Braunston Village News

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Operation Christmaschild

Each year in school we take part in the appeal 'Operation Christmas child' organised by Samaritan's Purse. If anyone in the village would like to fill a shoebox with items for a needy child then please come into school and get a leaflet or download one from: www.samaritanspurse.uk.com.

On Monday 24th November at 10.00am we are having a special assembly in school when the shoeboxes will be given to the local Samaritan's Purse representative.

Anyone is welcome to come to that assembly. Alternatively please bring any filled shoeboxes into school before that date. We are hoping that many organisations and individuals in the village will support this worthy cause.











See inside for details of what to pack

Lets make it a MERRY CHRISTMAS for EVERYONE











The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers ashby-st-ledgers-church.co.uk

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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DECEMBER 2008

Sunday 30th November ADVENT SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion 11am Joint Service- Advent Service of Holy Communion- Ashby Church 6.30pm Advent Carols (Deanery event) at Holy Cross Church Monday 1st December 2pm Little Fishers (for Pre-school children and their Carers in Braunston Church) 7.30pm Choir Practice Wednesday 3rd December 10.30am Holy Communion 4.30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby 7.30pm Advent Course in the

Rectory

Sunday 7th December 9.15am Holy Communion - Ashby Church 11am Sung Communion with Kids Club 6.30pm Evensong Monday 8th December 2pm Little Fishers 7.30pm Choir Practice Tuesday 9th December 7.30pm Advent Course in the Rectory (please note not Wednesday) Wednesday 10th December 4.30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby 7pm Holy Communion 7-45pm PCC meeting - Parish Room

Sunday 14th December 8am Holy Communion 11am Morning Prayer (please note not Family Service) 3pm CHRISTINGLE- Braunston 5pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS with Welton School choir- Ashby Monday 15th December 2pm Little Fishers Christmas Nativity and Party 7.30pm Choir Practice Wednesday 17th December 9.30am SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE in the Church- All Welcome! 7.30pm Advent Course in the Rectory Thursday 18th December

7-30pm NINE LESSONS AND

Saturday 20th December 3pm DCTiD- Carol Singing outside Waitrose in Daventry Sunday 21st December 8am Holy Communion 9.15am Prep for Crib Service -Ashby Church 11am Family Communion Wednesday 24th December 2pm CRIB SERVICE - Ashby 3pm CRIB SERVICE - Braunston 11-30pm MIDNIGHT MASS -Braunston Thursday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY 11am Joint Christmas Family Communion- Braunston Sunday 28th December 9-30am Team Holy Communion at Holy Cross Daventry NO SERVICES at Braunston

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CAROLS - Braunston

Friday 19th December 6.30pm CAROLS @ THE VILLAGE- start at the Church

Sunday 4th January

No 8am at Braunston
9-15am Holy Communion - Ashby

11am Holy Communion with kids club

6-30pm Evensong

Monday 5th January

2pm Little Fishers - Parish Room

7.30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 9th January

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

7pm Holy Communion

7-45pm PCC Meeting – Parish Room

Sunday 11th January

8am Holy Communion

9-15am Holy Communion - Ashby

11am Family Service

Monday 12th January

2pm Little Fishers - Parish Room

7.30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 14th January

10-30am Holy Communion

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

Sunday 18th January
8am Holy Communion
9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby
11am Holy Communion
Monday 19th January
2pm Little Fishers – Parish Room
7.30pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 23rd January
10-30am Holy Communion
4-30pm Evening Prayer – Ashby
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4-30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby

Sunday 25th January
8am Holy Communion
11am Family Communion
4pm Family Service – Ashby
Monday 26th January
2pm Little Fishers – Parish Room
7.30pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 28th January
10-30am Holy Communion - Ashby
4-30pm Evening Prayer

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

I'm just about to embark on my first official 'Christmas shopping' spree. This year we have agreed as a family to limit ourselves to so many £s per present-which will make the shopping more of a challenge! It will be interesting to see if the credit crunch we have heard so much about will indeed curb retail spending this year.

One of the family's ,whose baby I recently baptised, spoke of a poll that had been taken asking children under a certain age; "Whose Birthday do we celebrate on Christmas day!"

70% apparently responded with 'Father Christmas'.

It seems that the true meaning of Christmas has layers of other meanings wrapped over it in our world today. And these wrappings are incredibly 'fun', attractive and inviting in the dark and grey days of Winter. (I too love it when the children at School sing 'Rudolf the red nosed reindeer at the top of their voices!) But in amidst the frivolity and fizz of the wonderful days leading up to Christmas my heart, like many of ours, returns to the Christ in Christmas.

