

Braunston Village News

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Improvements at last.....

Daventry District Council finalised its Budget on February 28th and allowed a reduced Braunston improvement scheme to go ahead. Because of its financial difficulties, £30,000 has been axed from the original scheme approved by villagers. Unfortunately, traffic calming measures at the Village Green, planned for the junction of High Street, Welton Road, Barby Lane and Ashby Road, will not now take place. The schedule of work now includes:

- ~ Re-prioritised junctions at Church Road and High Street, Greenway and Barby Road also Spinney Hill and Welton Road.
- ~ Footpath improvements between Church Road and the junction with the A45.
- ~ Footpath improvements to the High Street in the vicinity of the existing cobbled bank.
- ~ Repairs to steps and cobbled bank
- ~ Gateway style entrances to the village at Barby Road and Welton Road.
- ~ Upgrading of the length of public footpath between Butchers Bridge and Braunston Wharf.

The work has been scheduled to avoid the Easter Holiday period, and will commence on Thursday 4th April. It is expected to last eight weeks and will be completed before the main holiday season. After a wait of almost five years, we look forward to seeing the restoration of the cobbled bank and the footpath, which has become a dangerous eyesore. The new entrances to the village and the changes in priority, should reduce the speed of traffic and create a much safer environment. There will inevitably be some disruption and inconvenience while the work is carried out, however we have been assured that it will be kept to a minimum. With a little patience and consideration on all sides, the two months should pass without too many problems and we can look forward to a much improved Braunston in the future.

Janet McCarthy
Chairman
Braunston Parish Council



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest:

Rev. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235

(Rest Day - Fridays)

Churchwardens:

John Caunt 890776

Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th April

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 8th April

2.15pm Little Fishers

7.30pm Mothers Union

Deanery Lady Day Service

Saturday 13th April

2.30pm Wedding of

Lyndon Harris and Sarah Whitehead

Sunday 14th April

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Service with dedication
of the Second Braunston Scouts flag.

Saturday 20th April

7.30pm Spring Concert.

(For Macmillan Nurses-Details overleaf)

Sunday 21st April

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

and baptism of Debbie Seabury

Monday 22nd April

2.15pm Little Fishers

Sunday 28th April

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist

BVN Deadline

The closing date for the May edition is
5 pm on Tuesday 23rd April.
(St. George's Day)

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

.....even more improvements

Over the past few years the Parish Council has been building up healthy reserves in order that we can fund further improvements to the village and, add where possible, to its facilities. This year we have budgeted for £15,000 to be taken from reserves and used for major improvements or projects.

This is **your opportunity to influence how the money is spent**. Please take a little time to fill in the attached questionnaire and let us know where your priorities are. As you walk round the village, you may have noticed an area or feature that needs improvement or maybe a young member of the family has said that they and their friends would like to see a particular piece of equipment on the playing field or play area. if you are elderly or infirm, is there anything we can do to help make the village more accessible to you.

