

# Braunston Village News

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## **Braunston Village Annual Calendar**

Inside you will see an open draft of a proposed Village Annual Calendar. It is hoped by filling in the dates of annual or special events of the various organisations we can not only remember to plan ahead but also try and avoid clashes of events which has occurred in the past.

We will be grateful if you will use these pages to advise the Editors of your planned events and we will publish the Annual Calendar every quarter.

Your assistance will be appreciated.

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## **Tribute - Brian Dawson**

In January, after a brave struggle with ill health, we were all saddened by the death of a dear friend.

Brian Dawson was Head teacher at Braunston School from January 1968 to July 1978. He started his Headship in what is now the Village Hall where conditions were a little crowded (he had to share his Office with others!) Two Terms later he moved to the present School site. His ten years at Braunston School were very happy ones and I'm sure at his funeral there will be many Staff and pupils from those days coming to pay tribute to him. His contact with the School continued as he became Chair of governors in his retirement.

Brian was also Church warden at All Saints for 16 years (As Eileen says; "he got through five Vicars!"). Personally, I found Brian to be a great encourager, generous in his support of both All Saints and the Daventry Team. Our present Churchwarden, Charles Dunn summed Brian up when he referred to him as "a rock" in the Church. Those who knew Brian, knew him to be a real gentleman, wise, and with a wonderful quiet sense of humour. He will be missed by many friends and family.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to Eileen, Alexander and Simon.

Rev Claire.



All Saints'  
Church  
Braunston

**Parish Priest:** Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore  
Tel: 890235 (Rest day Fridays)

**Churchwardens:** Charles Dunn - 812143  
Sheila Rowley - 890559

**Secretary:** Anne Parker-Tyler - 899251

**Treasurer:** John Lewis Tel: 891149

**Organist and  
Choirmaster:** David Noble Tel: 815173

Services and Events at All Saints' Church and in the Daventry

Team for February 2006

**Wednesday 1st February**

7.00pm Holy Communion  
7.30pm Joint PCC with Ashby

**Saturday 4th February**

7pm Taize evening at Holy  
Cross Church, Daventry

**Sunday 5th February**

8am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Communion  
and Fishers  
6.30pm Evensong

**Monday 6th February**

2pm Little Fishers

**Sunday 12th February**

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
7.30pm PCC Meal

**Monday 13th February**

No Little Fishers (Half Term)

**Wednesday 15th February**

10.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 19th February**

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Parish Communion  
with Fishers

**Monday 20th February**

2pm Little Fishers

**Wednesday 22nd February**

10.30am Holy Communion

**Sunday 26th February**

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Parish Communion

**Monday 27th February**

2pm Little Fishers

**Wednesday 1st March**

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Team  
Service- Staverton

**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

## Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,  
"Shortcut to GOD"

Recently I was browsing one of the Christian Websites and came across an interesting looking link. When I moved the cursor across it, up popped the message "shortcut to GOD". Ever the optimist, I clicked on the link and waited expectantly.....sadly though it wasn't some direct line into the heavenly realm, just another webpage!

Often I am asked by people who probably wouldn't describe themselves as regular Churchgoers for prayer. Sometimes seriously when there is a real crisis, often somewhat flippantly perhaps for good weather or something similar. But whatever the case my reply is usually the same, "Yes of course I'll pray, but I think you should as well", to which the reply is often, "Oh but it would be so much better coming from you I don't think He would listen to me". Oh for that shortcut to God, that direct line!!!

The fact is God hears *all* our prayers, whether they are beautifully eloquent, or stumbling and hesitant. Whether they are long and rambling or spoken in silence. Whether they are full of anger and sadness, or happy and joyful. All prayer is important and valued. We all have the same route, the same shortcut. Prayer is the most important thing that we can do.

How often have you heard someone say in a desperate situation "All we can do now is pray" as if it is a last measure, when all else fails. Prayer is the single most important thing that we can do and should

do, at anytime and in any situation. And we don't need to worry about getting it right, saying the right words, ensuring that we are in the right situation or properly "centred down" ~ these things are good, but just getting on with it is the most important thing, wherever we are and whatever we are doing we can all make room for prayer.

