

# Braunston Village News

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## A new Millennium.....

### .....and a new style news-sheet for Braunston

First, best wishes to all our readers for a happy Christmas and a very special New Millennium Year.

This trial edition brings together the traditional monthly Braunston Village News published by All Saints' Church since 1970, with the occasional Braunston News published by the Parish Council. It is hoped that it will give a more comprehensive picture of Braunston life, reporting issues of current importance and news of what will be happening. We want to make it easy for more people to become involved in and enjoy the many activities that take place in Braunston.

We want to add to the old-style BVN, not to replace it, so if you've sent material in the past, please keep it coming! Just leave your notes at the Post Office by the 23rd of each month and we will do the rest! Alternatively send your material by e-mail to Geoff Waghorn : (jrwwb@globalnet.co.uk)

We would welcome more help in all that goes to making a community newsletter a success. Let us know if you would be willing to help with setting up the pages, gathering information, running your own column, delivering the newsletter or helping to earn advertising revenue. In the first instance give one of the joint editors, Geoff Waghorn (890698) or Owen Davies (890076), a call. Please tell us what you think of this style of BVN. Whether we repeat this style of newsletter, and at what frequency, depends upon your interest and support. Cost is an issue too. We hope donations towards its printing will still come forward but with more space we can also carry some advertising.

### Messages from.....

#### the Vicar

All Saints' Church is proud to have provided the village with a newsletter for the last 30 years and we thank those who have helped with typing, printing and especially the loyal band of people who go round delivering the BVN in all sorts of weather. We are pleased that the Parish Council has offered to contribute to make it a bigger and better publication and we look forward to seeing it develop in the future

- Rev. James Watson

### .....and from the Chair of

#### the Parish Council

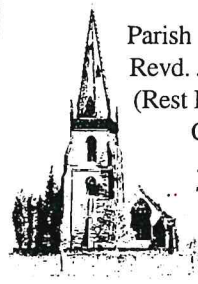
The Parish Council has long recognised the value of the BVN to the village. To us, it makes great sense to work together with All Saints' to produce a larger BVN which carries more material from individuals, and organisations, as well as Parish Council news. We hope in time this will develop into a vibrant community newspaper and wish it every success.

- Janet McCarthy

### What's inside?

Church News, a special feature about the Village Hall as well as notices from various Braunston activities as usual.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Parish Priest :  
Revd. James Watson 890235  
(Rest Day - Tuesdays)  
Churchwardens:  
John Caunt 890776  
Trevor Minett 890908

### SPECIAL SERVICES

#### Sunday 5th December

6 pm Christingle

#### Monday 13th December

2.15 pm Little Fishers' Carol Service

#### Sunday 19th December

6.30 pm Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols

#### Christmas Eve 24th December

6 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day 25th December

10.30 am Festival Eucharist

#### Millennium Eve 31st December

5 pm Service of Reflection and Hope

#### Millennium Day 1st January 2000

12 noon Millennium National Peal of Bells and Prayers

#### Feast of the Epiphany 6th January

7.30 pm Eucharist at Holy Cross, Dav'ry

### REGULAR SERVICES

#### Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist (Family Service on 12th December & 9th Jan.)

6.30 pm Evensong (2nd & 16th Jan.)

#### Mondays (10th & 24th January)

2.15 pm The Little Fishers (Toddlers)

#### Wednesdays (except 5th January)

10.30 am Holy Communion

### What do you think?

- Tell us what you would like to see in the BVN.
- Let us know if you could provide items or help in any way.
- Let us know what you think of the new look.

## UPDATE ON BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

*From Lynne Whyte....*

It is some time since the Millennium questionnaire was circulated and the results announced, with improvements to our Village Hall receiving the most support. You may have thought nothing has come of it - well, that is not so. The Village Hall Management Committee has been working hard since then, asking all user groups to tell them their wishes and needs, so that we can devise a scheme that is workable, affordable, and will greatly improve the facilities for everyone.

With the help of the Architect's Department at Daventry District Council, and after much consultation, further consultation, and yet more consultation, a final plan has been drawn up that will now go forward to obtain the necessary planning permission. The plan is on show in the Main Hall and you are welcome to go and look at it. We think it's a really good scheme, and will bring great benefits to all the Hall users (which must be practically everyone at some stage!) well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### The main aspects are:-

- A new toilet for the disabled and improved disabled access
- A larger, squarer, more useable main hall
- A further meeting room
- New toilet and kitchen facilities, and a separate bar.
- More storage
- A new heating system

The basic plan will cost approximately **£175,000**, but we will need more for fittings, furniture, and landscape improvements to the car park. We need to be obtain a grant if the scheme is to proceed: this usually covers 80 – 90% of the total cost. It leaves us having to raise approximately **£20,000 - £40,000**. This is obviously a large sum of money, but we should be able to obtain what is called '**partnership funding**' from other grant making bodies to help us towards this target.

