

# Braunston Village News

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Janet McCarthy (Chairman of Braunston Parish Council) welcomes Mr Jasper Hart (Chairman of Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association) to Braunston to officially hand over the keys of Maple Close to the residents.



**June Hayes writes** ... Your article on the making of "Running Scared" revived many memories for me. I still have copies of the original film schedule and many newspaper cuttings and photographs. In July 1971 I was in charge of drama at Rugby Theatre and Al Burgess an assistant director came to see me asking for help to set up auditions to find lots of Extras and actors for smaller roles. Hopeful film starts poured into the Theatre. Extras

were paid £1 a day and £3 if they were lucky enough to have a speaking part. Best of all if you lent your car to be on the film set you were paid the handsome sum of £5.

This became quite lucrative when sections of Daventry High Street were closed for several days with a total traffic jam caused by a dog being run over. The dog a stray acquired for the film and later adopted by a family in the village where it lived happily for many years afterwards, would be filmed running across the road through the traffic and then a stuffed replica was thrown under the wheels of the car. After a dozen or so takes the replica looked more like a squashed hearth rug than a dog.

One thing soon became obvious to those of us taking part - you had to be very patient! Hours would be spent shooting the same scene over and over again. You were given very few directions and the "takes" went on until the director felt the scene looked right. Some of us used to working in the theatre thought this trial and error method an awful waste of time and money, but of course it was very interesting and we were being paid! Several village locations were used including the canal side by the marina, the old rectory, the churchyard where the Rector allowed part of a tree to be lopped - hopefully for some small compensation! The Mill where a camera was placed right at the top taking beautiful pictures of the surrounding countryside, Bragborough hall and also Bilton Grange School in Dunchurch. Then of course there was the "accident" at the canal road bridge on the A45, which needed elaborate arrangements to divert a car convincingly off the road, over the hedge and down into the water with nobody getting hurt.

I think the village rather enjoyed so many high profile people living amongst us that summer. and it was a great shame that the film - in spite of having Robert Powell a well known television actor playing the lead - was not a commercial success. Unfortunately if the large film distributors did not think it would attract an audience, there was no hope of it going on general release. "Running Scared" was shown for a few weeks at the Playa Cinema, London where some of us went to see it. The overall feeling about the finished production was perhaps it was rather slow and morbid, but how lucky we all were to live in such a beautiful photogenic part of the country.

**Joan Wootten writes** "I remember the filming of "Running Scared". One day I was passing Mill House I saw a notice on the garage door "Extras wanted, apply to ... at the mill". I wasn't interested in being an extra but was keen to see inside the mill; I had never been in a windmill. Extras were needed for two days and at the time I was only available for one day. I learned afterwards from friends that a major part of the two days was spent making one tiny bit of film in Daventry High Street. Another day there seemed to be much activity in the field overlooking the canal. Gayle Hunnicut made several runs towards the canal and we thought a yellow car would be seen coming over the bridge on the A45 into the canal - but no such luck. I got tired of the whole business of film making!

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Rev. Claire Rose-Casemore  
890235  
(Rest day: Fridays)  
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Charles Dunn 812143  
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## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE  
6.30pm HARVEST Songs of Praise

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

2.00pm Little Fishers in Parish Room  
7.00pm HARVEST SUPPER in Braunston School

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

2.15pm Little Fishers

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST  
6.30pm Team Choral Evensong - at All Saints Braunston

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

2.15pm Little Fishers

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am. PARISH EUCHARIST.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

2.15pm Little Fishers

**BVN Deadline**

Please leave material for the November edition at the Post Office before noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October or by e-mail to [steve@rolt.net](mailto:steve@rolt.net)



# Braunston Village Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the show this year.

Hopefully you were there and saw the large number of exhibits. 59 people entered this year and displayed 280 exhibits for you to admire. We were pleased that once again new exhibitors took part and came away with prizes.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who ensure that the show continues from year to year. Before the event we rely upon volunteers to put out the tables, make cakes for the teas and collect prizes for the tombola and raffle. Then on the day the hall is buzzing with those who are selling the refreshments, tombola and raffle tickets as well as at the end of the day clearing up!

192 first, second or third prizes were awarded. We hope that you were among the winners.

The following entrants received a prize for having the best exhibit in the class and the group.