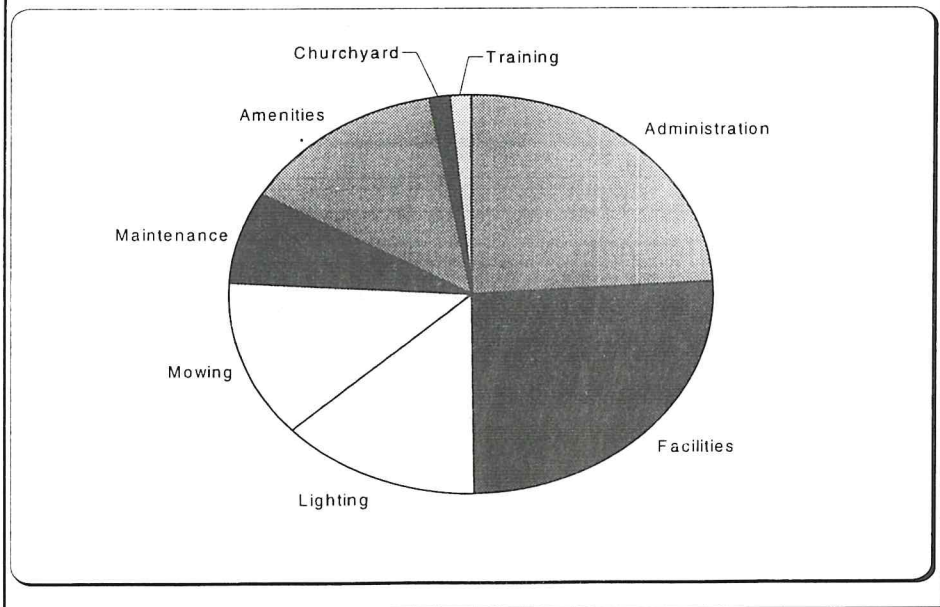
A Parish Councillor will be calling to collect your Questionnaire between the 6th and 12th of April. It may not be possible to call again if you are out, so if they have missed you, please make sure your views are taken into account, by posting your completed form through the letter box at the Old Post Office, 34-36 High Street. There will be an opportunity to hear and discuss the results of the Questionnaire at the Parish Meeting on April 16th at 7.30pm, so do come along.

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting

This years Parish Meeting will take place on 16th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall. It is your opportunity to find out what is happening in the village, how your money is spent and the results of the Questionnaire.

Budget 2002/3

Gross Expenditure budget	£39,123
Budgeted income before precept added	£ 7,000
Net Expenditure	£32,123
To take from reserves	£ 5,873
Precept	£26,250

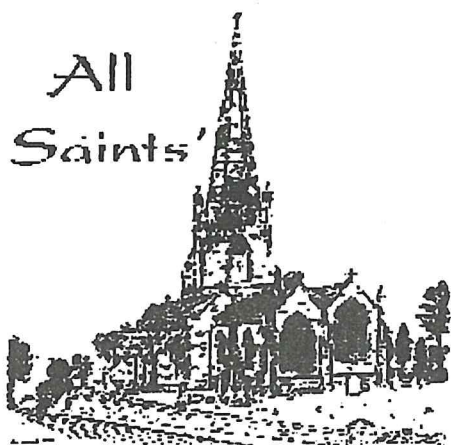


A Clean Sweep

The annual Village Spring Clean takes place on Saturday 20th April, meeting at 10.00am on the Village Green. We are hoping for a really good turn out. so that we can tackle those areas that have become so untidy over the winter months. Plastic sacks and protective gloves will be provided. Please come along, even if you can only spare an hour and help to give Braunston a "face lift", it will make all the difference.

Welton Road Housing Scheme

After much delay, the scheme has now started and we hope for good weather this spring and summer, so that it can be completed well before the Autumn. Unlike other Parish Councils we run a continuous "Housing Needs Survey" so that we can have a true picture of the requirements of villagers and their families. Forms are always available from Janet McCarthy 890336, who will be happy to explain the scheme to you. All enquiries and applications are dealt with in the strictest confidence.



Vicar's letter.....

Dear All,



I am in the peculiar position of writing this article eleven days before Easter knowing that you will

probably be reading this after Easter! I hope you have managed to visit the Church for some services this Easter, but if not I would like to just give you an insight, so that maybe if you didn't make it this year you will come next year!

For me the axis of Easter, when the darkness of death turns to the light of the resurrection is Easter eve. This year we are celebrating this in a Saturday Vigil. A vigil is a watch.

Through Holy week we have kept watch with Christ. The liturgy of Maundy Thursday marks Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and as we re-live the night we too feel as though we are with him. On Good Friday we witness the Passion and death of Jesus, and we weep with his mother, friends and disciples. If you have kept vigil through the night with a loved one who is slipping away, you will know what that feels like. You sit and watch, alert to any change in the patient's condition- distracted by your desire that they find peaceful release, yet dreading letting go of the thread of life, which connects you.

