

Braunston Village News

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Best Wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year

As in recent years we combine the last edition of one year with the first of the next. There is no enthusiasm for producing a January edition after a Christmas dinner! We now have an editorial change, Steve Rolt has succeeded Geoff Waghorn as Parish Clerk and inherited the role of joint editor nominated by the Parish Council. Owen Davies remains the editor nominated by All Saints' Church. We are grateful to Geoff for his pioneering work creating the new style BVN which is funded for the greater part by the Parish Council. Space permitting we hope to publish our accounts for 2001/2002 in early summer. We would like to increase our advertising income and also the range of items we print. We welcome help on both counts. Just phone us to discuss your ideas. Owen 890076, Steve 890241

BRAUNSTON PLAYERS

present:

Dickens at Christmas

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December
at 8 pm in the Village Hall



Rehearsals are going well. The Producer, Fred Barnes of the "Boat Shop", has put together an enthusiastic cast of twelve. They meet twice a week in the Village Hall library to practice their dramatic readings of excerpts from 'A Christmas Carol', 'The Pickwick Papers' and 'Martin Chuzzlewit' in which Mrs Gamp, Sergeant Buzfuz, Sam Weller and Scrooge are among the colourful characters who appear. This is the first production of the newly-formed Braunston Players and there is expected to be a keen demand for seats. The show is expected to give the Christmas spirit in Braunston a traditional, cheery start.

Tickets (£3.50) are available at The Village Stores and include a glass of wine and mince pie on the night!

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall development fund.

Starting School?

If your child is due to start school in September 2002 and you would like a place at Braunston CE Primary, please contact the school on 01788 890494 or write to:

Mrs B Parfitt
Braunston CE School
Barby Lane, Braunston
Daventry NN11 7HE



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest:

Rev. Claire Rose-Casemore

890235

(Rest Day - Fridays)

Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776

Charles Dunn 812143

Christmastide Events

(See inside for full list of services)

Sunday 2nd December

6.00 pm Deanery Advent Service
at Holy Cross

Sunday 16th December

Christingle Service

at 5.00pm. For all children and in aid of the Children's Society. No envelopes this year. Please take your donations to the service or post through the rectory letterbox



Sunday 23rd December

6.30 pm Nine lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve 24th December

6.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Service

Christmas Day

10.30 am Christmas Communion

Wolfhamcote

Traditional Christmas Service
4 pm on Saturday 8th December
(From past experience you are advised to wear warm clothing and take a camp chair or cushion.)

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the February edition is 12.00 noon on Wednesday 23rd January. Leave your copy at the Post Office in an envelope marked BVN or e-mail to steve@rolt.net



Past its Time

The Cedar of Lebanon which stands outside the Mill House has probably been there for over 200 years. These long-living trees were introduced into Britain in 1683 and were widely planted by Capability Brown in the seventeenth century. When the old "Mississippi Showboat" at the Mill House was demolished a few years ago and the modern extension built in its place, the tree roots were damaged and it is now dying. Some of the boughs have already split and it is feared that they might fall off and cause damage or injury during the winter gales.

A tree expert has said that it should be felled and, in view of its state, the Council have given permission to do this and it is expected that this will be done within the next two months. It is planned to plant a new Cedar of Lebanon in this place.

The BVN would like to know the history of this site at the gateway to Braunston. Please write to us!

THE THANK YOU BOX

The BVN thanks the **Braunston Village Gardens Association** for a generous gift of £50 towards the cost of producing this community newsletter

Braunston Junior Football Club

This is a friendly, active club with four teams ranging from Under 9's to Under 14's. We currently have two voluntary positions to fill:

1. Chairperson to attend monthly meetings in the Wheatsheaf.
2. Manager/Coach. A suitable F.A. course can be arranged if necessary.

Please contact:

Jane Stevenson on 891195

Twining Association

Barn Dance returns on Saturday 2nd March 2002. Contact Elizabeth (891331) for more details or tickets.

Thanks to John Forster for hosting an enjoyable Quiz on Saturday 17th November and to everyone who supported the evening.



THE BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

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

Braunston Calendar

December

Tuesdays All @ 1-30pm	Toddler Group	Village Hall
Thursdays All @ 8-00pm	Bingo	Village Hall
Monday 3 @ 7-30pm	Parish Council	Village Hall Library
Tuesday 4 @ 7-30pm	W I Christmas Party	Village Hall
Fri & Sat 7 & 8 @8-00pm	Dickens at Christmas	Village Hall
Saturday 15 @ 2-00pm	Children's Christmas Party	Village Hall

January

Mondays 14 & 28 @2-30 pm	Friendly Club	Village Hall
Wednesday 23 @ 5-00pm	February BVN deadline	Post Office

See separate column for services at All Saints Church.



