

Braunston Village News

Issue No: 427

April 2008

Published jointly by All Saints' Church and the Braunston Parish Council

BRAUNSTON PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATE EASTER AND THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PLAYGROUND AT THE VILLAGE HALL



Some of the Children at the Official Opening of the Playground

The Village Hall was packed one Tuesday morning, when pre-school children, parents, staff, village hall committee members, Braunston School and many other invited guests celebrated Easter and the official opening of the play area. The children had made Easter Bonnets for the competition, which were to a very high standard - they would not have been out of place at Ascot. The children paraded their hats for the audience and sang songs. There was also an Easter Egg drawing competition, where the standards were again very high.

See the full report on page 5



All Saints'
Church
Braunston



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

Parish Priest: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore - Tel: 01788 890235 (Rest day Fridays)

Churchwardens:

Sheila Rowley: 890559

Peter Dickinson: 891955

Secretary: Anne Parker-Tyler: 899251

Treasurer: John Lewis - 891149

Organist and Choirmaster:

John Viggers -024 7667 9967

Churchwardens:

Bruce Turton: 01788 335579

John Gray: 01788 890796

PCC Lay Chair:

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS APRIL 2008

Wednesday 2nd April

10.30am Holy Communion-
Braunston

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

Sunday 6th April

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Parish Communion with All
Saints' Kids Club (ASKC)

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 7th April

2pm NO Little Fishers (School
Holiday)

7.30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 8th April

7pm Ashby APCM- beginning in the
Church

Wednesday 9th April

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

7pm Holy Communion- Braunston

7.45pm Braunston PCC

Sunday 13th April

8am Holy Communion

11am FAMILY SERVICE- Braunston

Monday 14th April

9.30am Deanery Chapter- Braunston

Wednesday 16th April

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

Thursday 17th April

7.30pm Ultreya- Braunston Church

Sunday 20th April

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11 am Parish Communion with
ASKC- Braunston

Monday 21st April

2pm Little Fishers- Braunston Church

Wednesday 23rd April

10.30am Holy Communion- Braunston

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

Sunday 27th April

8am Holy Communion

11am Joint Family Communion- Braunston

9.30am at Holy Cross Church

Start of the SPONSORED WALK around the Daventry Team

5.30pm Team Songs of Praise- Hellidon

Monday 28th April

2pm Little Fishers- Braunston Church

7.30pm Wedding Preparation evening- Braunston Church

7pm Friends of Ashby Church Meeting

Wednesday 30th April

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

Thursday 1st May

Ascension Day

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

For this month's BVN I'm including the sermon preached by our Reader Marian Thomas at both Ashby and Braunston on Easter Sunday.

I hope in this Easter Season the hope and joy of Easter day will remain with you,

God bless, Revd Claire

A NEW BEGINNING ALLELUIA

Now is Alleluia Season — you may have noticed !!!

Trying to say something original in an Easter message can be rather tricky, so many people before me will have done it clearer and better than I can but I watched "The Passion" on television and this helped me think with a clearer perspective.

Everything is different these days we could say, or is it?

The ancient city of Jerusalem today is divided between different faiths, Jews, Moslems, Christians, and the Christians are sub- divided again into Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, the list seems endless, all are fighting for their own corner, laying claim to a part of that Holy City, and of each Holy Site. It can be so depressing if we let it, but why should we let it get to us?

Today, Easter Sunday, is a day when Christians remember the incredible joy that came to the disciples when they heard that Jesus was alive again, A joy that is also ours, hence the alleluias !!!!!

Out of that smelly, dusty, Romanised, Hebrew city, came the knowledge that the love God has for us all could be found through the resurrection of His son Jesus.

