

Braunston Village News

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Vicar's Easter Letter

Dear friends,

'Praise God from whom all blessings flow!' So goes a well-known song. With the war in Iraq being presented on our TV screens and news of casualties it may seem as though such praise is inappropriate. But Easter is a time when we can't help ourselves. As the daffodils come out and the birds get frisky and new life is so evident around us we can't help thanking God for His many blessings.

At Easter we remember God's blessing to us in his Son. There's a bit in the communion when the priest raises the bread and the wine and says the words of Jesus; 'my body broken for you, my blood shed for you.' Jesus was in the firing line in his life. He repelled suffering when he saw it in others, but at the end he embraced suffering so that through the cross we may have the promise of new life - sins forgiven and fullness of life in this life and the next.

New life though is not just limited to 'pie in the sky when you die'. New life is for now too. The way we treat one another can lead to a person blossoming or shriveling up. The social Gospel comes through Matthew 25 loud and clear. "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." God looks to us to treat every brother and sister with dignity and compassion. For God's image is in every man woman and child and when we hurt a fellow human being we hurt Him. God is in the Iraqi child who is taking cover, he is in the 21 year old who enlisted for the army last year and now finds himself in the front line, he is even in those who are viewed as 'the enemy'. What we do for the least of these our brothers we do for him. This should spur us on to seek God's Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven where lions happily co-exist with lambs!

Easter speaks to us at this time of the resurrection, of God alive amongst us, of hope and new life. When all seems bleak Spring follows Winter, and I'm sure in the present climate of war new life will follow this dark hour. We are people of hope - because God has chosen to put faith in us. Though we muck up He is forever forgiving and transforming darkness into light. We will remember this in Church this Easter as we follow Jesus to the cross and then 'Praise him' - the one who bursts out of the tomb with new life on Easter Day! "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below...!"

Wishing you and your families a very blessed Easter,

Revd Claire

Future Events to note

- 14 Jun. All Saints Summer Fete
- 27 Jun. Canal Folk Concert in Church with floral and history society displays on a canal theme.
- 29 Jun. "Open-air Service" at the Marina
- 27 Sep. Jazz Concert - by popular demand!
- 5 Dec. Carol Concert with Danetre Brass band

Funerals

- 17th March - Ian Lee
- 21st March - Malcolm Bryan
- 24th March - Derek Fletcher

*May they rest in peace
and rise in glory*

Church Floodlighting

- 28th Feb. Thanks to Braunston, School, Church, Village, family, friends, and neighbours for your gifts, cards, flowers, love and support through my illness, love- Margaret Hicks
- 3rd Mar. Birth of Harrison Thomas Back in Australia 18.2.2003
- 15th Mar. Christopher Barrie Mason - love you always Pauline Robinson
- 15th Mar. In memory of Ernie Clarke on your Birthday from Philip Clarke
- 19th Mar. In memory of Ian Lee from Linda and Mike Robinson
- 21st Mar. Richard and June Hayes Golden Wedding
- 29th Mar. In memory of Walter Childs on his birthday with love from his brothers and sisters



All Saints' Church
Braunston

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

Churchwardens:
Charles Dunn 812143
Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES

Wednesday 2nd April

7.30pm Lent Group URC Church

Sunday 6th April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Monday 7th April

2.15pm Little Fishers in Parish Room

Wednesday 9th April

Lent Group at 7.30 & PCC at 7.45pm

Thursday 10th April

10am School Easter Service

Palm Sunday 13th April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion

Maundy Thursday 17th April

7.30pm Holy Communion
with foot washing

Good Friday 18th April

10 - 12noon Children's Workshop
2 - 3 pm Meditations on the Cross

Saturday 19th April

7.30pm The Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY 20th April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Easter Evening Service

Sunday 27th April

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Communion

EASTER 2003



BVN Deadline

Please leave material for the
May edition
at the Post Office before 5 pm
on Wednesday 23rd April 2003
or by e-mail to steve@rolt.net

DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

GUIDED WALKS PROGRAMME - 2003

These walks form part of the Society's **EXPLORING BRAUNSTON'S HISTORY** Local Heritage Initiative (LHI) Project - LHI being a partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund, Nationwide Building Society and the Countryside Agency. Further support and assistance is being provided by Northamptonshire County Council, British Waterways, Northamptonshire Canal Partnership and Braunston Parish Council.