The vigil on Saturday night is in darkness, and readings from the Old Testament are read- the story of creation and the fall, of sin and redemption. Noah is saved on the waters of the flood, Israel passes through the Red Sea from death to life. Even the dry bones of Ezekial come to know new life.

The mood reaches a climax- there is sudden light, and then the words of triumph;

*'By vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God.'*

We know that Christ is risen, but each Easter it bursts on us anew- like spring after winter. We cannot go straight to Easter, bypassing Good Friday. One day we will behold face to face him who the vault of death could not hold: the mighty risen and ascended Lord. This day, because of the events of the first Easter, we meet with him- the risen and ascended one- only a prayer away.

God bless, Revd Claire

Notices

A big thank you to all those who supported this year's Lent lunches. You will be pleased to hear that over £150 was raised for Christian Aid.

Spring Concert

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief
at All Saints' Church



Saturday 20th April

at 7.30 pm

Featuring:

Piano, Cello, Flute and
Vocal Soloists
with wine and a raffle
at the interval



Tickets £10 (Students £1)
from Barrie Thompson, 71 Church Road
Phone: 890091
.....or at the door

Church Floodlighting

- 4th March For Daisy Bunn's first Birthday. With lots of love, Mummy and Daddy and Katie
- 30th March Walter Childs - in memory of his Birthday. With love from his brothers and sisters.
- 30th March Les and Joan Wootten - Golden Wedding anniversary. Lots of love from the family.

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.

Royal British Legion

Next meeting at:
The Old Coach House
Ashby
Tuesday 9th April



Contact Tel:890797

Help Needed Urgently!



Someone to deliver the BVN in Mill Close and the first part of Greenway. A nice walk once a month!
We thank Mrs G. Jones who has delivered this 'round' for several years.
Please phone Owen Davies 890076 for details

Parochial Church Council AGM held on 20th March

New Churchwarden elected

The meeting received annual reports from the Youth officer, Churchwardens, and Vicar. Team, Deanery and financial matters were also discussed. Many individuals were thanked for their immense contribution to the life of the Church, including John Caunt who has served so ably as Churchwarden for six years. Charles Dunn was re-elected and Sheila Rowley was elected as the new Churchwarden.

New initiatives were debated including ongoing plans to house a young people's group at the pavilion, Alpha, stewardship, and the possibility of an additional evening service once a month, which would be more experiential.

Village notes.....


The Mill House - before it was a pub.

An early map of Braunston (as yet undated, but pre-1773, when the Oxford Canal arrived) depicts the site as part of Alehouse Ground, an enclosure belonging to the Estate of John Webb, Esq. (Lord of the Manor). The enclosure, approximately rectangular, included the area now forming the grounds of "The Mill House", bounded by the main highway on two sides (north and east). At that time, the road (formed as the Daventry to Dunchurch turnpike in 1720) followed a slightly different route from the current one, bearing sharp right at Braunston turn, down what is now the track to Wolfhampcote; where today that track bears right after crossing the stream, it turned left to rejoin the line of the present A45 (briefly) opposite the turn in to Green Acres. On the map the Alehouse is depicted, clearly identifiable as the building now called "The Old Castle", presumably a road-side inn; indeed complete with an inn-sign also represented on the map, which is rich in such minor detail. More information about the site will follow in later editions when space permits. - Alan Mees (Braunston History Society) in response to a question in the December BVN..