There is a moment in Midnight Mass of hushed expectation. One's mind returns to the first Christmas Eve. When a baby's cry pierces the night gloom; when an army of angels alarm ordinary shepherds on the hillside with their triumphant song; when an act of love of such gigantic proportions takes place in a small back street in Bethlehem.

For some of you all the 'Christmas cheer' around may just accentuate missing

someone dear to you. Or it may be filled with anxiety as you look to what the New Year may bring. Or a sense of unfairness as we who have so much are met with pictures of famine and violence on our TV screens. Or you may be riding on the crest of a wave and all is well with you- which is great!

Into this world Jesus came as a refugee, born in poverty, but born into a loving warm family. And as his little hand, like every little baby's hand, reached out to his Mum and Dad and bystanders around, so God reaches out to us. Not just as a little baby boy, but as *Immanuel*, God with us. Feeling our gladness, receiving and sharing our sadness.

There is a danger that we restrict God to the size of a helpless baby. But the Jesus I speak to each day, in prayer, is not a baby. And if we leave Jesus in the crib at the end of Christmas the lasting significance of 'God with us' is abandoned-like wrapping paper, or the unwanted gift.

Over the Advent and Christmas period there is plenty of opportunity to 'tune in' to the original Christmas. As our hearts and minds are prepared for his coming during Advent, and we celebrate the joy of his coming in Christmas week. Christmas is God's answer- and if we leave the *Christ* out of Christmas, we turn away from the light who is come into the world, and play with smaller lights that are here for a while but then are gone.

Please honour the Lord with your company this Christmas and make room in your heart for him. And don't leave him in the crib when the festivities are over and the decorations are packed away for another year. Epiphany follows Christmas- the light of Christ shines on all of us close by and all of us who feel far away. The invitation from God to us all is to walk into the New Year confidently with our hand in His, the author of peace.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!"

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." *

Every blessing to you for a Happy and Meaningful Christmas and a New Year where the knowledge of God's love and care for you brings you peace,

God bless you, Revd Claire

(* by Minnie Louise Harkins 1875-1957)

Home Communion

If anyone would like Home Communion or a Home visit this Christmas or in the New Year please phone Revd Claire on 01788 890235

Registers for October 2008

Baptisms

26th October – Francesca Simmonds and Charlotte Smith

Welcome to the Church family

Funerals

29th October- Beryl Mary Boston- Ashby

May Beryl rest in peace, and rise in glory.



Ashby's Christmas Services 2008



Sunday 14th December

2-4.30pm Christmas Party at the Village Hall 5pm Carol Service at Ashby Church- with Welton School choir

Christmas Eve

2pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass-Braunston

Thursday 25th December

11am Joint Christmas Parish Communion-Braunston





Church Floodlighting for October '08 to January '09

October's Floodlighting

3rd October - * George & Jeanie 38th Wedding Anniversary

17th October - In memory of Eliza Merchant on the Anniversary of her death from all her family

19th October - Tristan, Happy 18th Birthday love Mum, Kallum & Adrian

28th October - * Happy 40th Birthday Paul (USA) I so love you, Mum xx

29th October - Birthday memories for Eric Holloway love lvy & Family

29th October - In loving memory of Dorothy (Dee) Whittington

29th October - To celebrate Buzz Busby's 40th Birthday, love the secret

seven

30th October - Sue Woodward's Birthday

30th October - Charles Rushell (Charlie) Birthday Memories of Dad love Angela, John & Family

November's Floodlighting so far...

1st November - All Saints' Patronal Festival

4th November – Happy Birthday John Bradshaw with love from the Choir x

11th November - Birthday memories of Ruth Powell

26th November - * On Ryan's 17th Birthday with love Mum, Dad & Marc xxx

27th November - * Wishing Trevor a Happy Birthday

28th November - Fond memories of our sister Gladys on her Birthday, love Cis & Marian

December's Floodlighting so far...

3rd December - In loving memory of my dear Nan Jean Purvey

11th December - In loving memory of Spencer Lee

14th December - * Happy Birthday Kurt love from Nan

17th December - * Congratulations to Abby & Adam

24th December - Birthday memories Carl Grant - sadly missed Sharon, Kyle, Siann, Lisa, Lara & Family

29th December - * Wedding Anniversary of David & Pat Streeton

30th December - * Chris & Peter Grossarts Wedding Anniversary

January's Floodlighting so far...

1st January - Happy New year

22nd January - In loving memory of Helen Jean Britten on her Birthday

= Friends of All Saints - Thank You

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 $\pounds 5$.



