

Braunston Village News

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All Saints' Church Braunston



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Peter Dickinson: 891955

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Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday 1st February-Candlemas

9.15am Joint Holy Communion- Ashby

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

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 2nd February

2pm Little Fishers in Braunston Church
Parish Room

Wednesday 4th February

10.30am Holy Communion- Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th February

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am FAMILY SERVICE- Braunston

Monday 9th February

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish Room

Tuesday 10th February

7.30pm Deanery Synod- Kilsby Village
Hall

Wednesday 11th February

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Communion

7.45pm Braunston PCC

Saturday 14th February- BIG EVENT

1pm Silver Service in Braunston Village
Hall

Sunday 15th February

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion

11am Parish Communion and All Saints'
Kids Club

Monday 16th February

2pm ~~No~~ Little Fishers in Church Parish
Room- ½ Term

Wednesday 18th February

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

Sunday 22nd February

8am Holy Communion

11am Joint Family Communion- at
Braunston

Monday 23rd February

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 25th February

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Team Ash Wednesday Service -
Braunston

Sunday 1st March

9.15am Joint Holy Communion- Ashby

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

6.30pm Evensong- Braunston

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Do you ever catch yourself saying; 'It wasn't like that when I was young(er)?'

I went to a Secondary School Parents evening the other day and a lot of what I saw was familiar to me- having been a teacher (some 15 or so years ago now- 'ouch!')

The teacher waits to receive the nervous student with the anxious parent by her side...

Or the parent and child go away 'glowing' having received a good report...

And the queue never seems to go down!

But a lot was unfamiliar too; for example the use of internet to help with Maths, the % of marks which are dependent on coursework and the fact that there's now general 'Science' instead of the individual subjects of Physics, Biology and Chemistry! Yes, I know I'm really showing my age!

If I compare my childhood with today's children a lot has changed too...as I'm sure you who are reading this article are more than aware of ! It's hard to keep

up with the modern trends and stories and music, and I was so glad for 'Mama Mia' recently that seemed to unite and enthuse all generations for a while!!!

In the porch of All Saint's Church we have a poster that says we are: 'A child friendly Church'. Unlike a lot of Village Churches in this day and age we can boast a modest Sunday School with some great enthusiastic teachers and a monthly Family service.(If you are a parent of a child at Braunston School you may wish to ask your child what we get up to in Assemblies on a Wednesday morning!)

Christingle and the Crib Service are great for attracting families...we miss children at other times and maybe part of the reason is a) there are a lot of things to cram in at the w/e or b) there isn't a felt need for Church or c) there's a feeling that church is 'out of touch' with today's child.

We would love to hear from you...

If you are a grandparent or parent I wonder if you would just take a few

moments to help us by sharing some questions with your grandchild or child? But we would like responses from both of you!!!

- 1. Tell me three things you most like /liked doing as a child.**
- 2. Who is your best friend and why?**
- 3. Why do/don't you go to church? Why is /is it not fun?**
- 4. If you were the boss of a church how would you make it better for children to understand what it was all about?**
- 5. Does what you learn at church and or school make you a better person ? how?**

Please send your responses to 'The Rectory, 71 High Street, Braunston. NN11 7HS' by Wednesday 18th February or put it in the shoe box at the back of Church, or take it to the

Secretary at Braunston School. Pictures to help with your responses would be great too! There's no need to write your names down, unless you want to, but ages and gender of both of you would be very helpful! Thankyou!

Wisdom comes from listening and then doing something to make a difference...please help us to listen by taking the time to send your responses into us! We will endeavour to reflect on your responses and incorporate some of your ideas in the way we run our family worship and 'All Saints' Kids Club!'

Below you will find the times we have All Saints' Kids Club (Sunday School), Little Fishers (Pre-School) and the Family Service- all Child Friendly and for your benefit. Please come and join us whenever you can!

God bless,

Revd Claire

Good News

It is very exciting news that The Revd Canon Michael Webber, presently Vicar at Earls Barton, is to come and be Priest-in-Charge of Holy Cross Church and Team Rector designate of the Daventry Team. We look forward to welcoming him at his Installation on March 9th at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to Holy Cross Church for this Service of Welcome.

Revd Claire

Children at All Saints' Braunston

Little Fishers

For Pre-School children (0-4)
Mondays in All Saints' Church
2pm-3pm
Songs, story, craft and squash!

All Saints' Kids' Club

(Church for children)
1st and 3rd Sundays
11am
Games, story, craft and fun!