In some ways Jerusalem has not changed, and it is the same now as when Jesus was alive some 2000 years ago. It is still a city of narrow streets and alleyways, ramshackle buildings, and multiple places of worship. The ancient temple is not there – only the one wall remains - where the Jews lament it's loss, observed by the Moslems whose Mosque with it's golden dome now dominates the site from above in the same way that the Romans over looked the temple from their fort when Jesus was alive, and now the Jews' lamentations are observed by bus loads of tourists and pilgrims who wander through the crowds armed with cameras and guides to Jerusalem.

It is easy to feel the tensions, just as it was in Jesus time, and like His companions (His disciples) we tread warily on ground we do not know.

Through the season of Lent we try in our minds to follow the paths that Jesus took, knowing that the end of the path for Jesus was crucifixion, or so it can seem. But now we know better.

This was not the end, it was just a beginning — a New beginning — a most amazing and wonderful beginning.

Because JESUS DIED FOR US, He died as the ultimate sacrifice to a loving creator God. Not in the temple where animals and birds were slaughtered daily as offerings to a God the Jews felt needed appeasing, but on one of the many crosses set up outside the city by the Romans to keep the quarrelling Jews under control.

To recognise Jesus as God's Son is the beginning of our faith, to acknowledge Jesus death and resurrection is to confirm all the

joy and ecstasy that we experience when we realise that death is not the end.

IT IS A NEW BEGINNING.

The idea of sacrifice to a God, (or to many gods,) died on that cross with Jesus. The God we believe in is a God of life and love, not of punishment. All that God asks of us is that we should live for Him and love Him back, and be truly sorry for all the times we fail Him. After all if we love someone, we try to do everything we can for them just as we would like them to do things for us, we try to replicate Gods love for us and for others in our daily lives.

Today is another beginning. The time when we can join in the celebration, and even join in an egg hunt despite the weather. It is the Alleluia season, or to put it into more modern language, it's 'Yubby dubby doo time', or as teenagers and my daughter would say, 'It's Cool'!

We should be jumping and waving our arms just as they do at pop concerts — I'm getting a bit old and lumpy for that — but in my mind I am all for it. Rejoice, Be Happy, Pop a balloon, Let off a fire cracker, Eat an Easter Egg and shout ALLELUIA and spread the good news to everyone we meet.

JESUS IS ALIVE, JESUS IS LORD

Praise God and thank Him and have a lovely Easter. Marian

BRAUNSTON PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATE EASTER AND THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PLAYGROUND AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Play Area was a long awaited improvement to the Village Hall - something the Pre-School had wanted for a long time. However, eventually we had secured sufficient funds to turn a sad and neglected area of the car park into a safe and secure area for the children to play, exercise, ride their bikes, and have fun. And a new entrance into the car park was also created. This £35k project was funded with the help of Braunston Parish Council, Daventry District Council, and Braunston Pre-School, plus donations from grant making trusts and a £2500 donation from the [e.on/Central Networks Safer Environment Fund](#).

An outside play area was often cited as desirable in the Pre-School's otherwise excellent OFSTED report. The Pre-school made a sizable donation to the project, and the children have themselves helped with raising money, with events such as a sponsored BOUNCE.

Braunston Pre-School is the most frequent user of the hall, and runs 5 morning sessions per week, and takes children aged 3 -5 from both Braunston and Daventry district, and has been a user of the Hall since it first was converted from the old school in 1975. It is a registered charity that is managed by parents of the children who attend.

Further good news is that our County Councillor, Robin Brown has recently approved a grant from his NCC budget to further help in improving the appearance of the Village Hall. Together with match funding from Braunston Parish Council, a further stretch of fencing and walling can be replaced over the next few months.

Unfortunately, we now have to find the money to replace 2 further panels of the fencing, following a collision between a car and the fence on the Ashby Road last month - if anyone has any information as to who the driver was (who we understand was attending a funeral at the Church), call Lynne on 890865, as they drove away without stopping, and we are now left with a sizeable repair bill.

THE FRENCH ARE COMING !