Yes it is good to set aside a special time each day for prayer, say in the morning or last thing at night, to offer the day to God. But if you can't set aside a regular time, or you don't find silence helpful, don't use that as an excuse to not pray. Instead pray where you are, or when you can, on the bus, in the car (preferably with eyes open!), at home, at work in fact any time. Get into the habit of becoming aware of God's presence, or asking him to show you where he is in any situation or ask him to guide your thoughts and actions. Let the Spirit which is in each one of us, pray through you.

But above all use the shortcut that we have all been given and PRAY! Because unlike the shortcut on the website, this one really does lead to God.

God Bless,

Claire

Sometimes people find going to a 'special place' conducive for prayer. We have a prayer corner in Church - where any concerns can be written - which are gathered up and prayed for in the Church regularly. You are very warmly invited to use this quiet place if you would like to.

## Parish Council News News

### Parking in the Village

At the last Parish Council meeting the problem of inconsiderate parking was raised, the following areas were highlighted:-

Junction of Church Road and High Street;

Junction of Greenway and Barby Road / Lane and all areas around the school at drop off times;

Junction of Archers Avenue and Cross Lane.

Please can we ask that when parking in the village you consider other road users and pedestrians.

### Street Lights

If you see a street light not working or partially working please report to Steve Rolt on 890241 or at [steve@rolt.net](mailto:steve@rolt.net) Please make a note of the lamp number when reporting.

### Street & Footpath Repairs

The new contact details for Streetdoctor (replaces Clarence) are 0845 601 1113 or [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Transport/PEM](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Transport/PEM) or you can phone Parish Clerk and he will report (contact details same as Street Lights)

### Northamptonshire Police

The new non-emergency phone number is 08453 700 700

## Playing Fields Association

### **THIRD AND FINAL CALL**

The result of previous appeals in the BVN to judge the amount of interest in a skateboard park being built on the playing field has produced a short list of youngsters interested in the project.

However, no parent/adult has expressed interest in developing this project. If you have any views for or against this project please deliver them to 29 High Street, or email: [louisprat@hotmail.com](mailto:louisprat@hotmail.com).

Should no responsible person express an interest in developing a skateboard ramp the project will be shelved



**IF YOU WANT IT, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT !!!**

## Church Floodlighting for December 2005

\* = Friends of All Saints – Thank You



- 26<sup>th</sup> November until 2<sup>nd</sup> December - To celebrate Louise & Graham's marriage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December \* - Remembering a dear father - Walter Beckett on his birthday love Sheila & Roger
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December \* - Always in our prayers mum, God bless Ann & Roger
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December \* - In loving Memory of Jean Purvey on her Birthday - love you always love Michelle
- 4<sup>th</sup> December \* - Happy 90th Birthday Jessie Caw from June
- 5<sup>th</sup> December - Karim & Janie 18th Wedding Anniversary
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Joy Pittam 65th Birthday love from all the family
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Birthday memories of Don Payne love from Mary and family
- 7<sup>th</sup> December - In loving memory of Nora Smith
- 13<sup>th</sup> December \* - Allan Gaylard - Happy Birthday love Jenny, Chris, Zoe & Holly
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - \* For Kurt's 9th Birthday love from Nan
- 14<sup>th</sup> December - \* To Ian my husband, my heart still aches, the tears still flow, all my love Joan
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - \* Gillian Owen - In memory of a beautiful wife & mother so very very missed and loved
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Ron Tait: It has been two years, it seems like yesterday but also feels like forever. All my love Helen
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - To show us the way - carol singing!
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December - In memory of Pamela Thompson from Harold & children, Sally & Roger
- 24<sup>th</sup> December - In memory of Tom Heaton - deeply missed by Margaret, Neil, Sheila & Family
- 24<sup>th</sup> December \* - Simon - home for Christmas
- 24<sup>th</sup> December \* - To show Santa the way!
- 24<sup>th</sup> December \* - Remembering Sidney a devoted husband
- 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christine Wells - Happy 60th Birthday on Christmas Day, all our love Kelvin & Dale
- 27<sup>th</sup> December \* - Happy Birthday to our Daughter Fran, love Mum & Dad
- 29<sup>th</sup> December \* - Wedding Anniversary of Pat & David Streeton
- 30<sup>th</sup> December \* - Wedding Anniversary of Peter & Chris

