

Braunston Village News

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A Brand New Post Office

At the beginning of November the village Post Office will move to the Village Stores.

The move will ensure the long term future of a post office in Braunston. The new Post Office will have a more modern counter and easy access for those in wheelchairs or with prams - something that will be appreciated by many especially in the colder weather.

Jenni & Steve, our present postmasters, write: *We will be sorry to see the end of the old Post Office. We would like to thank you all for your custom over the last couple of years and we wish Wayne and his team all the best in the future.*

The editors of the BVN would like to thank Jenni & Steve for their support and their willingness, each month, to provide a collecting point for contributions to the BVN.

Braunston Village Gardens Association

ANNUAL SHOW

The BVGA thanks all those exhibitors who took part in this year's Show, with special thanks to those first timers who took the plunge and had a go - with great success. Once again, the Village Hall was filled with a display of the best from the garden, from the kitchen, and from the handicrafts of villagers.

There was not one entry in the Children's classes - the first time this has happened that we can remember. It was a shame, as entry is free and there are prizes and cups to be won. It does not bode well for the future, and hope that parents will help us by encouraging their under 11's to enter the Show next year.

The overall winners of the cups for the leading point scorers were Len Jacobs in the Fruit Flower and Vegetable section, and Irene Reeves in the Home Produce, Wine and Handicraft Section. Special prizes were awarded to Donny Withall for his shallots, Janet Caunt for her collection of garden flowers, Janet McCarthy for her bowl of fruit, Mrs Wolfenden for her lemon curd, Jo Bryan for her miniature garden and Irene Reeves for her bottle of wine.

Thanks are also due to the legion of helpers who helped us set up, clear up and everything in between.

Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

The village cricket club have finished their outdoor season now. The 1st XI was placed 4th, the 2nd XI 9th, the Wednesday XI also 4th and the Under 16's a magnificent 2nd in their respective leagues.

The Presentation Evening will take place at the Sheaf & Sickle, Long Lawford Road, Rugby on 19th October.

The AGM will be held on Sunday 11th November, in the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Winter nets start, for all ages, on 4th November at Danetre School.

For details of these events please phone Dick Stapley 890475



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest:

Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore

890235

(Rest Day - Fridays)

Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776

Charles Dunn 812143

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30am *Harvest Festival*

Family Gifts Service

6.30pm. Harvest Songs of Praise

Sunday 14th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 21st October

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 28th October

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the November

edition is 5.00 pm on

Tuesday 23rd October

Leave your copy at the Post Office in an

envelope marked BVN or e-mail

jrwgbw@globalnet.co.uk



Braunston's Past

Do you have any old photos, letters, shopping lists, maps, school reports, house deeds, plans, envelopes or other old documents that might help bring the story of Braunston's past to light? Have you any memories, stories, events your Gran told you, family history, gossip about the past?

The History Group that meets at the Library in the Village Hall would like to hear from you.

Would you like to come to the Library and register what you have or show or exchange ideas?

The Library will be open from 2 - 3 pm on Saturday 27th October.

This is Braunston's contribution to the MADD volunteer day.

Details on www.csv.org.uk.

MADD = Making a Difference Day.

Contact Pat Herlihy 890590

Computer Sessions Suspended

Following the resignation of Nick Thompson, Information Officer, the computer sessions which have been held on Thursday evenings have been suspended until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

On a brighter note, we hope to be able to relocate the Internet computer in Braunston Village Stores.

The Admiral Nelson

*Message from the new landlords
Bruse & Diane*

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone in Braunston for having been so welcoming to us.

The most talked about thing in the pub seems to be that we have taken down some of the dividing screens in the bar area - a popular move by all accounts! But we are also shortly to introduce our new winter menu, larger spirit sizes (for a better drink) and we are offering 12 different wines by the glass or bottle.

The pub is now on winter hours 12.00 - 2.30 pm and 6.00 - 11 pm Monday - Friday. We are open all day from 12 noon on Saturdays and Sundays. We both look forward to welcoming you on those cold winter nights to our little hidden gem at the bottom of Dark Lane.

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!