BRAUNSTON SCHOOL of MOTORING

- Quality tuition
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MARTIN SCOTT

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01788 890751

From our Archives.....

Village Notes by Dick Herne

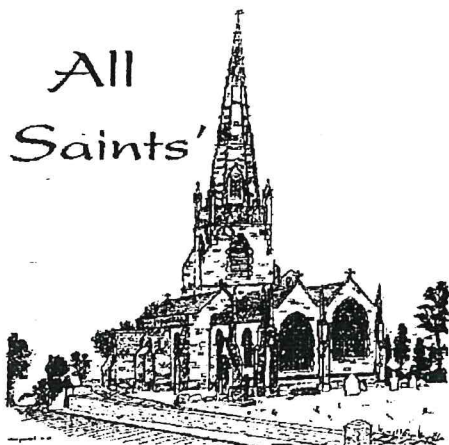
published in the BVN June 1997

1838 was an important year in the history of Braunston. Jesus College, Oxford, the patrons of the living, appointed one of the Fellows, Rev'd A.B.Clough, as Rector. His predecessor, the Rev'd Corbet Hue, had spent his latter years as the resident Dean of Jersey, leaving Braunston in charge of a curate.

The Rev'd A.B.Clough devoted his energies to the improvement of Braunston - he paid for the blue brick pavement from the Green to the Church. He was responsible for three major buildings, the Rectory, the Church and the School (now the village hall.)

The old Rectory, now Merry Hill House, was built for his marriage to the daughter of Mr R.H.Lamb of Bragborough Hall, in a style similar to her family home. The Church was falling down and the Rector launched a public subscription to rebuild it at a cost of £6,800! It was built in the original sand stone, plus some grey Weldon and brown Duston stone and incorporated the clock, bells, font and chancel arches from the old church.

The School was too small for a growing population and a new rear extension was built. Unfortunately by the time it was finished numbers had dropped with the reduction in canal traffic and the closure of Pickfords boat repair works. Road traffic declined with the development of the railway system but Braunston did not acquire its own station on the LNWR Weedon to Leamington branch and another near Willoughby on the Great Central Rugby to Marylebone line until the end of the century.



Vicar's Letter

Dear All,

There is so much to say in this letter as Christmas grows closer, but before going on to outline All Saints' plans for Christmas, there are two matters which also need to be highlighted which are also important. The first is to do with the Church spire.

It has been suggested that we consider having a BT cellnet transmitter installed in the Church spire. If you, like me, feel quite ignorant about science and technology could I please request you to come and look at the display at the back of the Church. Having spoken to people about the project my mind was eased on the following points:

- **Safety.** The transmitter is installed up high and there is no obvious risk to people in the Church building or people living close by.
- **Aesthetics.** The transmitter, looking from any perspective, is totally hidden. There is no need to move tiles, or create a structural change.
- **Communication.** The transmitter would mean that folk living on the canal and in the village would be able to use mobile phones more easily.
- **Economy.** A large proportion of the money raised will help with our Church share and be used wisely for community and charity needs.

In a sense part of my original suspicions were to do with safety and the fact that the transmitter would generate 'easy money'. But perhaps we should not look a 'gift horse in the mouth'. If you have any concerns about this initiative, you have until 17th December to voice them. It is important we hear from you because we at All Saints don't want to do anything, which is at odds with the feelings of the community.

Please come and see the display, and either speak to me (01788 890235) or Charles Dunn (01788 812143), our Churchwarden.

The other matter is to do with the life of the worshipping community at All Saints. Some weeks ago we as a Church were looking at 'Vision for our Church's future'. We felt it was important to have a day devoted to prayer and throughout the day of Saturday 8th December the Church will be open between 9.30am and 4.00pm for people to come and quietly pray and listen to God. If you would like to join us in this you are most welcome. There will be a 'suggestion box' at the back of the Church for you to put in any written ideas with regard to your vision for the Church.

Finally, whilst we all madly shop and seek out practical, useful, or zany presents for friends and family and while we attend School concerts, or office parties, and count down the days to Christmas, let us not forget the meaning behind our celebration. It would be wonderful if you could join us in our Services or Christmas activities. We celebrate the coming of the Christ-child, born in a stable. No fanfare accompanied his coming, but in a crowded town God crept into our world and with him comes hope, joy and peace. Alongside is a list of what is happening at All Saints this Christmas season and into the New Year.

