# **Braunston Village News**

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Braunston Village News welcomes Ashby St Ledgers readers

After some 403 editions serving the village of Braunston, this months

Braunston Village News is

The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers



being circulated to 57 homes in Ashby St Ledgers - following the changes in the diocesan responsibilities.

Rev Claire, Vicar with special responsibility for Braunston, has now taken on the responsibility for the parish of Ashby St Ledgers.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's services will be held on Friday 3rd
March at St Augustine's R.C Church,
London Road, Daventry
at 2.00 - 7.30pm

Everyone welcome

Lorna Cooper - 01788 890596





#### The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

#### Services and Events for March 2006

#### Wednesday 1st March

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Team Service at Staverton Church

#### Saturday 4th March

12pm-2pm Lent Lunch- in Braunston Village Hall 7pm Praise Service with Worship Band at Holy Cross Church, Daventry

#### Sunday 5th March

8am Holy Communion 9.15am Holy Communion-

Ashby

Village Hall

10.30 am Parish Communion

and

Fishers

6.30pm Evensong

#### Monday 6th March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish Room

#### Wednesday 8th March

10.30am Holy Communion 8pm – 9-15pm Lent space – 'Come and be' after a busy day at work

#### Sunday 12th March

8am Holy Communion 9.15am Holy Communion-

Ashby

Village Hall

10.30am Holy Communion with

Fishers

#### Monday 13th March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish Room

#### Wednesday 15th March

10.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Braunston PCC AGM in Church Parish Room

#### Thursday 16th March

8pm – 9-15pm Lent space – 'Come and be' after a busy day at work

#### Sunday 19th March

8am Holy Communion 9.15am Morning Prayer- Ashby Village Hall 10.30am Parish Communion

with Fishers

Monday 20th March
2pm Little Fishers in Church

#### Parish Room Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

10.30am Holy Communion 8pm – 9-15pm Lent space – 'Come and be' after a busy day at work

#### Mothering Sunday 26th March

8am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service 11 am Family Service- Ashby Village Hall

#### Monday 27th March

2pm Little Fishers

#### Wednesday 29th March

10.30am Holy Communion 8pm – 9-15pm Lent space – 'Come and be' after a busy day at work

#### Friday 31st March

9.30am Braunston School Easter Service

#### Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March, on Ash Wednesday, the Church begins the observance of Lent. Leafing through the Bible, Lent is not written about specifically- so why have it and how did it begin?

It first originated in the Catholic tradition as a time leading up to Easter baptisms. Candidates 'getting ready' for baptism would prepare by undergoing a course in Christian study. After 40 days they would be baptised at the Easter Vigil on Easter Saturday, ready for the day celebrating Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation.

The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for self examination, and repentance. Some prefer to see Lent as a time of taking something new on rather than giving something up. Traditionally it is a time for prayer,

fasting and a time for giving.

Lent might feel like a gloomy time without remembering that it is preparation for Easter. I know from personal experience that if I observe the austere (but not dreary!) season of Lent the more deeply I identify with the needs of the world and my own needs, and cry out to God for His love and transformation. It is no accident that Lent is observed in Spring when the new life which has been sleeping for so long begins to break through. A bit of abstinence through Lent, a bit of seeking to get close to God makes me more in tune with signs of God's abundant life and kindness which reaches its climax on Easter day.

The abundant life Jesus promised us may feel a 1000 miles away when life is stressful and busy. That is why this year we wanted a time to pause and restore balance to life with our quiet evenings through Lent (see the article on page 5). You are very warmly invited to come and pause for a moment in our beautiful Church - do come and go as you wish.

Wishing you every blessing and a 'good' Lent! ☺

Revd Claire

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & WARWICKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL

## CHARITY AUCTION

Saturday 18th March at the Village Hall



We would appreciate any items in good condition (except electrical and large items) that you no longer require and would raise money for the Air Ambulance. For anything sold for over £20 you will be offered 50% of the sale price.

A list of all the items to be auctioned will be available on the day for £1 which includes admission. Each list will have a lucky number with a prize for the winner.

Prior to the auction the WI will be selling delicious home-made cakes and there will be a craft stall and a display of their handicrafts. Refreshments will also be available. In addition to actual items to be auctioned we are also requesting **PROMISES** such as gardening, cooking, ironing, dog walking. If you do not have any items perhaps you can promise an hour or two of your time to undertake a task.