Our Twinning friends from Quincy-Voisins are visiting us this year over the Bank Holiday weekend 1st—4th May.

Everyone is very welcome to join in the festivities, whether you would like to 'host' or not:-

Friday: a visit to the Wedgewood Centre in The Potteries.

Saturday: a Social Evening at the very comfortable Daventry Golf Club with dancing to a live band and a **PIG ROAST!**

*For details ring
Bev on 01788 891988
or Tony on 01788 899105*



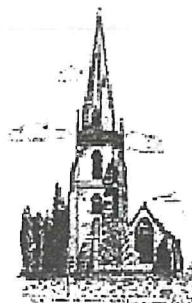
BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



Church Floodlighting for February and March 2008

March's floodlighting so far...

- 5th March - In loving memory of my mum on her birthday - God Bless, Frances
- 7th March - * Jenny & Franks Wedding Anniversary
- 5th March - "Birthday Memories of Dad"
- 7th March - For Marilyn Birthday wishes on your special day love always Beryl x
- 1st March - * Family Remembrances - June Hayes
- 4th March - * In loving memory of our Father - Ann & Roger Pearse
- 5th March - Birthday memories of Joan
- 6th March - * Silver Wedding Anniversary - Nigel & Judith Sykes
- 9th March - In Celebration of Hannah and Simon's wedding at St Nicholas's Church, Codsall Lots of love from Mum, Dad and all the family



April's Floodlighting so far...

- 2nd April - In Memory of Len Archer from Evelyn, Paul, Stephen & Alan & Family
- 2nd April - John & Hilda on their 59th Wedding Anniversary at All Saints'
- 3rd April - * In Memory of Anna
- 3rd April - * For Wendy Wilson's Birthday
- 7th April - * For Janet & Alan Atacks 37th Wedding Anniversary
- 7th April - Happy Birthday Charlie x
- 13th April - * In memory of Eleanor Old
- 13th April - * Happy Anniversary

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

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

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 a minimum donation of £5.

200 Club Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>
7/2/08	180	£50.00	S Taylor
14/2/08	80	£10.00	A Thomson
14/2/08	123	£5.00	I Milburn
21/2/08	137	£10.00	J Whyte
21/2/08	21	£5.00	H Sparrow
28/2/08	172	£10.00	A Pears
28/2/08	141	£5.00	A Billingham

Jetty Field

We hope that you were able to find time to visit the park over the Easter holidays. It must be looking at its best at this time of the year. The grassland sweeps down in a fresh green wash but the garden area has much to offer. The new paths lead you in and the log pile is beginning to mount up: this will provide a safe place for insects and small mammals. The bulbs planted last year are on show and there is new planting for this year. Tree buds are bursting overhead. It is all there for everyone's enjoyment and recreation.

Thank you for your patience last workday. As forewarned there was a massive amount of rubbish to clear and burn - the smoke drifted back over the high street. We have to get rid of the surplus material but we understand the inconvenience and appreciate the tolerance of the village. We also managed to lay some more stone on the path into the field and to dig another border at the entrance to the garden area. There is a charming blaze of colour as you go in. Next workday should be a little more civilised on 12th April with some possible planting and seed sowing.

Pat Herlihy.

DAVENTRY TEAM SPONSORED WALK

ROGATION SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH



All ages welcome for a fun day out whilst raising essential funds for your Team ministry. Walk from any church and celebrate with us at the Hellidon Service at 5.30pm.

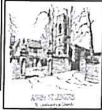
START 9.30 AM
DAVENTRY



2.5m



APPROX. 11.15 AM
ASHBY,
BACON BAPS!!
15 MINUTE



1.5m



APPROX. 10.30AM
WELTON



2.5m



APPROX 12.30 PM,
BRAUNSTON.
30 MINUTE BREAK FOR

3.5m



APPROX. 3.00PM
STAVERTON



2m



APPROX 4.00PM
CATESBY

1m



FINISH APPROX. 4.30PM
HELLIDON
BUFFET TEA FOLLOWED BY
SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE AT
5.30PM

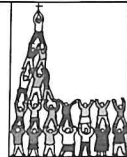


AND



YOUR TEAM NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!!



