

Braunston Village News

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National Starch and Chemical Site

Once it became known that the National Starch and Chemical factory was to close, the Parish Council contacted the owners, ICI and requested that the industrial use of the site should cease. ICI were also asked to consider a change of use of the land and that planning permission for residential use of the site should be sought. The Parish Council also requested that in recognition of the long association with the village, the Pocket Park (Jetty Fields and Spinney) together with the Allotments, should be donated to the Council, to hold in trust for the village, in perpetuity.

Months of negotiations between the parties involved (including a prospective developer) have resulted in Daventry District Council granting Outline Planning Permission for residential development on the site. The permission is subject to many conditions, including the retention of the old walls and buildings fronting Welton Road and the retention of the walls on Dark Lane. The permission stipulates that 'the site shall be developed with a mix of dwelling types to the density of at east 35 dwellings per net hectare

The handing over of the Pocket Park and Allotments to the village is also a condition of the permission. There is also the requirement to provide 15% of affordable housing (to rent) for Braunston people or those closely associated with the village through family or work. Both of these conditions are subject to separate legal agreements. At the time of writing, the agreements are in the hands of solicitors and have not yet been signed but we hope that we shall be able to report 'completion' and give you a further 'up date' in the March issue of BVN.



Village Hall gains £5000 lottery award

Good news! We have been awarded £5,000 from the AWARDS FOR ALL fund. This is a substantial part of the cost of converting a store room into a toilet suitable for disabled users, with provision for a baby changing table. We want to raise the rest of the money and, hopefully, further sums for the refurbishment of the existing ladies and gents. (It makes sense to

do all the loos at the same time.) We would like to do the work in the summer holidays this year. The County Council's Daventry Area Committee has also given £500 to help with the provision of a toilet for disabled users - something we will soon be obliged to have. We need to continue active fund raising as we do not wish to eat into the major project development reserve - now nearly £19,000 - as we need to keep this for the next major stage of our improvement scheme which will involve lowering the Games Room floor, refurbishing the two halls and kitchen, providing more storage, new heating, etc. We hope to make this the subject of a larger lottery bid later this year. Stagewise development is necessary following the rejection, last year, of our £300,000 application for the complete revamp.

In the meantime, we are delighted to have benefited from recent fund raising efforts in the village. The Braunston Players' very successful first production (Dickens At Christmas) made a nett profit of £261 which has been given to us to improve facilities at the Hall. Many thanks to Fred Barnes and his cast for a very entertaining and well received production in December. The really good news is that the cast will do a 2nd production, so look out for news in future editions of the BVN.

Thanks to Cindy Brewster and her helpers for organising the Childrens' Christmas Party, which contributed over £100 to our funds and gave 26 Braunston kids a pre-Christmas treat. Cindy wishes to thank Morrisflex. The Admiral Nelson, Tesco, Sainsbury, Waitrose and the Co-op for their help.



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest:

Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235

(Rest Day - Fridays)

Churchwardens:

John Caunt 890776

Charles Dunn 812143

CHURCHSERVICES

Sunday 3rd February

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

3.00pm. Re-dedication Service of
the Daventry team at Holy Cross.

(No Evensong at Braunston this week)

Wednesday 6th February

10.30am Commemoration of the 50th
Anniversary of the Queen's Accession

Sunday 10th February

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Monday 11th February

2.15pm Little Fishers for the 0-5s,
in All Saints' Church.

Wednesday 13th February

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday 17th February

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm Lent Talk at Holy Cross by Ven
David Painter, Archdeacon of Oakham.

(If you need transport to this event
please phone Revd. Claire- 890235)

Sunday 24th February

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am. PARISH EUCHARIST

6.30pm Lent Talk at Holy Cross by Ven
David Painter, Archdeacon of Oakham.

Monday 25th February

2.15pm Little Fishers

BVN Deadline

Early copy please

February is a short month!

The closing date for the March edition is
5 pm on Wednesday 20th February.

Leave your copy at the Post Office in an
envelope marked BVN or e-mail to

steve@rolt.net

Parish Council News

Vandalism

Over the past three months the village has suffered from a spate of vandalism and petty crime, carried out by a group of youngsters of varying ages and from different parts of the village. The flower tubs have been repeatedly robbed of their plants or the plants have been pulled out and destroyed. The phone boxes have been damaged, the glass in the Village noticeboard has been smashed twice. Village Hall windows have been broken, fences pulled down and there has been victimisation of residents. Litter from waste bins has been strewn about and Christmas lights have been torn from the tree and cut into small pieces. The list goes on.

