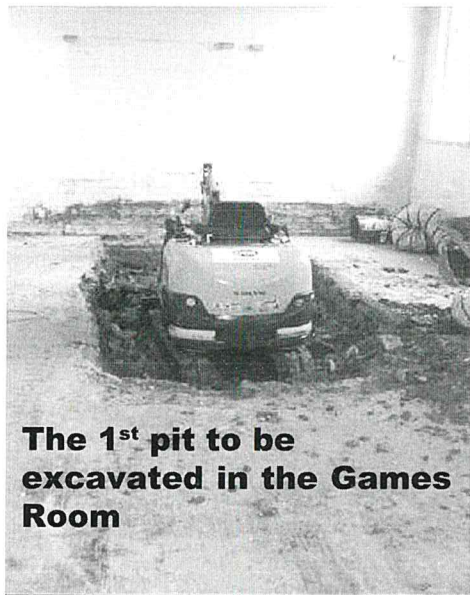


Braunston Village News

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The 1st pit to be excavated in the Games Room

VILLAGE HALL NEWS -

PHASE 2 - CLOSE TO COMPLETION

At the time of writing, the Village Hall is 3 weeks away from the intended completion date, and there have been few problems to report. The Games Room floor was excavated to a depth of about 2 foot, and a new concrete floor,

insulation, under floor heating and a top screed are in place. The screed needs quite a long time to dry out, and it is therefore unwise to lay a new vinyl. We have therefore decided to lay a cheap carpet, and put down the new vinyl in about 6 - 9 months time.

With the Hall and Games Room now level, and the wooden sliding doors removed, there is a great feeling of space that will work well for large events.


There is still much work to do - ceilings and walls to plaster, cupboards to build, new doors to be fitted, a new kitchen to be installed, plus new heating, and decoration - but hopefully the builders will be able to keep to their schedule and the hall will re-open early in September.

Sadly, we have not yet been unable to replace the curtains in the Main Hall which will be a disappointment to most users. The 30 year old orange curtains will have to be re-hung until we see how much money is left after all the bills are in.

The 1st opportunity that many of you will have to see the improvements should be the Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show on Saturday, September 11th, opening at 2.00 p.m.

Latest News

The latest date for the proposed resurfacing of the High Street is the now the second week of October. The final dates will be confirmed nearer the time and all businesses will receive a letter giving them 14 days notice of the work.



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

Parish Priest :
Rev. Claire Rose-Casemore
890235
(Rest day: Fridays)

Churchwardens:
Charles Dunn 812143
Sheila Rowley 890559

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday 5th September

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
6.30pm Evensong

Wednesday 8th

7pm Holy Communion
7.45pm PCC

Saturday 11th September

Historic Churches Cycle ride

Sunday 12th September

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE
6.30pm Team Evensong- Patronal
Festival at Holy Cross.

Wednesday 15th September

10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th September

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
Monday 20th September

7.30pm Baptism Preparation
evening- Holy Cross Church hall

Tuesday 21st September

7.30pm Confirmation at St
Matthew's Northampton

Wednesday 22nd September

10.30am Holy Communion

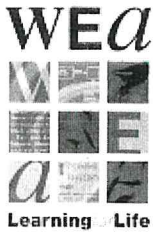
Saturday 25th September

3.30pm-5pm Children's event at
Nene Hall, the Grange

Sunday 26th September

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am. PARISH EUCHARIST
and baptisms

*Little Fishers every Monday at
2.15pm*



WEA Braunston Branch

Reg. Charity No. 314001

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15 pm

10 meetings starting on 23rd September 2004
at Braunston School.

Fee: £29.50, Concessions £21

(free to means tested and unemployed)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE IN THE LONG 18th CENTURY

Tutor: Drew Gray

This course will explore aspects of the social history of the county from circa 1688 – 1830, with special attention to crime and popular protest. It will also look more generally at the criminal justice system, food rioting and enclosure.

Further details from Jackie Green (890145) or Richard Dibben (890515)

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Are you a closet comedian, conjuror, juggler or musician?

Do you have a secret yen to sing, dance, or act either as a soloist or with a group?

Braunston Players are presenting a Music Hall from the 2nd - 4th December. If you are interested in performing or helping backstage, come along to our informal get together in the Village Hall Library on **TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER at 8.00pm**. Absolute beginners very welcome. For more information ring **Tony on 01788 899105**.

The Dick Herne Braunston History Society is Flourishing, with many plans for the future.

Around the area you will see the Interpretation Boards, associated with the Braunston Walks Leaflets, have start to appear, we hope you like them. All five will be in place shortly and will mark the end of our recent project. We are now looking forward to the future when our plans include a Book of Photographs, a History of Old Village Houses, a study of the Church and recording the memoirs of villagers.

The Society also has an interest in the preservation of the village and has recently been involved in the movement against the demolition of Eastfield House.

We meet in the Village Hall library on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21 September when new members will be very welcome.

*Come and see what Braunston Villagers can do.
Join in with the ...*

Braunston Show

**Saturday 11th September
At the Village Hall**

*Bring along your entries from 8:00am to 10:30am
Remember everyone can enter.*

Doors Open at 2pm

See the exhibits

Enjoy the refreshments

Try your luck in the raffle and tombola

View the new Village Hall improvements

Buy fresh produce in the auction

See the junior gardening competition entries.

4:15pm Prize giving for the show, Gardens and Junior Gardening competition winners.

4:30pm Auction of produce.