#### **DETAILS ARE:**

RECEIPT OF GOODS FROM VIEWING OF ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED AUCTION 10.00am to 12 noon 12 noon to 1.15pm 1.30pm to 3pm

We want this to be a Bumper Fundraising Day for the Air Ambulance Service which is funded totally by voluntary donations. Do come along to support this very worthwhile, local charity.

#### - PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE, BRAUNSTON -

Offers should be received by us before 11th March CONTACT NUMBERS ARE: 01788 899093, 01788 891967 and 01788 891854

#### WHAT IS LENT?

In Matthew 16, Jesus says, 'And whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do..." and the congregation is pictured with the gloomiest of gloomy expressions on their faces, while each and every one is pictured as extremely well-fed. Fasting is obviously not something they ever do. But, they have the gloomy face down pat.

## Well, that is really not too unlike us, is it?

Because Presbyterians rebelled against all things Catholic, **Lent** was never celebrated in most Presbyterian churches until recent years. But, **Lent** is such a rich time. It is an excellent opportunity for us to really focus on things that matter.

A colleague laments that while many Christians observe **Lent** these days, too few celebrate it.

Lent is meant to remind us that the days are getting longer — Spring is right around the corner. Signs of life are preparing to bud right in front of our eyes. And, we need to prepare ourselves to see these signs. Here at Church, we focus on the abundant life Jesus told his disciples was his raison' d'etre: I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly. That's what Easter is about.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent.

Lent spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. Originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday.

Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for self examination, and repentance.

Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

#### CHURCH NEWS

#### Refresh your soul- a moment's peace

Owing to popular demand the All Saints' Church will be open from 8pm-9pm, for certain evenings during Lent, for people to come and go- and enjoy a moment's peace.

The Church will be warm. There will be soft lighting, candles and quiet music, or silence. Overall, space to reflect and be refreshed.

'Aids' to stimulate reflection will be around the Church based on the themes from 'Life balance' by Robin Warren and Sue Mayfield, to do with Sabbath rest.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March- Time to pause Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March- Time to celebrate Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Time to rest Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Time to play Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April- Time to liberate

The evening seeks to offer a balance to our often frenetic and busy lives. You are very welcome to come and go as you wish.

If you would like a more structured and interactive Lent Course Daventry Churches Together are running their Course following the same book 'Life balance' in the United Reformed Church on Thursdays through Lent-starting at 7.30pm.



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Sheila Rowley - 890559

Secretary:

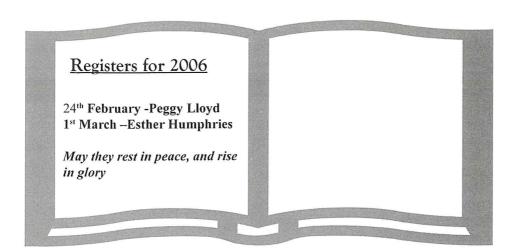
Anne Parker-Tyler - 899251

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Choirmaster: David Noble Tel: 815173



#### **Church Floodlighting for February 2006**

\* = Friends of All Saints - Thank You

2<sup>nd</sup> February - \* For George in memory of Florence & Olivia

3rd February - For My Mum Helen Britten, may she rest in peace

6th February - Birthday memories for Phyllis Clarke

9th February - \* For Gill Maltby's Birthday

10th February - \* In memory of Mansel Davies

12th February - Karen Childs - Birthday memories love from Dad, Mum, Kim & Helen xx

12<sup>th</sup> February - In Loving memory of Roy Bennett - Missed Everyday, love Sue, Family & Friends

13th February - Happy Birthday Diane Roach, love from Brian, Gill, Cindy & Kelly

14th February - Remembering a dear Father William Berry on his Birthday, love Sidney, Ben & John

18th February - For Bill's Birthday, with love Iris Griffin

22<sup>nd</sup> February - Betty (Australia) Years Mind of my sister, love Ivy

22<sup>nd</sup> February - Eric Holloway - Years Mind, love Ivy & Family

25th February - Happy Birthday Patricia Catherine Cuthbert, with love Maurice

Please take note: - These are all February's floodlighting requests up until the BVN Deadline 20th Feb 2006

If you would like the Church spire lit up for your celebration or special event, please fill in a form to be found at the back of church and post it in the Rectory letterbox with  $\pounds 5$ .

