

Braunston Village News

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RISK ASSESSING YOUR HOME

Almost HALF of the burglaries currently being reported are a result of a door or window being left open, due to the not so hot but muggy weather. Remember that if you are leaving a room unattended for even a short time, secure it before you leave.



About a quarter of all burglaries occur between midnight and six o'clock and few occur during the morning. However, there is also a considerable peak during the early evening, particularly when the nights start drawing in. Time switches on lights really do work, making the burglar think there is someone at home.

You can do something about the potential targets by locking them away or at least out of sight. This includes your car. You can make your property less attractive to the thief, by marking it and advertising that it is marked with a window sticker. An alarm is the single best deterrent. Although ordinary people often pay little attention to an alarm ringing the burglar does! He dislikes anything that draws attention to his activities.

Assessing the risk, making the difference.

- Be your own Crime Prevention Officer!

See the self-assessment guide on pages 22,23 and 24

The process outlined is exactly what your local Police Crime Prevention Officer would do were he to visit your home.



All Saints' Church Braunston



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY 2008

Sunday 3rd February-Candlemas

9.15am Joint Holy Communion-
Ashby

11 am Parish Communion and All
Saints' Kids Club (Sunday School)

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 4th February

2pm Little Fishers in Braunston
Church Parish Room

7.30pm Deanery Synod

Wednesday 6th February- Ash

Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion-
Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Team Ash Wednesday Holy
Communion- Holy Cross Church
Daventry

Thursday 7th February

7.30pm Lent Group- All Saints
Church

Sunday 10th February- 1st of Lent

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am FAMILY SERVICE- Braunston

Monday 11th February

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish
Room

Wednesday 13th February

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Communion

7.45pm Braunston PCC

Thursday 14th February

7.30pm Lent Group- All Saints
Church

Saturday 16th February- BIG EVENT

3pm Marriage Thanksgiving and reception in All Saints' Church (for all who wish to celebrate their Marriage close to Valentine's Day)

Sunday 17th February- 2nd of Lent

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion

11am Parish Communion and All Saints Kids Club

Monday 18th February

2pm No Little Fishers in Church Parish Room

Wednesday 20th February

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

Thursday 21st February

7.30pm Lent Group- All Saints Church

Sunday 24th February – 3rd of Lent

8am Holy Communion

11am Joint Family Communion- at Braunston

Monday 25th February

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 27th February

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Group- All Saints Church

Sunday 2nd March

9.15am Joint Holy Communion- Ashby

11am **FAMILY SERVICE- Mothering**

Sunday- BIG EVENT

6.30pm Evensong- Braunston

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

It seems that Christmas is just over and Easter will soon be upon us! On the 6th February it is Ash Wednesday - which marks the beginning of Lent. The children get a little nervous at School- because I sometimes set fire to a palm cross from last year - and we watch it turn to ash, which when it has cooled is applied to a volunteer's forehead in the sign of the cross with the words; 'From ashes we have come and to ashes we will return, turn from your sin and be obedient to Christ.'

That action is repeated in the evening Service on Ash Wednesday (for adults mainly). It shows firstly we are aware of our own mortality, and it also makes us aware of our own human frailty- we can and do (I speak for myself) repeatedly get things wrong.

I'm in the happy position of learning from fellow leaders in the Church. Sheila Rowley at the last Family Service pointed to her cyclomen- which was lack lustre and generally not looking too healthy. Of course it needed water, and with daily watering had begun to blossom and buck up. Sheila then alluded to the fact that when we say sorry (and really mean it), turning from something which is not helpful or

healthy, it is a bit like that plant receiving water- a fresh start. Through baptism we received our first fresh start and daily when we confess our sins and turn to God it's like being refreshed and revived.

It sounds simple- it's harder to put into practice. Especially as in today's society 'confession' and 'absolution'(receiving God's forgiveness) seem antiquated and rather out of date practices. The thing is not to stay in that 'Oh I'm so awful space' but to move on into God's space of 'You are forgiven - here brush yourself down and go for it!'

It's the 'go for it!' I particularly want us to think about this Lent. If you think of the film Billy Elliot- he was great at dancing, but my goodness it went against the culture of where he came from! But Billy was not to be put off- he stuck at what he felt was his special talent and reached his full potential. In this year's Lent course called 'Life calling' we will be looking at the person God is calling us to be.

So being penitent need not be seen as sombre and solemn. Turning from the things which are destructive we find ourselves walking in the ways God has planned for us. My friend who I visited this afternoon has a 4 year old son, and she said in front of him. 'What Ben is really good at is acting- he becomes the person he is thinking about, and he is very good at using his imagination.' That is Ben's talent or gift- he has that gift brought about by his sensitivity. My friend has a daily insight into what makes her son tick, and *who* he is. It struck me that our heavenly Father is as proud of us- he sees our gifts and wants us to use them, he loves who we are.