Family Service- Second Sunday

11am
Worship for all the family!



Registers for December 2008 & January 2009

Baptisms

4th January Gethin Owen

*Welcome to the Church
family!*

Funerals

18th December- Betty
Green

19th December- Judith Old

22nd December- George
Brown

14th January- Louise Stewart

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

Church Floodlighting for December 2008

December's Floodlighting

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

4th December – In memory of Jospeh Allcott on Anniversary of his death (20 yrs) From Roy & Val

11th December - In loving memory of Spencer Lee

14th December - * Happy Birthday Kurt love from Nan

18th December - In loving memory of Ron Tait, God bless Helen x

21st December - Carol & Freds Ruby Wedding Anniversary

23rd December - In memory of wife Pamela from Harold & Son Roger & Daughter Sally xxx

24th December - * For Stuart with love from all the family

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

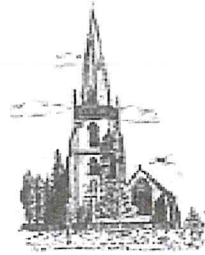
24th December - In loving memory of Robert with love from all the family xx

25th December - * In memory of Albert & Sarah Kendall from all the family

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

30th December - * Chris & Peter Grossarts Wedding Anniversary

Church Floodlighting for January and February 2009



January's Floodlighting so far...

- 1st January – Happy New year
1st January * - Gordon, the brightest star, also remembering Dad & Mick
5th January - * Alistair - wonderful husband 50 today
6th January - * Thank you to all Braunston Volunteers
8th January - * In memory of our beloved Son Steven
18th January - * In memory of Pam Back on her Birthday our loving mum
18th January - Remembering Pam on her Birthday
19th January - * Especially for Ric
21st January - * In memory of my friend Pam on her birthday love from Marian
22nd January – In loving memory of Helen Jean Britten on her Birthday
23rd January - * In memory of Rodney with love
25th January - * Remembering my dear mother: Irene Cotton with love - Thanks to everyone who showed her kindness during her long illness - Irene & Colin Lister
25th January – Memories

February's Floodlighting so far...

- 10th February - * In Memory of Mansel Davies
10th February - * Happy Birthday Toby
13th February - Remembering Diane Roach on her 60th Birthday love you always Gill, Cindy, Kelly & Brian
21st February - * In memory of my friend Pam on her birthday love from Marian
22nd February - John & Rosemary - Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary
25th February - In loving memory of Clare Louise Fallon (Nee Hunnybun) a special friend who is sadly missed with love Lisa Clements & Family

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN
Deadline - 20th January 2009

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.

Hope and Homes for Children



FUNDS RAISED SINCE THE LAST BVN

Money raised from

Penny Pots	£200.85
Raffles at Braunston Players	£259.00
Donations	£ 5.00

This makes a total of £3,401.89 this Financial Year (starting 1st. March)

A big thank you to the Braunston Players for giving me the opportunity to hold a raffle at the "Cowardy Custard" Productions. £259 was taken over the four nights. This money will go such a long way in helping the children in Sudan. Thank you to Marvis for helping with the sales of tickets

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Penny Pot collection continues

29th March - Book Sale at Barby Fayre 10am to 4pm.

Easter time - Easter Egg Hamper Raffle

9th. May - Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy

31st. October - Folk Night raising funds for McMillan and Hope & Homes

Make a note in your diaries.

If you feel you can help with any of the above events please give me a call on 899086.

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

Braunston Youth Club

For 9 years old and above
(8 years if accommodated by adult)

Will meet at Braunston Village Hall

At 7:00pm until 9:00pm

On Alternate Fridays

6th February, 20th February and
6th March

Activities include:

Table tennis, Pool

Badminton, Computer Games

Table Football

Disco, Karaoke

Why not come along

Braunston Youth Club would welcome new helpers. Can you spare a couple of hours per fortnight? If so we would love to hear from you. Ring Peter on 899086

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



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





The Old Plough

High Street, Braunston

01788 890000

MAUREEN & AVRIL wish everyone

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

and wish to congratulate their competition winners:-

PICKLE CONTEST:-

Overall Winner

Steve Wallis

Pickle Section

1st & 2nd

Steve Wallis

Chumey Section

1st

Peter Grossart

2nd

Elaine Fellows

KNOCK-OUT DOMINOES:-

Martin Atkins & Ray Capell

SKITTLES EVENING:-

Team 'B' (Caroline C, Jeff H, Sue K, Mick C, Avril E)