**COPY DEADLINE - 20th**

CHURCH NEWS

Daventry Team

**TAIZE**

HOLY CROSS CHURCH,  
DAVENTRY

4<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
7pm



Come & experience a different  
kind of spiritual evening

All Saints' Church,  
Braunston

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

**FAMILY SERVICE**

10-30am



All Welcome

All Saints' Church  
Braunston

**EVENSONG**

5<sup>th</sup> February 2006 6.30pm  
&

**Choral Evensong**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2006 6.30pm

All Welcome

Lifts available  
(Please contact Revd Claire  
890235)

Registers for  
December 2005 and  
January 2006

Funerals

7<sup>th</sup> December 2005 Nora Smith  
28<sup>th</sup> December 2005  
Margaret Meredith (Memorial  
Service January 17<sup>th</sup>)  
19<sup>th</sup> January 2006 Leonard Burt  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2006 Brian Dawson

*May they rest in peace, and rise  
in glory.*

Baptisms

22<sup>nd</sup> January Charlotte Gamble

*Welcome to the Church family!*

**Church Floodlighting for January 2006**

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1<sup>st</sup> January - In loving memory of John Baker & my son Gary  
Baker

5<sup>th</sup> January - \* From Elizabeth Gwynne - For all my friends &  
Relatives to brighten up the New Year

8<sup>th</sup> January - \* For Jim on his Birthday from Jackie

10<sup>th</sup> January - \* To celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday of David Hopcraft -  
love Steve & Shirley

10<sup>th</sup> January - \* Jennifer's Birthday

12<sup>th</sup> January - \* Iris's Birthday with love

14<sup>th</sup> January - \* Celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays Jan 13<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> Avbrey & Prim  
Berriman

18<sup>th</sup> January - For Pam in Australia on her special Birthday

19<sup>th</sup> January - For Ric from Peggie

19<sup>th</sup> January - In Memory of Percy Hutchinson

21<sup>st</sup> January - In memory of my dear husband Dick who would have been 80yrs old  
today love June Hayes

23<sup>rd</sup> January - Auntie Joyce 86

25<sup>th</sup> January - What might have been!

These are all January's floodlighting requests up until the BVN Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2006



## JETTY FIELD. JANUARY 2006 - "I DREAM OF A FAIR FIELD FULL OF FOLK" [AND FLOWERS].

The dream of a rejuvenated Jetty Field is actually a memory for some: a painting of yellow buttercups followed by different coloured drifts of vetch and smaller wild flowers later, easing through the young grass leaves. And the field as it was 40 years ago is amazingly what it would have been 400 years ago and before. The result of a pattern of farming that grazed animals in the winter and was patient enough to wait for the wild flower seeds to form and drop before mowing for a hay crop. Then the hay was sweet from the young grass and mixed with the tastes of varied plants.

Sadly the field has been neglected of late and the nutritious grasses that would have been encouraged by the nibbling of sheep or cattle have been replaced by rougher types of grass that have themselves crowded out the flowers. And then the final stage of neglect: rank nettles, docks and thistle. What a mess.

**So we have a cunning plan** - not ours entirely but under advice from several agencies. Graze the field in the least obtrusive way we can find, delay mowing until the optimum time for seed drop, produce a crop of hay that we can offer for sale. Too simple? No, because of a lucky set of past events. Our field has never been spread with artificial fertilisers

or herbicides so it has a reasonable basis of the soil requirements we need. It has never been ploughed [not in the war?]. The ridge and furrow has never been flattened. And even with the many recent years of neglect there may still be seeds of wild flowers lying dormant, waiting for the right environment to be restored.

