

Braunston Village News

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Village Hall improvements underway

After many years of planning and fund-raising, improvement works to the Village Hall have at last started. A 6 week project to provide a new entrance door and ramp, a toilet for the disabled with a baby-changing table, and complete refurbishment to the ladies and gents, commenced this week. The hall will be closed during this time, but will re-open on Monday, 2nd September.

Many thanks to all those people and bodies who have helped in our fund raising efforts which have allowed this £48,000 Phase 1 project to proceed. These include Northampton, Daventry and Braunston councils, Daventry Area Committee, Awards for All, The Ford of Britain Trust, David Wilson Homes, Morrisflex, and British Waterways. Many individuals and Village Groups have also donated money directly to our project – Peter Andrews, Jan Wilcox, K&J Andrews, Braunston Bowls Club, Braunston WI, The Angling Club, The Gardens Association, Braunston Players, Braunston School of Dance, - and we have received widespread support in our diverse fund-raising activities, as well as our regular 200 club fundraising. In addition, we have been fortunate to secure the services of Lambert Smith Hampton who are managing this project free of charge. Thank you to everyone involved.

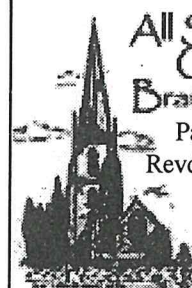
To celebrate completion of the Phase 1 project, we are grateful to the Gardens Association for allowing us to share in their Village Show on Saturday September 7th, when we will be able to “show” our new facilities. There will be free entry, so anyone who wishes to see what has been going on will be welcome to come along in the afternoon.

Fund raising is still continuing, as we are now turning our attention to Phase 2, and the two halls which need substantial work to bring them into good condition, and accessible to all. We will therefore be raising money for this at British Waterway's Boat Gathering on Sunday, 25th August, where we will have a tombola, a book stall and a skittles competition.

Hard Work but Well Done !



The riders who took part in the sponsored ride to Flecknoe on Saturday 29th June to raise funds towards a mountain bike track on the Playing Field. The exact amount raised is not yet known as money is still being collected but we expect it to be around £500.



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest :

Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235

(Rest Day - Fridays)

Churchwardens:

Charles Dunn 812143

Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

Thursday 1st August

6.00 pm Car Treasure Hunt
(details overleaf)

Sunday 4th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30 pm EVENSONG

Tuesday 6th August *The Transfiguration*

7.30 pm Team Holy Communion at Ashby

Sunday 11th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday 17th August

3.00 pm Wedding of Peter Isom and
Jessica Burt

Sunday 18th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

Saturday 24th August

1.00 pm Wedding of Mark Pratt and
Debbie Seabury

Sunday 25th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the September
edition is 5 pm on Friday 23rd
August.

Leave your copy at the Post Office in
an envelope marked BVN or e-mail
to
steve@rolt.net

Parish Council News.....

Did you know?

Parishioners now have the opportunity to 'have their say' at the beginning of every Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council have set aside 15 minutes from 7.30pm to 7.45pm for anyone who would like to raise an issue, make a complaint or make a suggestion as to how the village could be improved. Matters raised can be dealt with immediately if appropriate, otherwise they may be made an agenda item for the next meeting when all relevant information can be made available and a proper decision can be taken. In normal circumstances, as time is limited, each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes. So here is the chance you have been waiting for, an opportunity to influence decisions that affect your village. **Come along and have your say.**

Footpaths and Roads

Following the Parish Councils complaints about the condition of our roads and footpaths, a representative from Northamptonshire County Council has visited the village and has inspected all areas including Little Braunston. Because of financial constraints, there seems to be little hope of much in the way of major improvements in the near future and the appalling surface to the High Street seems set to try us for a time yet. However all is not doom and gloom, we have received word that the following works will take place. The sunken manhole cover in the centre of the road outside the Church is to be raised and levelled.

All road markings in the village will be repainted.

Some new kerbs and road resurfacing on the corners of North and South Close. (We have been advised that these will be treated as 'urgent').

County engineers to reinspect Butlins Hill reference reoccurrence of spring water and associated potholes. A 'major scheme' bid will be made to fund levelling and resurfacing for the whole of the Church Road footpath.

Recommendation to Daventry District Council that a cherry tree in Archer Avenue should be replaced with a more suitable tree and the footpath repaired.

The Parish Council will be monitoring progress on all of these works.