Do join us.

Best wishes, Revd Claire

Team Vicar of Braunston.

From the Registers.....

Baptisms

Bradley Martins was baptised during the 10.30pm Parish Eucharist on Sunday 25th November.

Funerals

Connie Dodd's funeral and burial took place at All Saints on Monday 5th November at 10.00am. May she rest in peace. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Connie's family

Full list of Church Services & events in December and January

Sunday 2nd Dec.

8.00am Holy Communion.
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.00pm. Deanery Advent Service at Holy Cross.

Monday 3rd Dec.

2.15pm Little Fishers for the 0-5s, 'getting ready'.

Saturday 8th Dec. Day of Prayer.

Sunday 9th Dec. Young people's outing to the Snowdome.

8.00am Holy Communion.
10.30am Family Service

Sunday 16th Dec.

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Eucharist
5.00pm. Christingle.

Monday 17th Dec.

2.15pm. Little Fishers.
Nativity and party.

Sunday 23rd Dec.

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm. 'Nine lessons and Carols'.

Christmas Eve. Monday 24th Dec.

6.00pm. Crib Service.
11.30pm. Midnight Service.

Christmas Day. Tuesday 25th Dec.

10.30am. Christmas Communion.

Sunday 30th December.

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Service without Communion.

Sunday 6th January - Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong at All Saints

Monday 7th January

2.15pm Little Fishers

Sunday 13th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Service

Sunday 20th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Team Evensong

Monday 21st January

2.15pm Little Fishers

Sunday 27th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Eucharist

Church Floodlighting

30th October	Eric Holloway. Birthday Memories. Love and miss you. Margaret, Peter & Anthony Hick.
24th November	For Aubrey and Prim Berriman's Golden Wedding: from the Family.
29th November	For Ned and Dolly Wartier's Diamond Wedding. Love from all the family

If you would like the Church Spire lit for your special event, then please fill in a form at the back of church and post it with £5 into the letterbox at the Rectory.

Friendly Club

Monday 10th December

Christmas Lunch at the
'Black Horse' in Marton.

£8.50 each. Coach will leave the
Green at 11.30 am and return by
about 3.00pm.

Monday 17th December.

A mince-pie tea in the Village Hall
from 2.30 pm which includes a
Bring & Buy stall.

Non members are very welcome.

During January

We will meet on Monday 14th and
28th January at 2.30 pm in the Village
Hall.

Do come and join us!

Sources of help for disabled people and their carers



Exists to help people with disabilities.
13 Hazelwood Road, Northampton
Contact them on 01604 624088
They can arrange short term loan of
wheelchairs.

Also have disabled toilet keys
(RADAR) for sale at £2.50

If you are disabled or caring for
someone disabled

D.I.A.L can help you

Disability Information Advice Line
We offer free, confidential informa-
tion, advice and support on any issue
around disability and disability rights.

DIAL, The Abbey, Market Square,
Daventry, Northants, NN11 4XG

We are open Monday to Friday
10.00am - 1.00pm

(24 hr answer phone)

Telephone/Fax/Minicom 01327
701646

e-mail dialdaventry1@btinternet.com

Refuse collection arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period

Week commencing 17 December

Additional grey bin collection and red and blue boxes

Week commencing 24 December

Grey bin collection and red and blue boxes on:

*** FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER 2001***

Week commencing 31 December

No collection

Week commencing 7 January

Additional grey bin collection and red and blue boxes

Week commencing 14 January

Normal brown bin collection and red and blue boxes

This is also the week for Christmas tree recycling.



Tuesday

4th December

7.30 pm in Village Hall

Entertainment by the

'Odd Socks'

with a medley of
musical fun.

Members are asked to bring a small
present costing no more than £1.50

Tuesday 8th January

Lunch at the Napton Bridge Hotel.

Please bring £8 for this to the De-
cember meeting

British Waterways Christmas Special at the Stop House.

Here's your chance to buy that
special present and be given mulled
wine and a mince pie!

8th & 9th December
12 noon to 4.00 pm

Dorothy Crow will be there to talk
about her work.

She is a keen organic gardener and
her ceramic pieces have a strong
organic feel

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 of Ceramics by Dorothy Crow - December 3rd - 21st

A modern collection of ceramics, with an organic theme.

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

For further information please telephone
The Stop House on 01788 890666



**Canal-side
Christmas
Weekend Opening**

1200 - 1600
8th & 9th December
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