Advent Course Christmas by Candlelight



Wait and be ready for Christmas this year...

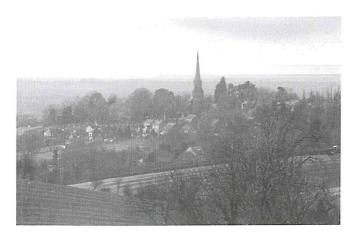
Venue, Time & Dates: =

Wednesday 3rd December Tuesday 9th December Wednesday 17th December @ 7-30pm

7.30 - 9.00 pm in the Rectory

Everyone w elcom e

Braunston calendars



Braunston calendars now available

£5.00 each

from the church, at Poppies, Braunston Garage, Braunston Marina and Midland Chandlers

Operation Christmaschild

What to Pack - Gift ideas

All items should be new. Please include items from each category. Remember to make your box both FUN and EDUCATIONAL!

✓ TOYS - something to love

Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, (for boys - trucks and cars, for girls - doll, clip-on earrings, make-up or hair accessories) etc.

✓ EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES - something to do

Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, colouring book, notepad, picture puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.

✓ HYGIENE ITEMS - something to use

Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of wrapped soap, flannel etc.

✓ OTHER ITEMS - something to eat or wear

Sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.











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Hope and Homes for Children



FUNDS RAISED SINCE THE LAST BVN

Money raised from

£ 566.50 Sponsored Walk £ 318.82 Folk Night £ 128.00 Twinning Craft Fair £ 75.00 Church Christmas Fete £ 66.00 Sale of Crafts from home £ 242.02 Penny Pots £ 29.00

Other Donations

This makes £2,937.84 for our new Financial Year starting 1st. March

SPONSORED WALK

Thank you to all who did the Sponsored Walk on 14th. Sept. and those that Sponsored. An amazing £566.50 was raised.

FOLK NIGHT

The Folk Night took place on the 18th. October. A most successful evening enjoyed by all. Both MacMillan Nurses and Hope & Homes received £318.82

TWINNING FAIR

£128 was raised. Thank you to Kath, Dorothy and Mavis for their help that day.

CHURCH FAIR

£75 was raised. Thank you Mavis for her help that day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nothing planned; we need a break, but please keep taking and filling the Penny Pots.

Both Peter and I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

> Thank you all so much Brenda Hobbs on behalf of Hope and Homes for Children

Braunston youth club

5th December



Themed night:

USA ~ Culture & Change!

A historic, fond and sometimes funny look at all things American. From the Pilgrim Fathers to the High School Musical and loads of stuff in between. Guess the celebrity game and such. Fancy dress ... something with an American twist. Also our Tuck Shop grub will be all American too .. make your burgers, or pizza, get a slice of pumpkin or Apple pie, sasparillia and dogs!

Plus Pick up your voting form for the Annual Awards Night....

19th December



2008 last night!

Xmas celebrations ...

Dance workshop with Vic (LIPA), festive buffet, Family Quiz with prizes and forfeits, disco, and more. All members, friends and families welcome.

We return in the New Year on Friday 9th January

2009 activities ~ BBC Inspirations Radio ~ DJ workshop
NAYC 'Boys Night' Trip in Northampton, NAYC Skate event, Arts &
Cooking, Recycled scrap machines challenge, Sports and Quiz nights,!
2009~lots of new challenges and bags of FUN ©

NOTICE IS GIVEN OF THE first ANNUAL Celebrations & Awards

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

Please join us to celebrate the achievements, commitment, endeavours and aspirations of members and volunteers of BYC, past and current.

Leadership, Volunteering, Members' member, Young leader's programme, performances, demonstrations, plus YOUR ideas for the year to come.

Please NOTE, the dates for Christmas/ New Year closure are: Saturday 20th December 2008 – Thursday 8th January 2009 For up-to-date info on Club Night activities call: 07544579035



Thankyou to all those who gave money towards the Toblerone Raffle-£126 of the donations went to Chris in his work in India with the Charity Raleigh International. £126 was kindly donated to All Saints' Church.

We wish Chris all the best!

BETTY HARGRAVES

from The Green, Braunston, has now been informed by MacMillan that the GRAND TOTAL for her coffee morning held on Friday 26th September was £787.00, after 12 years of raising funds for this event. Betty says this Coffee Morning would not have been possible without all the helpers and wishes to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and who attended the Coffee Morning, and hopes to see you all again next year.

GERTIE BRINKMAN

wishes all family and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a good New Year

JOHN BRADSHAW

wishes to thank his many good friends, clubs and especially All Saints Church and Kids Club for the good wishes, gifts and cards he received celebrating his 90th Birthday

BRAUNSTON FISHING CLUB CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

in the Village Hall on Saturday 6 December at 1.30pm.