**It may well be that we have the only field in the county that can demonstrate such an unbroken history into the past.**

Over the last two years we have been able to make some sort of start and two mowings have begun to clear the worst of the nettles and cut back the rough grass. Now we need some animals to complete the process and we hope to have the co-operation of a local farmer to allow a short period of grazing in the winter months, possibly of a hardy breed of sheep. We would have to ask dog owners to keep their charges on a lead for that period but all will enjoy the pleasures of the open field for the rest of the year.

And there is one more fascinating thread to the story. 50 years ago Duncan Gallie, the village schoolmaster, asked his children to bring in specimens of wild flowers growing in the village. Using his survey,



we hope to recreate a mix of flowers that would have been blooming in the field. We need some help! As usual. First we need to identify the meadow flowers in the survey that would have flourished in Jetty field. Then we need to search for specimens of those flowers still growing in the district from which we can collect seed. [We know of one likely meadow in Barby.] And it is so important to reintroduce wild flowers from nearby and not from Morocco or wherever seed merchants are currently sourcing their stock. We value our patch of biodiversity. Are there any botanists, biologists or those who care for plants out there?

The opening quotation: badly remembered [and added to] from Langland writing in the 14<sup>th</sup> century when the ridge and furrow was young.

As we make the field boundaries secure and improve the entrances and seating we are researching gates, stiles, benches, fences and the like.

**If there is a wish to donate any item for dedication then please get in touch: there are a huge range of requirements now and more will become available as future projects open out, including some planting.**

*Pat and Sybil Herlihy*  
*[ps@psherlihy.freeseve.co.uk]*

## All Saints' Church Little Fishers



**Every  
Monday  
2pm**

Little Fishers' is for all pre-school children and their parents and carers (0-5's).

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.

Please note – these sessions  
only run in term time!

**Everyone is welcome.**



**DAVENTRY  
TEAM**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Staverton Church

1<sup>st</sup> March – 7.30pm  
Come & support the team!

Lifts available  
(Please contact Revd Claire  
890235)

# Youth Club

## Forthcoming Events

10<sup>th</sup>. February -

Sports Night - Fun and Games.

24<sup>th</sup>. February -

Youth Clubs Own Karaoke

Come and join us for a fun filled evening  
and enjoy a Sing Along

At Braunston Village Hall, 7pm to 9pm

Entrance fee: Members £1.00

Non - Members £1.50

*Peter Hobbs*

## BRAUNSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AUCTION / PROMISES

In aid of Warwicks/Northants Air  
Ambulance Appeal

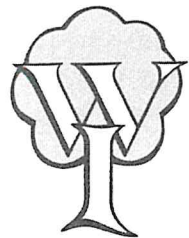
Saturday 18th March 2006 - in the Village  
Hall from 10.00am

Items required for Auction - up to 50% will  
be offered to vendors on items £20.00 or  
over.

Equally acceptable, also for Auction, would be PROMISES of  
e.g. dog walking, baby sitting, ironing, grass cutting etc.

**BRAUNSTON - PLEASE SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE**

Contact for info : 01788-899093 or 891967 or 891854



Women's  
Institute

# Hope and Homes for Children



An Update of your fund raising since the last BVN.

Anglers Christmas Fayre	£ 56.39
Sales of Crafts from Home	£200.95
All Saints Carol Singing around the Village	£109.14
Morrisflex raffle	£150.00
Donation from All Saints Church	£439.66

Plus kind donations of cash and Penny Pots

Increasing the Total since March 2005 to a fantastic £3636.43.

Thank you all so much.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 <sup>th</sup> . March	Folk Concert	See below
9 <sup>th</sup> . 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 at 7:30pm**

**Braunston Village Hall**

**Price £8.00**

(A Bar Licence has been applied for)

PROCEEDS to

HOPE and HOMES / THORACIC UNIT, WALSGRAVE HOSPITAL

Ticket Available from Barbara Fletcher 07966 258798 and

Brenda Hobbs 899086 or Braunston Post Office

(Limited number of Tickets)

## The Braunston "Dick Herne" History Society

On Tuesday 21 February Mrs Lorna York will give an illustrated talk on  
**"The History of the Canal Boat Families"**  
in the Parish Room at 7.30pm.