A45 Good news at last for residents and road users. The A45 has been 'de trunked' and is no longer the responsibility of the Highways Agency. Northamptonshire County Council now have control over the road, its repairs, speed and signage. This will allow the long campaigned for speed restrictions to be applied. The Parish Council has been advised that **40 mile an hour** signs will be installed between the **Onley turn** and the bend above **Hill Row**. The reduction in speed should bring welcome relief to residents in the area particularly those in Hill Row who daily take their lives into their hands every time they pull out onto the A45. We have not yet received notice of the date when work will commence, however we shall be pressing for the earliest date possible.

Youth Parish Council

We are exploring the possibility of setting up a Youth Parish Council, to encourage youngsters to take an interest in local issues and responsibility for some aspects of village life. It is clear from the spate of vandalism and bad behaviour, that some of our young people feel excluded and separate from the rest of the community. They seem to be oblivious to the upset their behaviour causes and give no thought to the financial cost to the village. The Parish Council would be interested to hear parishioners views and in particular **we would like to hear from any interested young people between the ages of 11 and 17.**

Neighbourhood Watch

The Parish Council is working together with Northamptonshire Police to establish an effective Neighbourhood Watch within the village. If you are already a Watch Co-ordinator within the Parish or wish to set a Watch up within your street/close then please contact either PC Scott Bennett on 01327 300300 Extn 3130 or Steve Rolt (clerk to Parish Council) on 890241

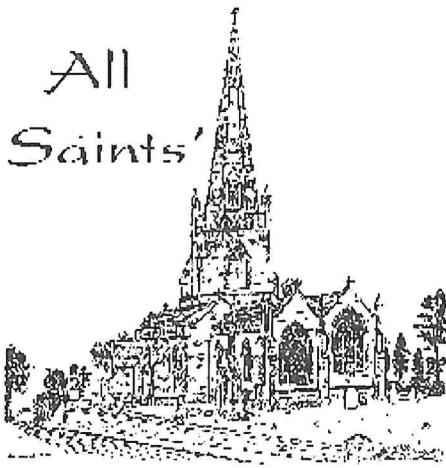


Broadband Internet Access for Braunston?

At the present time BT have no plans to install Broadband in Braunston, however under an initiative instigated by BT you may pre-register your interest in Broadband at the following internet site;

<http://www.btopenworld.com/broadband/reg10/>

They have promised to review demand and adjust their installation programme accordingly, so here is your chance to influence the decision by registering your interest in the scheme.



Vicar's Letter

Dear All,

It seems hard to believe that the summer holidays are now upon us! Last Saturday we had our Church Fete, the first one for a couple of years. The first five minutes were ominously wet, but then the sun broke through and we were blessed with sunshine for most of the afternoon. It was a really enjoyable day. The children had a good time on the treasure hunt,

the hats displayed in the fancy hat competition were super and the children had taken a lot of care in 'filling in' their colouring competition. As I look out on the Rectory lawn the tell tale signs of the tug-of-war are still there! The holes left are on a par with the badger holes! Thank you for taking part. Congratulations to the children teams - the winners and runners up. Also to the Wheat sheaf pub teams who came first and second.

A very big thank you to all the stallholders and those who provided the refreshments. A committed team worked behind the scenes to set up, and to pack away-thank you. You will be pleased to hear that we raised almost £800.00 - a great effort. This will go towards Church funds and 20% towards 'Hope and Homes'.

It was a real privilege to be part of the Braunston School's end of term activities too. The celebration evening when we were able to walk around and see

the projects accomplished in Arts Week, and the School Assembly when each class made a presentation or gave a review of the year's events.

Holidays are great opportunities to recuperate and relax. All of us are in danger of 'over doing it' and it's good to take a leaf out of God's book! In the book of Genesis it says He worked hard and creatively for six days and then on the seventh day rested. If God needed a rest and we are made in His image then you can be sure that we need a rest too. Frequently we hear the advice; 'Work hard, and play hard,' added to that there has to be a time to be still. Time to listen to what's going on inside us, and to notice and appreciate the wonderful world of which we are part. May God bless you this holiday in your work, rest and play.

*With best wishes,
Revd Claire*

CALLING ALL LOVERS OF NIKE, McDONALDS, SKATE BOARDING AND HARRY POTTER... ***

Are you at that stage when you want to ask questions of God and find out a bit more about Him? If so now may be the time to consider confirmation.

WHO? The group is designed for those who feel ready explore their faith. If you are between 12-17, this group is for you. It will be for all young people in Daventry and the surrounding villages, so tell your friends about it!

WHEN? The course starts on Saturday September 14th and runs for eleven sessions, with a social event in half term and the actual Confirmation at All Saints, Braunston on 12th November. The class will run every Saturday from 5.00pm to 6.15pm.

WHERE? The Confirmation class will be held in the Parish Room at All Saints Church in Braunston.

