

Braunston Village News

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Best Wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year

Another year ends. We hope you have enjoyed the BVN in 2002. We would welcome feedback on what changes you would wish to see in the future and would like contributions from a wider range of village activities so that we can present a full picture of what is happening in Braunston and the achievements being made here. Once again the December and January editions are combined so that editors, printers and deliverers have an undisturbed Christmas break.

VILLAGE HALL – Phase 2

Although the final bill is not yet in for Phase I, the Village Hall committee is already turning its attention to Phase II. We expect to have over £8,000 left in our building fund after Phase I and have already started adding to it. We were fortunate to receive further grants from the Benham Charitable Settlement (£400) and the Sudborough Foundation (£100). Both these grant making trusts contributed to our last Appeal. We have also received £250 from the Mary Webb Trust: we have written 100 letters asking for help and hope to report more successes in future issues.

The Autumn Fair last month was a great success. Nearly every village group helped with this, with several donating all their proceeds to Phase II. This helped us raise over £500. Many thanks to everyone involved (especially Clare and Chris) for all the effort put in, and to all those who came and supported the event – there was a great turn-out, despite the awful weather.

How can YOU help?

- Many larger companies will make financial donations to charities supported by their employees. If any villager works for such a company, we would very much appreciate it if you could lobby your employer on our behalf: we can provide any necessary supporting documentation – call Lynne Whyte on 890865.
- Support our fund raising events – the next one is **Dickens At Christmas** – further details in this issue.

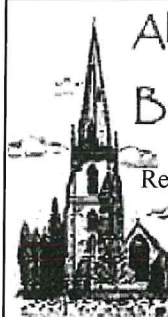
Next step:

We are currently awaiting a budget cost for Phase II, which will enable us to apply for larger-scale funding – hopefully the Lottery will still have some money left, and we will be successful this time.

BVN Deadline

Please leave material for the February edition at the Post Office before 5 pm Thursday 23rd January 2003 or by e-mail to steve@rolt.net

We hope you will be able to help unfortunate children by making a donation to The Children's Society in the envelope that comes with this BVN. If you can't get to the Christingle Service on 15th December please put it in the Rectory letter box or give it to someone coming to church.



All Saints' Church
Braunston

Parish Priest :

Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235

Churchwardens:

Charles Dunn 812143
Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES

(See inside for other Church events)

Sunday 1st December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.30pm Deanery Advent Carol Service.
Holy Cross Church, Daventry.

Sunday 8th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 15th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
4.00pm CHRISTINGLE

Monday 16th December

2.15pm LITTLE FISHERS NATIVITY

Sunday 22nd December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.30pm SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS
AND CAROLS

Monday 23rd December

CAROL SINGING around the village.
Meet at the Church at 7.30pm onwards.
All welcome. With wine and mince pies.

Tuesday 24th December

3.00pm CAROLS AND BLESSING OF
THE CRIB.
11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS

Wednesday 25th December

10.30am. **CHRISTMAS DAY**
FAMILY COMMUNION.

Sunday 29th December

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION

Sunday 5th January 2003

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 12th January - The Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 19th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION
6.30pm Team Evensong at Holy Cross

Sunday 26th January

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am. PARISH EUCHARIST.
Details of Alpha, Little Fishers, Bible Study & PCC meetings on page 3



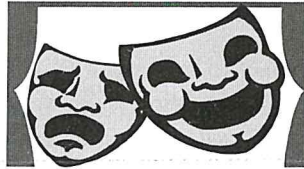
Starting School?

If your child is due to start school in September 2003 and you would like a place at Braunston CE Primary, please contact the school by 13th December 2002 on 890494 or write to :-

Mrs B. Parfitt
Braunston CE School
Braunston
Daventry NN11 7HE

“Dickens” launches Christmas

5th, 6th and Saturday 7th December
at 8 pm in the Village Hall



Tickets (£4) are available at Braunston Village Stores and the Boat Shop (891310)
The tickets include a glass of wine or soft drink and a festive mince pie.

People who attended last year’s “Dickens at Christmas” by the Braunston Players are showing great enthusiasm for a return visit and ticket sales are going well. Producer Fred Barnes and his cast of nine are rehearsing hard and the prospect of a stage on which to perform this year is good news for cast and audience.

Buy your tickets now while they are still available!

WEA Braunston Branch

New course starts in January
Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15 pm 10 meetings starting on 16th January 2003 at
Braunston School. Fee £26 (free to means tested and unemployed)

HISTORY FROM LITERATURE

This course assesses selected historical events over the past 300 years through the eyes of writers of the time and of those who lived later. What can we learn about history from the way it has been recorded? How does its interpretation change with time? Further details from Jackie Green (890145) or Richard Dibben (890515)

Braunston Angling Club Christmas Bazaar



Saturday 7th December 2 to 4 pm in the Village Hall



Cakes, Tombola, Roll-the=dice, Auction, Raffle, Bric-a-brac
and Refreshments

THE
THANK YOU
BOX

THANK YOU to everyone who came along to Village Hall Autumn Fair and supported this event on 2nd November. It was a great afternoon, enjoyed by all which raised a fantastic total of **£525.76** towards Phase 2 of the Hall improvements. It was lovely to see so many visitors, despite the weather!