Celebrity Guest = Berine Keith of Radio Northampton

Refreshments Tombola White Elephant Win a Hamper Raffles Home Made Cakes

Hand Made Greetings Cards Bargains Galore

From the records of the Braunston History Society

CHARITIES

On St Thomas' Day about 80 tons of coal which is derived from the Coal Land Charity, was distributed to the industrious poor of the Village. Each man and his wife received 5cwt. and 1/2 cwt for each child under 12 years of age
Fosters, Jenkins, Reeves and Dunns Charities were also distributed

A PROLIFIC SOW - BRAUNSTON

Mr W Ringrose, butcher of this
Village, has a sow which on Monday
evening last gave birth to twenty
healthy pigs - all alive. She has had
three farrows of pigs during the last
eighteen months. The two previous
farrows being nineteen and twentytwo respectively, making a total of
sixty-one pigs during eighteen
months

February 17th 1903

Honor Mackichan

BRAUNSTON'S PARCELS

Thanks to the generosity and involvement of so many people 241 parcels have now been sent out to members of the armed forces serving in Afghanistan. It is a remarkable achievement and I thank everyone who has and continues to give and to those who are involved in the actual dispatching of the parcles

We know that they are really appreciated by members of the Queen's Royal Lancers who are currently in receipt of them.

As Christmas draws nearer I am sure that you join me in wishing all of the British Armed Forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan a "safe" Christmas and a successful deployment.

Many thanks to you all for yoru continuing support

Val Worrall

HELP WE NEED NEW DISTRIBUTORS FOR THE BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWS

Two of our regular distributors have sadly had to end their assistance after many years of help and we need two more to replace them.

One route is along part of The High Street - Nos 1 to 51 odds and 2 to 70 evens (52 houses) and the other is along Welton Rd - Nos 42 to the end, South Close, and Nos 1, 2 & 4 Spinney Hill (34 houses)

If you have an hour or so to spare once every month and would like to help us we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact either Steve Rolt or Peter Dickinson

Our very grateful thanks to Bill Woodall and Mr & Mrs Cuthbert for their help over many years. We wish you good health in the future.



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4 p.m.

bring a candle and dress warmly !



The "Dick Herne"
Braunston History Society

No meeting in December

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th January 7.30 in the Parish Room of the Church

Honor Mackichan 01788 890881

DECEMBER DIARY OF EVENTS

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Sunday				
Monday	1	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - Parish Council Meeting - 3.30pm Play Rangers at the Village Hall		
Tuesday	2	WI Christmas Party		
Wednesday	3	10.30 Holy Communion Braunston, - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby - Beaver - Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall - 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group - 7.30pm Advent Course Braunston Rectory		
Thursday	4	1.45, Short Mat Bowls - Cubs - Cubs - 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm		
Friday	5			
Saturday	6	Fishing Club Christmas Bazaar - 7.30pm Daventry Brass Band Concer All Saints Church		
Sunday	7	9.15am Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Sung Communion with Kids Club - 6.30pm Evensong		
Monday	8	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts		
Tuesday	9	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 730pm Advent Course Braunston Rectory 2.30 Friendly Club Christmas Lunch - 8.00pm British Legion at The Old Plough, Braunston		
Wednesday	10	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	11	1.45, Short Mat Bowls - Cubs - 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm		
Friday	12	British Legion Christmas Concert with Daventry Brass Band		
Saturday	13	4.00pm Carols and Readings at Wolfhampton		
Sunday	14	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 11.00am Morning Prayer Braunston 3.00pm Christingle, Braunston - 5.00pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS with Welton School Choir at Ashby		
Monday	15	2.00pm Little Fishers Christmas Nativity and Party, Braunston - 2.00pm Friendly Club - 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		
Tuesday	16	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall7.00pm Confirmation class, Braunston Rectory -7.30pm History Society - 8.00pm British Legion at The Sporting Club, Barby		

