

Braunston Village News

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Jettyfields - Good News

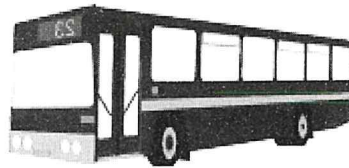


We are almost over the last hurdle in the long run up to obtaining Jettyfields for the village. Bryant Homes have handed over £10,000 to the Parish Council to help maintain the field and we are now dotting the 'i's and crossing the 't's on the legal transfer document.

The Parish Council will shortly be looking for volunteers to form a Management Committee to look after the field in the future. A meeting will also be arranged with residents in neighbouring properties, to ensure that their interests will be taken into account in any future plans. If you are interested in helping to manage the field, particularly if you are a geographer or have land management skills, or if you love the countryside and wish to protect it, please contact Janet McCarthy 890336, Pat Herlihy 890590 or Steve Rolt 890241.

Bus Tokens

Bus token forms will be distributed later this month to those who claimed tokens last year. Thirty pounds worth of tokens per person will be available for collection from the Library at the Village Hall on Thursday February 26th, 9.00am - 12 noon. Just bring your completed form with you, the tokens are free. Spare forms will be available for anyone claiming for the first time. Please turn to our next page for a list of who can qualify for bus tokens and passes.



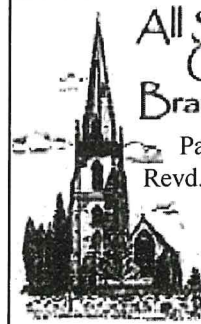
With 12 buses each way each day we are luckier than most villages. It's probably a case of use it or lose it!

If you wish to know more about the scheme or want to know how to obtain a bus pass as opposed to tokens, please contact Janet McCarthy on 890336

Keep Braunston Beautiful

Most dog owners are responsible but the few who are not spoil it for everyone. If you are out with your dog, please make sure you carry a plastic bag with you, so that you can clean up any mess. Sadly, there has been an increase in fouling of our streets and alleyways. The Daventry Dog Warden is able to give 'on the spot' fines and will be increasing her unannounced visits to the village; as a result

of this any unaccompanied dogs may be taken to the dog pound. If anyone knows of a dog owner who allows their animal to foul the footpaths or verges - please contact the Dog Warden, Sue Winters on:- 01327 302 265. Your call will be dealt with confidentially



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 1st February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION and
Fishers
6.30pm EVENSONG

Monday 2nd February

2.15pm Little Fishers

Friday 6th February

7.30pm A Glimpse of Peru
Details inside

Sunday 8th February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am FAMILY SERVICE

Monday 9th February

2.15pm Little Fishers

Tuesday 10th February

7.45pm PCC in the Parish Room

Sunday 15th February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
and Fishers

Monday 16th February

2.15pm Little Fishers

Saturday 21st February

7.30pm Local Talent Concert

Sunday 22nd February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am. FAMILY COMMUNION

Monday 23rd February

2.15pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 25th February

ASH WEDNESDAY Team Service

Sunday 29th February

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am PARISH COMMUNION

BVN Deadline

Please leave material for the
March edition
at the Post Office before 12 noon
Saturday 21st February 2004
or by e-mail to steve@rolt.net
** February is a short month **





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Your Health Service - Your Say

Patient Panel meetings for the Daventry and South Northants Primary Care Trust, are an opportunity for members of the public to meet with Trust staff and to discuss current and future plans for health services in the area. The NHS has a strong commitment to Patient and Public involvement in health and these meetings are one way in which this Primary Care Trust can engage with the public and discover peoples' views on their health services and consult with them on new service provisions or changes to existing ones. Meetings are held regularly at Dantre Hospital and if you would like to attend you would be most welcome. Dates of Meetings:

- Monday 9th February 2.00 - 3.30pm Meeting Room 1 Trust HQ
- Monday 12th April 2.00 - 3.30pm Conference Room Trust HQ
- Monday 14th June 2.00 - 3.30pm Conference Room Trust HQ
- Monday 9th August 2.00 - 3.30pm Conference Room Trust HQ
- Monday 11th October 2.00 - 3.30pm Meeting Room 1 Trust HQ
- Monday 13th December 2.00 - 3.30pm Conference Room Trust HQ

Further information can be obtained from Sarah Steele on 0800 587 0879

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Dates for your diary include:



- April 20th A talk and demonstration in the Village Hall on making Hanging Baskets.
- May 8th Plant sale on the village Green. (Extra plants/cuttings wanted. Plant some for us please!)
- September 11th Braunston Show
- November 23rd Old Fashioned Christmas - a talk and demonstration

Look out for further details on these and the Fertiliser Store each month in the BVN & on posters.

Lighting and Highway Complaints

The Parish Council and your District Councillor are fighting a constant battle against poor or non existent repairs to roads and footpaths, blocked drains etc throughout the parish. Areas of particular concern have been drawn regularly to the attention of Northamptonshire County Council, Daventry District Council and other statutory Authorities. Work is constantly being 're-scheduled'. In the mean time, many of our pavements and some of our roads are becoming hazardous due to pot-holes, subsidence, tree root damage or flooding. It would be a great help if you would support our bid for better village maintenance, by reporting any faults or problems to CLARENCE 0800 23 23 23 particularly if there is a problem that has affected you. The more calls they receive the more likely they are to look again at their 're-scheduling'. Lighting faults should also be phoned through to CLARENCE which is a freephone number and you will not be charged.