"Killer" comp. won by:-

Carri-Anne

*THANK YOU ALL for making this Christmas so special
and for helping to raise over the holiday:-*

£300 for MacMillan Nurses &

£110 for The British Legion

COMING UP SOON :-

*Friday, Feb 13:- KARAOKE night + "RED HOT" fancy-dress theme
(+ prizes for best outfits)*

Quiz Night:- Sunday evening, once a month

Feb/March:- 'Six Nations' Rugby - come & watch it in the bar

*Valentine's Day & Mothering Sunday:- Special Restaurant Menus
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**2nd Braunston Scout Group
would like to thank
everybody who supported
The Cake Stall
held on
25th October 2008
£225 was raised
A record- Thank you**

A big thank you to those who responded to our plea for new delivery people. We now have replacements and one or two which we hope to use as reserves, for holidays etc

Very many thanks. We will be in contact with you shortly.

Braunston Players would like to thank everyone who supported their efforts last year, especially their sponsors:
Iris Hewitt at Union Canal Carriers (UCC) Tim Coglan at Braunston Marina Jonathan Hewitt Steve & Jenni Rolt at Highcross Business Associates Ltd Sue and Phil Abbot at Braunston Chandlers

BRAUNSTON'S PARCELS

Back in the Autumn Cay set us a rather daunting challenge - that we should aim to send our 300th parcel by Christmas to the service personnel currently on deployment in Afghanistan. A very tall order as we were around the 225 mark at that time!

Although we didn't quite meet the objective nevertheless over 50 parcels were sent during that period and at the time of writing 286 parcels have been dispatched since we started this project. An incredible achievement.

Therefore, to everyone involved:- those in the shop and Post Office and to all of you, I thank you most sincerely for your continued support and generosity.

Every letter received from Afghanistan is photocopied and displayed in the shop window. This gives everybody an opportunity to read them. Every single letter tells us that our parcels are truly appreciated, enjoyed by all and act as a morale boosting exercise.

So, once again I thank everyone for making this possible and, I am sure that you too wish every single member of our armed forces operating in hostile conditions a safe and successful deployment.

Val Worrall

P.S. I wonder what Cay has in mind for Easter?

The "Dick Herne"
Braunston History Society

Honor Mackichan 01788 890881

BRAUNSTON PLAYERS

"Cowardy Custard"

Braunston Players have boosted their excellent reputation with their latest production, this fast moving revue featuring some of the best known lyrics and music of Noel Coward.

Their audiences were enthusiastic about the spirited, light-hearted renditions of Coward's works by the experienced Braunston troupe, complemented by fine staging, and choreography.

In this latest traditional pre-Christmas show the Players were tackling their most intricate theme so far. Coward's typical sardonic tongue-twisting lines and his very original musical beats presented all sorts of potential traps for the performers. But they sailed through them with great élan, guided by Director Fred Barnes, Producer Chris Grossart, Musical Director David Finney and Choreographer Jacqueline Lancaster.

Alan Dent was ideally suave as the narrator throughout and special mention should be made of the marathon work of David Finney who hardly had one bar's rest at the piano all evening and kept the whole show zinging along faultlessly.

Numbers like "The Stately Homes of England", "Mad About the Boy" and "I Went to a MARVELLOUS Party" were particularly uproarious in effect. I returned to Braunston to see the last night of the run and was delighted to hear the audience joining in the choruses without any prompting. Their enjoyment of the show was very evident.

The cast's own pleasure was obviously infectious! It was full of very strong voices which were used to put over Coward's witty words with gusto.

The players' costumes filled the stage with extra gaiety - and the enthusiastic dancing by several of the ladies threatened to "bring the house down" on occasions. It was encouraging to hear that several new members have now added their talents to this very successful village group of entertainers.

sent by John Moger, who lived on the Green for many years and came up from the South Coast to watch "Cowardy Custard"

What does dropping litter make you look like?

Help the Council keep our streets clean by not dropping fast food litter.

What's the problem?

- Fast food litter is one of the fastest-growing types of litter in the country. Discarded food packaging, drinks bottles and cans regularly blight our streets - and can ruin the appearance of the district.
- Most rubbish is either dropped at lunchtime when workers make the daily dash or after dark when pubs and clubs have closed and the midnight munchies set in.
- Statistics show the worst offenders are male between the ages of 18 and 24 years old.
- Hotspot areas include near food outlets, subways, roadsides, laybys, alleyways, taxi ranks/transport links, industrial estates and parks.
- Fast food litter attracts rats which carry disease - you are never more than 6 metres away from a rat at any time.