All the damage has been done during the hours of darkness, however some of the youngsters have been identified and quite a number of names have been given to the Parish Council. These have been passed to the Police, who have been asked to provide a more visible and active police presence.

Alarming reports have reached us that some of our village youngsters are taking drugs. An area of the village where this is reported to be happening has been identified and details given to the Police.

PC Bennett has asked villagers to report all incidents to the police, so that they can be recorded and appropriate action taken. All calls will be dealt with in confidence and caller does not have to be identified. If you witness an incident, or have any information on drug taking, please help by contacting Daventry Police on 01327 300300 or PC Bennett on 07748 637388.

Housing Association Development on Welton Road

At last all the legal documents have been signed, the materials have been approved and we are expecting the contractors to start work any time now. There is even a name for the new development 'Maple Close'.

Braunston Youth Club

The youth club has been running since September 2001 with between 50-80 children attending. The youth club runs presently on a fortnightly basis and has managed to accrue funds to acquire new equipment.

What we need now in order to continue the Youth Club are interested adults who would be prepared to give up a Friday evening once a month to help supervise the young people and ensure a safe and organised environment.

If you are an interested party or would like to query anything regarding the youth club, please contact me - Cindy Brewster on 891511

Council Changes

Unfortunately, due to a change in his personal circumstances, Mike Isom has had to resign from the Parish Council. Born and brought up in the village Mick has been a great source of information and was an effective and much valued member of the Council. We shall miss his local knowledge, his expertise and his sense of humour. Mick's place has been taken by Alison Woods. Alison has lived in North Close for the past eleven years, she has a young family and will now have special responsibility for Spinney Hill, the Closes and the eastern end of the Welton Road. We are sure that her youth and enthusiasm will be a great asset to the Council and the village.

The Village Green

The Parish council has received many complaints from villagers about the poor state of the south side of the green, due to vehicle damage. The new posts have been placed in such a way as to prevent further erosion of the Green, whilst allowing access to a garage.

We hope that the measures taken will prove sufficient and that the Parish Council will not be forced to take further action. The grass will soon recover if there are no further vehicular movements and we hope that we shall once again have a Village Green we can all be proud of.



Braunston & District Royal British Legion

next meeting

**Tuesday 12th February
at 8 pm at the George in Kilsby**

The Poppy Day Collection amounted to £2,150. Many thanks to all who helped. Eric Cole is standing down as collection organiser. Many thanks for his efforts. Derrick Turner will take over.



**Are you good at
organisation?**

Do you enjoy encouraging youngsters aged 8-10 ?

If so, you could be a Cub Leader!

There have been no Cub leaders since November, but the meetings are being run by volunteers, until the end of February. The Cub pack may have to close if no potential leader can be found by then. Cubs is the vital link between Beavers and Scouts, the severing of which may precipitate the ending of Scouting in Braunston. It would be especially sad to see this superb village resource disappear, depriving the children of Braunston of the excellent opportunity that Scouting provides.

Currently the Cubs meet on a Wednesday at 7.00pm but this can be changed. If you feel that you are able to assist in any way or if you would like more information please contact Louis on 890766.

Thank you

We would like to thank the anonymous donor who generously donated the money for a new flag.

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELDS

New play equipment installed

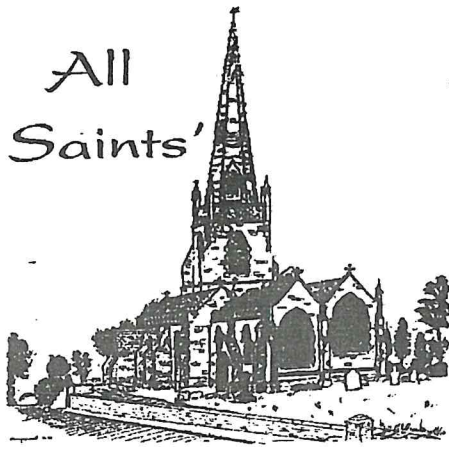
The Barby Road playing field now has a modular system including Climbing Frame, slide, bridge, fireman's pole and roundabout, which we hope will entertain the village children for many years.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Foundation for Sports and Arts for their invaluable support and major sponsorship of this initiative and also the Parish Council for their contribution and last but not least Mr. John Daymond who instigated the initiative.

