We are about as far from the sea as it is possible to be in England so why is it that one of the red granite tombstones in the churchyard records the burial of Rear Admiral Oliver John Jones of Westfield House?



Who was he and why did he come to live his final years in Braunston? A visit to the Public Records Office in Kew threw some light on his career. Born in 1814, a second son, at Fonmon Castle in Glamorgan (which is open to the public these days) he went to sea aged 13 as a midshipman. He passed exams and was commissioned in 1839. The records show the ships in which he served. In 1849 he was commended by his Admiral for gallant conduct in leaping overboard and saving the life of a seaman. In 1855 he was promoted Captain and spent much of the 1860's as senior naval officer in Hong Kong. He was highly praised for destroying some Chinese villages near Swatow which had attacked British ships. During those years he was awarded a medal by the French for assisting a French frigate that was in difficulties. He returned to England in 1870 and became a Rear Admiral but the records do not tell us what responsibilities he had. He retired from the Royal Navy in 1873 and died in 1878.

We do not know when he came to Braunston nor do we know anything of his family. Please tell the BVN if you know the answers.

- O.M.D

Friendly Club

at Braunston Village Hall

12th March. Ploughman's lunch at 12.45 for 1.00 pm. Cost £3.00
If you haven't put your name down please contact Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336.

26th March. At 2.30 pm Mr John Foster will talk about "Around the World with the Postal Service"

Operation Springclean

On Saturday 21 April there is the opportunity to clear the village of all of the litter which gets left around the place. All necessary kit will be provided and for the sake of about two hours of your time the village can be tidied up and tarted up.

No interview is necessary! Just meet by the bus shelter on the Green at **10-00am on Saturday 21 April.**

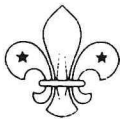
Women's Institute



Tuesday 6 March
7-30pm in the Village Hall
"What is Autism?"
Sarah Bush.

ANNUAL WI JUMBLE SALE

Braunston Village Hall
Saturday 17 March at 2-00pm
Admission 20p
Cake Stall, Refreshments, raffle.
We look forward to seeing all our friends.



2nd Braunston Scouts
Will be canoeing this summer!

The canoes have been inspected and after some further work by the Scouts & Leaders they will be ready for use. Thanks to donations from the Braunston Charities and the Parish Council they will be able to purchase buoyancy aides and air bags. The water activities will be supervised by qualified adults.

24th March - Cake Stall
(Details on another page)



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ADI, IAM

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PC Bob Dunn



PC Bob Dunn has been appointed to a new job and is therefore no longer the Community Beat Officer for Braunston. His successor is PC Scott Bennett who started on 19 February. For the time being there will be no Community Beat Drop In sessions. These had been taking place monthly in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council is aware that a number of villagers found the sessions useful and has written to the police asking that the sessions be restarted as soon as possible.

THE BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

Mrs Julia Beattie
Fully registered I.S.T.D. teacher
**DANCE CLASSES AT
BRAUNSTON**
Enquiries Tel. RUGBY 890488

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday, 2 March 2001.
United Reformed Church
Sheaf Street, Daventry.
2-00pm and 7-30pm

REWARD

Tea, Coffee, Wine, Nibbles

will be provided at the Village Hall from **6.30 pm on Friday 30th March** for information on what you would like to see in a Braunston Planning Document

Want to know more?
Contact Dave Rogers 891179

BVN DEADLINE

The closing date for the April edition is 5pm on Friday 23rd March.
Leave your copy at

Braunston Post Office

in an envelope marked BVN or e-mail jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk



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 March - 30th March 2001

Sarah Chanin - Painting Exhibition

A member of the Guild of Waterway Artists, working mainly in oils, Sarah exhibits a collection of waterway pictures. Prints for sale.

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