#### JETTY FIELD.

By the time you read this some major tree surgery will have taken place to take care of present problems and [hopefully] for some years to come. There will be a pile of wood left at the top of the Woodland area for members of the village to take for domestic fires. There should be plenty to go round if it is taken for personal use only, and we ask that no wood or materials are taken from anywhere else. Please help yourselves but you will need to lift it over the top metal gate. We should have the gate open during the next workday.

The next workday is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 9am to 12. The aim is to spread wood chippings along the garden and woodland paths so buckets, spades, wheelbarrows and rakes. There will also be a fire to burn the prunings from the new laid hedge. Please note that a bonfire will be set alight during the morning if the winds are light.

The allotment area has been cleared due to Herculean efforts in awful weather. Final arrangements are under way to clarify what agreements are needed between the parish Council and potential allotment holders and a meeting has been arranged for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall library at 8pm for all who have asked for an allotment. The Youth Club may well be running a disco at this time and we will hope to finish soon enough for you to join in.

The area below the allotments is to be reserved particularly to conserve and encourage wild life. Everyone is encouraged and asked not to enter this area to avoid any disturbance. Essential maintenance will have to take place form time to time but only under supervision and after expert advice.

Thanks for your co-operation. More details to come next month. If any one is interested in doing some conservation work during the workday then please let Pat know and some arrangements can be made.

Last month's contribution to the Village News highlighted our hopes for a rejuvenated meadow in the field area. If you read this and are interested in the identification and collection of wild flowers then please let us know so that you can join a select group of indispensable hunters and planters. Your help would be much appreciated.

Pat Herlihy 01788 89059

Last month's article on flowers of Jetty Field mentioned the flora survey done by Duncan Gallie in the 1950s. His daughter, Jean Hossain, has kindly agreed to allow us to print her account of this survey; it catches the life of the village in those days and something of the vision of the school headmaster.

#### Jetty Fields and its Flora

I was so pleased to read in the BVN that an attempt is to be made to restore the flora of Jetty Fields. I am not quite sure but I don't think it was ploughed during the war – though there may have been one or two patches cultivated as allotments. What did please me especially was mention of my father, Duncan Gallie, who compiled the list of wild flowers growing in the village at that time. I am glad that it seems that the list has been preserved and remains in the village. I remember its genesis rather well.

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My father was always a keen naturalist and that year (I cannot remember exactly but it must have been after 1947 since we had moved into Alston House by then) he decided to give the children a holiday task they were to bring in any "first find" they came across from the beginning of the year. There were then no restrictions on picking wild flowers - they seemed to be in abundance in those more innocent days. My father wasn't expecting more than a few dozen specimens. We were therefore completely taken aback by the enthusiasm. The children poured into school with drooping leaves, twigs and flowers collected from gardens, hedgerows, fields, footpaths, towpaths and streams around the village. Outside school hours, they came to our door. It went on and on. After Easter Sunday, my father decided he could relax and have a rare extra hour in bed on Easter Monday morning - it wasn't to be. I heard the doorknocker from my bedroom - it was 8 a.m. my father wearily went downstairs to be greeted by an eager face - "Mr Gallie, have you got this one yet?" Yet another muddy offering was thrust into his hand. What could he say but, "Oh, thank you, I'll look it up and let you know". In truth, my father was as eager as the children. He spent hours poring over his ancient well-thumbed botany books and filled several exercise books with lists of everything collected. Finally, it was decided that a proper classified list must be compiled. That was where my mother came in - she was hunched for days and days over the antique second-hand Bar-Lok typewriter more usually used to write letters about school matters to an exalted being in Northampton - The Chief Education Officer. My mother was the willing but unofficial and unpaid school secretary for most of the years of his headship.

But this was probably the most taxing task she ever undertook - since my father's enthusiasm extended to listing not only all the common names of the plants but also their Latin equivalents. My father was a Latin scholar, my mother wasn't! In the end the marathon list was completed. It was typed up, carbon copies were produced - someone suggested the Natural History Museum in London might be interested. They were; as they said, they didn't already have a list of the flora of the Braunston area. As far as I know, deep in some dusty archive there is probably still a mouldering copy of the list. I am sure that if one can be provided of the current flora of Braunston, it will find an honourable place in the nation's archives. Nowadays, the Internet will probably make the compilation much easier whether or not Latin is still needed!

