

Braunston Village News

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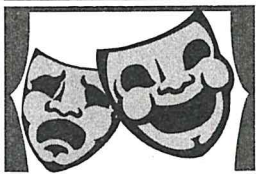


Best Wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year

As another year ends we hope that you have enjoyed the BVN in 2003, 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 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

Stop Press ~ £66,000 Lottery Christmas Present for Village

It's been a long time coming, but this week the Village Hall Committee learnt that all the hard work over the past 5 Years has been worth it - a £66,000 grant offer has been made by the Community Fund, that will allow the £92,500 Phase 2 project to take place in the coming Summer. If anybody wants further information then feel free to contact Lynne on 890865. (more details in next BVN)



Braunston Players' Christmas Show 2003

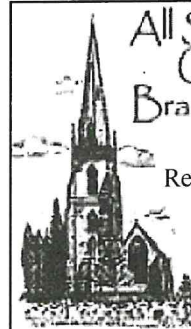
Tickets are now on sale for the Braunston Players' production of "Cider with Rosie". The dramatic readings will be staged in the village hall on December 4th, 5th and 6th. All profits will go to the Village Hall Fund for continuing renovation of the building.

The readings are from the stage adaptation by James Roose-Evans of Laurie Lee's famous book about his childhood in the West Country village of Slad and tell a colourful and touching storey.

It is set in the years directly after the First World War, and because existing Slad would have been very similar to that of Braunston in the early 1920s the Braunston History Society is providing an extra attraction for audiences of "Cider with Rosie" a simultaneous exhibition of scenes from our village in the same period.

Other features: a stage which enthusiasts built for the hall is being extended this year; musical accompaniment is being introduced for the first time and there will be a bar.

Tickets (£5) can be bought at the Post Office counter in the village stores or from Fred and Carol Barnes, at the Boat Shop, Bottom Lock (831310)



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest :
Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235
(Rest day: Fridays)

Churchwardens:
Charles Dunn 812143
Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

Monday 1st December
2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 3rd December
10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm Advent Course at the Rectory

Friday 5th December
8pm DANETRE BRASS BAND CONCERT

Sunday 7th December
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE HALL
6.30pm TAIZE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Monday 8th December
2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 10th December
10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm Team Council- Braunston

Thursday 11th December
7.45pm PCC

Saturday 13th December
3.30pm- 7.30pm BELLRINGERS RINGING, TEA AND CONCERT

Sunday 14th December
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
4pm CHRISTINGLE

Monday 15th December
2.00pm LITTLE FISHERS' NATIVITY AND PARTY. All Welcome.

Wednesday 17th
10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm Advent Course in the Rectory

Sunday 21st December
8.00am Holy communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION with FISHERS
6.30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Wednesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE
3pm CAROLS AND BLESSING OF THE CRIB
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

Thursday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY
10.30am CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION

Sunday 28th December
8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION



RUSSELL LENDS A HAND

National Starch employee Russell Bevan, passed up the opportunity to plant trees in Switzerland as part of the Company's annual 'work in the community' scheme, instead he opted to work in Braunston, helping local volunteers clear the overgrown shrubs and ivy on the Church Wall and around the War Memorial. Russell used to be based in Braunston and was happy to volunteer his services to the community which he had known for so many years. Our thanks to him for all his help and hard work, we hope the wonderful view from the Churchyard at the end of the day, was some compensation for those he missed in Switzerland. There are now lovely unhindered views from the two memorial seats overlooking the valley. In clearing the wall, it soon became obvious that extensive repair work will soon have to be carried out due to its poor condition. The Parish Council hopes that work can commence in the spring, as soon as the weather and ground conditions are suitable and funding is available. We also hope to have the War Memorial professionally cleaned. It stands in such a prominent position and is a reminder to us all of the tragedy of war, the sacrifice of those who served and the loss suffered by so many village families.

Can you help? For some time now the Parish Council has intended to refurbish and re hang the Church Gates. The Clerk has contacted local firms advertised in the 'yellow pages' (some of them more than once) but we have not been able to obtain a quote for the work. It appears that nobody is interested. Do you know of a company or individual that might be interested if so please contact Steve Rolt.

WEA Braunston Branch

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15 pm
10 meetings starting on
15th January 2004
at Braunston School.

Fee £28 (free to means tested
and unemployed)

RURAL LIFE IN THE VICTORIAN PERIOD

Tutor – David Willis

To recreate a bygone age, through
oral and other historical extracts.

During the Victorian era, the
village made a crucial economic
contribution to the industrialisation
process.

It also had a life of its own.

Further details from Jackie Green
(890145) or Richard Dibben
(890515)

EXPLORING ART AT BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

NEW for 2004! Art classes using
mixed media (pastels, water colours,
charcoal, pencil and acrylics).

Starting on Tuesday

20th January 2004 1 - 3 pm.

£35 (that's £3.50 a session!)