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

PRICE LIST 2002

Composts and Sundries

Product	Quantity	Price
Compost – Richmoor multi purpose	75 litres	£3.90
	10 litre bucket	£0.60
Compost – Wessex Peat Free multi purpose	80 litres	£5.50
	10 litre bucket	£0.80
Compost – Growell Ericaceous 	60 litres	£4.50
	5 litres	£1.00
Compost – John Innes Seed, No. 2 or No3	25 litres	£2.20
Ashby Manor Garden Mulch	80 litres	£3.50
Growbag	For 3 plants	£1.20
	For 4 plants	£1.65
Hanging Basket compost – Growell	30 litres	£3.50
Bamboo Canes	8ft	£0.22
Doff Slug Pellets	800g	£2.60
Water retaining gel	50 g sachet	£1.00
Slow release fertilizer	120g sachet	£0.80
Tomorite	1 litre	£3.50
Lime	25 kg bag	£4.00
Pelleted chicken fertilizer	8 kg tub	£5.00
Lawn Food	8.4 kg bag	£8.40

The BVGA shop at the Village Hall is open every Sunday from 11 a.m. till Midday. Above are the prices for the products we have on sale. In addition, we also sell a wide range of fertilizers (blood fish & bone, Growmore etc.) loose, or by the bag. Membership for the season is still only 20p. Telephone orders taken on 890865.

Our ever-popular Plant Sale will take place this year on **Saturday, May 4th** (Bank Holiday weekend), on the village green, from 9 a.m. to midday. Donations of excess seedlings, cuttings and garden plants will be very welcome.

Advance Notice

Arts Week Starting on 8th July the school will be holding an Arts Week for the children. It is hoped to cover all forms of visual arts, drama and dance. The school is asking for local artists to come into school and either demonstrate their speciality or teach it to the children. If you are interested in taking part or know anybody who may like to help please contact Mrs. Darby (Art Co-ordinator) on 01788 890494.

Braunston Parish Council

Village Consultation

The Parish Council is consulting its parishioners regarding improvements they would like to see made to our village.

The following suggestions have been made so far and we would like your opinion as to whether you agree or disagree to money being spent on one or more of these projects.

On the reverse of this form is space for you to make any comments and to add any projects or maintenance work that you would like to see undertaken by the Parish Council on your behalf.

These forms will be collected by Parish Councillors between 6th and 12th of April or, alternatively, please return to **The Old Post Office at 34 High Street.**

Suggested Projects	Agree	Disagree
Accessibility (review of all areas including footpath gates)		
Churchyard Improvements (Footpaths/Gates)		
Extension / Improvements to Playing Field Pavilion		
Lighting In High Street (upgrade and refurbish with new lanterns)		
New Surface and Kerbing to Welton Road Parking Area		
Skateboard Ramp at Playing Field		
Village Hall – Outside Walls and Railings		

Your suggestions

Please enter any further comments or suggestions in the box below

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Name _____

Address _____

Summer's on its way.....

The village cricket club are preparing for the coming season. We will be running two Saturday league teams, a midweek league team, a junior midweek team and a Sunday friendly side. Matches start at the end of April and the club will welcome any new players, especially those of school age. Last years junior side finished second in the Rugby and District league and we are keen to build on their success. The club has a number of qualified coaches with more about to go on courses. Please contact Richard Stapley on 890475. More information can be gleaned from our website.

Richard Stapley

Daventry Weekly Express Village Voice

We would like to remind everybody, especially those who belong to village organisations, that we are the correspondents for the Daventry Express Village Voice column. Please let us have your news. We are happy to include the same reports that you put in the BVN, you will reach a wider audience!

You can bring your information into school, fax it on 01788 890494 or email it to braunstonclass6@yahoo.co.uk.

Thank you from

Class 6

Bring & Buy Book Sale

Sunday April 28th is the next date for our ever popular book sale.

The library at the Village Hall will be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the sale of second hand books.

All proceeds to the Hall Improvement Fund

MANY THANKS

"Quite a lot of you will know that I have been ill with cancer over the past year. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all my many friends in Braunston for their help, support, prayers, cards and good wishes

all of which have helped to sustain me through a fairly traumatic time. I would like especially to thank Anne, Dawn, Dee and Rob, Jenny and John.