COPY DEADLINE - 20th

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Wednesday	17	9.30am School Carol Service at All Saints - 7.30opmChoir Practice Beavers - Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall - 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group - 7.30pm Advent Course, Braunston Rectory		
Thursday	18	1.45 Short Mat Bowls - Cubs - 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm - 7.30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, Braunston		
Friday	19	5.30pm CAROL SINGING around the Village		
Saturday	20	Braunston Walkers to Flecknoe - 3.0pm DCTiD Carol singing outside Waitrose in Daventry - 8.00pm Winter Solstice Concert, All Saints Church		
Sunday	21	8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15am Preparation for the Crib Service Ashby - 11.00 FamilyCommunion, Braunston		
Monday	22	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts -		
Tuesday	23	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 730pm WI Meeting - 9.30am Play Rangers in the Village Hall		
Wednesday	24	CHRISTMAS EVE - 2.00pm CRIB SERVICE , Ashby - 3.00pm CRIB SERVICE, Braunston - 11.30PM MIDNIGHT MASS, Braunston.		
Thursday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY - 11.00am Joint Christmas Family Communion, Braunston		
Friday	26			
Saturday	27			
Sunday	28	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00am Family Communion, Braunston		
Monday	29	NO 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		
Tuesday	30	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall -Friendly Club trip to see "Oliver" - 7.00pm Confirmation class, Braunston Rectory -7.30pm History Society		
10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ash 7.00pm Holy Communion, Braunston - 7.45pm PCC Braunston Wednesday 31 Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm A		10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby -		

JANUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

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Saturday	3	7.30pm All Saints Patronal Festival, Braunston	
Sunday	4	9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Holy Communion with Kids Club - 6.30 Evensong	
Monday	5	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - Parish Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall -	
Wednesday	7	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	8	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs - 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm	
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Sunday	11	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion Ashby - 11.00am Family Service, Braunston	
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Tuesday	13	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall7.00pm Confirmation class, Braunston Rectory - 8.00pm Brtiish Legion at The White Horse, Welton - WI Festive Lunch	
Wednesday	14	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	15	- 1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs - 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm	

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Sunday	18	8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston -9.15am Holy Communion - 11.00 Holy Communion with Kids Club	
Monday	19	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall	
Tuesday	20	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm History Club in the Parish Room	
Wednesday	21	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	
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Saturday	31		



We are running this Christmas workshop to give you the opportunity to create your own arrangements this Christmas our workshop will cover a seasonal vase arrangement, a long and low centre piece with candle, holly wreath / door garland, arrangement on a bottle for a gift.

(please bring your own bottle).

Workshops are held at Weedon village hall
The cost for these workshops is £55.00 per person this includes all flowers and materials, a buffet lunch and refreshments.

All you need to bring is a pair of scissors!
Please book at least 2 weeks prior to the workshop to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Specials

Xmas handtied £25.00 including local delivery
Xmas table decoration £15.00 including local delivery
Holly Xmas grave posy £10.00 including local delivery
Xmas gift pot arrangement £20.00 including local delivery
Please call, email or consult our web site for more details
Nichola 01327 349199 / 07725161813 or Barbara 01788 891754
email:nixshbang@tiscali.co.uk web: www.nix-sh-bang.co.uk

JETTY FIELD

Jetty Field slumbers. A season of gentle mists, cool temperatures and silences. A great time for a walk in the park. Could you please let us know if you see any activity near the bird and bat boxes as fliers check out possible sites for future nesting.

We are making preliminary plans for a celebration day to mark the establishment of the Village Park in Jetty Field and the very preliminary proposed date is for the afternoon of Sunday 14th June 2009. It would be helpful if we could know of any other activities that groups or individuals are planning on or near to that date. More details and a final decision in the New Year.

Pat Herlihy.



Braunston Branch

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15 pm 10 meetings starting on 15th January 2009 at Braunston School.

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Tutor: Ted Walmsley

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

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

G Donald 891264



20/9/08 to 20/10/08 = 36mm

20/10/08 to 20/11/08 = 105mm

Information provided by D Humphries

SPECIAL CONSTABLE RECRUITMENT

My name is Lizzi Betts and I am the Specials Recruitment Administrator for Northamptonshire Police.

The Special Constabulary are volunteers who are given the same powers as that of a full time (Regular) Police officer. Special Constables commit to Police Duties in their spare time, working closely with Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers and other Special Constables. The purpose of the Special Constabulary is to provide efficient and effective operational support to the Force, thereby enhancing the quality of service to the public and enabling the Force to achieve its objectives.

It is my aim to raise awareness of Special Constables within Northamptonshire with the view to increasing the number of Specials within the Force for the benefit of the community. To help me achieve this target I am contacting the Parish Councils within Northamptonshire to ask for some assistance.

I have been in touch previously regarding the help with our Special Constable recruitment. I was very pleased with the positive response that I received from the local communities. The results of this support have been seen in our latest intake, consisting of 17 new specials, the highest we have achieved for years.

Due to the great success of the last recruitment campaign I am writing to ask for your help once again with our latest recruitment campaign.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time you have taken to read this letter and look forward to hearing from you in the future to discuss opportunities to benefit our communities through the promotion of Special Constables.

