

Braunston Village News

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Are you eligible for Travel Concessions ?

Men and women now qualify for a half fare permit or travel tokens at age 60 or over. You are also entitled if you are blind, partially sighted or disabled, or if you are identified as a travelling companion to someone in receipt of travel tokens who requires assistance in order to travel on public transport.

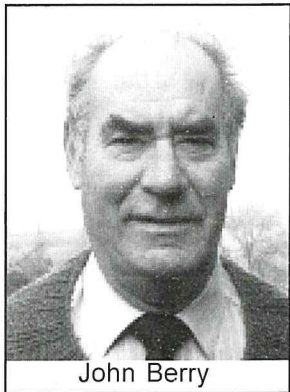
The Travel Permits last for 5 years and enables the holder to pay only half the normal adult fare for bus journeys between places in Daventry District and some towns outside the District boundary. These towns are Northampton, Market Harborough, Rugby, Wellingborough, Kettering and Towcester.

If you prefer Tokens you are entitled to £30 worth of travel tokens free of charge. These are for use as a subsidy towards local travelling expenses. If you have had tokens before, you should by now have received a new application form in the post, if not, then please contact your local representative: Janet McCarthy on 890336. If you are new to the scheme and wish to apply, application forms are available from Janet at 19, High Street, Braunston.

How and when will you receive your concessions?

If you are applying for a permit, please send your application direct to Daventry District Council and your permit will be posted to you.

If you are applying for tokens, complete your application form (don't forget to fill in your pension number) and bring your completed form to the Village Hall Library on Thursday 6th March between 9.00 am and 12 noon when the tokens are to be distributed. If you have already delivered your form to Janet don't worry your tokens will be waiting for you at the Village Hall with the rest.



John Berry

Wellington Bomber Crashes in Braunston 28th August 1942

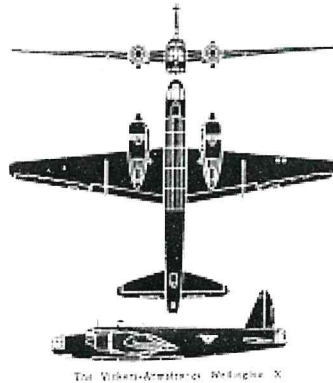
The question posed in last month's edition has raised much interest particularly from Chris Hedge, from Derrick Turner's out-of-village friend but especially from John Berry who saw it happen! The plane was

based at Chipping Warden airfield (now used for car storage). This was an operational training station and the plane was probably on a training exercise before being posted to active service. The Wellington was the mainstay of Bomber Command 1939-42 but saw service through the war. It was designed by Barnes Wallis of Dambuster fame and 11,391 were built. It was nicknamed the "Wimpy" after a pre-1939 newspaper strip cartoon featuring a chubby, hamburger eating trencherman named J. Wellington Wimpy. It normally had a crew of five.

John Berry, whose father was the local butcher and commander of the village Home Guard, recalls how he joined his father in his van as they went across the fields to the crashed plane to find it on fire with live ammunition exploding. His father rescued the badly injured rear gunner and another crew member and took them both towards hospital in the butcher's van. Some of the crew jumped into the canal to get away from the flames.

The plane crashed into a field called 'Brockage field' between Barby Lane and the Coventry canal not far from what was popularly known as the 'bathing bridge'.

(Does anyone have stories about bathing in the canal? - Ed.)



The Wellington Bomber

All Saints' Church Braunston
Parish Priest :
Rev. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235
(Rest day: Fridays)
Churchwardens:
Charles Dunn 812143
Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES

(See inside for other Church events)

Sunday 2nd March

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
with talk by Mrs Barbara Parfitt,
Headteacher of Braunston School.
- 6.30pm EVENSONG

Ash Wednesday 5th March

- 7.30pm Team Service at Holy Cross

Sunday 9th March

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Wednesday 12th March

- 7.45pm ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

Sunday 16th March

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
- 6.30pm Evening Worship at Staverton

Sunday 23rd March

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am. HOLY COMMUNION
and TRIO presentation

Sunday 30th March

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY
SERVICE

* Every Monday *

- 2.15pm Little Fishers
in the Parish Room at All Saints
for toddlers and their carers

BVN Deadline

Please leave material for the
April edition
at the Post Office before noon
Saturday 22nd March 2003
or by e-mail to steve@rolt.net

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our letter writing campaign, asking for money for our Phase II refurbishment, has been very successful of late – over £5000 received since December, as shown here:

Maud Elkington Charitable Trust - £1000.00

The Ammco Trust - £100.00

The Cripps Foundation - £2000.00

Constance Travis Charitable Trust - £2000.00

The Fitton Trust - £250.00

We were also delighted to receive the proceeds from the **Braunston Players'** production of Dickens At Christmas in early December, which added a further £223 to our funds. Many thanks to Fred and his cast for all their hard work, and for giving us such an enjoyable show.