Jean Hossain

## **FISHERS**

# (SUNDAY SCHOOL) NOW RUNS: -



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month: FISHERS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month:

**Family Service** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month: FISHERS

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month:

**Family Communion** 

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month: FISHERS

# Youth Club Diary Of Events

#### 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006

**Sports Night** 

Fun for all, with lots of different games and events

#### 24th March 2006

**Games Night** 

Come and join in with a variety of games, from dominoes and draughts to card games such as uno and sevens.

7<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Paddy's Disco

Music and entertainment from the ever popular Paddy

# Hope and Homes for Children



Many thanks for all of you donating via "Penny Pots". Pots can be obtained from Brenda (Tel: 899086), or at the back of the Church.

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

11th. March Folk Concert (See below) 9th. April Craft Stall at Barby Fayre

## FOLK NIGHT

AT GREAT EXPENSE
BRAUNSTON PICKLE HAVE SECURED
BOOKINGS FROM TOP BANDS
FROM AROUND THE REGION
(3 MEN IN A BOAT,
RIGMAROLE and much more)

Date: 11<sup>th</sup>. March 2006 7:30pm Braunston Village Hall

Price £8.00

(A Bar Licence has been granted)
PROCEEDS to HOPE and HOMES and
THORACIC UNIT, WALSGRAVE HOSPITAL

Ticket Available from Barbara Fletcher 07966 258798 and Brenda Hobbs 899086 or Braunston Post

(Tickets still available at the time of going to press)

#### The Braunston "Dick Herne" History Society

Our next meeting will take place in the Parish Room of the Church on Tuesday March 21st at 7.30pm.

New date for the AGM - now Tuesday April 25th 7.30pm as usual in the Parish Room

Mrs H Mackichan 01788 890881

#### **Braunston Village Gardens Association**

The fertiliser store will be open on Sundays from 2nd April until 6th June 2006. The store is available to all residents of Braunston on payment of a small subscription. It supplies composts, fertilisers, garden canes etc.

On 6th May we will be holding a plant sale on the village green. Most of the plants will be home grown and will be sold at very competitive prices. If you wish to donate any spare plants or cuttings, please bring them along on the day.

Judging of the front gardens competition will take place during June/July, all gardens are viewed and there is no need to submit an entry, so why not make use of the fertiliser store and plant sale to get your garden ready!

The village show will take place on 9th September so please start thinking about what you might want to exhibit as the show is open to all villagers.

Chris Stevenson[braunstonstevo@hotmail.com] Secretary Braunston Village Gardens association



#### **Braunston Rainfall**

20th Jan to 20th Feb = 26 mm

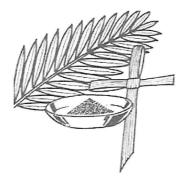
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#### **DAVENTRY TEAM**

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

#### **Staverton Church**

1<sup>st</sup> March - 7.30pm



Come & support the team!

Lifts available (Please contact Revd Claire 890235)

#### **MARCH DIARY OF EVENTS**

Sunday		·
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	1	7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Team Service at Staverton – Beavers – Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm - 7.30pm Joint PCC with Ashby
Thursday	2	Cubs – Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	3	Scouts - 2.00-7.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer
Saturday	4	12 – 2.00pm Lent Lunch in Braunston Village Hall 7.00pm Praise Service with Worship Band at Holy Cross
Sunday	5	8.00 Holy Communion, 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby Village Hall, 10.30 Parish Communion with Fishers, 6.30 Evensong
Monday	6	Little Fishers 2.00pm - Tai Chi Club 7.00-8.30pm Church Choir - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm - Explorer Scouts Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	7	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall WI - 7.30pm. Village Hall
Wednesday	8	10.30am Holy Communion - Beavers - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm - 8-9.00pm "Lent Space"
Thursday	9	Cubs - Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	10	Scouts - Youth Club – Sports Night 8.00pm - Allotment Meeting at Village Hall
Saturday	11	Jetty Field Work Day Hope & Homes FOLK NIGHT – Village Hall
Sunday	12	8.00 Holy Communion - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby Village Hall, - 10.30 Holy Communion with Fishers
Monday	13	2.00pm Little Fishers - Church Choir 7.00/8.00-9.00 Explorer Scouts, Tai Chi Club 7.00-8.30pm - Friendly Club 2.30pm, Village Hall
Tuesday	14	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00pm Village Hall, British Legion – 8.00pm The George Hotel, Kilsby