Bus Tokens (cont from front page)

The following persons qualify for a half fare permit or travel tokens.:

- * All men and women of 60 or over
- * Blind or partially sighted
- * Profoundly or severely deaf
- * Without speech
- * Have long term loss of mobility in both arms
- * Physically disabled or have suffered an injury which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk
- * Unable to drive a motor vehicle under Part 111 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 on the grounds of physical fitness
- * Identified as a travelling companion to someone in receipt of travel tokens who requires assistance in order to be able to travel on public transport

Church Floodlighting

Omitted from the November list - Our apologies - Editor

- 8 Jean Sigsworth - Fond memories for your birthday and always.
- 10 In memory of Mike Cudmore

December 2003

- 2 In loving memory of Jean Purvey - Michelle
- 3 In loving memory of Doris Webb - Ann & Roger Pearse
- 4 In loving memory of Mark - Kerry, Alan, Bethany & Mark
- 6 Happy birthday to Joy Pitman - love from the family
- 11 In memory of Spencer Lee
- 13 Happy birthday to Alistair - Steve & Jenny Rolt
- 14 Happy birthday to Kurt - love from Nan Pateman
- 15 For Jane - from Pat & Sybil Herlihy
- 16 Lit especially for Mrs Maltby
- 20 In loving memory of Aunty Florrie (Nurser) - Sheila Becket
- 23 For beloved wife & mother of Harold, Roger & Sally Thompson
- 26 Happy birthday Fran Haynes - Margaret Clews
- 29 Wedding Anniversary - Pat & Dave Streeton
- 30 Wedding Anniversary - Peter & Chris Grossart

January 2004

- 1 Golden Wedding Anniversary - John & Pam Rose-Casemore
- 8 In memory of Jim Green - J.S. Green
- 17 Return to village of Val & Eric Ward - Mrs Ward
- mid 7 nights lighting by Jean Hossain to celebrate the centenary of the birth of her parents
- 19 Richard George's birthday
- 20 Peggie Weston's birthday
- 29 In memory of our late son, Stephen - Carol & Ron Middleton

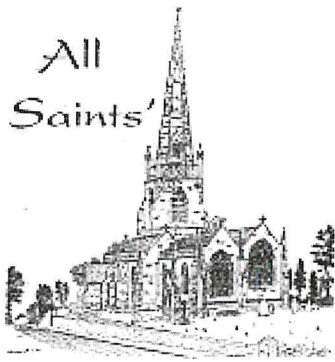
If you would like the Church spire lit for your special day, please fill in a form to be found at the back of the church and post in the Rectory letterbox with £5

Please note that due to pressure on space in some months we may not be able to print your full dedication

Parish Council Budget 2004/5

Gross Expenditure budget	£31,286
Budgeted income before precept added	£ 2,186
Net Expenditure	£29,100
Precept	£29,100

This represents a 4.85% increase on the 2003/4 precept. Full copies of the budget are available from the Steve Rolt (Parish Clerk) on 890241.



Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Though this comes a little belatedly - I hope you are already enjoying 2004 and that this year brings you all that you hope for.

It was lovely to celebrate Christmas with so many of you and I hope you had a smashing time with your families. Just as the New Year sales end - so the Easter eggs come out in the supermarkets! If we're not careful we become fixated on the big festivals and miss out on the treats along the way.

When the worship committee met to look forward to the coming year we wondered 'what do people *really* want?' I don't know about you but 'peace' comes high up on my list of priorities! With this in mind we are going to keep the Church open on the Wednesday evenings during Lent (the month of March). It will be a peaceful time to drop in and 'be'. The Church will be heated, and there will be periods of silence, some quiet appropriate music and aids to reflection for you to think your own thoughts. The time will end with a short quiet service of about ten minutes. Please feel free to drop in and leave as and when you want. Being quiet and 'watchful' is an appropriate way to be in the Season of Lent. It is a journey of 'being' as much as it is a journey of 'doing'!

God bless, Revd Claire

From the Registers.....

Baptism

25th January - Kerys Hughes
Welcome to the Church family

Funerals

29th December 2003 - Ronald Tait
30th January 2004 - Tom Childs
May they rest in peace



Little Fishers

(for 0-5s and their Carers)

ALL WELCOME

Mondays in Term time
2.00-3.00pm

In the Parish Room at All Saints Church

Activities, music, story, refreshments and fun!



LENT 2004

'Refresh your soul - a moments peace'

Wednesday evenings during Lent.

The Church will be open from
7pm-8.15pm
on

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

The Church will be heated, there will be subdued lighting, and some quiet music and some visuals to aid personal reflection.

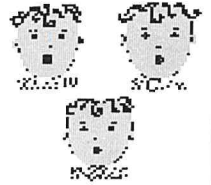
Everyone* is invited to drop in, to come and go as you wish and just 'be'.
(* This is probably most suitable for adults and teenagers.)