Church in it's widest sense should be a place where people are released to use their gifts and be themselves. And if each one of us is encouraged what a 'go for it!' place it becomes!

Make Lent 2008 a very special time for you- please come and join us,
God bless, Revd Claire

LENT LUNCH



Saturday 8th March
Village Hall

12.30 - 2.00pm

Come and enjoy a chat and some sumptuous soup

Registers for December 2007 and January 2008

Baptisms

6th January- Katharine Last

Welcome to the Church family!

Weddings

1st December- Matthew
Spencer Locke and Keely
Milligan

*Congratulations to the happy
couple*

Funerals

10th December - John
Duggan - Ashby Church
14th December - Geoff Gale-
Holy Cross Church
(Churchwarden of Holy
Cross)
17th December - Ruth
Powell - Oakley Wood
Crematorium

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY



Family Service

11am - 2nd March 2008

11am Worship with family songs, activities & cake

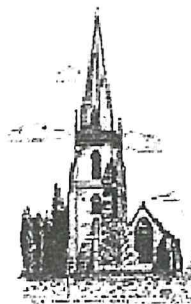
Flowers for every mum or remember your mum with a candle

ALL VERY WELCOME
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BRAUNSTON

Church Floodlighting for November 2007 to March 2008

November Floodlighting

- 5th November - Happy Birthday Nick
7th November - * In memory of Charlie Rawbone
8th November - Diana Happy 70th Birthday love always John xx
19th November - In loving memory of dear dad Vic Sanders from all the family xxx
19th & 20th November - In loving remembrance of my dear husband Vic love always Aileen x
23rd November - For Gillian Hallam - still missing you love Lorraine, Tina, Keiran, John, Mark, Kayleigh, Jack & Sophie
23rd November - To celebrate the silver wedding of Bob & Thelma Cluett
28th November - Birthday memories of our dear sister Gladys. Love Cis and Marian
29th November - Frank & Janet Cox Wedding Anniversary - 55 years



December Floodlighting

- 1st December - * For Alison & Mike's 10th Wedding Anniversary. Love Mum
5 & 6th December - Bert & Peggy Brown - Gloria, Malc & Family
6th December - Birthday memories of you will never be forgotten love always Mary
7th December - Bert & Peggy Brown - Mrs Pittah, Anne & Dennis Baker
12th December - In loving memory of Spencer Lee
15th December - Gordon, the brightest star. Also remembering Dad & Mick
18th December - In loving memory of Ron Tait, God bless Helen xx
19th December - Gertie Brinkman Happy 93rd Birthday love from the family xx
20th December - Lorna & Clive Coopers Emerald Wedding anniversary (55th)
25th December - In memory of Albert & Sarah Kendall
27th December * - To our daughter Fran Haynes Happy Birthday love Mum & Dad x
31st December - Tony Wilson's 40th Birthday

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 £5.

January's Floodlighting so far...

- 1st January - * Fresh Hope for a New Year to all in Braunston
2nd January - * To all our family love Jean & Geoff
3rd January - * Thank you to all Braunston Volunteers
3rd January - * "For Katherine with love from Elizabeth: to celebrate the arrival of Saskia Louise yesterday evening."
5th January - * In loving memory of George, David, Barry, Eric always in our thoughts
6th January - * In loving memory of Peter on our Ruby Wedding Anniversary love Margaret x
7th January - * Ruth Bachelor's Birthday
8th January - * Jim Remembered
8th January - * In memory of our lost son
9th January - * Welcome Home Jean & Brian
12th January - * To Iris - with love
19th January - * Especially for Ric
19th January - * In memory of Winifred & Percival Hutchinson
20th January - * Martin Happy 50th love Deb
22nd January - In loving memory of Helen Britten (Mum) on her Birthday love Chelle & Charlie xx
24th January - Lit for Mrs Moon
25th January - * For Blessings
28th January - * Just for you Uncle Paul your fab - lots of love Becky, Paul, Oli & Cal
30th January - In loving memory of Mum love Chelle, Rob & Charlie xxx

February's Floodlighting so far...

- 1st February - * For family & Friends in Braunston
10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies
16th February - * Keren Andrews Birthday
18th February - * For Bill's Birthday with love
22nd February - * Happy 44th Anniversary to John & Rosemary
23rd February - * Happy Birthday Zoe love Mum & Dad
25th February - * For my wife Pat on her Birthday much love & affection love Maurice
26th February - * Alan Pittam - 70th Birthday love from the family

March's Floodlighting so far...