All Welcome - Admission £1.50

Mrs H Mackichan

01788 890881

### Braunston Walkers Saturday 17/12/2005 Wolfhamcote Walk (approx 6 Miles)



A cold, frosty and sunny morning saw 13 of us outside the village hall for the eleventh walk since we formed as a group in February 2005. The weather was, once again, absolutely marvellous as we set off on our last walk for the year. The plan was for the main group to meet Carol down at Brindley Quays and so we started off across Jetty Fields past the site of the new allotments where David and his team have recently been so busy and on down to the

canal. After some confusion with some of the party hankering for a big breakfast on the Gongoozlers Rest café boat, we finally regrouped at the start of the track to Wolfhamcote just the other side of the busy A45.

Setting off across the ridge and furrow fields we passed the sites of the medieval villages of Braunstonbury on our right and immediately after that of Wofhamcote. On past the old redundant

## Village News

### CAUTION



A reminder that  
Precautionary salt spreading occurs only  
on High Street and Welton Road and  
only when the road temperature falls  
below 1 degree C



### Braunston Rainfall

20th Sept to  
20th Jan = 165mm

Information supplied  
by D Humphries

church and Wolfhamcote Hall and past the old canal cuttings, now run by Braunston Angling Club as excellent coarse fishing lakes and then over the bridge across the Oxford canal to join the track to Sawbridge. The views across the fields to Shuckborough hill on our left and Grandborough straight ahead were fantastic.

We moved out of the way as a farmer on a quad bike passed us on the approach to Leam Farm. Taking a right turn on the road from Sawbridge to Willoughby and we followed the road past another farm on the left also called Leam Farm according to the ordnance survey map. In the distance across the fields was the imposing spire of Grandborough church flanked by two evergreen trees.

The footpath branches off the road alongside the entrance and driveway of Willoughby House, a beautiful house complete with stables that looks as though it should be a luxury country house hotel.

We followed field paths and gates across several fields and under the old dis-

used Central Railway embankment and then on across the fields to arrive back on the A45 at the Oxford Canal bridge. We continued up the footpath and back into the village where we had a well deserved pint and a warm up by the magnificent fire in the Old Plough after an excellent mornings walk.

A really big thank you goes to Phillip who started this group and whose organizational skills keep us, literally, on track. Lastly we would take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy and prosperous New Year.

After all the excesses of Christmas you may feel in need of some exercise and may wish to join us on our regular monthly rambles which normally take place 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.

## 2006 YEARLY CALENDAR FOR BRAUNSTON

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# FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday		
Monday		
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Wednesday	1	7.00 pm Holy Communion – 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
Saturday	4	7.00pm TAIZE at Holy Cross
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion, 10.30 Parish Communion with Fishers, 6.30 Evensong</b>
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	Beavers – Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm
Thursday	9	Cubs – WEA Course “Astronomy for Beginners” Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	10	Scouts Youth Club – Sports Night
Saturday	11	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion 10.30 Family Service</b>
Monday	13	<b>No Little Fishers - Half Term</b> - 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	VALENTINE'S DAY Toddler Group 1.30-3.00pm Village Hall, British Legion – 8.00pm The Sporting Club, Barby

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# FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday	15	10.30pm – Holy Communion. Beavers 7.30pm – Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm
Thursday	16	Cubs - Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	17	Scouts
Saturday	18	2.30-.00 Children’s Confirmation preparation Braunston Walkers to Crick.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30 Holy Communion with Fishers</b>
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 7.30pm Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm
Thursday	23	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	24	Scouts Youth Club – “Karaoke Evening”
Saturday	25	Twinning Assoc – Barn Dance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion</b> <b>10.30 Parish Communion</b>
Monday	27	Little Fishers 2.00pm - Explorer Scouts - Tai Chi Club 7.00-8.30pm - Church Choir – 7.00/8.00-9.00pm. – Friendly Club - 2.30pm.
Tuesday	28	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	1 March	7.30pm Ash Wednesday Team Service at Staverton
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
<b>Sunday</b>		

**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

#### **Annual Barn Dance**

Our Annual Barn Dance will be held on Saturday 25th February:-  
Tickets available from Denise on 890128

#### **Christmas Quiz**

Thanks to all who brought our Christmas Quiz Sheets.  
It was won by Gordon and Linda Smith of Bristol. Don't we get around!