Short Mat Bowls Club

meets every Thursday afternoon in the Village Hall at 1.45pm. New members welcome. All you need are flat soled shoes or slippers we can provide the Bowls.

Contact Alan Dent 891366 or Gill Powell 890763 D.A.C.T Community Transport
are trying to raise funds to
replace their community buses.
Donations can be made in a
collection tin at the Village
Butchers or to any W.I. member.
Volunteer drivers are also needed.

Contact Gill Powell 890763

Remember Andrew Cronshaw's 'Splendid Venues' tour a few years back, when he staged a series of concerts in a selection of the UK's prettiest village churches?



Well, this is a one-off return to the concept, with ex Big Chill Cooking and Vinyl cofounder Pete Lawrence inviting Cronshaw up to Northamptonshire to do a rare concert in his local village church to mark the winter solstice.

The multiinstrumentalist,
producer,
writer and
musical
explorer is
joined by
Tigran
Aleksanyan,

Armenian master of his country's exquisitely soft-toned reed instrument, the duduk. For this show, Cronshaw will be playing his deep-chiming electric zither, Finnish kantele, the huge Slovak flute fujara, the sedictive-toned Chinese metal-reeded ba-wu and more. Their dramatic, spacious music is strongly rooted in the traditional musics of the British Isles, Finland, Northern Iberia and Armenia, with hints of Cronshaw's most recent involvements, the music of Serbia, Croatia and the Tatra mountains of Poland.



Braunston Neighbourhood Watch



*** ONE YEAR ON ***

Braunston Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been up and running again successfully for a whole year now, and as a result, we have been able to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the village.

Some of you may be aware of the scheme in the village, some of you may not. You may have seen the new signs that were put up around the village in the summer? These work, by reminding residents and visitors that they are in a relatively safe area, and with the help of street co-ordinator volunteers, we are able to report any suspicious behaviour to the Police immediately and confidentially.

But we need more of **YOU** to help. If you would like to be on the confidential village email database, then please email Nick on **nhw@braunstonpc.org** and you will then be kept informed about developments regarding neighbourhood issues. If you would like to be a street co-ordinator then, again please email Nick with your details. It doesn to cost anything, just a little of your time, and you will help to keep Braunston the beautiful and safe village we all want.

The most important thing of all though is this telephone number. Please use it if you see or hear **ANYTHING** suspicious. Call **IMMEDIATELY**, your call will be dealt with in confidence and it will enable the Police to attend. If it is not reported then the Police will not know about it and will not attend!!

0845 3 700 700

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Festive Opening Times – will be displayed in Londis window, at our front door and on our website, or call for details.

Festive Decs – as usual the Admiral Nelson will be decked out in fresh natural pine from early December. Our suggestion to brighten the credit crunch feeling – come and enjoy the decorations and relax beside the lovely real fire with a pint – you'll feel better!

New Years Eve – we are planning our usual friendly relaxed NYE. It will be fancy dress (optional) just to add a bit of fun, and we have a three themed mix this year – Hollywood, Strictly Come Dancing and Pop Stars. Come and join the house party.

Again, all details will be on our website, or ring for details.

The Admiral Nelson

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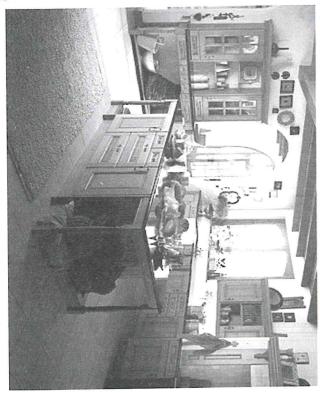
Play Rangers

Hi, my name is Chris Keenan and I'm play ranger at Daventry District Council. We are a lottery funded branch of the council and bring mobile play sessions to the villages within Daventry District. We target children aged 0 to 19 and our sessions are completely free.

We are coming to your village hall on the 1st December at 3.30 till 4.30pm doing Christmas themed arts and crafts and playing family games. We have also hired the hall on the 23rd December at 9.30 till 11am where we will be doing Christmas themed arts and crafts.