- 7th March - * Jenny & Franks Wedding Anniversary
21st March - * Family Remembrance
21st March - * In loving memory of our Father - Ann & Roger Pearse
26th March - * Silver Wedding Anniversary - Nigel & Judith Sykes

* = Friends of All Saints – **Thank You**

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th January 2008

200 Club Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Prize</u>
15/11/2007	129	S Stapley	£ 50.00
22/11/2007	32	A Wren	£ 10.00
22/11/2007	4	J Bickerstaffe	£ 5.00
29/11/2007	44	D White	£ 10.00
29/11/2007	40	C Brewster	£ 5.00
06/12/2007	141	A Billingham	£ 10.00
06/12/2007	177	J Buckley	£ 5.00
13/12/2007	138	J Crabtree	£ 50.00
20/12/2007	62	L Hawkins	£ 10.00
20/12/2007	61	D Waltiers	£ 5.00
27/12/2007	100	R Kendall	£ 10.00
27/12/2007	54	J Midson	£ 5.00
03/01/2008	112	C Martin	£ 10.00
03/01/2008	75	S McDonald	£ 5.00

The 2nd Braunston Scout Group



The 2nd Braunston Scout Group is looking for adult helpers to assist with helping the Beavers (6-8) and Cubs (8-10), no experience is necessary just a willingness to join in and help. We are looking for adults who can give any amount of time and help us to provide Scouting in the village.

The Scout Group is currently under resourced and therefore any help would be appreciated. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Steve Rolt on 01788 890241 or Joan Bishop on 07816 325119



(Photo by Peter Andrews)

MUSIC HALL

Braunston Players would like to thank our audiences who packed each night of our latest Music Hall and have helped us raise, over the last four shows, well over £7,000 for Village Hall Funds.

We are grateful for your continuing support.

Walking Bus - Help wanted

Did you walk to school when you went to primary school?

Can you spare some time on term-time mornings to help village children do the same?

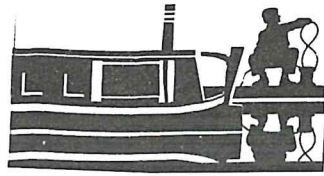
Local villages in our area run successful "Walking Buses" for village children which ease congestion around their schools and give the children a chance to use up some energy on their way in to school in the morning. Adults walk a set route round the village, meeting groups of children who wait with their parents at the "bus stops" and the children join the group walking to school.

The first route has already been approved by the council, so if Braunston is to have a walking bus we will now need volunteers to accompany the children and a coordinator to help keep things organised. "Bus conductors" would need to be fit enough to walk a maximum of a mile on village paths and would need to have their details checked by the Criminal Records Bureau (as do all people who work with children).

If you can spare 45 minutes or so in a term-time morning for a walk round the village - or if you are the sort of person who is good at organising others - please contact Braunston school 01788 890494 to see how you could help.

Something you may not know about
Braunston

LNBP



The London Narrow Boat Project keeps its three boats, Lancelot, Guinevere & Merlin, at the bottom lock.

LNBP was started in the early 1980's by a group of dedicated people in south London to give young people the chance of experiencing a holiday on the canals. It is a registered charity and in 2006 was presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The 2007 season was one of the busiest. Many school, Scout and Guide groups book year after year but recently many other voluntary and public sector youth groups, such as Youth Inclusion Groups, Young Carers and Kids Out have discovered the attraction of a week cruising the canals.

There is a website: www.lnbp.co.uk but if you would like to know more about volunteering to help or how to enquire about making a booking you can phone Owen Davies on 890076.

Send your stories about little known aspects of Braunston to the editor.

The Admiral Nelson

Jetty Field – we are very pleased to announce that we raised £775 for Jetty Field in 2007 – thank you to all those who helped support our fundraising for this great project. Our 2008 charity will be announced shortly.

Folk Nights – winter folk nights are being introduced, starting with 'The Mighty Molly Brown' from 9pm on Friday 1st February (if you get this in time!) – come and join us.

Valentines Day – Thursday 14th February – to help you celebrate, we are offering you a free glass each of lovely sparkling rose to start your meal. Bookings recommended, telephone 01788-890075.

Diane and Endaf

Dark Lane, Braunston, Daventry, Northants NN11 7HJ
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**THE
THANK YOU
BOX**

Birth Announcement

for the safe arrival of our beautiful daughter Lily-Mae Boddington,
born 29th November 2007,



Chris Grossart and family

would like to say "Thank You" for all the kind letters and cards received
following the tragic loss of Mum. The great kindness of friends has made
the past few weeks easier to bear.