Registers for March 2008

Funerals:

26th February- Thomas Griffin
26th March- Rodney Ladbrooke
27th March- Violet Furber
28th March- Frank Cox

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

Baptism:

Sunday 9th March - William
and Olivia Gregory

Welcome to the Church family

SITUATIONS VACANT

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

Worthy village organization is looking for an experienced person to manage all income and receipts, cash management, banking, budgeting, sales and purchase ledger and drawing up a monthly report to the management team. Experience with excel spread sheets and making accounts up to trial balance is desirable. No VAT.

Hours of works to suit, and in the region of 3 or 4 per month, plus a monthly meeting to give a report to the committee. Working from home.

Salary - unfortunately, your reward would only come in heaven, as it is an unpaid honorary position with the Village Hall.

Any applicant interested in this position should call Lynne on 890865, who would love to discuss it with you.

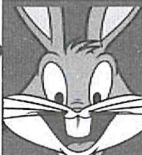
Braunston Youth Club

Do you feel fancy?

To all Parents/ Carers of 9-15 year olds.

We are holding a Fancy dress night on the 4th April at Braunston Village Hall. We will be judging on which child can dress to impress and we will give prizes to three people we find are really fancy.

Non-members are £1.50 and Members are £1.00. Youth Club starts at 7pm and goes on till 9pm. Dress up as anything you like from your favourite celebrity to your favourite cartoon character. Remember that we want to be impressed by YOU!!! So, find an amazing costume.



The "Dick Herne" Braunston History Society

The next meeting will be our AGM on Tue=sday April 15th at 7.30 in the Parish Room of the Church.

Subscriptions are now due
£10.00 for one - £15.00 for two Persons.

Members friends and visitors will be warmly welcome to all meetings

Honor Mackichan 01788 890881

Hope and Homes for Children



THANK YOU

A big thank you to those who have brought Raffle Tickets for the Easter Raffle, and those who donated items for the Barby Craft Tombola

FUNDS RAISED SINCE THE LAST BVN

Penny Pots - £71.42

Other Donations - £ 10.00

Craft Tombola at Barby - £71.00

Easter Raffle - No yet drawn; not yet known

This makes £152.42 for our new Financial Year starting 1st.
March

Total raised last Financial Year remained at £3,977.96

Thank you all so much.

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

Youth Club

Diary Of Events

The Youth Club meets next on

Friday 4th. April - 7pm until 9pm at the Village Hall.

9 to 16 years old welcome.

Entrance fee £1.00 for member

£1.50 for non-Member

We meet every fortnight.

So there will be meetings on

Friday 18th. April and

Friday 2nd. May

Frank Cox

It is with great sadness that on Friday 28th March we said our farewells to Frank Cox.

Frank was a dear member of All Saints Church for as long as Janet and he lived in the village and a very dear friend of Braunston Village.

Frank will be remembered for his smile, his friendliness and his tales of the war and School days. Many of us will remember Frank on his small wheeled bicycle- greeting us as he cycled by- a pastime he kept up until very recently.

As a School Head he urged his pupils to live a 'rich and varied life'- and that he surely did- with his talents in music, his wide general knowledge, his amazing ability in teaching and his love for nature and animals.