A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day, and to the following Braunston groups who donated so generously to the Hall Fund: W.I., Bowls Club, School of Dance, Pre-School, Twinning Association, Labour Party, P.F.A., B.V.G.A., Yoga Club, Tai Chi Class, 2nd Braunston Scouts and British Waterways. Well done all!

■ The BVN thanks the Braunston Angling Club for a donation of £10

■ The Dick Herne History Society thanks everyone who attended the *Open Day* on 9th November. The response was magnificent and a tremendous amount of material was amassed adding to our knowledge of Braunston's past. In the coming weeks contact will be made with those who made offers to make further material available.

■ **Braunston Nail & Beauty**
Thanks you for supporting the Children's Resarch Fund in October & November.
Gift vouchers available - ideal for Christmas & birthday presents.
Phone **0797 117664** for details.

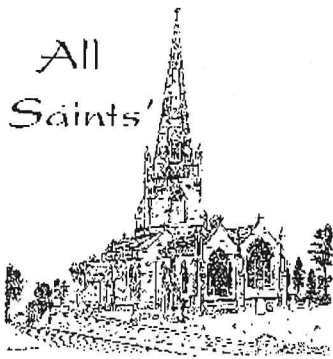


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Church Floodlighting

30th Oct. With love to Diane on her Birthday. - Bruce.
 8th Nov. For Diana Berry on her birthday.
 8th Nov. Jean Sigsworth. Remembered on your birthday and everyday. Love, Amanda
 11th Nov. Philip and Theresa Binding - 25th wedding anniversary.
 23rd Nov. 20th anniversary of Gill Hallam's death from Tina, Keiran, John, Lorraine and children.
 Roland Ward has kindly donated money to light the spire from 25th - 29th Nov and 2nd - 6th December in memory of his wife Marian.
If you would like the Church Spire lit up for your special event, please fill in a form to be found at the back of the church and post it with £5 into the Rectory letterbox.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Come to Church: Put 'Christ' back into Christmas

I met today a friend for coffee. She and her sister were both desperately wanting a family four years ago and now have a son each. One will be going to school next year and the other is at that boisterous two stage! I remember when Matthew and Ben were born, members of the Church were overjoyed because we had prayed for the families. Seeing my friend today reminded me of two things. Firstly the power of prayer, and secondly the incredible bond a Mum has for her son, as my friend related Matthew's latest antics!

Christmas is a very important family time. Time to spend together and strengthen those family bonds. The glitter and wrapping of Christmas is in itself fun, but if we leave it at that we miss the point of our celebration. The central part of Christmas is about relationship. Our relationship with those we love and God's relationship with us. Just as we prayed that Matthew and Ben might be born, there were people who expectantly hoped that God would come and be a 'light to the world'. They were the prophets.

I'm not sure they expected a baby of a teenage mother, born in a poor stable (hardly fit for a king!) but he grew through the boisterous two stage and grew up to be the greatest gift to humankind. Advent is where we are now- and as we open advent calendars and light the advent wreath we ask God to make us ready for Christ's coming. Living as those who walk in his light, in what can often feel like an uncertain world. As the preparations take place for Christmas it's also good to prepare our hearts for his coming.

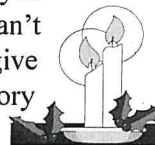
We warmly invite you to all or any of the services. Take time out to bring yourselves and your tiredness from the bustle and activity of family preparations, to glimpse the wider perspective as we worship the new born King - he is the answer to our prayers.

Wishing you every joy this Christmas, and Christ's peace be with you all,

Revd Claire

P.S A Christingle envelope is enclosed with this copy of BVN. If you would like to contribute to the work of the Children's Society and can't come to the special service at 4 pm on 15th December you can give your envelope to someone who is coming or put it through the Rectory letterbox.

- Many thanks.



From the Registers.....

Baptisms:

Sunday 3rd November

Lily Mae CHILDS

Welcome to the Church family

Confirmation:

Tuesday 12th November

Marc SPRIGGS

Welcome to full membership

Funerals:

11th Nov. Nellie BECKETT

- at Milton crematorium

25th Nov. Lily HOUGH

- burial at All Saints'

25th Nov. John SHARP

- at Milton crematorium

27th Nov. Michael CUDMORE

- at Milton crematorium

May they rest in peace

Diary Dates..... Don't forget

■ Saturday 30th November at 2.00pm **Tea & Craft Stalls** in the church

■ **The WI Carol Service at** 3.00 pm on Sunday 8th December in church

■ **The Advent Bible Study** course will be running on the evenings of Wednesday 4th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 18th December. All in the Rectory from 8.00 - 9.15 pm.