Voice for Ben

Marie and Tony Lintern would like to thank everyone who sponsored their
daughter Louise and Friend on their Sponsored Walk and their Gig at
Rugby Town Football Club.
Thye raised £3,600.00 for Ben's Communication Aid.
Ben and his teachers are getting used to it.

Thank you all very much and to Londis and Kim.

**The "Dick Herne"
Braunston History Society**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 19th at 7.30pm in the Parish
Room of the church

Members friends and visitors will be warmly welcome to all meetings

Honor Mackichan 01788 890881

Hope and Homes for Children



Sorry we were too late for the Christmas BVN.

Funds Raised our last Insert Last BVN Insert (November)

Sponsored Walk

Another £290.50 was collected for the Sponsored walk, making in total £563.50 for the walk.

Craft Stall at the Twinning Association Autumn Fayre

£112.00 was made during this event.

Craft Stall at Village Hall Association Fayre

£94.50 was made during this event.

Craft Stall at All Saints Church Fayre

£81.00 was made during this event.

Sales of Crafts from Home

£140.00 was made during the period

Penny Pots

£311.75 was collected in the period.

Other Donations

£34.10 was given in period.

This is an increase of £1,063.85 since November's BVN making the total raised since March 2007 to £3,858.52

Thank you all so much.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 2008

Easter Egg Hamper Raffle

16th. March 2008 Craft Tombola Barby Craft Fayre

(If you have any items to donate, I

Would be grateful - Brenda 899086)

*Brenda Hobbs on behalf of
Hope and Homes for Children*

Youth Club Diary Of Events



8th. February 2008

Bingo
Prizes to be won

22nd. February 2008

Clubs own Disco



Braunston Village Youth are looking for a
Secretary. Can you help? If so ring Pete on
01788 899086

DON'T BE A "DOZEY-DOH"!
"FOLLOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR" TO:-



Braunston's Famous

BARN DANCE

**Saturday, March 29th
at Braunston School at 7.45pm**

**TICKETS £7 (incl. Supper) from
VILLAGE POST OFFICE**

**or telephone
01788 890128**



BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



**Friends of All Saints' Church
Prize Winners**

Cash - Jean and Geoff Waghorn
Wine and Roses - Judith Sykes

Congratulations



Tai Chi

**Mondays 7- 8-30 pm
The Memorial Hall High St. Braunston**

**Tai Chi The Supreme Ultimate Chinese Health System
for the development of physical and mental health.**

**Tai Chi is effective in dealing with stress related conditions,
Improving flexibility and strengthening the immune system.**

+

A wide range of traditional Chinese Arts are also taught including



**Qigong
Chinese Therapeutic Exercise
Chinese Fan and Sword**



**The Tutor John Harford has trained extensively in China
with eminent Chinese Masters and is a 6th Disciple of the Yang School of Tai Chi.
He is also a registered Practitioner of Chinese Medicine**

Beginners Welcome

**Telephone Contact 01327 705 807
E mail john.harford@lineone.net**

FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	1	Scouts
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	CANDLEMASS - 9.15am Joint Holy Communion at Ashby – 11.00 Parish Communion with Kids Club – 6.30 Evensong
Monday	4	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 Deanery Synod
Tuesday	5	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm WI Meeting
Wednesday	6	ASH WEDNESDAY - 10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby – 7.30pm Team Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Holy Cross - Beavers – Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Thursday	7	Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - 7.30pm Lent Group at All Saints - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	8	Scouts – Youth Club Bingo
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	1st SUNDAY OF LENT - 8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00am Family Service at Braunston.
Monday	11	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00/8.00-9.00 Explorer Scouts - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – 2.30pm Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	12	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 8.00pm British Legion meeting at The Sporting Club, Barby
Wednesday	13	4.30pm Prayers at Ashby – 7.00pm Holy Communion – 7.45pm Braunston PCC - Beavers – Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group

COPY DEADLINE - 20th

FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday	14	7.30pm Bell Ringers - 7.30pm Lent Group at All Saints - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	15	Scouts
Saturday	16	BIG EVENT – 3.00pm Marriage Thanksgiving and Reception in All Saints - Braunston Walkers to Watford Gap and Ashby
Sunday	17	2nd of Lent - 8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15 Holy Communion at Ashby – 11.00am Parish Communion and All Saints Kids Club, Braunston
Monday	18	NO Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall
Tuesday	19	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall – 7.30pm History Society meeting
Wednesday	20	10.30am Holy Communion at Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby - Beavers - Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Thursday	21	7.30pm Bell Ringers - 7.30pm Lent Group at All Saints - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	22	Scouts – Youth Club Disco
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	3rd of Lent - 8.00am Holy Communion – 11.00am Joint Family Communion at Braunston
Monday	25	2.00pm Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – 2.30pm Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	26	
Wednesday	27	10.30am Holy Communion at Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby – 7.30pm Lent Group at All Saints - Beavers - Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Thursday	28	7.30pm Bell Ringers - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	29	Scouts -
Saturday	1	
Sunday	2	MOTHERING SUNDAY – BIG EVENT 9.15 Holy Communion at Ashby – 11.00am family Service for Mothering Sunday at All Saints - 6.30pm Evensong

COPY DEADLINE - 20th

Are You doing Enough?