God bless you Frank, from all your friends,

Revd Claire

APRIL DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday		BVGA Store opens until 1st June
Monday		
Tuesday	1	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm WI Meeting
Wednesday	2	10.30am Holy Communion, 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	3	Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	4	Scouts - Youth Club Fancy Dress Night
Saturday	5	
Sunday	6	9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Parish Communion with All Saints Kids Club – 6.30 Evensong
Monday	7	NO Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	8	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.00pm Ashby APCM beginning in the Church - 7.30pm WI Meeting -8 -00pm British Legion at the Old Plough, Braunston
Wednesday	9	4.30pm Prayers at Ashby –7.00pm Holy Communion, Braunston - 7.45pm PCC Braunston - 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	10	Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - 7.30pm Lent Group at All Saints - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	11	Scouts – Youth Club
Saturday	12	Jetty Field Work day
Sunday	13	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 11.00am Family Service, Braunston
Monday	14	9.30am Deanery Chapter, Braunston - 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 Lunch at the Village Hall

COPY DEADLINE - 20th

APRIL DIARY OF EVENTS

Tuesday	15	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm History Society in the Parish Room
Wednesday	16	10.30am Holy Communion - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby – Beavers – Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm ,
Thursday	17	Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - 7.30pm Ultreya at All Saints - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	18	Scouts - Youth Club
Saturday	19	Braunston Walkers to Burton Dassett - 7.30pm Rotary Club Spring Concert at All Saints
Sunday	20	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15 Holy Communion at Ashby – 11.00am Parish Communion with All Saints Kids Club - Braunston
Monday	21	2.00pm Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall
Tuesday	22	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	23	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	24	Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	25	
Saturday	26	
Sunday	27	ROGATION SUNDAY TEAM SPONSORED WALK (9.30am at Holy Cross) and Songs of Praise service at Hellidon at 5.30 -- - 8.00am Holy Communion - 11.00am Joint Family Communion at Braunston
Monday	28	2.00pm Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall - 7.30 Wedding preparation evening, Braunston - 7.00pm Friends of Ashby Church
Tuesday	29	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	30	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	1	ASCENSION DAY

COPY DEADLINE - 20th

Women will love this..

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about.....

For all these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box.

When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling £95,000. He asked her about the contents. "When we were to be married," she said, "my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll."

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

"Honey," he said, "that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?" Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling the dolls."

A Prayer.....

Dear Lord, I pray for Wisdom to understand my man; Love to forgive him; And patience for his moods; Because Lord, if I pray for Strength, I'll beat him to death.....And I don't know how to crochet. Amen.

Just to even things up...The Women Driver of the Year Awards



Avoid Distraction Burglaries - Advice from the Police

With the start of the New Year it's a chance for people to get into good habits to try and avoid becoming the victim of distraction burglaries.

The number of distraction burglaries in the county as a whole has fallen in the last year but police want to see the number lowered even further.

A police spokesperson said: "We would encourage people in the community to pass on the message that distraction burglars can be beaten. Rogue workmen and distraction burglars rely on engaging someone in conversation as the first step towards getting into their home. If people can remember not to open the door if they are not expecting someone to call, we can help cut the number of people who become victims of this callous crime even further."

There is some clear guidance for people with regard to avoiding becoming the victim of distraction burglars.

- If you are not sure, don't open the door.
- Keep your front door, back door and windows locked at all times – even if you are expecting someone.
- Fit a spyhole so that you can see who is there. Choose one with built-in intercom or speak to callers through a window to find out what they want.
- Don't be tricked. Only open the door if you know the caller – or if they have made a written appointment to see you. Genuine callers won't mind.
- ID cards are easy to reproduce so don't trust them. Never use phone numbers printed on ID cards to verify the callers ID.
- Set up a password with utility companies. If the caller doesn't know your password then they aren't genuine.
- Don't use tradesmen who call offering to do work. Good quality workmen will be too busy to look for business this way.
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home – use a bank account instead.
- Avoid buying or selling any goods or services at the door.
- Ring the Police if you have received a visit from anyone you are suspicious of – you may prevent your neighbour from becoming a victim.

Genuine businesses won't mind being spoken to & checked out, as these criminals are taking business away from them. Please do not place yourself at risk at any time. You can pass on any details or concerns in a number of ways.

Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 15 March 2008
Burton Dassett (9 miles)

Fifteen of us met up for the short drive to The Burton Dassett Country Park to start the walk. This is an amazing landscape of dramatic hills and old disused quarries more like the Peak District than Oxfordshire. Our walk took us down the steep Bonfire Hill and into the village of Northend. We turned right and soon left the village on a footpath towards Fenny Compton. The path took us over several muddy fields below the hills of the country park until we arrived in the old village. Crossing the road we turned up a small lane to the beautiful old stone church presumably built with stone quarried near Bonfire Hill.

The path leads back into fields alongside the church and then rises steeply up Mill Hill. We arrived at the top puffing like the steam engine some one in the group claims to have seen. There is an old house on top of this hill at 157 metres and it has a lovely old stone mill, hence the name. We paused and enjoyed Jane's flapjacks and sweets supplied by Terry and Marion, as we gazed over the surrounding scenery looking back to the hills which rise to Magpie Hill at almost 200 metres. After a suitable rest we ploughed on over more fields and past an old pond dropping down to a bridle way where we turned right and eventually left onto a small road known as The Slade. We followed this for

about half a mile and then took a footpath on the right which takes you over the 178 metre hill known as Windmill Hill. Dropping down to the village of Farnborough we were greeted by a particularly noisy donkey annoyed that we hadn't brought carrots. The path, lined with wild garlic, enters the village between houses and comes out immediately opposite The Inn at Farnborough which was our welcome lunch stop. The food and beer was excellent and we sat by the open fire enjoying the break. Another highly recommended!!

After lunch we walked through the old village and dropped down to Farnborough Hall. This is a magnificent old stately home now administered by the National Trust. A fantastic house with wonderful gardens. We skirted around the old lake and rejoined the road before turning right on a footpath which leads sharply up hill towards Avon Dassett. We walked along a yellow gorse covered ridge with the M40 running along in the valley until we reached the village which has a protestant church, currently wrapped with polythene and scaffolding and a catholic church. We turned right on a footpath next to the pub and walked up yet another hill past lots of sheep with strange markings. Looking like a cross between a badger and a sheep.

Lots of newly born lambs in this field and a sure sign of spring as it started to rain. We were returning past Bitham Hill to enter Burton Dassett with its magnificent but huge church and then on up to the country park and our cars. Unfortunately with the rain the views all round were restricted. You can see the Lickey Hills and The Malverns as well as across to Napton and Charwelton from the Beacon on top as a rule but sadly not today. This is a fantastic walk through magnificent scenery and not that far from home. 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:
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

20th Feb to 20th Mar
= 66mm

Information supplied
by D Humphries

Support for our Armed Forces

Firstly I must thank Angela Foster for the supporting article she wrote in last month's BVN and for allowing the Village shop and Post Office to be used as collecting and dispatching points for our "goodie" parcels sent out to the Armoured Support Company of the Royal Marines serving in Afghanistan. Without the kindness and co-operation of the entire staff and, in particular Carolyn and Cay, our parcels would not reach the service personnel based in Helmand Province. Thank you all!

We are on our way to achieving the "200" target as, at the time of writing 126 parcels have now been sent.

I haven't received any letters from Major Stemp since his return to Afghanistan. However, I understand that everyone out there has been extremely busy and involved in highly dangerous missions. (Various News bulletins have highlighted this over the past month) Therefore, we wish everyone a safe and successful deployment and that they all return unscathed to their families and loved ones.

My sincere thanks to you all for your continuing and unstinting support and generosity

Val Worrall.

Calling all Gardeners

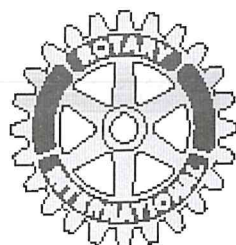
The BVGA Store will open its doors again on Sunday March 30th from 11-12 noon and subsequent Sundays until June 1st.