Painting Exhibition - Jennifer Hudson from October 1st - 31st

A delightful collection of watercolour pictures by local artist Jennifer Hudson

**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
2001**

Database Course

A computer database is a bit like an electronic card index - in fact it is very much more than that. There are many situations when a database is a useful way of storing information which you would never dream of putting in a card index. It is proposed to run a course on databases just for Braunston residents. If you think you might be interested, find out more by asking for a leaflet from peter@braunston.org.uk or by phoning 891719 (if you get the answer machine leave your address so that the leaflet can be delivered).

Road Gritting

The Parish Council has been informed that Welton Road from The Green to the A361 has now been included in the County Council's winter gritting network.

This decision follows years of campaigning by the Parish Council and others. It is good to know that Northamptonshire County Council has acted at last.

BRAUNSTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Parish Council will again be arranging for our main thoroughfare to be adorned this Christmas, for the enjoyment of all villagers and visitors to Braunston. Those householders and businesses that took part last year should confirm their requirement for a Christmas tree for this year as soon as possible.

The Parish Council has ordered some more brackets and lights for any High Street/The Green property that also wishes to be included. We also would like properties adjacent to the Canal corridor to take part, and so ensure that our two main business areas are lit up for Christmas.

There are limited supplies of brackets and lights, and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. As before, the people taking part will be asked to make a donation towards the costs involved.

We received many favourable comments last year, both from within and outside the village, and know that many of you would like the scheme to be extended. We hope to be able to include other areas of the village in the future.

Please leave your 'orders' 01788 890336

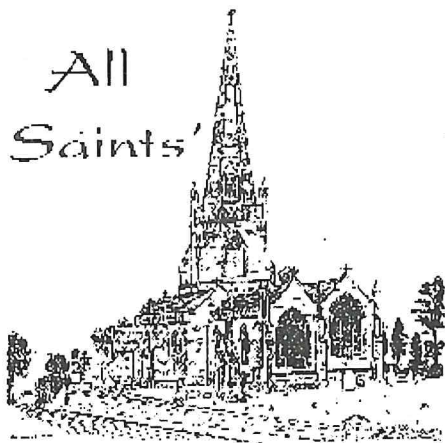
DICK TURPIN

The Looking Glass Theatre will be presenting a delightful musical comedy about the 'alleged' life and times of the notorious legendary highwayman. Performed with an ever-changing staging: see a carriage journey change into a tavern and a tavern transform into Newgate Gaol. A visual treat for the eye, complemented by a fantastic specially commissioned score - a guaranteed delight. An interactive musical comedy for all the family. Come and join the adventure, but beware the cry; YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE.

**At Braunston Village Hall
Sunday, 18th November at 3.00 p.m.**
(doors open at 2.30)

The performance will last 2 hours with an interval of 20 minutes
when refreshments will be available.

Tickets now on sale at the Post Office - £2.50 adults, £1.50 children.



All
Saints'

Do you like Jazz?

Saturday 3rd November at 8 pm

Christine & the Stackyard Stompers will be playing Classic Jazz from the 1920's in All Saints Church.

Tickets* £5.

This is to celebrate the redecoration of the church and all profits will go to our Organ Fund.

Church Floodlighting

- 1st Sept. For the Golden Wedding of Gill and Alan Powell
- 8th Sept. Mr Michael White's 50th Birthday
- 9th Sept. In loving memory of Karen Childs. Love from Dad, Kim & Helen
- 9th Sept. Cic Archer - 1978- In loving memory from Evelyn & Family
- 16th Sept. Ernie Brierley. Belated 75th Birthday memories from Susan & Family
- 24th Sept. Elisabeth Davies' Birthday

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.

Harvest Festival

Family Gift Service

Sunday 7th October at 10.30am.

We hope to have fun & fellowship as we thank God for his many gifts to us. This service will last about 45 minutes and there will be the opportunity for coffee, biscuits and a chat afterwards.

Any produce that is brought will be sold or auctioned at the Harvest Supper.

Harvest Supper

Monday at 7pm in the school.