### **The Admiral Nelson Dark Lane, Braunston**

**Wonderful Valentines Menu for Feb 14<sup>th</sup> (don't forget!!)**  
**and a Special Mothering Sunday Menu, which includes a**  
**free bottle of house wine for bookings of 4 or more.**  
**Bookings highly recommended.**

**We also have lots of plans for Easter including a 'What is  
The Most Bizarre Easter Bonnet You Can Stick On Your Head'  
competition and a bit more dressing up for St. George's  
Day! (Well we had so much fun at Halloween and New Year,  
shame not to do it again!)**

**Come and join us, or ring for details on 01788-890075 and  
ask for Jenny or Damian.**

Serving the local community

**WEA**



Learning Life

## **WEA Braunston Branch**

Reg. Charity No. 314001

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15 pm

8 meetings starting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
at Braunston School.

### **ASTRONOMY FOR BEGINNERS**

Tutor: Frank Gear

This course will answer many of the questions asked by those who have an interest in astronomy. What is a star? How do I find constellations? What equipment do I need? This is a course to fire the imagination.

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

**Thank You**

Thank you to all those who gave in the Christmas Season ...

Collection from the Crib Service, going to the Niger appeal - £122  
Collection from Carol Singing, going to Hope and Homes - £109

Many thanks for your generosity.

Revd Claire

## Braunston Walkers

**Saturday 21/1/2006 Braunston – Flecknoe- Staverton approx 9 miles.**

Sitting in the sunshine with a pint and a sandwich outside the Countryman, Staverton in mid January after walking past a field of Lamas is almost as likely as a bottle nose whale in the Thames but believe me it all happened on the same day! Earlier eleven of us set off from the village hall on our first walk of 2006. The sun shone down on us as we made our way down to bottom lock. The tow path is currently closed for essential repairs and the canal which had been drained the previous week is now full again but we set off along the Jurassic way and up out of the village. The views back over the village are superb from the top of the hill.

We crossed the A45 and carried on across the open fields till we reached Braunston Covert which was to prove to be the first of the many muddy sections. Leaving this with heavy and muddy boots we continued skirting around Berryfields Farm which had, as always, a flock of crows or rooks circling menacingly overhead like a scene from Alfred Hitchcocks's The Birds.

We eventually reached the Miry Bridge over the River Leam and left Northamptonshire entering Warwickshire. Walking across more muddy fields we arrived at the disused railway track which now forms a beautiful coarse fishing lake with a small hut complete with decking. After negotiating two muddy gateways we arrived in the village of Flecknoe. We passed some wonderful old Northampton stone cottages with fabulous views across the fields back to Braunston. Leaving Flecknoe we spotted two black Laboradors guarding the Bespoke Butchers. After Carol

handed out toffees which we all enjoyed, we walked out of the village back over the fields. The footpath crosses several fields and we came upon some beaters and their obedient dogs rousing pheasants in a shoot. Fortunately they were not aiming at us and we passed by quickly and safely.

Re-crossing the River Leam we passed a field of lamas (really!) and continued along a small valley with what looked like old disused mine workings and up a small tree lined lane into Staverton.

We stopped at the pub and sat outside sunning ourselves (I told you) eating lunch ready for the trek home. On the track Jane pointed out wildflowers such as Goundsel and Speedwell and we continued picking up more mud until we arrived back at Braunston Covert and really deep mud. Mud, mud glorious mud, nothing quite like it... etc. etc. We walked down the old London coaching road and back to the marina then up Nibbits Lane which seems to get steeper and back home for tea.