(Minimum numbers needed).

You may be eligible to have certain
fees waived if you are in receipt of
specific benefits.

For more information and to book a
place on this course please phone
Carol on 01788 338587.

BRAUNSTON PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS

COFFEE MORNING

Monday 15 December 2003

10.30-11.45am

Braunston Village Hall

Stalls – Virgin Vie, Cakes, Toys,
Cards & more

Raffle with 1st prize of

Luxury Hamper

Coffee and mince pies

Songs with the children at 11.00am

Everybody Welcome

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

(cont)

Sunday 4th January 2004

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH COMMUNION with FISHERS

6.30pm EVENSONG

Sunday 10th January 2004

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Monday 11th January

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 14th January

10.30am Holy Communion

7.45pm PCC

Sunday 18th January

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH COMMUNION with FISHERS

Monday 19th January

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 21st January

10.30am Holy Communion

7.45pm PCC

Sunday 25th January

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am FAMILY COMMUNION

Monday 26th January

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 28th January

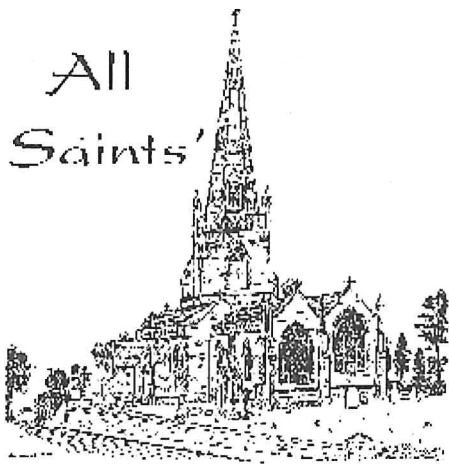
10.30am Holy Communion

Braunston Village Hall

Autumn Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event – it was a very successful and enjoyable afternoon. The Fayre has raised approximately £740 towards the Hall fund – an excellent result!

The organisers would like to thank the following for their kind donations: Morrisflex Ltd, Disney Store, Braunston Boat Shop, The Admiral Nelson, Village Meats Butchers, The Old Plough, Tremayne & Belcher, Braunston Fryer, Braunston Village Stores, O Davies, L Whyte, C Ashley, Bryant Homes, B.V.G.A., Bowls Club – and the following who took part on the day and helped in so many ways – W.I., Royal British Legion, Tudor Rose Woodturners, British Waterways, Parish Church, P.F.A., Twinning Assoc., Scouts, Jane Baker, Mr S Webb, Pre-School, Friends of Raymond, John Harford, Chris Grossart, The Brewster Family, W Wilson, G & J Waghorn, David White, Andrew Thomson, June Thomson, Ruth Powell, Stuart Thomson, Catherine Ashley & Jessica Lloyd-Wright.



Vicar's Letter

This month is a 'bumper edition' of the BVN and I feel sorry for the editors who have so much to squeeze in! I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy Christmas and a joyful and healthy New Year.

There is a feast of events and Services taking place in the School, Village Hall and Church this year as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please peruse the BVN to see what appeals to you. It would be great to see you!

In a week when we have witnessed the lows of the Turkish suicide bombing and the highs of winning the Rugby World Cup it's good to know that through that small baby born in an animal outhouse 2000 years ago light has pierced the darkness and will never go out. This is God's free gift to us. In all our queuing and buying and wondering this Christmas let's not forget to unwrap the most amazing of gifts. God's gift of life and love for all his people. The baby grows up to show us what light is, the light appears to be put out, but through his sacrificial love we are brought to the hearth of God's loving heart. Worship is about drawing close to the light and warmth of God's presence.

"What has come into being in him is life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:3)

With warmest wishes,
Revd Claire

Danetre Brass Band

*in Concert at All Saints' Church
Friday 5th December at 8pm*

**Adults £6 Concessions £4
Children £1**

Tickets are available now, if interested please contact
Barrie Thompson on 890091.

Alternatively you can pay at the door

Refreshments are included in the price



All Saints' Meditation Group

Course on PRAYER

*An Advent Course for busy people
who are interested in deepening
their life of prayer.*

*Wednesday evening's 7.30pm- 9.15pm
with a coffee break.*

**Intercessory and meditative
prayer**

Wednesday 3rd December

Creative paths to prayer.

Wednesday 17th December

At the Rectory



**CAROL
SINGING**
Practicing Every
Tuesday 6.45pm
All Saints Church
Parish Room

Taize Service of light

All Saints' Church

**Sunday
7th December
6.30pm**



A Glimpse of Peru- Talk and slide show by Brian and Eileen Dawson.