**COPY DEADLINE - 20th** 

#### MARCH DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday	15	10.30am Holy Communion, 7.30pm Braunston PCC AGM - Beavers – Brownies at Barby 6.30 -8.00pm		
Thursday	16	Cubs - Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm - 8.00-9.15pm "Lent Space"		
Friday	17	Scouts		
Saturday	18	WI Charity Auction 10.00 Village Hall Braunston Walkers to Hellidon.		
Sunday	19	8.00 Holy Communion, 9.15am Morning Prayer at Ashby Village Hall, 10.30 Holy Communion with Fishers		
Monday	20	Little Fishers 2.00pm - Explorer Scouts - Tai Chi Club 7.00-8.30pm - Church Choir - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm.		
Tuesday	21	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall, History Group – 7.30pm Parish Room		
Wednesday	22	10.30am Holy Communion, Beavers, 8.00-9.15pm "Lent Space", Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm		
Thursday	23	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm		
Friday	24	Scouts Youth Club – Games Night		
Saturday	25	Twinning Assoc – Barn Dance		
Sunday	26	8.00 Holy Communion, 10.30 Family Service, 11.00 Family Service at Ashby Village Hall.		
Monday	27	Little Fishers 2.00pm - Explorer Scouts - Tai Chi Club 7.00-8.30pm, Church Choir - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm.		
Tuesday	28	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall		
Wednesday	29	10.30 -Holy Communion, 8.00-9.15pm "Lent Space"		
Thursday	30			
Friday	31	9.30am Braunston School Easter Service		
Saturday				
Sunday				

**COPY DEADLINE - 20th** 

#### Village News

#### BRAUNSTON TWINNERS

We are expecting our French friends to visit on the weekend of April 30th:-For more details 'phone Chris on 890491

Chris Grossart

#### The Admiral Nelson Dark Lane, Braunston

Yes, we are still open & serving food & drink, despite the canal & tow-path closures!

Mothering Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, bookings now being taken. Our menu includes a free bottle of wine for booked tables of 4 or more, and we shall be open & serving food all day.

Look forward to seeing you!

The Admiral Nelson, Dark Lane, Braunston Tel 01788-890075

# LENTLUNCH



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

<u>Village Hall</u>

12pm - 2pm

Come and enjoy a chat and some sumptuous soup

#### Braunston Walkers - Saturday 18/2/2006 Crick 11 Miles

Since this was our thirteenth walk as a group and there were thirteen of us, we feared the worst with the weather and prepared for storm conditions. But our luck held out and the sun shone once again with the frost helping to make the ground firm as we set off from the village hall. Now I can't promise any lamas or whales this time and although we did see a goat I am not sure if that qualifies.

The group set off up Barby Lane and set a blistering pace up Barby Hill. By the time we reached the top we were overtaken by a tired looking snail. There are fantastic views over the Warwickshire plain as we paused to catch breath and set off over the stile at the organic Chapel Farm. This was the first of the many styles of stile on the walk. It seems that everyone we climb over is different ranging from sophisticated two plank jobs to two sticks between fence posts. Well that was actually just a fence really!

We crossed fields thankful that the manure flinging machine was not working and finally crossed the Ridgeway road descending into Kilsby. At the footbridge over the M45 we looked down to see the line of cones leading into the distance. For a road that is hardly ever used it always seems to be in need of repair.

We walked through Kilsby and past The George pub where we had lunched on one of our previous walks. A beautiful

vintage Riley passed us as we crossed the A5 and walked up the bridleway towards Crick. Jane, our resident botanist, scoured the hedgerows in vain for wild flowers. The path grew increasingly muddy as the sun continued to thaw out the frost. We passed over the entrance to the main London Euston railway tunnel and continued along the bridle way under the Northampton railway and the M1 through more muddy puddles and up into Crick. We spotted snowdrops and crocuses in the small park area leading up to the village centre and the welcome sight of the Red Lion pub.