The **GOOD NEWS** is that we already have over **£8000** towards this project – including a GIFT AID donation of £5000 from a Braunston resident (which meant we could claim a further £1400 from the Inland Revenue,) and Julia Beattie staged a Show with her dancers and raised over £500.00 for us. Thanks are due to them both for getting us off to such a great start. We are now making plans to stage a number of fund-raising events throughout next year and details will be announced soon.

### NOW WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT :

- **If you want to make a donation towards the project, this will be very welcome.**
- **If you want to hold a fund raising event yourself, please do so.**
- **If you want to help us in raising funds, or can suggest who we could approach for sponsorship, then please let us know.**
- **If you have a skill we can use, contact us. (We'd love to hear from any residents who are structural engineers, quantity surveyors, solicitors, kitchen designers, architects, etc. who are willing to donate some time to assist us!!)**

You can contact me, Lynne Whyte, Chairman of the Village Hall committee on 890865 if you want any further information or wish to help. Anyone who wishes to donate money, anonymously or otherwise, can give it to Wendy Wilson, our Treasurer, at 5 The Green. Please make any cheques payable to Braunston Village Hall. Wendy can also tell you about donations through the GIFT AID scheme.

*Watch out for further updates on  
our grant applications, fund  
raising and how we're getting on.*

**Braunston Parish Council**

Next Meeting:-

Monday 6 December 1999.

7-30pm.

Village Hall Library.

### We need Bellringers!

More recruits are needed to keep the village bells ringing.

Bellringing is a part of our English Heritage; it is a fascinating pursuit suitable for lads and lasses of most age groups. (Minimum age 11.)

Come to a practice night at the Parish Church, Thursdays, 7 p.m., to see what it is all about.

Or - ring Peter Wenham on 891935 for more information.



Canalside Christmas  
at The  
Stop House



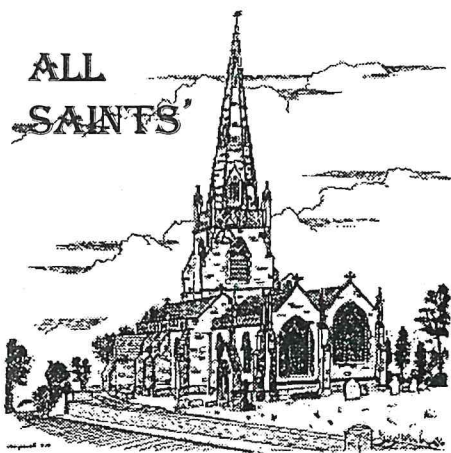
A selection of heritage and  
unusual gifts to suit  
all the family

Restaurant Boat 'Rachel'  
open for food and drinks

Canal Cruises aboard the  
trip boat 'Rambler'

Special Open Weekends  
Saturday and Sunday 4th & 5th  
and 11th & 12th December  
11am - 4pm

Festive weekend refreshments  
in The Stop House  
(whilst stocks last!)



ALL  
SAINTS'

We celebrated the 150th Birthday of the present building in great style on All Saints' Day, 1st November.

Thank you especially to the visiting clergy, the Revs. Bevan Griffiths and Michael Tompkins who travelled great distances to be with us on the night. Thanks to those who decorated the church so beautifully, to the choir for all their hard work and to the caterers who did a superb job!

#### HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Excellent progress! We've passed £8,000. Keep it up and we will reach our £10,000 target to build an orphanage! For details of where the £8,000 has come from see the noticeboard at the back of church.

Last month's increase was helped by those who cooked and baked for the market stall in Daventry and also by the schoolchildren who raised £100 at their Harvest Festival. *Thank you!*

#### ALL SAINTS' ALIGHT!!

**Millennium Eve Floodlighting.** The last bid to have the lights off has been topped by a bid of £250 from Mr. Peter Andrews of 6 Brindley Court so the spire may shine out after all! But there's still time for more bids which may want the lights ON or OFF. **The bidding deadline will be 6 pm on 31st December.** Bids should be sent to the Rectory, High Street, Braunston and be accompanied by the name and address of the bidder together with a non-returnable deposit of £5. N.B. There's no limit to the number of bids you can make. All proceeds go to All Saints' Millennium Project, HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

#### Church Floodlighting:

17th October	In memory of Eliza Merchant from all her family
25th October	In memory of Mary Owen on her birthday, love and miss you, Gladly
1st November	For Mrs. M. Meredith, from Jenny, Tony and Paul
4th November	On John Bradshaw's birthday
8th November	In memory of Jean Sigsworth on her birthday
16th November	In memory of Bernard Sadler
18th November	Nicole Boncquet, 7th birthday
19th November	Fan Wenlock, in memory on her birthday, Anne and Dennis Baker

#### Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

#### The Millennium - MM - Y2K

What will you be doing on **Millennium Eve**? Fear of the Millennium Bug may well dissuade people from travelling far or doing anything special. It seems likely that many people will be marking the event by staying in the comfort of their own home. If you are one of these, then you will be able to take advantage of the free gift that All Saints' Church is sending to every home in the village. During the month of December a **Millennium Candle** and a **Millennium Prayer Card** will come to your door for you to use just as the millennium dawns. It is all part of a national campaign by all Church denominations to help people to take stock of the past and to make a new start by lighting a candle and saying a prayer at what promises to be a significant time for billions of people.