If there is anything that you particularly need for your garden we may be able to get it for you.

Phone Chris on 890491 to find out.

Hope to see you again this year, very few price changes since last year.

Chris Grossart



The Rotary Club of Daventry presents

A Spring Concert

Classical concert of popular pieces
including Rachmaninov and Chopin

in aid of

**MOTOR
NEURONE
DISEASE**
ASSOCIATION

Saturday 19th April 2008 at 7.30pm
at All Saints Church, Braunston

£10 Adults / £8 Seniors / £1 Students & Children

For tickets call: 01604 452525

supported by:

Waitrose

Orchard
print services

TP Travis Parkins

Are you aged from 18 to 30?

Would you like to meet fun, friendly outgoing young adults? Make more friends than ever before? Enjoy excellent social events, sports , entertainment, eating out and travel **AND do some good in your local community in the process?**

Then why not come along to



Rotaract Club

**Initial interest meeting on Wednesday 16th of April 2008
at 7.30 for 8.00pm.**

**Venue: Jesson's Well Daventry with
light refreshments served!**

For details contact Jo at jcaddoo@rollasons.com
or visit www.daventry.rotaryweb.org following the links to Rotaract.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION **BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT**

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at Old Plough, Braunston on 8th April 2008 at 8.00 pm.

Prospective new members welcome.

Tony Saunderson
6 Greenway
Braunston
Tel: 01788 890797



*Mike Fiddes
Your Local
Handyman*

**For all Your Home & Garden
Needs**

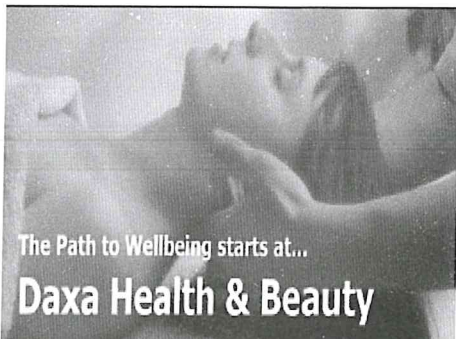
Fencing, Patios, Paths & Walls
Pergolas/Arbours ~ made to measure

Home Maintenance, Guttering,
Re-Pointing Shelving Flat-Pack
Assembly & all those little odd jobs!

For a no obligation quote ring

01788 891847 or

078808 78835 (mobile)



The Path to Wellbeing starts at...

Daxa Health & Beauty

Open most nights until 9pm, Daxa Health and Beauty
will leave you refreshed and revitalised.

Call **07773 795267**

email. daxahealthandbeauty@f2s.com

or visit website.

www.daxahealthandbeauty.co.uk

daxa
health and beauty

Offering
a wide range
of holistic,
beauty and nail
therapies in
blissful rural
surroundings.

nicen stripy
the grass cutting people

**Regular lawn cuts
from £12 per cut**

**Pressure washing from £1 per
sqm**

restores your hard surfaces

**lawn treatments ..hedge cutting ..
fencing**

**wood treatments ... complete
garden tidies**

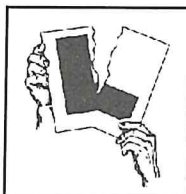
All work guaranteed!

Spread payments over a full year!

**Call now for a FREE no obligation
quote**

01327 312277

www.nicenstripy.com



**BRAUNSTON
SCHOOL of
MOTORING**

Est. 1993

- Professional, Patient Tuition
- Excellent Pass Rate
- Student & Block Booking
Discounts
- Free Learner Support Pack
- Motorway Tuition & Pass Plus
- Refresher & Lapsed Pupils

*Phone Martin Scott, DSA A.D.I., I.A.M.,
F.C.I.B.*

Telephone:

01788 890751

07889 709948

Braunston Garage(Est 1991)