Removing muddy boots outside the pub which Mike threatened to label "Boot Sale", we went into the pub for an excellent lunch and pint. When we were satisfied and much to our surprise our boots were still outside the pub and we set off for the return leg over the fields towards Tunnel Farm and its welcome pack of snarling Alsatian dogs! At this gate with its electric fence the sheep in the field decided to try and outwit us and escape from the farm. They were much less concerned than we were over the dogs. We managed to hold them back, lock the gate, fight off the dogs and continue down to the road over the exit of the railway tunnel. Crossing the busy A5 and again the M45 we set off along the small road leading over the exit of the rail tunnel to Ashby

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#### St Ledgers.

Jane finally found some wild cress, which was delicious, but still no wild flowers. The road leads to a small snowdrop speckled woodland leading down to the lake and a magnificent view of the impressive Ashby St Ledgers manor house.

Passing the beautiful old house and walking through the village we crossed the A361 and onto the Jurassic Way footpath down into Braunston. A fantastic walk

Come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, normally on the third Saturday in the month. They are not too strenuous, are a great way to have some healthy exercise, meet new friends, take in the occasional pub and make the most of our beautiful Northamptonshire scenery.

# Please call either Phillip on 01788891437 or Ray on 01788891384.

The next walk is planned for 18/3 to Hellidon (approx 12 miles) Meeting 10.30 at the village hall where we will drive to Shuckborough to start the walk.

#### The Well @ Braunston

#### **Christmas Day Dinner**

Dear Friends,

Many Thanks to all who contributed their time and resources to make the day a memorable one. In all, fifty four people attended and where well fed and watered.

Several people commented that it was the best Christmas dinner they had ever had (including me!). About half of those attending where Braunstonites and the rest family and friends.

Many indicated that they would like to do it again next Christmas, as well as several people who didn't attend but have since heard about it and wish to come next time.

After the meal, a total of £112 was given by those who felt they wished to make a donation (although this was not requested). All of this money will be sent to the Pakistan disaster relief fund. Since the event, I have received notice from the Village Hall Committee that the Village Hall will no longer be available on Christmas Day. I would welcome your thoughts on this.

The Well will be open again from Monday 27 Feb. Please come and join us for a brew.

Yours.

**Steve Woods and all at The Well.** Tel: 01788 891848 or 0776 231 4889.



#### Daventry Team - Home Group **Programme of Events** February - July 2006

The Home Group, unless otherwise stated, meets on the dates in this leaflet at 7.30 pm at the home of one of our Readers - Ian Paul

28th February Crepes (Pancakes) and Wine Tasting

Holy Cross Church Hall, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Daventry - Tickets: £5 in advance from Sylvia Henley on 01327 706587. £6 on the door.

7th March A text 4 u

> Using a manageable, bible-based, Lent Course for busy people, based on John's Gospel - by Mary Horsley - Price £2 in aid of the Daventry Holy Cross

Church Restoration Fund

A text 4 u - continued 14th March A text 4 u - continued 21st March 28th March A text 4 u - continued 4<sup>th</sup> April A text 4 u - continued

11<sup>th</sup> April Holy Week - Members of the Home Group will

attend service in church

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called 25th April

children of God

This and the next session to complete the Emmaus

Course section on The Beatitudes

9<sup>th</sup> May Blessed are those who are persecuted because of

righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

23<sup>rd</sup> May Want to know what a Bishop and a Canon are?

A diocese, deanery and a parish?

Find out what the roles of each member of the clergy are, what vestments/robes they wear and what their

"patch" is.

This and the sessions to the end of this programme are by special request of the confirmants in 2005 who

requested some sessions on terminology.

13th June Church Year, Liturgy and colours

27th June Sacraments

11th July Social Evening - Faith Supper

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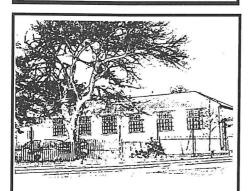
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We sing songs, play instruments, share stories, and do activities to find out about the wonderful gifts of God!

Afterwards we are served with squash / tea and biscuits.