A	Vegetables	Mike McCarthy	Five French Beans
B	Fruit	Janet McCarthy	Bowl of fruit
C	Flowers	Janet McCarthy	Collection of shrubs for foliage
E	Wine	Peggy Weston	One bottle of liqueur
F	Home Produce	Lynne Whyte	One jar of lemon curd
G	Handicraft	Valerie Schofield	One piece of counted thread work
H	Juniors	Hannah Fiddes	A clockface made of vegetables
J	Seniors	Catherine Ashley	A scarecrow made of natural materials

After the totals were added the following trophies were awarded

**The TUC Centenary Perpetual Challenge Trophy** - Vicky Barnwell

**The George Green Perpetual Challenge Trophy** – Kelly Brewster

**The Busy Hands Shield** – Margaret Coleman

**The Jubilee Trophy** – Catherine Ashley

Finally we would like to thank the young people of the village, as this year they delighted us once again with their well designed, beautiful, tasty and amusing exhibits. We have continued to increase the number of young people entering the show. So if you are a young person living in Braunston or a member of a Braunston organisation look out for next year's schedules and join in with the fun.

**Another BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended and helped at my Leukaemia Coffee Morning. We raised a total of £176.95p. Marion Maskell**

## Yet Another Thank you

The 'Braunston Family Fun Day' Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous help and donations that helped to make the day so successful. The total amount raised was £1,974.00. Of this, £1,700.00 will be split equally between the 'After School Club' and the 'Braunston Skate Board Project'.

We would like to thank, (in no particular order):

Scott & Bev Fratter (The Wheatsheaf Inn)Argos	Foster's
Bryco	Braunston Fryer
Braunston Butchers	The Admiral Nelson
The Old Plough	Dale Wells
Londis Village Stores	Daventry Fire Brigade
Braunston Village News	
Ray & Julie Capell	

This list is not exhaustive, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and participation. We are now forward planning for next year's fun day. If you have any ideas and worthwhile causes for the village please contact:

Bill Baker Tel. (01788) 891308  
Jason Spendley Tel. (01788) 890217

### Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation

#### Adult Education

"Exploring Art" Course – art course for all – Tuesday afternoons in the Hall from 1.00-3.00 pm. Start date – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003.

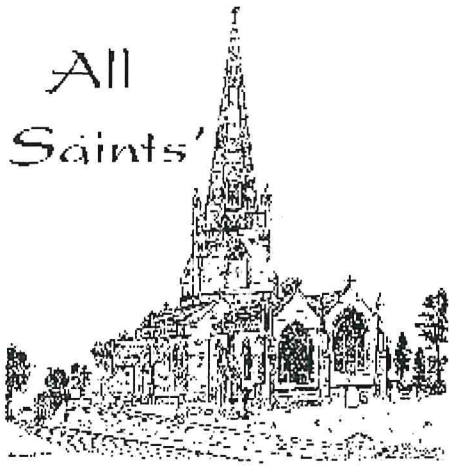
Enquiries – please call 07929 048396

Try something different!

#### Autumn Fayre

After last year's successful event – there will be another Autumn Fayre taking place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2003 between 2.00-5.00 pm. Keep the date free and come along and join the fun! More details in the next BVN...





## FROM THE REGISTERS...

### Baptisms

29th Sept. William Jennings  
*Welcome into the Church family*

### Wedding

27th Sept. Gary Childs and  
Michelle Broom  
*We wish them every blessing in their  
lives together*

## Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Having put out a plea for questions in last month's BVN- the response has been deafeningly silent!! So I'm going to speak about prayer- only because quite often when someone is troubled over something in their lives they may ask me; 'will you pray Vicar?'

It just happened that the phone went this morning. A lady has sadly lost her Mum. Coincidentally I had met her some years before when I had taken communion at another Church. At that time her young niece had tragically just died. She told me then that she found it hard to pray. I told her to hold the small cross she had in her hand and give what she was feeling to God. On the phone this morning she told me that this had helped her over the years. At times of crisis words actually don't matter. God knows. That's what the cross tells us- God, knows how we feel.

It's reassuring that eloquence isn't needed in prayer. Just trust. Hand over what is bothering you to God. The great thing is that God prays in us. All the gunky stuff in us is held up to God when we pray and lovingly received by Him.

Children are sometimes better at 'trust' than us. The School has a prayer book and in it children have written their prayers. And if God hasn't given them an answer in the first week - there it is the prayer a few pages later! Jesus tells us to 'ask' and 'ask' again. Like the persistent widow who hammers on the door of the judge demanding her rights. If the judge is willing to get out of bed to help - how much more God who loves us will respond to us when we ask. (*Luke chapter 11*)

If you've not seen the film 'Bruce Almighty' I would really recommend it. Without giving too much away - here is a chap who is given the job of God for a couple of weeks. One day he feels his head is bursting with people's prayers. He files these prayers on computer and to save time just enters 'yes' to every request. Good in theory but in practice the results are catastrophic! One of the outcomes is that *everyone* wins the lottery. Great! - except of course the millions of dollars have to be shared - leaving everyone a few dollars each! Rioting and chaos ensues. Then we see John Carey on his knees asking God to come back from his vacation! It reminded me that what I ask for isn't always what's best for others or me. I have to trust when I pray that sometimes God's answer will be different to what I anticipated. In the long run though I have come to experience that God is faithful and won't let us down.