Cross Lane, Braunston,

Nr.Daventry

Northamptonshire NN11 7HH

Tel: (01788) 891977

Fax: (01788) 891977

- Servicing to all makes of vehicles - either using our own unique service program, or to manufactures service schedules including those still under warranty.
- All diagnostic work under taken - using the latest diagnostic equipment in our fully equipped workshop.
- M.O.T's arranged - all repairs available on site.
- Tyres/puncture repairs/wheel balancing - excellent prices on new tyres fitted on site.
- Wheel alignment
- Clutches supplied and fitted
- Exhausts
- Batteries
- Welding

Opening times

Mon - Fri 8.00 to 6.00

Saturday 8.00 to 12.00

Fully qualified technicians, professional and friendly service. No job too small.

To book an appointment call :01788 891977

Braunston Village Stores

48-52 High Street

Tel: 01788 890334

Your Local Stores for Newspapers & Magazines, Off Licence, Groceries, Fresh baked bread, rolls and The Lottery

We also have many superb offers weekly through our supplier

LONDIS

Opening Times:

6.00am to 7.30pm Mon-Sat

6.30 to 6.00pm Sunday

**The only way to make sure you don't lose it is to
USE IT**

Braunston Post Office

48-52 High Street

Tel: 01788 891700

Car Tax, Bill Payments, Foreign Currency, Holiday Insurance, Personal and Business Banking, Home and Car Insurance and Personal Loans @ competitive rates

Support your local Post Office by using the services it has to offer.

Opening times:

9.00-5.30 Mon - Fri

9.00-12.30 Sat

Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



Women's
Institute

Tuesday April 1st

Elaine Nunn will talk to us about Althorpe - the story of a country house

Challenge - to find the prettiest Cup and Saucer.

7.30pm in the Village Hall

Gill Powell 890763

Friendly Club

Monday April 14th

We are having lunch in the Village Hall. Time 12.30 for 12.45 meal.

If you haven't got your name down please 'phone Gill on 890763 ASAP

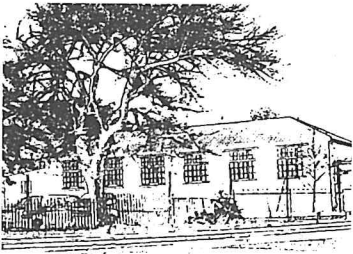
Monday April 28th

Meeting to be arranged

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday May 20th - An outing to Earls Barton - more information next month.

Gill Powell 890763



**TO BOOK THE VILLAGE
HALL, CALL ON**

**0772 412 3363 or e-mail
villagehall@braunston.net**

“Poppies Tea Shop”

A warm and friendly welcome awaits villagers and visitors alike at Poppies Tea Shop.

An eclectic mix of giftware and crafts together with homemade cakes and cream teas.

We are situated on Braunston High Street opposite the popular Londis store and a few doors along from the quality Braunston butchers.

**We look forward to seeing
you!**

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	Chris Grossart,	890491	
Guides			
The Dick Herne Braunston History Society	Annie Rogers	891179	
Braunston Primary School	Mrs Barbara Parfitt, Headteacher.	890494	
Junior Football			
Playing Fields Association	Simon Skelcey, Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson	891220 890583 890348	

Clubs and Society Contacts

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



A note for your diaries...

Come and find out more about the
Charities we support as a Village at our
Pentecost Family Service
Sunday 11th May 11am



The
Children's
Society



HOPE &
HOMES
for children

a family and a future



BVN Deadline MAY EDITION

The next Newsletter will be published on 1st May 2008. Please leave material at the Post Office before noon 20th April or by e-mail to peterdickinson@btconnect.com (01788 891955) or steve@rolt.net

The inclusion of advertisements does not imply any form of endorsement by the Parish Council or All Saints' Church and any views expressed in the BVN are not necessarily those of either All Saints Church or Braunston Parish Council.

Printed by **Design to Print Ltd**, 46 Daventry Road, Norton, NN11 2ND.