

Braunston Village News

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Village consultation Results

The results of the village consultation featured in the last issue of the BVN were presented at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th April. These are shown in the box below. The Council thanks everyone who responded to this survey which will help shape the way the village develops.

The meeting heard reports from many village organisations. These painted a picture of a very active community. Particularly gratifying was the report from the Playing Field Association. Facilities are being improved, more teams are playing and children's play equipment has been installed. The new committee is doing a fine job.

Minutes of this meeting, as for all Parish Council meetings, will be published, in due course, on the Braunston website - www.braunston.org.uk

Operation Spring Clean

There was a very good response to last month's appeal for help to tidy up the village. Here are some of the volunteers about to start on Saturday 20th April



Village Hall News

Great progress is being made with our Phase 1 project (Disabled toilet, renovation of existing toilets and a new entrance ramp) We are planning for the works to be complete during the summer holidays , so please be aware that we may not be able to take any hall bookings during this period. We are very pleased to announce that £3,500 has been received from the Ford of Britain Trust which is a great boost to the funds we have available for Hall improvements. In addition over £100 was added following the performance of 'Flower of Gloster'. Thanks to everyone who supported this show.

Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching - Monday 24th June at 8.00 pm in the Library of the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear a report on our activities over the last 12 months and to receive our financial statement.

Consultation - preferences

Skateboard Ramp	17.2%
Village Hall railings	16.8%
Accessibility (paths.etc)	14.2%
Churchyard path/gates	13.5%
Playing Field Pavilion	13.5%
Upgrade High St lights	10.9%
Welton Rd car parking	9.1%
Others	4.8%



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest:

Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235

(Rest Day - Fridays)

Churchwardens: Charles Dunn 812143
Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday 5th May

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm Evensong

Saturday 11th May

12.00 pm Wedding of Marc Knibbs
and Lesley McPherson

Sunday 12th May

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Monday 13th May

2.15pm Little Fishers. (For under fives)
in the Church - Parish Room.

Wednesday 15th May

7.45pm Church PCC

Saturday 18th May

1.30pm Wedding of Andrew Harrison
and Susan Allen

Sunday 19th May (Pentecost)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm Team Evensong at Ashby

Monday 20th May

2.15pm Little Fishers in the Church
- Parish Room.

Sunday 26th May

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

Monday 27th May

2.15pm Little Fishers in the Church
- Parish Room.

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the June edition is
5 pm on Thursday 23rd June.
Leave your copy at the Post Office in an
envelope marked BVN or e-mail to
steve@rolt.net

STRATFORD ..HERE WE COME!

There will be a village outing to Stratford

on Wednesday 13th May.

Depart from the Village Green at 9.45 am.

Leave Stratford 2.00 pm.

Tickets £6.00

(Sorry - tokens and travel passes cannot be used.)



Have a Spring Break!! Shopping, sightseeing and a good lunch before a leisurely trip home

Contact Janet on 890336 or Gill on 890763 to reserve your seat

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELDS

New Developments

New children's play equipment and some new rustic picnic benches have transformed part of the top bank overlooking the sports field. Many thanks go to all who worked hard on Sunday 21st April

The new facilities are ideal for BBQ's and other similar family/social gatherings.

The committee wishes to thank everyone who supported our projects in the village consultation. This is very much appreciated, as we are all keen to develop the playing fields to benefit everyone.

We are currently "working" on the pavilion and are particularly grateful to Steve Woods and the group of teenagers who have done a brilliant job painting all the inside, and the others who have contributed "in the background".

In addition to improving the pavilion and having a skateboard ramp, we also have further plans to improve the recreational facilities on the field and are planning to proceed with these as soon as possible.

Finally, we would like to welcome Tony to our "team" and would welcome new members. For more information call Simon on 891220 or join us in The Wheatsheaf on Wednesday 15th May at 8pm.



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HEALTH BULLETIN:

Does your child have a mobile phone?

There is much debate about the risks of radiation from mobile phones and the Dept of Health has issued a circular (Janet McCarthy 890336 can give further information). Although no hazard has been proved, there are gaps in scientific knowledge. However, it is known that using mobile phones does affect brain activity. Since the brain is still developing in teenagers they must be more vulnerable than adults.

The UK Chief Medical Officers strongly advise that where children and young people do use mobile phones they should be encouraged to:-

- ◆ use the phone for essential purposes only
- ◆ keep calls short - talking for long periods prolongs exposure and should be discouraged



Plant Sale

Saturday
4th May
on the Village
Green from

9.00 am to midday..