The object of the walks is to cover some of the historical heritage to be found along the canal at Braunston and through parts of the village. This will involve much explanation of the relevant historical background at several key points along the route of each walk; consequently, the pace will be leisurely and the overall distances to be walked will be relatively short. However, it is very much regretted that walks 2 and 3 will not be suitable for wheel-chairs or those who are less mobile, due to the steps of a bridge on the route in each case. No advance notice of attendance is necessary. Further information is available from **Chis Pardoe, 14 Field View, Braunston (01788 890448)**.

WALK 1: MONDAY 5th MAY. Meet at 10.00 a.m. at the Stop House, Braunston.
To cover the western section of the village, including The Wharf, Manor Field, High Street from Westfield House to Cross Lane and Nibbits Lane.
1-2 miles. 2-3 hours. To be led by Alan Mees.

WALK 2: MONDAY 26th MAY. Meet at 10.00 a.m. at the Stop House, Braunston.
To cover the canal from The Turn to The Tunnel.
3-4 miles total (including return to the Stop House). c.3. hours.
To be led by Clive Goodchild.

WALK 3: SUNDAY 22nd JUNE. Meet at 10.00 a.m. outside Braunston Village Hall.
To cover the eastern section of the village/High Street including The Green and the canal from Butcher's Bridge to Bottom Lock.
c. 2 miles. c. 3 hours. To be led by Chris Pardoe.

Braunston CE School

Midday Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor for two days a week.
If you are interested in the position please telephone the school on 01788 890494

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting

This years Parish Meeting will take place on 23rd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It is your opportunity to find out what is happening in the village.



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Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

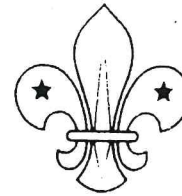
start the 2003 season at the end of April with a friendly against Barby. The league season for both Saturday sides, the Wednesday evening team and the junior side start in the first week in May.

Both Saturday teams have been promoted to Division 5 of the Warwickshire league following their successes last year. They will be playing against totally new opposition as most of the teams in their leagues are based in Sutton Coldfield and Solihull.

The junior team will play on Thursday evenings and is on the lookout for anybody of schoolage who may be keen to play. The club has a number of qualified coaches and kit is available for anyone new to the game.

200 Club Recent Winners

| Date | Prize £ | No. | Name |
|--------|---------|-----|-----------|
| 27 Feb | 10 | 205 | A Mawer |
| | 5 | 60 | S Rowley |
| 6 Mar | 10 | 110 | E Reader |
| | 5 | 90 | M Dawson |
| 13 Mar | 50 | 171 | A F Brown |
| 20 Mar | 10 | 165 | K Mawer |
| | 5 | 50 | J Bowers |



2nd Braunston Scouts

Are you good at organisation?
Do you enjoy

encouraging youngsters aged 8-10?

If so, you could be a Cub Leader! The Cub Pack is also trying to recruit new members to increase numbers, so if you are between 8-10 and want to have lots of fun come along and give it a try.

If you feel that you are able to assist in any way or if you would like more information please contact Louis on **890766**.

Regular Events in Braunston

Mondays - (in term time) PreSchool at 9.15 - 11.45am in Village Hall

- Beavers in the Scout Den

- Tai Chi Class, 7pm in Village Hall.

- Yoga Class, 7.30pm in Games Room at Village Hall.

More info on 890105.

Tuesdays - (in term time) Pre-school group, 9am in Village Hall

(in term time) - Toddler's Group, 1.30pm in Village Hall.

- School of Dance, 3.30pm in Village Hall.