Our budget price for Phase II has been received from our Quantity Surveyor and is calculated at around £76,000 plus v.a.t. and professional fees. We are now developing our lottery application for this, and hope that the Community Fund will have some money left for us. Our Phase II project fund now stands at £20,000 so we have a good base on which to make our application.

BUY-&BUY BOOK SALE

Our next fund raising event in the Village Hall for Phase II is a **BOOK SALE on Sunday 2nd March, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

We have been inundated recently with donations of books and our shelves are overflowing, so this will be a BUY&BUY book sale, rather than a bring&buy i.e we actually want to sell more than we are given! Please come and support us.



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- Refresher, lapsed pupils
- Pass Plus and Motorway tuition

Ring

MARTIN SCOTT
ADI, IAM
01788 890751

Braunston Directory

To be reprinted in early summer.
If you want to be included contact:
Steve Rolt by e-mail at
steve@rolt.net
or phone 891297
for an entry form.

Existing entrants will be sent a copy of their entry for them to amend if required.

**Parish Council
Annual Public Meeting
Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall**

Braunston Village History Open Day

Saturday 29th March 11am - 4 pm in the Village Hall

Exhibition of material collected from previous 'open days', key features of proposed way marked walks and associated history booklet, sporting material (team events, stories, photos, trophies) - further contributions welcomed. Please contact Jeanie Midson (891164). We can even record your memories if you like.

Refreshments served

Further details from Alan Mees, 16 Welton Road (891359)

This is a Local Heritage Initiative partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund, Nationwide Building Society and Countryside Agency

The Admiral Nelson



Diane and Bruse write:

New charity for 2003

Our aim in 2003 is to raise over £2,000 for **The Braunston Home in Sudan.**

This was the millennium project that was exceedingly well supported by the Braunston village and we hope to be able to continue the tie, along with Braunston Village School. We feel that our £2,000 target will greatly contribute to the quality of life of the 10 children who have now moved into their new home. For further details please call Diane, Bruse or Laura on 890075.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our charity appeal for 2002. We are very pleased to announce that we hit our £2,000 target and that Braunston Village School were able to purchase more play/learn equipment and a new computer with our funds.

Twining Association

Join the trip to Quincy Voisins.

Out on May 2nd or 3rd back on 5th May
Next year we celebrate our 20th year.

Why not join before then!

Look out for details about

Wine tasting on Friday 21st March.

in the Village Hall

More information from 890491 or our page on www.braunston.org.uk

Braunston Village Gardens Association



**Open Gardens Day
2003**

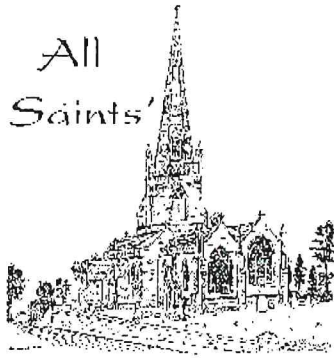
Volunteers please

Date yet to be decided

In 2001, 10 Braunston Gardens opened to the public on the 1st Sunday afternoon in July and raised £875 for Macmillan Nurses. The BVGA are intending to hold a similar event this year on either Sunday **28th June** or Sunday **6th July**.

Several gardeners, who opened last time, are unable to open this summer, so if you live near the centre of the village and would be willing to open your garden, please ring Jean Dibben on 890515.

This is not a competition but a chance to show the great variety of garden types in Braunston.



All
Saints'

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,
Lent is an opportunity for a spiritual 'spring-clean'. As this poem puts it:

*Lent is a time to learn to travel light,
To clear the clutter
From our crowded lives and
Find a space, a desert.*

*Deserts are bleak; no creature
Comforts, only a vast expanse of
Stillness, sharpening awareness of
Ourselves and
God.*

The less clutter, the more we become aware of ourselves. By entering a period of self-examination and experiencing it *alongside* what God has done for us in the passion and resurrection of his Son the more we recognize and accept God's constant care for us in our lives.

I'm advertising what is going on in All Saints' Church and the Daventry Team this Lent. Opportunity to find time to study, worship and pray. I really hope you are able to join us for some of it.

Best wishes - *Revd Claire*

From the Registers.....