Wide range of bedding and container plants for sale. Donations of excess seedlings, cuttings and garden plants will be very welcome - please bring them along anytime during the morning.

Help!

Have you 2 hours to spare every 2 weeks?

The Braunston Youth Club

The Braunston Youth Club has been running successfully since last September. The club meets every other week with an average of 55 to 60 young people attending aged 9 to 15 years. There are a number of activities on offer such as table tennis, pool, play station, table top games and the customary disco. The organisers feel that the club would be enhanced with a better service and more activities being offered to young people in Braunston if the age range were split, possibly 9 to 11 years and 12 to 15 years meeting on alternate weeks.

To achieve this ideal more adult help is required. If you can spare 2 hours every 2 weeks please contact Cindy Brewer on 891511

EARLY NOTICE

Do make sure that Sunday 16th June is firmly in your diary!

The Queen's Jubilee

There will be a special service at All Saints' Church at 3.00 pm on 16th June.



The Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire will be attending and the South Northants branches of the Royal British Legion will parade with Standards.

More details next month.

Exploring Braunston's History

Two reminders from the Dick Herne Braunston History Society:-

**Saturday 4th May.
Village Discovery Day
11am - 4pm
Exhibition in the Village Hall**

Please bring along any old photos, pictures, newspaper cuttings, etc. about the village to show us and everyone else; or just bring your stories to share to help us bring to life our village's exciting past. Free refreshments available!

**Sunday 5th May
Braunston Waterway Walk**



British Waterways

A Guided Canal Walk led by Clive Goodchild (History Society Chairman) to explore Braunston's canal heritage.

Meet at the Stop House at 10am. Explore Braunston's canal heritage - from Puddlebanks to the Tunnel. The walk is expected to last for a couple of hours. Stout shoes advised. More information from Lucy Unstead, the Stop House (890666) and from the website: www.yourOWNtowpath.com

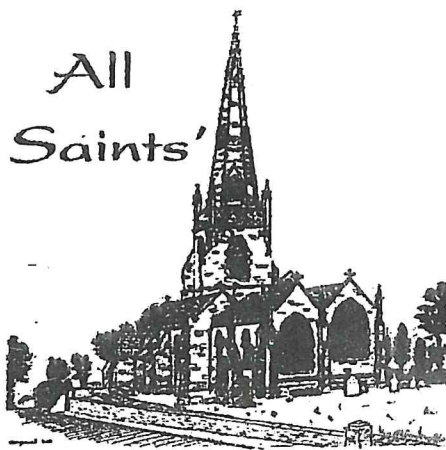
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Vicar's letter.....

Dear All,

One thing I was told at theological College and which has been borne out in ministry is; 'you cannot please all of the people all of the time'. We all have different preferences and different likes and dislikes- and none is this more so than when it comes to Church liturgy and music. Some like Common worship, and some like BCP. Some like music you can click your fingers to, and some like hymns with poetry, which transcends the common place. Some in their new found enthusiasm desire energetic worship, and others in more 'traditional' worship find an order that frees.

As a vicar I think what should come with the job is a tin hat and a thick skin! For someone's 'that was great' is another's, 'oh dear that was awful!' For someone's 'this is how it should be' is another's nostalgic 'this is how it used to be'. I suppose as a relatively new Vicar I'm taking the opportunity to 'sound off'! Perhaps you would like an opportunity to 'sound off' too? Some of us are very good at telling the Vicar when we're not happy, but others of us 'suffer *or* are uplifted' quietly. In the next two months I will be issuing a questionnaire – basically with an opportunity for you to comment on what you find helpful in our services and what you find less helpful. These will be gathered in and the information collated to see how the Church can serve the people of Braunston.

Some of you may have come to a conclusion about All Saints through what you have heard second hand. If you would like to attend a service next month and pick up one of these questionnaires then that would be brilliant.

Week by week I actually learn a lot from our local School and the children. In the playground there are yellow seats and if one of the children feels a bit out of sorts, or a bit lonely they go and sit on it.

There are children who have volunteered to be 'playground friends' - they go and sit by the person who is on their own, listen and talk to them.

In filling in our questionnaires the question isn't only about 'what do I want?' but what will minister to this person - the elderly, the parent, the teenager, the child... Church has to be for all of us, so maybe there are some things which are close to our heart which we have to let go of - for the benefit of the child who is wriggly after 50 minutes, or at the other end of the spectrum - for the benefit of those who love to hear the hymns they grew up with. It's about sitting next to – and befriending the other's point of view.

God bless, Revd Claire

Notices

Little Fishers

Little Fishers, our group for 0-5s, and their carers is now running weekly rather than fortnightly. We meet at 2.15pm in the Parish Room at All Saints Church on a Monday. We start with songs, have a story and share in an activity, followed by a drink and biscuits. All Welcome.