*On February 6th 2004 in the Parish
Room, All Saints Church at 7.30pm.*

*Tickets £2.00 with soup! If interested
please phone 01788 890609*

THANK YOU

*A very big thank you to all those
who helped at the Christmas
Church Fair and to those who
ventured out on a wet and soggy
afternoon to support us.*

*It was a lovely afternoon and
spirits were high having seen
England just win the Rugby World
Cup! You'll be pleased to hear that
because of your generosity over
£778.00 was raised to go towards
the upkeep of the Church. Con-
gratulations also to Peter Thom
whose name was drawn in the
'Friends of All Saints' raffle. He
has now got some Christmas shop-
ping to do in M&S!
Many thanks to all concerned!*

Church Floodlighting for Nov 03

- 3rd My Daughters Birthday Mandy Brown - Viv Hall
- 6th Paulines Birthday with Love Roy
- 9th Delia Emery Birthday with love Kirsty, Stacie & Hannah
- 10th For Mr W Green
- 11th For Amy's Birthday - Mum, Dad & Chris
- 11th Remembering those who have lost their lives in conflict - you are not forgotten
- 12th For Mr G Topham
- 13th For Mr & Mrs Cooper
- 19th Birthday of Nigel Milo
- 20th Mr Wrens Birthday
- 25th In memory of Bob & June Arrowsmith's Sister in law
- 25th For Mr Ian Simpson
- 26th My Wife's Birthday - Ray Hutchinson
- 26th Ryan Spriggs Birthday
- 27th In loving memory of Mr Sime, 3 years since death
- 27th In remembrance of my mother in law Ena Chamberlain who died one year ago

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 post it in the Rectory letterbox with £5.

Christmas events

and Services at All Saints

Sunday 7th December

*10.30am Family Service
in the Village Hall*

Speaker Paul Neimic -

-The Diocesan Youth Officer

Sunday 14th December

*4pm Christingle- in the Church
- hotdogs afterwards.*

Monday 15th December

2pm Little Fishers (0-5s)

Nativity and Party-

All Welcome.

Sunday 21st December

6.30pm Nine lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24th December

*3.00pm Carols and Blessing
of the Crib*

(particularly suitable for children)

11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25th December

*10.30am Christmas Day family
Communion.*

Friendly Club

Monday 8th December

Christmas Lunch at the Red Lion, Hellidon. Cost £9.00. Transport by Coach from "The Green" at 12.00pm. Phone Gill 890763.

Monday 15th December

Mince Pie Tea and Bring & Buy Stall in the Village Hall at **2.00pm**.

Monday 12th January & Monday 26th January.

Both meetings in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

Open to all, please come and support us.

200 Club Winners

Name	No	Prize
6th Nov		
B Bunn	68	£10
T Waddleton	59	£5
13th Nov		
J Nehist	203	£10
E Archer	204	£5
20th Nov		
P Edwards	84	£50



Braunston Angling Club Xmas Bazaar

Sat 13 Dec

Village Hall

2pm till 4pm

~Auction~Cake Stall~Tombola~
~Raffle~White Elephant Stall~
~Refreshments~



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Braunston & District Royal British Legion

The next meeting is at The Old Coach House, Ashby, at 8.00 on 9th December 2003.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby, on 20th January 2004. Tickets available from Clive Cooper.

Poppy Day collection this year raised the magnificent sum of £1378. Thank you to all those who contributed.

? Final Delivery to

Spinney Hill, North Close and Walnut Close.

Our appeal, last month, for someone to deliver the 42 copies in this area was unsuccessful so unless a volunteer comes forward the BVN will no longer be delivered to these homes.

HELP !!!!!

If you can help please contact
Steve Rolt on 890241

BVN Deadline

Please leave material for the February edition at the Post Office before noon on Friday 24th January or by e-mail to steve@rolt.net

BRAUNSTON BELLRINGERS

The third Braunston bellringing outing on Saturday, 25th October was enjoyed by 23 ringers and friends when we visited the Quorn area. After ringing at Rothley (6 bells) and Barrow-on-Soar (8), the 'Quorndon Fox' provided a satisfying lunch before we rang at Quorn (8), Woodhouse Eaves (6) and Newton Linford (6). Our parish church has a fine ring of 6 bells and if you are interested in taking up this sociable activity we practice every Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.

THE BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

Mrs Julia Beattie - Fully registered I.S.T.D. teacher

DANCE CLASSES IN BRAUNSTON

Enquiries **Tel.890488**

Promotion

1st - 4th December

Express Facial in preparation for the festive season. Special price of £10 (usually £14.50)

December and January

Spend £50 during each of these months and receive £5 gift voucher - ideal as presents for Christmas, birthday etc. Gone on cheer someone up!

Note: New Opening times during December
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Starting School?

If your child is due to start school in September 2004 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

by the 30th January 2004



Braunston Women's Institute

**Tuesday 2nd
December**

at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Mrs Georgina Bussell will talk on
"A Hedgrow Christmas"

New members and friends welcome

FROM THE REGISTERS..

Funerals

31st October - Funeral of
Frances (Frank) Batchelor
May he rest in peace and
rise in glory.