Bless you all,
Rosemary Kendall
"Orient Express"

HENRY THE HORSE TOURING THEATRE TO VISIT BRAUNSTON

Braunston Village Hall is host to Neil Gore in **THE FLOWER OF GLOSTER** - the story of E. Temple Thurston's joyous and humorous springtime journey on the canals of Edwardian England with boatman Eynsham Harry and his horse Fanny, on the narrow boat *The Flower of Gloster*. It is written by Neil himself and directed by Fine Time Fontayne.

The performance takes place on **SATURDAY, April 20th at 7.30 p.m.** Tickets are priced at **£5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children.** The performance lasts 1-1/2 hours and there will be a 20 minute interval for refreshments.

"The play recreates the spirit and atmosphere of the age with entertaining characters, songs and humour. It is a must-see for anyone with an interest, or a passion, for the waterways and for anyone who wants a great night out."

Neil Gore is a talented performer and a multi-instrumentalist. His work in theatre has been vast and varied, most recently appearing in pantomime with Hale & Pace. He has formed the Henry the Horse Touring Theatre to tour this one-man show by road and canal.

Tickets are on sale at Braunston Post Office, or can be obtained by telephoning **01788 890865.**

Friendly Club

Next meetings

Monday 8th and 22nd April

Programme to be arranged

Both in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm

New members always welcome.

Do come and join us for a chat and tea & cakes.

Exploring Braunston's History

This is the title for an exciting two year project that the Dick Herne Braunston History Society is initiating in conjunction with British Waterways, Northamptonshire Canal Partnership and the Parish, District and County Councils. The aim is to investigate the village's heritage and to publish a small booklet and leaflets as guides for walks.

Forthcoming Events

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.

Sunday 5th May

A Guided Canal Walk

Meet at the Stop House at 10am. From Puddlebanks to the Tunnel. About 2 hrs. Stout shoes advised. More info. from Lucy Unstead, the Stop House (890666)



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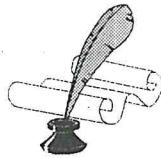
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Enquiries Tel. **890488**

Editorial



It has been suggested that the BVN should start its production process earlier so that it arrives through your letterboxes before the start of the month and make sure you have good notice of events that happen in the first days of the new month. We are not convinced that this is necessary particularly if those of you who are arranging events at the start of the month make a point of getting a notice in the previous months edition.

What do you think? Lets us know by phone, e-mail or letter left at the Post Office.

Steve Rolt - 890241

Joint editors

Owen Davies - 890076

Braunston Women's Institute

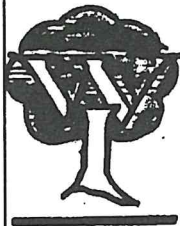
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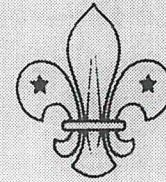
in the Village Hall

**"From Quilts to
Email the work of
the Northants
record office"**

A talk by Rachael
Watson

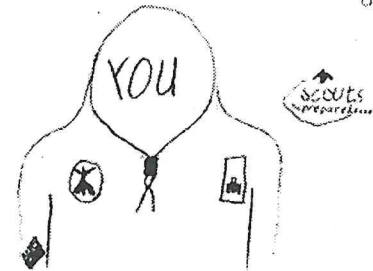


also Easter Bonnet Competition



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everyone who
helped us raise
£117.00 from our
Cake Stall**

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LEADER



**If you can help please ring
Louis on 890766**

Calling all Families with Pre-school Children

Braunston Pre-school Invite you to an

OPEN DAY

On Wednesday May 29th

9.00-12.00

Try the Toys. Meet the Staff. Have Fun!

At Braunston Village Hall,

The Green, Braunston

Ring 01788 891814 for details.

Our staff have all received Pre-school Learning Alliance Training, we are a member of the Pre-school Learning Alliance and a registered charity