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Braunston Walker's Wonderful Waymarked Woodland Walk 18/10/2008 Salcey Forest (circa 11 Miles)

Four cars full of eager ramblers set off from the village hall with instructions to follow the "distinctive" blue Focus to our starting point, Salcey Forest, just south of Northampton. Off we set until one car followed a "distinctive blue" Focus until the Focus they had followed turned into a drive of a house. Our heroic occupants realizing that this driveway was unlikely to be the start of a walk and that perhaps there were more distinctive blue Focuses than you can shake a stick at, started wend their way through the Northamptonshire scenery to reach the car park at Salcey Forest where the rest of us had been frantically calling them on the only mobile amongst us that had a signal and talking them through to the start point. Anyway they made it and we started the walk. Salcey Forest is an ancient royal forest which once covered nearly a third of England and provided Medieval royalty with a source of food, hunting, and revenue. The ancient oak trees still stand today and it now offers excellent walking opportunities both on the ground and suspended in mid-air on the unique tree-top walkway. There is even a teashop right next to the carpark for those that do not want to walk. The weather was dry and sunny as we set off on the walk that goes some six miles around the beautiful forest .This trail is called the Woodpecker Way, one of three waymarked trails. It is the haunt of woodpeckers, hence the name, although we didn't spot any. Another trail is known as the Elphant trail and we didn't see or even hear any elephants either. They apparently worked in the forest during the second world war and came to the ponds to cool off after a hard days walk. We walked over the amazing

suspension bridge over the ponds and then up to the forest canopy on the tree top walkway. It is a fanatastic sight and worth going if you get the chance. Kids absolutely love it and so did we. The views of Northampton from the top are fantastic. When we reached the far south easterly corner of the forest we emerged along recently ploughed fields to join a footpath over the fields, past a small wood and eventually joining a small road that leads to Stoke Goldington and our lunch stop at The White Hart pub. The scenery here is magnificent, rolling hills and big open fields as a complete contrast from the forest.

The White Hart is a super pub and we were made welcome with excellent pints of Charles Wells Eagle beer and bacon lettuce and tomato baguettes that were tasty and just the thing for hungry walkers. This pub is yet another highly endorsed hostelry but once again we had to don our boots and set off back up the B526 to turn up an old bridleway that leads uphill to the lovely old church, sadly locked up so we could not take a look around. We then reached Stoke Park Wood, and walked through this pausing whist Phillip stopped to saw willow and create yet another walking stick. We emerged from the forest over a stile and crossed a recently ploughed field. Thankfully we haven't had to much rain so that the soil was crumbly rather than a quagmire. Our path lead us on to Forest Farm and abbatoir. During a recce of this route the week before we had spent some time freeing up a sheep from some carelessly left barbed wire fence. We entered a field with some huge, horned cows and then another

full of sheep and a magnificent old cart horse who obviously wanted to join our walkers club! After passing a three legged billy goat we named Tripod we reentered Salcey Forest and the Woodpecker Way back to the car park. All in all this is an excellent walk especially at this autumnal time of the year with some fantastic colours in the trees and bushes of bright red Haw berries and spindle berries. A fantastic and satisfying walk. I had wondered how we could possibly compete with our weekend walking in Wales but this certainly did the trick. 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: 20th December Flecknoe (c.7 miles)



Braunston Walkers at Salcey Forest



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT

Remembrance Day

The service held in Braunston Church on Sunday 9th November was fairly well attended. A small gathering attended the village war memorial at 11am on 11th November to remember those men of the village killed in the two world wars.

Poppy Appeal

The amount collected this year in the village was £1891. This was comparable with last years figure after taking into account an exceptional donation which boosted last years amount. Thank you to all collectors and to those who gave so generously.

Annual General Meeting

This was held on 11th November at the George Hotel Kilsby. The chairman reported another successful year. Membership remained static but attendance at meetings was down mainly due to sickness among members.

All existing committee members were unanimously re-elected to serve for a further year

Braunston Village Church Fair.

The Branch attended the fair on 8th November and raised over £60 for Church and Legion funds.

Christmas Band Concert.

The annual concert will be given by Daventry Brass in conjunction with the Legion at 7.30pm on 12th December in Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Road. Refreshments are included and a bar available. Tickets available from Colin White (01788 890390) or at the door.

The Ghurkha Trust.

Those subscribing to the trust are reminded that subscriptions are now due. Alternatively, we will be pleased to receive donations. Last year over £400 was raised from members.

Annual Dinner

This will be held at the Sporting Club. Barby, on 20th January 2009. Menus will be available at the next meeting or from the undersigned. Names are required by 3rd January.