What we will do together is try to answer some pretty big questions – 'Who made the world?', 'What are we like?', 'The difference Jesus has made', 'Who is the Holy Spirit?', 'Why is Church important?', 'What is confirmation?', 'How do I understand communion?', 'What difference does prayer make?', 'Why read the Bible?', 'Where do I go from here?'

This is a real opportunity to find out more about the Christian faith with people of your own age- in a way that is relaxed, fun ... and we promise it won't be boring!

CALLING ALL ADMIRERS OF TOM CRUISE, EAST ENDERS, GOOD WINE, AND HOLIDAYS... ***

Do you want to take a step towards exploring your faith a bit more?

Unfortunately, you may be a bit 'old' for the above...but the confirmation on 12th November is for you too. Please speak to Revd Claire and she will be able to inform you of the adult courses on offer. But please don't delay!

! *** PLEASE NOTE THIS WAS JUST TO GET YOUR ATTENTION, IT IS NOT OBLIGATORY TO LIKE THESE THINGS !

FROM THE REGISTERS...

Funeral

15th July Ernie LLOYD

at Coventry Crematorium

May he rest in peace.

Church Floodlighting

28th June In loving memory of Mum on her Birthday. Roy, Pam & families.

14th July John Andrews Birthday.

26th July Loving Birthday memories for Syd a dear husband

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.

Car Treasure hunt



Thursday 1st August
6.00pm onwards

followed by Supper in the Parish Room.

£2.00 per car. £4.00 adult,
£1.00 child.



To take part - phone Revd Claire or sign up at the back of the Church.

Friendly Club

Next meeting

Only one meeting during August
Wednesday 14th August - an outing
to Wakefield Farm. See separate
notice for details.

Braunston Women's Institute



Tuesday 6th August

"Wildlife Slides"

Frank Millington will
entertain us with his
"wildlife" slides in **The**

Parish Room in the Church at 7.30pm

Members please bring money for
Charlecote outing.

Tuesday 20th August

"Charlecote Park Outing"

Coach leaves the Village Green at
10.00am & returns approx. 5.00pm. Cost
is £6.50 plus admission of £4.80.

National Trust members - FREE. To join
us Tel. Chris Godwin on 890981.

Summer Fun Day

Sunday 1st September
2.00pm at the Playing Field
Fun for all the family
BBQ, Games, Face Painting,
Fancy Dress,
Penalty Shoot-Out etc. etc.
Everyone Welcome -
Something for all ages

Further details will be posted
in Village Stores window



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Summer Outing from the village.

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afternoon to Wakefield Farm.

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body!**

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of course that much needed Tea
Room.

When? Wednesday 14th August.

**Time? Leaving the Village Green at
1.30pm**

**Cost? £5 for Adults, Children £2.50,
under 5's free**

**Want to book? Contact Janet on
890336 or Anne on 890132 to reserve
a place.**

Twinning Association

Find out about grape growing and wine
making in Northamptonshire - visit the
Windmill Vineyard in Hellidon late
afternoon on Sunday 1st September. This
interesting visit is only £2.50 per person
(includes the tour plus a couple of tastings).

Please call Elizabeth on 891331 if you
would like to join us.

Braunston Junior Football Club

The annual Presentation Day was held
on Sunday, 7th July at the Playing Field.
Over 45 boys (and one girl!) received
their end of season trophies and we
were able to thank the Managers and
all the people who work so hard during
the season. We had an excellent BBQ,
lots of football games and penalty
shootouts, the sun shone and a great
afternoon was had by all. If you are
interested in joining us next season
please contact Jane Stevenson on
891195.

YOGA CLUB

resumes

Monday 9th September
7.30-9.00pm

in Braunston Village Hall

New members welcome

Contact Sylvia on 890105
for further information



Royal British Legion
13th August - meeting at the
Old Coach House, Ashby
at 8.00pm

The Royal British Legion
Home at Galanos House, Long
Itchington, will be holding its annual fete
on 17 August in aid of the amenity fund.
The Braunston Branch will be support-
ing the event and would welcome any
contributions for the bric-a-brac stall.



British Waterways

This year the
**Braunston
Boat
Gathering**

will be held over
the August Bank Holiday weekend.

**On Saturday 24th August from
7pm to 11pm** when we are
promised "Acoustic mayhem" and
real beer with the local band
Three Men & a Boat.

**On Sunday 25th August from
11am to 6pm** when there will be
folk music, historic boats, work-
ing boats, willow weaving, tradi-
tional canal art, boat trips, family
activities, boat parade, plus lots
more!! For more information
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