So why not pause for five minutes before re-charging your glass and singing *Auld Lang Syne*, and take time to make a New Year's resolution that will also be said by millions of others up and down the country?

If however, you are one of those going out for the night, then why not come to **Service of Reflection and Hope** at 5 pm in the Church on Millennium Night. Finally, our bellringers will do their part on Millennium Day to ring in the new millennium by joining towers up and down the country in a national **peal of bells** at 12 noon.

So whatever you are doing, do something significant that reflects true meaning of the millennium - and that is, of course, the 2000th anniversary of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Wishing you A happy Christmas and a meaningful millennium,**

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

#### What is the Millennium Prayer and how can I use it?

A new millennium is the ideal opportunity to make a **new start** in our lives, especially in areas of daily life where it matters most.

With each **new start** in our lives, however big or small, there are new hopes, fears and choices. But with each new stage there is an opportunity for change, making improvements, learning and growing. That's why *Churches Together in England* is encouraging people to join together in making a Millennium Prayer.

So when the millennium strikes, gather together wherever you are, pause for a moment of reflection and then say together the following **Millennium Prayer**:

**Heavenly Father, we pray for  
respect for the earth  
peace for its people  
love in our lives  
delight in the good  
forgiveness for past wrongs  
and from now on a new start;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

#### Calling all children aged 4 - 7.

There is going to be a **Church Christmas Party** with games, stories and craft activities in the school on Sunday 19th December from 2 - 4 pm.

Admission has to be limited to 30 and is on a first-come-first-served basis. Cost for the afternoon is £1 and tickets are available from David Coleman tel: 891096.

#### THE LITTLE FISHERS

meet for the last time this year on Monday 13th December at 2.15 pm for their end of term Carol Service when each child will be given a little present.

Admission remains, as ever, free and all pre-school children are welcome

From the registers...

#### Funeral

16th November

Bernard SADLER

*May he rest in peace and let light  
perpetual shine upon him*

## Friendly Club

### Monday 6 December

Christmas Meal at the Mill House.

### Monday 13 December

Mince Pie Tea with a Bring and Buy  
*2-00pm to 4-00pm.*

### Monday 10 January

Greta Rafterey will talk about her holiday.

### Monday 24 January

Barrie Thompson 'Anecdotes about Antiques'.

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## Wanted Urgent

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT THE KILSBY LUNCHEON CLUB on a TUESDAY

From 10-30am to 1-00pm

For further details please contact BARBARA on 01327 842455

Your help can make the difference.

## Braunston Junior Football Club



### Under 12s League Games

Hillmorton 3	Braunston 7
Witnash 3	Braunston 6
Braunston 3	Chasewell Park 2

### League Cup

Hillmorton 0	Braunston 4
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### Unders 10s League Games

Tachbrook 3	Braunston 4
Braunston 1	Southam Town 1
Southam Town 2	Braunston 2

### League Cup

Leamington Hib. 1	Braunston 3
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Braunston under 12s still remain unbeaten in the league and are now joint top of their division.

Braunston under 10s have made it through to the semi-final of the League Cup.

## Traffic Survey

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help with a traffic survey early next year when we shall be monitoring heavy goods vehicles through the village. If you are available during the day and would like to help by going on the rota either on a one or two hour shift, please contact Geoff Waghorn or Janet McCarthy stating which day of the week and which hours would be most convenient to you. The results of the survey will be used by the County Highways to decide what action they can take to restrict or prevent heavy goods vehicles from passing through our village.



Kelly Brewster would like to say a big thank you to all the people who sponsored her skip for the British Heart Foundation at William Parker School. She raised £61-50. *Thanks!*



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## Calling all Youths

Have you seen the new Arena on the Playing Field?

It's there and ready for use so whenever you want to find something to do go there and meet your friends and have a great time.

## Braunston Women's Institute



Christmas Party  
Tuesday 7 December  
7-30pm

Don't forget Father Christmas gifts at £1-50.

## Children's Society

Please support this appeal using the envelope with this BVN. Please bring it to the Christingle or other Church Service or leave at the Post Office. It will not be collected.

## Whoopsie Bags

For a limited period free bags will be available for use by dog owners to clear up and carry away any mess which their dog produces. The bags will be available at:-

**Braunston Post Office**  
**Braunston Village Stores**  
**Braunston Village Hall.**

May we take the opportunity to remind dog owners that there are dog waste bins at:-

**Barby Road (outside Playing Field)**  
**Church Road**  
**The Green**

*Features such as this month's about the Village Hall will be very welcome in future editions of the BVN.*

*We should also be pleased to receive items on village history and similar subjects.*

Material for the February edition to the Post Office by Saturday 22 January please.