Dates of the meetings up to the Summer holidays:

13th May, 20th May, 27th May,
10th June, 17th June, 24th June, 1st July,
8th July, 15th July

FROM THE REGISTERS.....

Funerals

25th April Kathleen BRIGHTMAN
29th April Greta RAFTERY
May they be received into the arms of our Heavenly Father and rest in peace.

Wedding

13th April Lyndon HARRIS
and Sarah WHITHEAD
We wish them every blessing in their lives together.

Holy Baptism

21st April Debbie SEABURY
With joy we welcome her into the Lord's family

Church Floodlighting

29th March- Walter Childs- in emory of his Birthday. With love from his brothers and sisters.
2nd April – in memory of Len Archer. Thinking of you always. Evelyn and Family.
5th April- in memory of Dad, Lord Edward Ballinger. Rob and Lin Ballinger.

If you would like the Church Spire lit for your special event, then please fill in a form at the back of church and post it with £5 into the letterbox at the Rectory.

The family of Cynthia Curtis thank her many friends for the love and care they showed her. The donations in her memory divided between Dantre Medical Practice and Save the Children totalled £770



At the Family Service on 20th April the new Scout Flag was dedicated. The Scouts would like to thank the generous donor for the gift of the new flag.

Friendly Club

Next meetings

Monday 13th May. Coach trip to Stratford upon Avon. See second page for details

Wednesday 22nd May. A coffee morning and 'Bring & Buy' at Janet McCarthy's from 10 am to 12 noon.

*New members always welcome.
Contact Gill Powell 890763*

Braunston Women's Institute



Tuesday 7th May
"Resolutions Evening"
organised by Diana Buck
followed by
a Beetle Drive
7.30 p m in the Village Hall

Royal British Legion

14th May - meeting at the White Horse, Welton



21st May. Visit to Melton Mowbray market including a stop at Oakham for lunch and a visit to Rutland Water. Seats are available for members and non members.
Contact :

Jim Tennant on 01327 703128

Village Notes..

.....by Alan Mees

The 'Mill House' pub site - second instalment

Last month's instalment described the site as forming part of the Alehouse Ground on an 18th century map of Braunston. This month it is intended to indicate some of the earlier history, bearing in mind that the documentary evidence is minimal, so that much conjecture is involved; and for that reason, this month's sequence is devoid of specific dates.

In the medieval period, it would have been farmed under the "open fields" system, whereby individuals were allocated single strips (each measuring approximately 8 yards by 2000 yards) scattered throughout the fields, which were unfenced (hence open). Ploughing of these strips resulted in the corrugated "ridge and furrow" landscape still to be seen in the surrounding countryside. This would have applied to the "Mill House" site and the ridge and furrow although obliterated there has survived in the field beyond the later canal, which would have been a continuation of the same block ("furlong") of strips stretching southwards down from the main road.

The valley stream originally followed a course north of its current one; in effect flowing westwards immediately beyond "The Old Castle" (where the Wolfhampcote track crosses the cattle grid) meandering across to join the Learn by the present day sewage works. That stream would have formed the southern boundary of the "furlong" containing our "Mill House" site.

We can imagine the medieval farmers toiling there as they cultivated their strips; driving the oxen-drawn ploughs, weeding, harvesting, one crop one year a different one next; every third year fallow (uncultivated), following a rotation system imposed by the Manorial Lord controlling the village (the lands divided into three large areas called "fields"). The 'fallow field' would have been used for common grazing (cattle, pigs, sheep), the resulting manure forming a useful natural fertiliser. (*To be continued in a later edition.*)

BVGA NEW COMPETITION FOR JUNIOR GARDENERS



We are aiming to encourage the young people of Braunston with their gardening.

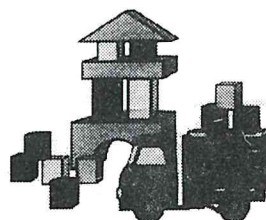
The competition is open to anyone 11 years old or under. You have to plant and look after a space in your garden.

Prizes will include gardening tokens, gardening items and points to go towards other prizes available at the BVGA Show in September.

To find out more details pick up an application form from the school or ask Kate Mawer at 65 High Street.



Calling all families with pre-school children



Braunston Pre-school invite you to an OPEN DAY

Wednesday 29th May

9.00 am - 12.00 noon in Village Hall

Try the toys, meet the staff, have fun!

Ring 891814 for details

Staff have all received Pre-school Learning Alliance training