If you would like to involve new members are always welcome.

Next meeting

**Wednesday 13th February
in the Wheatsheaf at 8.00pm**



All Saints'

Vicar's letter.....

Dear All,

This week we say farewell to a dear friend of All Saints, Cynthia Curtis, whose funeral takes place on Monday 28th January at 1.15pm. Cynthia joined All Saints Church when she and her husband Geoffrey moved to Braunston over thirty years ago. Cynthia came from a Baptist background, but she wanted to support the local Church. Occasionally Cynthia's preferences would show through. For example she could never come to terms with the Anglican tradition of having a bare Church through Lent and Advent, and she felt the Church was too modest in advertising it's services! This week in Church we celebrate a week praying for Christian unity and for me Cynthia exemplified this. She would look back proudly on her Baptist roots, but was primarily a Christian. She made her home with us, and we benefited greatly from her fellowship.

In an effort to introduce children to the concept of 'Christian unity', our curate in the Daventry team, Revd Geoff took Assembly at Abbey School in Daventry. He blindfolded a few children and asked them to take a crisp from various packets of Walkers crisps. The children (with their eyes closed) found it very difficult to distinguish between prawn, chicken, salt and vinegar flavour! They discovered one crisp, when you've got your eyes closed, tastes very much like another. You might like to try this at home!

The thing is a crisp is basically potatoes fried, with salt added, and 'the flavouring'. In a way Churches are a bit like that. We are basically the same- in that we all seek to follow God by following Jesus- but we have our own flavourings. The things that unite us are; baptism, communion and ministry. We baptize to show obedience to Christ, to show that we really want to follow him. We receive the bread and wine- some Churches see this as a symbol of the body and blood of Jesus, some see it as changed into the body and blood of Jesus, either way we go from the Church strengthened by him. In ministry all Churches want to extend God's Kingdom of love and justice.

Sadly, it is easy to dwell on our differences. It is good to be honest about them and acknowledge them. This can often be painful. I remember working with Roman Catholic colleagues and during mass, having to pass on the bread and wine without sharing in it. My friends' hurt was as great as mine. But differences like this cannot be swept aside, they have to be worked through and prayed through. People hold to their beliefs with integrity and this needs to be respected.

In the end though, there is more to unite us than to divide us. The first followers of Jesus were a motley crew. They kept their eyes on Jesus. Variety and diversity is a marvellous thing and this week we celebrate our differences, but celebrate also what unites us; love for our Lord. This sentiment is not only to be remembered in the week for Christian unity, but also lived out, as it was in Cynthia's life, day after day.

Best wishes, Revd Claire

Asking questions about the purpose of life?

Then the ALPHA course is for you.

It will start at the end of February. If you are interested in attending please contact Revd Claire on 890235 or Steve Woods on 891848. The Course is likely to run on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings,



according to which evening is easier for people. The evening will comprise of food, a video/talk and open discussion. You are very welcome.

From the Registers.....

Funeral

Cynthia Curtis' funeral took place on January 28th at 1.15pm, followed by cremation at Milton crematorium. Her ashes will be buried immediately after the 10.30am Sunday Service on 3rd February.

May she rest in peace.

Our sympathy and best wishes go to Cynthia's family and friends.

Church Floodlighting

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| 30th Nov. | For Paul and Jody's Marriage in America. Many Congratulations - from Irene Lister and family. |
| 5th Dec. | To Janie Smith from husband, Karim - for their Wedding Anniversary. |
| 10th Dec. | In loving memory of my brother Mark Sherress. Always in our hearts. Kerry Whitlow & family. |
| 11th Dec. | In memory of Spencer Lee. |
| 18th Dec. | Cedric and Betty Wasser's 30th Wedding Anniversary. |
| 26th Dec. | Bob & June Arrowsmith's 42nd Wedding Anniversary. |
| 3rd Jan | In remembrance of Bill & Rose Whitlock. From Mick, Ann, Becky & Stephen |
| 3rd Jan. | Celebrating George & Doris Shadrake's Diamond Wedding - married in Braunston Methodist Church on January 3rd 1942. From the Brinkman family. |
| 19th Jan. | For Richard George's birthday |
| 20th Jan | For Peggie Weston's birthday |
| 23rd Jan. | For Beryl Sampson's 80th birthday. From the Dring 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.