More info on 890488.

Wednesdays (in term time) - Pre-school group, 9am in Village Hall

- School of Dance, 4pm in Village Hall.

More info on 890488.

- School of Dance, 7.30pm in Village Hall.

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Thursdays - (in term time) Pre-school group, 9am in Village Hall

- Short Mat Bowls in Village Hall at 2 pm

- School of Dance, 4.30pm in Village Hall.

More info on 890488.

- Bingo, 8pm in Village Hall.

Fridays - (in term time) Pre-school group, 9am in Village Hall

- Cubs in the Scout Den

- Scouts in the Scout Den.

- Youth Club (9-15yrs) at 7-9pm in Village Hall

Parish Council Budget 2003/4

Gross Expenditure budget
£33,453

Budgeted income before precept
added £ 2,600

Net Expenditure
£30,853

To take from reserves
£ 3,028

Precept £27,825

The Admiral Nelson



Diane and Bruce
write:

A big thank you for all your support and generous donations so far, to our 2003 charity 'The Braunston Home in Sudan'. Please look out for details of our charity events over the Easter weekend, when we will be open all day Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Sunday and Monday, and we are pleased to say that the Easter weekend marks the start of our all day weekend opening for the bar.

Friendly Club

Monday 14th April.

Look forward to Easter with an
"Easter Tea"

Monday 28th April.

Memories of May day traditions.

*Both meetings will be held in the
Village Hall at 2.30 pm.
New members welcome.*

Braunston Women's Institute



Tuesday 1st April
at 7.30 pm in the Village
Hall

A talk by Peta Chubb

"A Cooks Tom"

This month's challenge will be an
"Easter Bonnet"

New members and friends welcome

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

A further success in our letter-
writing campaign has been a
donation from the Garfield

Weston Foundation of

£1500.00, which means that
we have now raised £7600.00
for the Phase II improvements
by these means, with hopefully
more to come.

Our Book Sale last month was
very well attended and over
£169 was raised. Particular
thanks are due to Cindy and
Kelly Brewster for all the baking
they did, to provide the
delicious tea and cakes in the
Hall. We hope to have another
Book Sale very soon.

Playing Field Association

The Playing Field Committee
have a busy year ahead and are
planning to improve the drainage
to the field and the playing
surfaces. Quotations are being
sought for the installation of
the skate board ramp and fund
raising events will be held
throughout the summer. Next
committee meeting is Tuesday
15th April at The Plough 8pm.



Braunston Junior Football Club

Pictured above are the Under 13's in their new kit very kindly sponsored by
Nigel Cockerill of Braunston Garage

Braunston & District Royal British Legion

The Branch is running a trip to Slimbridge Wild Fowl Trust on
29th April 2003. Members & non members welcome. Tel.
01788 890787.



The next meeting will be held at The Old Coach House, Ashby,
at 8.00pm. We hope for a good turn out to give support to our
forces in Iraq. All ex-servicemen are eligible to join and so
please come along.

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Enquiries **Tel.890488**

Braunston CE School

We are wondering whether there
is someone in the village who
would be interested in coming
into school and working with a
small group of the older children
in maintaining and developing a
small garden. Hopefully this
would encourage the children
to develop a love of gardening
and plants and teach them the
skills of taking cuttings,
growing seeds etc.

If you are interested and would
like more details, then please
phone the headteacher on
01788 890494

GARDEN SHOP NOW OPEN

The BVGA Garden Shop at the
Village Hall has re-opened for
the Summer Season. As usual,
the opening time is 11 a.m.
every Sunday morning for one
hour. We stock a variety of
growbags, composts, fertilizers,
as well as hanging basket com-
post, swell gel, tomorite, slug
pellets, canes and mulch, so do
come and buy your garden
products at our Shop. Member-
ship for the season is still only
20p, and prices are very competi-
tive. We will be open every
Sunday until the end of June.
Telephone orders to 890865 if
you can't make Sunday
mornings.