■ **Little Fishers** will take place, as usual at 2.15 pm on Mondays 9th & 16th December and 13th, 20th and 27th January 2003.

■ **The Alpha Course** meets on Thursday 12th December at 7.30 pm in the Rectory.

■ **The PCC** meets on Wednesday 11th December and Wednesday 14th January at 7.45 pm in the Parish Room

Hope & Homes - (All Saints' raised £15k for this as our millennium charity)



Gillian Thompson has just received a wonderful e-mail from Sudan saying that the orphanage we are funding is now up and running and that ten girl refugees have moved in. After such a long wait this is marvellous news. There is more information on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Hopefully it won't be long before we receive photos and are able to write to the children in person.

Friendly Club

Monday 9th December.

Christmas lunch at "The Queen's Head", Bretford. Cost £9 per head including coach fare. Coach will leave the Green at 11.30 am, return trip leaves at 2.30 pm.

Monday 16th December.

Mince pie tea in the Village Hall from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm with a 'Bring & Buy' stall.

January meetings.

On Monday 13th and 27th in the Village Hall.

Phone Gill Powell on 890763 for more information



Braunston & District Royal British Legion

The AGM held on 12th November was attended by 33 members.

A number of officers retired and newly elected officials include:-

Alan Kerton.....Chairman Popy Organiser.....Alan Stephens
Bill Musgrave.....Secretary (Tel:01327 703671)
Standard Bearer.....Jack Edwards
Colin White..... Membership Secretary as well as Treasurer

The annual branch dinner is to be held at the Sporting Club, Barby on 21st January 2003. Tickets available from Clive Cooper .

The next meeting is at *The Old Coach Inn*, Ashby on 10th December



*Invitation to families with Pre-school children
Christmas Coffee Morning Monday 16th December*

10.30 - 11.45 am in the Village Hall

Cake/craft stalls, Tombola, Lucky dip, Raffle, Refreshments and sing along with the children.

Come and support Braunston Pre-school. Ring 891186 for details

Braunston Women's Institute



Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Christmas Party & Entertainment

Please bring bran tub present and also subscriptions which are now due.

Sunday 8th December at 3 pm

Carol Service in All Saints' Church

Tuesday 7th January

"New Year's Lunch" at the Napton Bridge Hotel. Coach plus meal £11 please bring to meeting

Phone Honor Mackichan on 890881 for more information

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Recent Winners

Prize Number Winner

14th November

£10	48	J.Morgan
£ 5	14	R.Dibben

News from Braunston's pubs

The Admiral Nelson

Still taking December bookings, either to eat from our normal menu, or to pre-book and order from our special Christmas Fayre menu which is available to parties of 2 - 48. Please ring for further information or to make a booking. Remember, for every Christmas Fayre booking we are donating £1 towards our 2002 charity to help Braunston village school. Happy Christmas!

P.S. Don't forget Burn's night special menu 25th January. - Diane & Bruse (890075)

The Old Plough

Maureen & Avril have just completed their first year at the Plough and have enjoyed every minute! They thank everyone who has supported them and look forward to the year ahead.

On Sunday 3rd November the Plough held its first homemade pickle competition and now it will be an annual event. The first prize trophy was won by Ann Neal for her splendid shallots. Second prize went to Peter Grossart for chutney and the third prize to Mike Robinson for his red cabbage in mulled wine.

From our archives.....

..... Village Notes by Dick Herne - March 1991

The present road in to the village makes a right angle turn by Westfield Farm House. This was built about 1815 on a new site purchased from the lord of the manor. It passed through several hands before it was bought in 1853 by Mrs Eliza Butlin, widow of a cavalry officer stationed at Weedon. She already owned the cottage lower down the hill now known by her name. She settled both houses on her son's wife and children who occupied Westfield until it was sold to pay debts and came into the possession of Mr Joseph Green in 1911. *There is a gravestone in the churchyard commemorating Admiral John Jones of Westfield House who died in 1878.*

At the entrance to the village the church faces the Old Rectory, or Merry Hill House as it is now called. Both buildings are monuments to the vision and energy of Rev. A.B.Clough, Rector of Braunston 1838 - 70. He was a fellow of Jesus College, Oxford, the patrons of the living. Soon after his arrival he married the daughter of Mr R.H. Lamb of Bragborough Hall, a house built in 1820 in the classical style. Clough paid for a new Rectory constructed on similar lines to receive his bride. It had a handsome facade and at the back an imposing colonade overlooking the spacious garden and the valley below. The entrance hall and main rooms were lofty and well lighted, and there were extensive servants' quarters. The Rector employed a considerable staff, including resident cook, maids and nursemaids.