The Recreation Team at Daventry District Council are working to increase the District's residents amount of physical activity they undertake.

As part of the a countywide group we have come up with the
"30 minutes Message"
basically encouraging people to become more active,
doing 5 x 30 minutes of exercise each week.

Are You doing Enough?

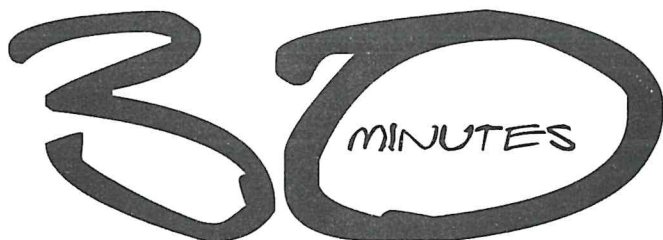
The recommended target for physical activity is at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity on at least 5 days a week. Activities that count towards your target are; walking, swimming, cycling, keep fit, badminton or any team sports.

Taking part in regular physical activity can help you to meet new people, spend time with family and friends, prevent or control illness, helps to maintain healthy bones, joints and muscles, can help you to control your weight, it can improve your mood, increase your confidence and gain more self esteem.

For more information visit www.northamptonshiresport.org

Evonne Carr - Recreation Officer

01327 302548



Braunston Walkers - Paddle Saturday 19/01/2008 - Preston Capes to Newnham and Back (9 Miles)

This would be in my top 5 walks of the area, if such a list was devised. Seven hardy souls (or should that be foolhardy?) met up in the drizzly rain to drive to Preston Capes, the starting point for the walk. The forecast was for **HEAVY** rain and it did not look promising as we drove to the start point. Parking by the old church we set off through a damp drizzle and immediately dropped downhill along the road past the deer park to turn left onto The Knightley Way, named after the Knightley family of Fawsley Manor. The path stretches from Badby to Greens Norton and goes through some of Northamptonshire's best scenery.

The first field was waterlogged and that became a theme of the day as we waded along through huge puddles laying in the furrows between the ancient field ridges. Just by Hogstaff Spinney we were met by a group of pheasant shooters with their dogs who were covered head to toe in mud and having a wonderful time in the muddy fields. We entered the parkland at Fawsley Hall. Pausing at the church we spotted a grave from the 19th century dedicated to a 22 year old footman from Fawsley who had obviously impressed the Master and Mistress and had been given a magnificent gravestone as a token of their regard. Also in amongst yellow flowering aconites were several recent graves of people from Snorsomb which we would pass through later in the walk. We crossed the road and walked steeply

uphill pausing to admire the views back over to Preston Capes. Well to be honest trying to catch our breath from the exertions of the uphill walk. We entered Badby Woods to follow the path down to Badby village Slipping and sliding in the mud we eventually reached Badby church and turned right passing the old Youth hostel and following a swollen brook before turning right along the Nene Way which unsurprisingly follows the River Nene from Badby for 110 miles to Sutton Bridge in Lincolnshire. We continued alongside the meandering and fast flowing river till we reached Newnham and the welcome sight of The Romer Arms.

The beer was excellent as were the delicious sandwiches served with big fat crispy chips enough to feed a small family. A warm welcome as well. Fantastic and of course highly recommended.

After lunch we continued out of the village on the Nene Way past a nuttery with yellow aconites and snowdrops flowering under the hazel trees. We eventually reached the back of the magnificent Everdon Hall and the small hamlet of Little Everdon which would not look out of place in a BBC costume drama. The drizzle had started again but still no sign of the predicted heavy stuff! Leaving the Nene Way we walked through Everdon itself and past the huge old church and onto the path that leads

through an allotment and on to Snorscombe Mill and then the old farm. We rejoined the Knightley Way and walked up a muddy hill to the site of a Motte and Bailey standing just behind another magnificent old house which is owned by Baron St John of Fawsley the politician who had been leader of the House of Commons from 1979 to 1981 and may be remembered as a pundit appearing on the satirical TV show of the 60s! That was "The Week that Was" My Dad told me about it as I am far too young to remember it. We arrived back at the church at Preston Capes to drive home for a welcome cuppa. A really wonderful walk.