The time of quiet will close at 8.05pm with a short service of ten minutes.

Fun & Friendly Concert

Local Talent

Saturday 21st February 2004
7.30pm
All Saints' Church



Featuring: - Braunston Junior School, Church Choir, Bellingrings, Folk soloist, Choral soloist & Loads more...
Tickets on sale now

£5 adults, £1 Children & £2.50 Concessions
Refreshments included

Braunston Women's Institute



Tuesday 3rd February
7.30 pm in Village Hall

Mrs Pam Osborne will give a
Red Cross Talk on First Aid

The challenge, a 'Get Well Card'.
New members and friends welcome
Details from Mrs H.Mackichan 890881

2004 Programme

March	- The last straw
April	- A view from the bench
May	- Resolutions
June	- Story behind Painting
July	- Daft things we do
August	- Life of a Romano Lady
September	- A glimpse of Peru
October	- AGM
November	- Travels with a camera
December	- Christmas Flowers

Duncan Gallie

The floodlighting list on the opposite page shows 7 nights commemorating the centenary of the birth of Joan Hossain's parents. Joan now lives in Harrow. Her father, Duncan Gallie, was headteacher in Braunston school. He has a special significance for the BVN - he started it in 1970 when the deanery magazine ceased. He produced the BVN for 20 years until just before his death in 1990. He was brought up in Northumberland but came to Braunston in 1944. Those were difficult days - air raids, rationing and blackout. The school had to accommodate evacuees from London, Coventry and Birmingham at various times. There were 212 children on the school roll in September 1944, half were evacuees. Facilities were limited. Flush toilets were not installed until 1950.
The BVN would be glad to hear any reader's stories of those days.

Friendly Club

Monday 9th February

Richard Scott-Herridge will talk about Ignana

Monday 23rd February

Armchair exercises by Mavis Eley.
Gentle relaxation for everyone!

Meetings are held in The Village Hall at 2.30 pm. New members welcome.

Stuck for gift ideas for... 

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The Dick Herne

Braunston History Society

Tuesday 17th February

at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Elizabeth Knight will talk on:

The history of lacemaking

All welcome

£1.50 admission

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BVN Finances

The cost of producing the

BVN in 2003 was £1,363

This was paid for by:

Parish Council	£736
All Saints' Church	£368
Advertising	£239
Donations	£20

Village Hall, Memorial Hall

How many halls does Braunston have?

Almost everyone knows the answer is just one. But why two names? A plaque, fixed early in November, to the wall inside the Hall facing the main door gives the explanation.

THIS BUILDING WAS BEGUN IN 1846 TO HOUSE THE BRAUNSTON NATIONAL SCHOOL. IN 1905 IT WAS RENAMED BRAUNSTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL AND THE BUILDING WAS SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED.

IN 1920 THE BRAUNSTON MEMORIAL HALL WAS ESTABLISHED TO COMMEMORATE THOSE VILLAGERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE 1914-18 WAR AND A SMALL HALL WAS BUILT ON THE SITE OF WHAT IS NOW 20 HIGH STREET. IT FELL INTO DISUSE IN THE LATE 1950'S.

IN 1968 THE SCHOOL MOVED TO A NEW BUILDING IN BARBY LANE AND THIS SITE WAS PURCHASED BY BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE. IT WAS CONVERTED WITH MUCH VOLUNTEER HELP AND OPENED IN 1974 AS BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL.

The Braunston Memorial Foundation was set up as a registered charity in the 1960's when an energetic committee was determined to find a new hall for what had by then become a larger village.

Our thanks to the Dick Herne History Society for their help with research that started the tortuous process of developing an agreed text and also to Roland Ward who arranged the manufacture of the plaque at an amazingly concessionary price. *The BVN would be delighted to hear stories about the old hall or old school from those who were there at the time.*

What's happening now towards the Hall's Phase 2 improvements ?

The committee are busy arranging production of the detailed specification of the work which is planned for the summer. The hall will be closed for use from 17th July to early September. Regular users of the hall will have an opportunity to review the specification in March. It is vital that any comments are made then as the design must be 'frozen' in April to allow tenders to be sought. It may seem that there is plenty of money available but it is probably almost all needed for the structural changes and 'nice to have' features may have to wait for future years.

A Glimpse of Peru

Talk and slide show
by Brian and Eileen Dawson

Friday 6th February

at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room

All Saints' Church

Tickets £2 each (Pay at the door)

(Glass of wine included)

Children £1

To make sure there will be enough refreshments please phone 89609



200 CLUB WINNERS

Name	No.	Prize
4 December		
A. Brown	81	£10
K. Talintyre	158	£5
11 December		
A. Pearse	172	£10
A. Cunningham	85	£5
18 December		
D. Turner	103	£50
25 December		
P. Williams	2	£10
S. Rowley	60	£5
1 January		
E. Lawrence	201	£10
Mrs Eley	97	£5
8 January		
M. Clews	12	£10
E. Lawrence	201	£5
15 January		
Braunston Butcher	194	£50