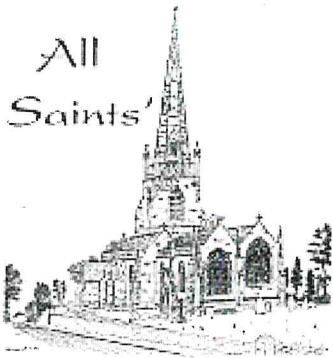


Note from PC Scott Bennett

“With regard to an earlier request made by the Parish Council concerning a visit by the Safety Camera Team (SCT) I can confirm that they did attend Braunston on 22nd July and prosecuted 13 motorists for speeding offences. I can also confirm that I have ensured that Braunston is on the database held by the SCT which means that Braunston will be subjected to unannounced periodic visits by the SCT.

If you see any criminal or anti social behaviour, please ensure that you report to the Police on 01327 300300.

If we do not report these activities then there will be no record, and the authorities will read that as no crime or antisocial behaviour taking place and resource accordingly.



Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,
I hope you feel rested after the Summer holiday period and 'fired up' to begin a new Term! What a month August has been with the 'odd' weather we have been having *and* the spectacular Olympic viewing from Athens- to remind us that there is a sun out there!

Some of the most catastrophic images in this week's news have been the scenes from Boscastle. The painter in the village, whose house had been devastated by the flooding, said: 'You can either focus on the rubble and the mud, or focus on the tremendous community spirit around.'

I think it's true to say (and I'm speaking to myself here!) that we go in the direction of our focus. When learning to drive I soon learnt 'if you look where you're going, you'll go where you're looking.' If I looked only as far as the bonnet I would soon bump into something! To be safe I needed to look at the fuller picture- the road, and cars coming from different directions! Where we fix our gaze in life often determines where we go.

With the challenges of this new Term- a new class or school, driving lessons, a new adult education classes, or perhaps something that has happened in our life which we didn't anticipate- perhaps we daily need to ask ourselves; 'where am I looking?' Because where our gaze settles will determine the direction and enthusiasm with which we will move.

I try (and I know a lot of you do too) to begin the day in prayer. This reminds me of the bigger picture- a God who cares for all of us. As I go out I see Him in the ways as a community we care for each other. As the psalmist points out in psalm 68:19 God has a showered our day with 'benefits'- and sometimes to see these benefits we need to look 'up' and around.

God bless,
Revd Claire

Coming Soon

We will be re-launching our 'Friends of All Saint's Church Campaign
Details to follow in the next BVN



Little Fishers

(for 0-5's and their Carers)

We meet in All Saints Church, Braunston- every Monday in Term time from 2pm- 3pm
Starts back Monday September 6th

Fun Story Activity

All welcome!

The next editor for the 'Church page'

A big thank you to Steve Rolt who has been nobly editing the whole BVN since Owen Davies stepped down in June.

We are very happy that from October onwards Peter Dickinson has kindly offered to 'take up the mantle' of editing the Church page. Peter has had a lot of experience in publishing.

We would also like to pass on our best wishes to Peter and Lystra as they get married this month.

Our warmest congratulations!

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 8th August- Marli Burke and Emma Childs

Welcome into the Church family

Marriages

Saturday 7th August- Michaela Harris and Martin Prior

We wish them God's blessing in their life together

Funerals

Thursday 29th July- Funeral of Kenneth Reader

Thursday 5th August- Funeral of Roy Taylor

Wednesday 25th August- Funeral of Linda Alcock

May they rest in peace

August 2004

Church Floodlighting

- 10th August Birthday memories of my late wife Betty Aubery love Les & Family
- 14th August Fond memories of Mum & Dad on their birthdays love Beryl and Gert
- 16th August Birthday of George Brinkman - fondest memories - Gertie, Lesley, Marilyn & Beryl
- 18th August In Loving Memory of Beryl Wilkinson love Mike & Family
- 21st August In Loving memory of Sylvia Tatham
- 26th August Alan Happy 65th Birthday and Retirement. We'll grow old disgracefully together love Mavis
- 24th July Happy Birthday Memories for a dear husband, how I wish you were here - loving Wife **(Apologies for missing this one - last month!)**

Friendly Club

Monday 13th September

Ploughman's Lunch at 12.45 for a 1.00pm meal. Cost £3.00. If you haven't already put your name down for this please contact Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336.

Monday 27th September

Harvest Festival with the Rev. Claire as guest speaker. There will be a "Bring & Buy" stall of harvest produce.

Open to all, New members welcome



Braunston & District Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the branch will be held at The White Horse, Welton, at 8.00 pm on 14th September 2004.



Braunston Rainfall
23rd July to
23rd August
193mm
(7½ inches)
Information

supplied by D Humphries

200 Club Winners

Name	No	Prize
29th July		
A Billingham	141	£50
5th August		
J Reid	9	£10
T Binding	159	£5
12th August		
H Shears	78	£10
G Powell	118	£5
19th August		
P Willaims	2	£10
O Davies	36	£5

BVN Deadline

Please leave material for the October edition at the Post Office before 5.00pm Friday 24th August 2004 or by e-mail to steve@rolt.net



Braunston Women's Institute

Tuesday 7th September

Mr C Leonard
"A Sadistic Safari"

7.30pm at the Village Hall
Challenge : A Harvest Decoration
New members and friends welcome

The Macmillian Coffee Morning for Cancer Relief

on Friday 24th September
10.00am to 12.00pm

at

16 The Green

Bring and Buy Stall & Raffle
Please do come



The Braunston 'Dick Hearn' History Society, thank Jan and Dave for hosting their coffee morning, and all who came to support it, realising over £130.00, a welcome boost to funds.



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