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# Braunston Women's Institute



7th March
Mr Nigel Lay will
talk on "Dust if
you must for your
health's sake"

Women's Institute

Challenge: Most items in a matchbox (listed)

All Welcome - 7.30pm at the Village Hall Mrs Mackichan 01788 890881

#### Friendly Club

Monday 13 March
We hope to "Fly the Flags"
to commemorate Commonwealth Day and join in a
sing-song of sonmgs from
around the world
March 14th

A group of children from
Braunston Scvhool are
coming to entertain us
to be arranged
We meet on the 2nd and
4th Monday of each month
at 2.30pm in the Village Hall
New members welcome.

Phone Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336

Braunston Fishing Club BINGO Every Thursday throughout the year 8.00pm in the Village Hall

G Donald 891264

#### **Friendly Club**

At our January meeting we raised over £80.00 for the Royal Naval Life Boat Service

#### Clubs and Society Events



# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT

Our next meeting will be held at the George Hotel Kilsby on Tuesday 14th March

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Braunston Tel: 01788 890797.

# **200 Club Winners**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
19th January 2006	£10	142	M Payne
	£5	203	J Nellist
26th January 2006	£10	51	R Beavor
	£5	155	J Montgomery
2 February 2006	£10	69	H Hall
	£5	91	N Waltiers

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# Clubs and Society Contacts

Club	Contact	Phone	Meetings
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Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
After School			
Club			
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys and Girls from 13yrs to 18yrs. Every Tuesday evening 19.00 to 21.30
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Jennifer Rolt	890241	54 -8yr old Boys and Girls on Wednesdays
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday evenings at 7.30 – 9.00
Braunston Players	Tony Ward tony.ward@braunston.net	899105	Annual Show plus informal get-togethers - 1st Wednesday of each month
Braunston	Phillip	891437	Walks of 7 - 10 miles
Walkers	Ray	891384	around the area
Brownies (at Barby School)	Karen or Nicola Holman	891299	7-10 yr old girls Wednesday 6.30 to 8.00
Church Choir	David Noble	815173	Mondays Juniors 7-8pm Seniors 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Cub Scouts(For	Linda Lewcock	01327	8-10½ year old on
boys and girls)		878341 891264	Thursdays Bingo every Thursday
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	8.00pm Village Hall
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763	Village Hall 2.30pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays
Friends of Braunston School	Michelle Griffiths	890345	
Fishers (All Saints' Church)	Michelle Cotton Alison Fiddes	890235 891847	Sunday School for 5+ yrs Little Fishers (0-5's with parents) on Mondays
Gardens Assn	Chris Grossart,	890491	
Guides			
History Society	Chris Pardoe	890448	
Junior and		890494	
Infants School			
Junior Football	Shaun Tokley	891206	Training on Sundays 10.30-
	Robin Childs	890728	noon for 9+ years
Playing Fields	Simon Skelcey,	891220	
Association	Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson	890583 890348	

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Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Pre-School	Catherine Cook	01327 703483.	Mon – Friday am during term time in the Village Hall
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 8.00pm
School of Dance	Julia Beattie	890488	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scouts	Group Scout Leader – Steve Rolt	890241	
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Jennifer Rolt	890241	5¾ -8yr old Boys and Girls
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	Linda Lewcock	01327 878341	8-10½ year old boys and girls
Scouts (For Boys and Girls)	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	10½ -14 yr old Boys and Girls
Explorer Scouts	Steve Rolt	890421	14-18 yr olds (in Daventry)
Short Mat Bowls	Gill Powell	890763	Thursdays 2.00pm in Village Hall
Tai Chi Club	John Harford	01327 705807	Mondays 7-8.30pm Village Hall
Toddler Group	Wendy Wilson Tracey Martins	890348 891824	Every Tuesday 1.30- 3.00 Village Hall
Twinning Association	Chris Grossart Elizabeth Gwynne	890491 891331	Organises social events and visits to and from Quincy-Voisins
Village Hall Committee	Kelly Brewster Kate Mawer villagehall@braunston.net	0772 412 3363	Village Hall bookings
Women's Institute	Rosemary Harding Sue Baker	891854 891967	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA (Workers Educational Assn)	Jackie Green	890145	Thursday evenings at School during Autumn and Spring Terms
Youth Club (9-15yrs)	Cindy Brewster		Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

# MOTHERING SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March 2006 Family Service



10:30am Worship with family songs, activities & cake

Flowers for every mum or remember your mum with a candle

# ALL VERY WELCOME

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