Baptism:

Sunday 23rd February
Charlotte Cook
Welcome to the Church family

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 15th February
Alan Marpole and Joanne Morgan
*We wish them every blessing in their
life together*

Funeral

Monday 24th February
Eileen Edith Bastow
May she rest in peace

Church Floodlighting

6th Feb. In memory of Phyllis Clarke on her birthday from Philip Clarke
10th Feb. In memory of Mansel Davies.
12th Feb. Karen Childs. Birthday Memories. Love from Dad, Kim and Helen 12/2/69
13th Feb. In loving memory of Diane Roach on her birthday from Brian, Gill, Don, Cindy and Kelly
15th Feb. In celebration of the marriage of Jo and Zippy
16th Feb. Keren Andrews' birthday
22nd Feb. In loving memory of the birthday of George Green from Roy, Pamela and all the family.
22nd Feb. In memory of Eric Holloway, 2 years on and we still love and miss you. Ivy and family. Love and miss you Dad. Love Margaret, Peter and Anthony Hick.
26th Feb. Alan Pittam's 65th Birthday- lots of love from all the family

Sunday 23rd March

You are warmly invited to
the 10.30 am service
to meet Tony Armitage
-Parish Resource Officer-
Who will give a presentation
entitled
TRIO
The Responsibility
Is Ours

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Put these dates in your diaries!

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

A Annual Parochial
Church Meeting.
Wednesday 12th March

at 7.30pm in Parish Room. Please
come to hear reports and elect officers

Events during Lent

Sunday 30th March - Mothering Sunday Family Service

An opportunity to give thanks for our Mums!

Lent lunches; Saturday 15th, 22nd, 29th of March in the Parish Room.

Come and enjoy a chat and some sumptuous soup!

Sermon Series during Lent

'The Lord's Prayer'

Revd Claire will be preaching a series of sermons at the 10.30am Communion Service on the Lord's Prayer. She will make special reference to two books for Lent; Gerard Hughes' 'God of Surprises' and David Rhodes 'Lenten Adventure'.

Ecumenical Lent Course 2003

Together with Brixworth and Daventry Deaneries

What use is the Bible?

A course led by the Very Reverend Michael Bunker, Dean of Peterborough Cathedral, looking at how to use the Bible to question and explain our life and our faith. The course will take place at the United Reformed Church, Sheaf Street, Daventry on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

12th, 26th March, 2nd and 9th April.

If you would like a lift to this event please do not hesitate to phone Revd Claire on 890235, or Sheila Rowley on 890559

Friendly Club

Monday 10th March.

Chris Pardoe of the History Society will share some thoughts on the history of Braunston

Monday 24th March.

Pupils from Braunston School will entertain us.

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

Braunston Women's Institute PROGRAMME CHANGE



Tuesday 4th March

at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

A talk by Christine Farmer

"Denman College"

This month's challenge will be a

"Spring Posy"

New members and friends welcome

THE BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

Mrs Julia Beattie

Fully registered I.S.T.D. teacher

DANCE CLASSES

IN BRAUNSTON

Enquiries **Tel.890488**

200 Club Recent Winners

Date	Prize £	No.	Name
9 Jan	10	19	D. Childs
	5	70	T. Childs
16 Jan	50	61	D. Walters
23 Jan	10	185	C. Carlisle
	5	3	P. Furniss
30 Jan	10	159	T. Binding
	5	19	D. Childs
6 Feb	10	75	S. McDonald
	5	106	C. Travers
13 Feb	50	153	R. Moore
20 Feb	10	175	B. Berry
	5	121	P.A. Francis

Planning Application National Starch Site

Bryant Homes have submitted an application to convert the old office building into 4 dwellings and to construct 58 new dwellings.



On 1st February the Marina presented a £1,000 cheque to the school to pay for the replica of 'Raymond' that will be put in the playground

Braunston & District Royal British Legion



40 members and wives enjoyed the annual dinner at the Sporting Club, Barby.

The next social event will be a visit to Slimbridge Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust in early spring, details to follow.

Next meeting: **at The George Hotel Kilsby at 8.00pm on 11 March.**

Details from Tony Saunderson (890797)

Regular Events in Braunston

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

- Beavers in the Scout Den

- Cubs 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. More info on 890488.

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

- Scouts in the Scout Den.

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

COMPUTER COURSE AT BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Rugby College Widening Participation are hoping to run another computer course at the Village Hall on

Thursday afternoons, starting on 13th March 2003 (1.30 - 3.30 pm).

The course is City and Guilds Start IT (15 weeks, £25). Knowledge of keyboarding is useful but not essential.

Spaces are limited so for more information and to book a place please ring Carol on 01788 338587.