If you feel in need of some exercise you may wish to join us on our regular monthly rambles which normally take place 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 01788 891437 or Ray on 01788 891384.

The next walk to Crick and back is planned for 18/2/2006.



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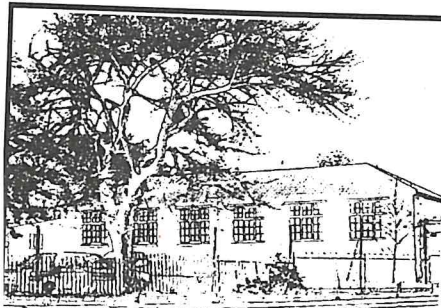
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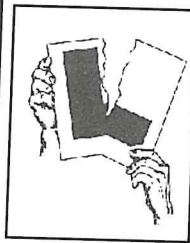
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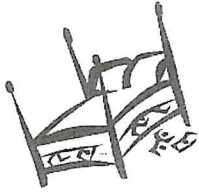
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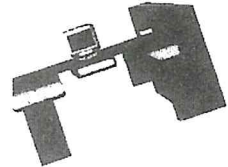


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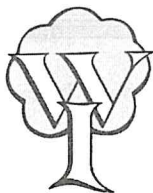
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## Clubs and Society Events

### *Braunston Women's Institute*



**7th February -  
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favourite games

**Women's  
Institute**

**Challenge - Words from "Trivial  
Pursuit"**

**All Welcome - 7.30pm at the  
Village Hall**

### Friendly Club

**Monday 13 February**  
A light-hearted picture quiz  
by Gill

**February 27th February -**  
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

## 200 Club Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
10th November 2005	£10	124	L Masters
	£5	5	K Bown
17th November 2005	£50	17	M Heaton
24th November 2005	£10	111	S Hiscock
	£5	24	S Hume
1st December 2005	£10	176	K Reader
	£5	155	J Montgomery
8th December 2005	£10	47	P Morgan
	£5	134	M Whitlock
15th December 2005	£50	156	R Rees-Jones
29th December 2005	£10	206	R Whittington
	£5	74	L Whyte
2nd January 2006	£10	193	E Hargreave
	£5	205	A Mawer
12th January 2006	£50	77	M Bonniface

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A sum of £1843.29 was raised within the village for The Poppy Appeal 2005. This far exceeds the previous best figure and we thank all those who gave so freely.

This record was only possible because of the hard work put in by the volunteer collectors. We thank them and the village businesses for their help and support. The RBL aids 300,000 servicemen, ex-servicemen and their dependents each year and we do need to recruit new members to remain active within the village.

A reminder that the Legion has a number of wheelchairs available on loan to anyone in the village who needs one.

A party of members and friends visited the Birmingham Tattoo at the end of last November and were provided with some excellent entertainment by various bands and displays.

The Annual Dinner was held in January at The Sporting Club Barby and was well attended.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at The Sporting Club Barby on Tuesday 14th February at 8.00 pm. New and prospective members are invited.

**Braunston Fishing Club  
BINGO**

**Every Thursday throughout the  
year  
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## Clubs and Society Contacts

Club	Contact	Phone 01788)	Meetings
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	5¼ -8yr old Boys and Girls on Wednesdays
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday evenings at 7.30 – 9.00
Braunston Players	Tony Ward <a href="mailto:tony.ward@braunston.net">tony.ward@braunston.net</a>	899105	Annual Show plus informal get-togethers - 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month
Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7 - 10 miles 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 boys and girls)	Linda Lewcock	01327 878341	8-10½ year old on Thursdays
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday 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 Infants School		890494	
Junior Football	Shaun Tokley Robin Childs	891206 890728	Training on Sundays 10.30-noon for 9+ years
Playing Fields Association	Simon Skelcey, Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson	891220 890583 890348	

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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	5¼ -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 <a href="mailto:villagehall@braunston.net">villagehall@braunston.net</a>	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

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