Come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, on the third Saturday each month. We are an informal group of friends who enjoy monthly rambles. 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 local scenery. Remember you don't have to do the full walk some of our members arrange pick ups from the pub stop halfway, normally 5 or 6 miles. Please call either Phillip on 01788891437 or Ray on 01788891384. We normally meet at 10 o'clock at the village hall.

The plan for our next walks in 2008 is:
 16th February- Watford Gap and Ashby st Ledgers (c.11 miles)
 15th March- Burton Dassett (c.12 miles)
 19th April- Kilsby (c.11 miles)
 17th May- Welford (c. 11 miles)
 21st June- Windrush Valley (c.12 miles)

Clubs and Society Events

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

G Donald 891264



Braunston Rainfall

20/11-20/12 = 51mm
 20/12-20/01 = 113mm

Information supplied
 by D Humphries



Churchyard Headstones.

Following our appeal earlier this year for relatives and descendants of those in the cemetery whose grave headstones required repair, the church has now put in place a programme of repair at a total cost of £373.65.

We would be grateful if anyone who has not contacted the church or anyone who would like to make a contribution to the cost of these repairs will contact either of the Churchwardens. Donations will be gratefully received.

Support for our Armed Forces

At the time of writing an amazing total of 105 parcels have been sent out to the Armoured Support Company of the Royal Marines serving in Afghanistan. Thank you all for your continued support and generosity and my thanks to Carolyn and Cay at the Post Office who oversee the packing, weighing and dispatching of these parcels.

Just before Christmas Major Jez Stemp (the new O.C.) wrote to everyone at the Village shop. The staff would like you to share the letter with them.

"

*A.S.C
Camp Bastion.*

To all the staff at the Braunston Post Office and shop.

Thank you so much for the kind gifts which we received in Afghanistan today. I know they were for Christmas, but I have opened the parcels and the lads have taken the "Goodies" into the field with them. I hope that you don't mind - but it is once the lads leave camp that such gifts are really appreciated. All the lads send their thanks to you.

It is still quite warm in Helmand - approximately 25deg C during the middle of the day, but much cooler at night. It will be difficult to imagine Christmas as we are so busy, and this is not helped by the warm weather. Christmas always conjures up images of snow clad landscapes. Maybe we will get some snow! We shall have to wait and see!

All the members of A.S.C are working very hard - supporting every type of task. It is great to know that people back in the U.K. are thinking about the lads and the job that they are doing. We hope we can do a good job and get everyone home in one piece. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

On a personal note, it would be lovely to know who you kind people are. Daventry takes me back to when I was a little boy and my Grandad worked at the airport. Daventry seemed such a familiar place.

*Thank you once again I hope that this letter finds you all well and ready for Christmas. Take care, Jez.
(Jez Stemp Maj RM OC ASC)"*

In their own parcel the staff sent out Christmas goodies as well as a calendar of Braunston, a jig saw and postcards of the area but they are curious to know which airport Major Stemp refers to!

Thank you ALL once again for your continued generosity and kindness

Valerie Worrall

RISK ASSESSING YOUR HOME

1. Your Front Garden. Are you providing opportunities for a burglar to operate in?

You should be answering NO to questions in this column	YES	NO	You should be answering YES to questions in this column	YES	NO
Do you leave items in your front garden that could be used to force open a door or smash a window?			Do you have a front gate to reinforce the psychology of crossing a boundary?		
Do you leave things of value in your front garden that could be stolen?			Can callers to your home be seen from the street or by your neighbours?		
Does your fence or hedge obscure the front of your house?			Do you have a light in the front garden outside the entrance door?		
Do you have trellis fixed to the wall of your house or cast iron soil pipes near to windows or is your wheelie bin available to be climbed on to access first floor windows?			Do you have a garage? Do you lock your car in the garage? Does your entrance light illuminate the face of a caller at the door?		
Does the light in your garden cast shadows that can provide cover for a burglar to work in?			Does the entrance light come on automatically even when you are away?		

2. Your Side and Back Garden.

You should be answering NO to questions in this column	YES	NO	You should be answering YES to questions in this column	YES	NO
Can you easily walk down the side of your house?			If you can walk down the side of your house can you be seen from the street?		
Do you leave garden tools or power tools in an insecure shed, or outside?			If you have one, is the access gate difficult to climb and securely locked?		
Are your perimeter fences easy to climb?			Do you have lights that are triggered by movement in the garden?		
Do you have items of value in the garden?			Does someone water the plants and cut the grass when you are away?		
Is it easy for a burglar to get into your garden from a neighbours property?			Can you see most of your garden from an upstairs window?		
Are there insecure ladders in your garden?			Is your shed fitted with a good lock?		