Tickets for the Supper are £3-50 for adults & £1 for children. Profits from the Supper (which will be 2 courses and a glass of cider) & all of the proceeds from the sale of produce will be sent to Christian Aid for its work with those less fortunate than ourselves.



2nd Braunston Scouts

The Scouts continued to meet throughout the summer holidays. Beavers and Cubs restarted mid September. Forthcoming scout activities include a midnight hike (for the fearless), a trip to Alton Towers and a Bonfire BBQ. If you would like to take part in these and many other activities and are aged 10½ - 16 years, contact Steve at the Post Office or turn up at the Den, on a Friday evening at 7 pm. Scouting is open to both girls and boys.

Following the redecoration of the Church the Scouts helped with cleaning the Church as part of their work in the community.

On 16th September the Friendly Club, the WI, the Parish Council and other friends were invited to visit the Den for coffee and cakes and to see a "Scout Evening". Those who came swapped memories of earlier scouts in Braunston and encouraged Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in their "Mission Impossible" - a fiendishly difficult competition set by Steve Rolt the Scout Leader.

The beavers are hoping to visit Canons Ashby on 24th September for a natural history workshop as part of this term's theme.

Saturday, 6th October, is the date of our next Cake Stall in the High Street by the shops. We are always pleased to receive cakes and also to sell them to you! Cakes may be taken to 29 High Street. The sale starts at 8.30 am. Come along early - the goodies sell like....um...hot cakes!!

Visit the Cake Stall 6th October!

Vicar's Letter

Dear All,

I have just been away on holiday and like all of us was totally knocked sideways by news of the terrorist attacks in the USA. From Greece we were able to keep in touch through BBC World news. But the repercussions of the events are immense; not only for the families of those killed but also the fear that American reprisal may cause the loss of more innocent citizens. Is there a theology which can cope with the unthinkable that happened on September 11th?

The psalms help at such times of human tragedy. Laments such as ; 'my God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?' (Psalm 22) plumb the depths of despair. But the psalms have an uncanny way of twisting from despair to hope as God is acknowledged in the picture of human suffering ; 'even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil... thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies...' (Psalm 23)

We often relate to God as a teddy bear - someone who is loving, someone to cling to in the dark. Yes, God is love, but He is also Sovereign and Judge. His Will will be done. There are plenty of Scriptural passages to support that in the end God will redress the balance of evil in the world. That is why those who suffer across the world - so readily cry out 'Maranatha', 'Come Lord Jesus'.

I think the world is grateful that the USA has up to now shown restraint, saying that punishment must be based on sound evidence. Yet there is also concern that violence will breed more violence. In the Church Times I read of a vicar from the UK whose daughter is missing, probably buried under the rubble. Movingly, he would prefer no reprisal at all if it meant that other innocent lives (like citizens in Afghanistan) were saved. You will all have your own reflections on this. But I do urge you to pray - to a God who in Jesus shows us His unconditional love for us. When he comes again His light will expose every darkness, and every tear will be wiped away.

God bless, Revd Claire.

Team Vicar of Braunston.

From the Registers.....

Wedding

22nd September Alison OWEN
and Stephen WOODS

We pray that they may enjoy every blessing in their married lives together

Braunston Twinning Association

Fashion Show The fun of the catwalk without going to London, Paris or Rome! Join us at Braunston School on Wednesday 10th October at 7:30 pm (items available for purchase on the evening).

Tickets are only £3 (this includes a glass of wine) and are available in advance on 01788 890491.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd October at 8pm. This meeting will be at the secretary's home in Norton (if you need more details call Elizabeth on 891331).



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Braunston Parish Council

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Village Hall Library.

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Braunston Parish Council

Vacancy

for

Parish Clerk

(part time)

This is an interesting salaried appointment, working with a busy Parish Council.

The successful applicant will be required to take minutes at regular, monthly Parish Council meetings, produce letters and documents on the computer to a high standard, keep files and have a good working knowledge of bookkeeping. Training will be available for all aspects of the work.

For full job description and an application form please contact:

Janet McCarthy, 19 High Street, Braunston, Daventry, NN11 7HR. Telephone 01788 890336.

Closing date for applications: 4 October 2001