Next Meetings

The next meeting will be held at the Old Plough, Braunston on 9th December 2008 at 8.00pm. The first meeting of the new year will be at The White Horse, Welton, on 13th January at 8.00 pm

Tony Saunderson 6 Greenway Braunston Tel: 01788 890797

200 Club Winners

Date	Number	Prize	<u>Winner</u>
18/09/2008	112	£ 50	C Martin
25/09/2008	127	£ 10	E Gywnne
	135	£ 5	G Donald
02/10/2008	105	£ 10	J Hutchinson
	34	£ 5	G Brewster
09/10/2008	57	£ 10	G Oliver
	9	£ 5	J Reid
16/10/2008	61	£ 50	D Waltiers
23/10/2008	174	£ 10	W Penhall
, ,	195	£ 5	F Isom
30/10/2008	111	£ 10	S Hiscock
,	50	£ 5	J Bowers
06/11/2008	145	£10	J Caw
	25	£5	M Payne

Daventry Brass Band

Saturday 6th December 7-30pm at All Saints' Church



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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



Tuesday Dec 2nd CHRISTMASPARTY and Tudao Christmas. Talk by

Women's Institute

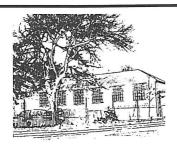
Martin Lirot-Smith. Bring a small wrapped gift to the vaklue of £2.00 for the Bran Tub

Tuesday Jan 13th

Festive lunch at the Shoulder of Mutton, Grandborough. Cost £14.00. Transport by members cars

Many thanks to the friends who helped raise £200.00 for the DACT bus appeal and th Chris the Butcher for having a collecting box in his shop and for his donation.

Gill Powell 890763



TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL, CALL ON

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

Friendly Club

Tuesday December 9th CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the Sporting Club in Barby. Cost £11.00.

Coach will pick up at The Green at 11.45am and also in Ashby Raod. Please bring a small Christmas gift for anothr member iof the club. If you haven't already booked please phone Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336 as soon as possible.

Monday Dec 15th

Mince Pie Tea at the earlier time of 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Also a Bring and Buy stall.

> Monday Jan 12th Talk and slide show by Mavis and Alan Eley.

Manday Jan 26th An entertainment by some members of the W.I.

New members always welcome.

Meetings are normally 2.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Village Hall.

Gill Powell 890763

Clubs and Society Contacts

Club	Contact	Phone 01788)	M eetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
Air Training Corps	Stuart Chadwick	0788440 2797	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs every Monday & Thursday
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		5¾ -8yrold Boys and Girls on Wednesdays at 5.45pm
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	89 1 93 5	Thursday evenings at 7.30 - 9.00
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get-togethers
Braunston	Phillip	891437	Walks of 7 - 10 miles
W alkers	Ray	891384	around the area
Brownies (at Barby School)	Karen or Nicola Holman	891299	7-10 yr old girls W ednesday 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	Steve Rolt	01327	8-101/2 year olds on
boys and girls)		878341	Wednesdays at 6.15pm
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	A Thomas	890494	
Fishers (All	Michelle Cotton	890235	Sunday School for 5+ yrs
Saints' Church)	Alison Fiddes	891847	Little Fishers (0-5's with parents) on Mondays
Gardens Assn	Chris Grossart,	890491	
Guides			
T he Dick H erne B raunston	Annie Rogers	891179	
History Society			
Braunston Primary School	Mrs Barbara Parfitt, Headteacher.	890494	
Junior Football		200722	
Playing Fields	Linda Hawkins,	890583	
A ssociation	Wendy Wilson Louis Prat	890348 890766	

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 – Joan Bishop Asst Group Scout Leader – Steve Rolt	01327 878178 07956 682733	
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	5¾-8yr old Boys and Girls Wednesday at 5.45pm
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	Steve Rolt	01327 878341	8-10½ year old boys and girls - Wednesdays at 6.15pm
Scouts (For Boys and Girls)	Stuart Muddiman	07875 066292	10½ -14 yr old Boys and Girls – Wednesday at 8.00pm
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	891456	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	1st Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA (Workers Educational Assn)	Jackie Green	890 145	Thursday evenings at School during Autumn and Spring Terms
Yoga Group Youth Club (9-15yrs)	Sheila Beckett Peter Hobbs	891831 899086	Yoga in the Village Hall Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

All Saints' Church Christmas Services 2008

Sunday 30th November 6-30pm Advent Carols at Holy Cross Church Daventry



Sunday 14th December 3pm Christingle



Thursday 18th December 7-30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Friday 19th December 6-30pm Carol singing around the village (meet at the Church)

> Sunday 21st December 11am Family Communion

Wednesday 24th December 3pm Crib Service 11-30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December 11am Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 28th December
9-30am Holy Communion at Holy Cross Daventry (<u>No Services at</u>

<u>Braunston</u>)



All Saints' Kids Club will be running, 1st & 3rd Sunday during the Christmas period

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