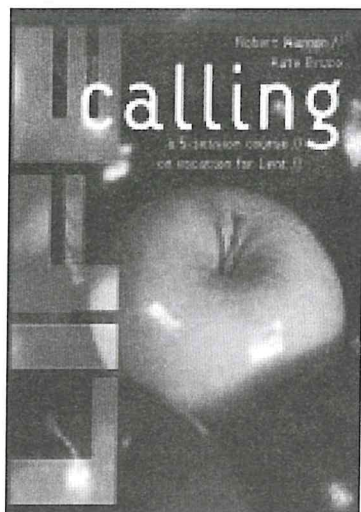
Assessing the risk, making the difference.

Opportunist thieves commit a majority of all domestic burglaries and thefts from dwellings. Thieves however do weigh up the likelihood of being caught or seen against the possible rewards of committing the crime. If you take 10 minutes to walk around your property, you will have a good idea of how your home looks to the burglar. You are then in a position to do something about it! Many of the measures required will not cost you anything. Such actions as not leaving bikes or garden tools lying around in easy access of an intruder, locking your front door when you are working in the garden and locking your ground floor windows can make a real difference to your chances of being a victim.

3. Your Home and Garage.

You should be answering NO to questions in this column	YES	NO	You should be answering YES to questions in this column	YES	NO
Do you have items of value on show in the windows?			Do you have a burglar alarm? An alarm is the single best deterrent to burglary.		
Are your first floor windows accessible by climbing on something?			Can an alarm box be clearly seen from the street and your back garden?		
Do you leave windows open for ventilation at night?			Are your doors in good condition and do they have locks of the right type and in the right position to resist a burglar? If you are unsure then get some advice from a locksmith.		
Is your delivered Milk/Bread left where it can be seen?			Are your windows in good condition and fitted with sufficient locks of the right type and in the right position to resist a burglar?		
Is it possible for someone to see if your mail/newspaper has been delivered?			Have you marked your property with your postcode and house number?		
Do you leave cash/credit cards or your handbag on display or easily by a burglar?			Do you have a window sticker to indicate that your property is marked?		
Do you leave your car keys on display or easy for a burglar to find?			Do you programme some house lights to come on while you are out or on holiday?		
Do you rely on the factory fitted garage door lock?			Do you have a safe and do you use it?		
Can your parked vehicle be used to aid climbing over a fence/wall or gate?					

Our Lent Course for 2008



Some people think that Vocation is just for certain people...but God calls each of us. Each of us is created differently with an individual call that no other human being can answer for us. Our vocation is the fulfilment of what we have been created for.

A course to stimulate, and encourage- using multi-media resources including clips from 'Billy Eliot' and 'Chariots of fire'.

Lent Course: Life Calling

7-30pm

Parish room in All Saints' Church

Thursdays 7th February - *Called by God*
Thursday 14th February - *Called from within*
Thursday 21st February - *Called out*
Wednesday 27th February - *Called up*
& Wednesday 5th March - *Called on*



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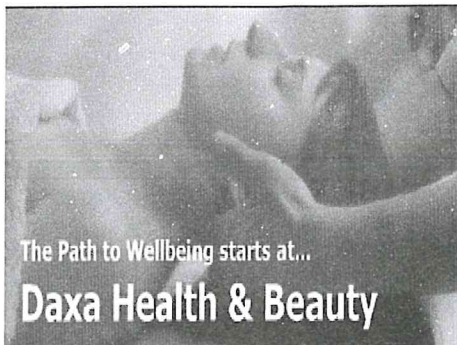
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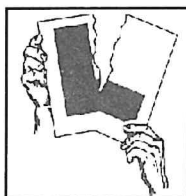
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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



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Tuesday 5th Feb

Barbara Johnson will
be talking about "Hearing Dogs
for the Deaf"

Challenge - To produce "a dog"
in any medium (no live dogs
allowed!)

New members always welcome

Gill Powell 890763

Friendly Club

Monday Feb 11th -

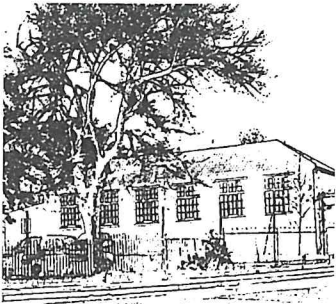
Gill will bring a picture quiz to
test your memory

Monday Feb 25th -

Making Cards with Joan Wood

All meetings in the Village Hall
at 2.30pm

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT

Annual Dinner. The Branch held its annual dinner at the Sporting Club, Barby, on 15 January. Forty three people attended and the guests of honour were the Northamptonshire County secretary, Bill Rose, and his wife. The Sporting Club provided an excellent meal and the event was enjoyed by all. We have to thank Mark Smith and friends for organising a raffle and providing the prizes. The raffle raised a magnificent £128 for Legion funds.