The BVN editor thanks the Dick Herne Braunston History Society for responding to our query about the history of the Mill House. Due to pressure on space we will hold this item over until a later edition

History Society

next meeting

7.30 pm Tuesday 26th February in the Village Hall

Anyone interested in joining is invited to come along to the meeting or contact the Secretary - Phil Dunham, 41 Greenway (Tel 891437)

House Deeds

Most house deeds are obsolete now that title is shown by the Land Registry. Many such deeds have already been destroyed, with the loss of valuable historical information contained in them. This will seriously impede potential research into the history of Braunston, its properties, land and past owners. Please exercise your right to reclaim such deeds from the mortgage lenders, etc. who no longer need them. This can preserve important historical information. If you do not wish to retain your own "obsolete" property deeds, the History Society would be grateful if you would consider donating them to its archive.

Braunston Twinning Association

Next group meeting on Wednesday 13th February at 8pm (call 891331 for details)

Barn Dance

8pm on Saturday 2nd March.

£5 including

Ploughmen Supper.

Tickets from Elizabeth on 891331 or from Braunston Post Office.

Visitors from Quincy-Voisins will be welcomed in Braunston between Thursday 9th and Sunday 12th May. If you are interested in being part of the celebrations please contact Chris Grossart (890491) or Elizabeth Gwynne (891331). On the Friday French visitors will be treated to a trip to Napton by narrowboat if you have a boat and would like to join us then let us know.

Friendly Club

Monday 11th February 2.30 pm -
Dot George from Daventry will
reminisce about:

Life as an Evacuee

Monday 25th February 12.45 pm for
Ploughmans Lunch served at 1 pm.

Both meetings in the Village Hall

Do come and join us!

Braunston Women's Institute

Tuesday 5th February 7.30 pm

in the Village Hall

The Development of the Gardens at Canons Ashby

A talk by Chris Smith

*New members and
friends welcome.*

Come and join us!



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Special £15 four course menu

for Valentines Day

.... and then 10th March it's Mother's Day



Save Braunston from Global Warming!!

Braunston Energy Day

Monday 4th February

in the Village Hall 2 pm - 6 pm

Why do we need to save energy?

Practically all our energy comes from burning fossil fuels at power stations or at home and this produces carbon dioxide which builds up in the atmosphere changing the climate. If we go on producing carbon dioxide at present rates environmental disaster is predicted from rising sea levels, floods and storms. The government have told us we need to reduce energy consumption in our homes so that the resulting carbon dioxide emission is reduced by a third over the next 10 years. By becoming more energy efficient each house could reduce the carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere by over 2 tonnes per year.

It's your planet - please help save it.

What is happening in Braunston?

Between 2 pm and 6 pm on Monday 4th February the Village Hall will play host to the Braunston Energy Day. Daventry District Council would like all homeowners in Braunston to come along and find out how you can improve the energy efficiency in your house and at the same time save money on your fuel bills.

Shortly after 2 pm the children from Braunston Junior and Infants School will be giving a short presentation on why we need to save energy in order to protect their future. Please come along and support your local children.

Collect Two Free Low Energy Lightbulbs

Bring along the completed energy questionnaire that was enclosed with the pack recently delivered to your home and receive two free low energy lightbulbs. If you are unable to attend please complete the questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope to receive advice tailored to your own home.

Special offers

Half Price Insulation and Boilers

To encourage steps to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and at the same time save you money Daventry District Council, in partnership with PowerGen, has negotiated a genuine grant of over 50% for cavity wall and loft insulation which is available to all homeowners in Braunston. (You need not be a Powergen customer to apply.)

Cavity wall insulation which normally costs £360 for a semi-detached house will be available for approximately £139

By installing cavity wall insulation you should save, on average, £80 every year on your fuel bills

Extra special for the over 60's

For any homeowner over the age of 60 there is a further 50% grant available bringing the price down to an amazing £70 !!

These prices cannot last so come along to the energy day or phone the number below.

Boiler Magic

At the Energy Day you can find out about the County Wide Boiler Scheme - a special rate for the purchase of high efficiency oil boilers has been agreed with Potterton Boilers. This is approximately 50% off the normal retail price. If you are considering changing your boiler or installing central heating this is an opportunity not to be missed!

For more information contact:

Dave Malone at Daventry District Council on 01327 302329