On a totally different topic! Enclosed in this month's BVN are details of our 'Friends of All Saints' Church' Campaign. If you would like to support us in this way that would be wonderful. Sorry I can't offer what Revd James can- i.e. home made soap- but I hope that you can help us, and take the opportunity to light the spire up! Wouldn't it be wonderful if the spire were lit 365 days in the year!

Best wishes, Revd Claire

## Church Floodlighting

6<sup>th</sup> Sept. For Laura- congratulations  
from the Admiral Nelson  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept. - 'Because we can' -  
9<sup>th</sup> Sept. In memory of Karen Childs.  
Love Dad, Kim and Helen xx  
9<sup>th</sup> Sept. In memory of Cis Archer.  
From Evelyn and family.  
12<sup>th</sup> Sept. Diane Roach- miss you.  
Love from Brian, Gill, Don, Cindy and Kelly.  
18<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mrs Olive Cuthbert will  
be 95 - Congratulations!

*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.*

## **HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE**

Come and celebrate God's  
goodness to us!



**10.30 am**

**Sunday 5th October**

Please bring products  
for auction

## **HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION**

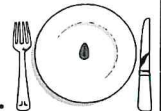
**7.00 pm**

**Monday 6th October**

in the School

Please bring crocks & cutlery

Tickets: £4 each ( concessions £1 )  
from Rectory or Post Office



## 2nd Braunston Scouts

# CAKE STALL

## Saturday 4th Oct

## Opposite Braunston Village Stores

## From 8:30am



If you wish to donate a cake  
please bring to 34 High Street  
on the preceding Friday or to the  
stall before 8.30am.



## Friendly Club

**Tuesday 14th October**

Birthday Lunch at the Three Horse-shoes, Rugby. Mini Coach & cars will leave the Green at noon. Cost £7.00. Return by 3.00 pm. Phone Janet on 890336 or Gill 890763.

**Monday 27th October**

A Craft demonstration or Musical entertainment in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. *Open to all, please come and support us.*

### Coach Trip from Braunston

Tuesday 11th November. Touchwood Centre - Solihull for Christmas Shopping. Leaving The Green at 9.30am. Coach costs £7.00. Please check with Gill on 890763 that your name is on the list, or phone Janet 890336.

Ladies, October is

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

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All proceeds donated to Breast Cancer Care and Research from treatments purchased between 7th-16th October

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### Braunston & District Royal British Legion

Thirty five members and friends visited Blenheim Palace on

2 September and had a memorable day.

A reminder that Poppy Day is coming up in November and the Legion will welcome additional collectors. The next meeting is at the Sporting Club, Barby, on October 14.



### Braunston Women's Institute

**Tuesday 7th October**

at 7.30 pm in the  
Village Hall  
"AGM"

This month's challenge will be  
"My Hobby"

Please bring along your work

*New members and friends welcome*

## 200 Club Winners

Name	No	Prize
4th Sept		
M Franklin	182	£10
P Dunkley	160	£5
11th Sept		
G Montgomery	67	£10
S Brierley	115	£5
18th Sept		
D Withall	56	£10
E Iddens	143	£5

### The Dick Herne

#### Braunston History Society

You are invited to join us on  
Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall for a talk by  
Colonel Peter Worthy about

### THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT

non members admission £1.50

## The Old Plough

**From 10th Oct All the England  
World Cup Rugby**

Come and join us

**Sat 1st Nov - Halloween Haunt**  
Prize for Best Costume !! Teams of  
4, £5 per entry towards Braunston

Junior Football Club. Supper  
afterwards back at the Plough

**Sun 2nd Nov - The Pickle  
Contest**

Competition is hotting up  
**Boxing Day Party - Stiff Joints**  
from after Noon until Early Evening.

### Running Scared (cont..)

Linda Thornton writes ...I remember the summer of 1971 as if it were yesterday, the year the film people as they were called came to Braunston. The village wondered what had hit it in the nicest possible way as all the crew and the stars were a great bunch of people.

Every evening after work I would rush home to eat and get changed then straight out to see where the filming was taking place. Some shots were taken so many times I knew the lines off by heart. and all the jargon they used. I remember the old vicarage and Bragborough Hall being used for the two houses and a lot of filming being done by the canal.

The village fair caused great excitement with our visitors with some of them never seeing one before. Lots of money was spent at the coconut shi, as this was a great novelty. After all the crew had left us with our memories we still had the dog who was in the film living out his last years in Braunston.

I also remember the excitement when the film was released to the public and going into Daventry pictures to see it. It didn't have much of a story line but that didn't matter at all, the important thing was that it was filmed in our village.

One thing for sure I will never forget that year and I still have my autograph book safely in a drawer some where.

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