Poppy Appeal. Late donations increased the amount collected to a new record level. In Braunston village the final total was £2250 (last year £1733) and in Braunston and district £5807 (£4708). Again thank you to all who contributed and to the collectors.

Band Concert. The annual concert held in Daventry on 7th December and run jointly by the Legion and Daventry Brass was very successful and the varied programme was greatly enjoyed by a nearly full house. The proceeds of £645 were shared between the Legion and Daventry Brass.

Christmas Raffles. The pubs where the branch holds its monthly meetings each held a raffle in aid of the Legion. The Old Plough Braunston raised £111 and the total in the district was nearly £300. Once again we have to thank the generosity of the local people.

February Meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby, at 8.00 pm, on 12 February, 2008.

Anyone requiring a programme of the meetings for 2008 should contact the undersigned.

You will see from the above that Legion funds have benefited significantly from various events. However, there are ever increasing demands on Legion resources. The present generation of servicemen and ex-servicemen and their dependents are now seeking help from the Legion and upto a third of those now helped come from this younger age group. We rely on the strong financial support generously given by the public and are always pleased to receive donations.

We are pleased, also, to welcome new members, not necessarily to be active within the branch but to show support. There are many ex-servicemen in Braunston eligible to join and membership forms are obtainable from the undersigned.

Tony Saunderson
6 Greenway
Braunston Tel: 01788 890797

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)	Joan Bishop		5¼ -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 - 1 st 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	John Viggars	024 7667 9967	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 nd and 4 th 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 Guides	Chris Grossart,	890491	
The Dick Herne Braunston History Society	Annie Rogers	891179	
Braunston Primary School Junior Football	Mrs Barbara Parfitt, Headteacher.	890494	
Playing Fields Association	Simon Skelcey, Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson	891220 890583 890348	

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Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Pre-School	Tracy Martins	891824	Mon – Friday am during term time in the Village Hall
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 nd Tuesday of month at 8.00pm
2 nd Braunston Scouts	Group Scout Leader – Steve Rolt	890241	
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	5¼ -8yr old Boys and Girls Wednesday
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	Linda Lewcock	01327 878341	8-10½ year old boys and girls - Thursday
Scouts (For Boys and Girls)	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	10½ -14 yr old Boys and Girls - Wednesday
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
(Adult) Tap Dance Classes	Julia Beattie	890488	Wed 8.20-9.35 in the Village Hall
Toddler Group	Andy Canning Tracy Martins	891456 891824	Every Tuesday 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Twinning Association	Tony Ward		Organises social events and visits to and from Quincy-Voisins
Village Hall Committee	Gill Brewster Kate Mawer villagehall@braunston.net	0772 412 3363	Village Hall bookings
Women's Institute	Pat Steeton Gill Powell	890753 890763	1 st Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA (Workers Educational Assn)	Jackie Green	890145	Thursday evenings at School during Autumn and Spring Terms
Yoga Group	Sheila Beckett	891831	Yoga in the Village Hall
Youth Club (9-15yrs)	Peter Hobbs	899086	Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

All Saints' Church Easter Services 2008

Mothing Sunday 2nd March

11am Family Service

Saturday 8th March

12.30 – 2pm Lent Lunch in the Village Hall

Palm Sunday 16th March

Start with procession at 10.30am

(Meet outside the Wheatsheaf pub)

Arrive at the Church 11.00am for a short Service

Maundy Thursday 20th March

7pm Jesus' last supper (come for a meal)

Good Friday 21st March

10 – 12 Children's Workshop

2pm - 3pm Meditation

Easter Vigil Saturday 22nd March

8pm Evening Service

Easter Day - Sunday 23rd March

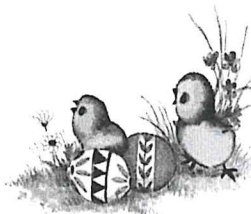
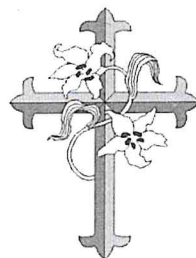
8am Holy Communion

11am Family Communion

Lent Course: Life Calling 7-30pm in Church

Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st February

Wednesday 27th and 5th March



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