PUT YOUR RUBBISH IN THE BIN



The Council has the power to issue a £75 fine to anyone who is caught dropping litter on the ground.

If you fail to pay the fine within 14 days you would face a prosecution for dropping the litter, be taken to court and face up to a £2,500 fine.

Daventry District Council, Public Space, Contracts House, High March, Daventry, Northants, NN11 4HB
Tel: 01327 871100 Fax: 01327 300072
Email: customercare@daventrydc.gov.uk

Open Gardens

The Braunston Village Gardens Association will once again be organising an Open Gardens in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support this summer. For those new to the village, we usually open about 12 gardens on a Sunday afternoon at the end of June or the beginning of July. The gardens vary in size and character, which makes it an enjoyable experience for the many visitors, who tour the gardens. I will be contacting the gardeners, who have opened in the past, but if any other garden owner is interested in joining in, please contact Jean Dibben on 890515 or e-mail dibben@btinternet.com for more details.

FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday	1	CANDLEMASS 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Parish Communion - with Kids Club - 6.30 Evensong
Monday	2	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	3	10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby - 7.30pm WI Meeting - Beavers – Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Wednesday	4	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	5	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	6	Youth Club
Saturday	7	
Sunday	8	8.00 Holy Communion, Braunston, 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Family Service, Braunston
Monday	9	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts -2.30pm Friendly Club
Tuesday	10	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7..30pm Deanery Synod, Kilsby Village Hall - British Legion at The Sporting Club, Barby
Wednesday	11	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	12	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	9.00 am Scout Cake Stall - BIG EVENT - 1.00pm Silver Service in the Village Hall

FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday	15	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion Ashby, 11.00am Parish Communion with All Saints Kids Club
Monday	16	NO Little Fishers, 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
Tuesday	17	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall Wednesday
Wednesday	18	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	19	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs - 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	20	Youth Club - 1.00pm Play Rangers at the Village Hall
Saturday	21	Braunston Walkers to Watford and West Haddon
Sunday	22	8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston -11.00am Joint Family Service, Braunston -
Monday	23	2.00pm Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall - 2.30pm Friendly Club
Tuesday	24	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	25	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	26	Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	2.00pm WI SPRING FAIR in the Village Hall
Sunday	1 March	9.15am Joint Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Parish Communion and All Saints Kids Club, Braunston - 6.30pm Evensong
Monday		
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Bookings

Thanks to Rob for acting for Booking Secretary for us – but sadly he has have to give up this position, so we do have a vacancy. In the meantime, bookings are being taken by Lynne on the same number – 07724 123363.

If one of your New Year's Resolutions is looking to be more involved in your community, then the role of Booking Officer could be for you – it is administratively complicated and you do need Word skills and a computer, and you should enjoy talking to people to help them hire the hall for whatever they need it for. It involves juggling the diary to try and keep the hall as fully booked as possible, sending out hire forms and collecting hire fees and deposits. You do need to be flexible, impartial, firm, fair, diplomatic etc. If you want to talk about it, then call Lynne on 890865.

CREDIT CRUNCHED?

If the current global economic crisis is affecting you, (and it is hard to avoid), then don't forget that hiring the Village Hall does offer good value-for-money. Braunston residents receive a 50% discount off hire rates, meaning that to hire the Games Room & Kitchen for a 3 hour event, such as a children's party or family gathering is only £24.00. To hire the whole hall for an evening party or an all-day event is only £90.00. Many of the available weekends in February, March, September and November are already booked, so you do need to be quick and check that the date you want is available. Call Lynne on 07724 123363.

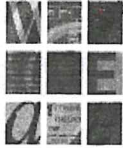
WHAT'S ON AT THE HALL.

We do sometimes forget that people are frequently moving into the village, and may not know what is going on at the village hall. We have many regular groups who are always keen to see new people join them. The hall is used every weekday morning by the Pre-School. Weekly groups who meet are the Toddler Group and Impact Dance on Tuesday afternoons, Yoga lessons and Tap Dance lessons are on Wednesday evenings, the short-mat Bowls Club on Thursday afternoons, Bingo on Thursday evenings, and the Dance Academy on Saturday mornings. The Friendly Club meets every 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons, and the Youth Club meets on Friday evenings every fortnight. The W.I meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month, and the BVGA and Twinning Groups also meet occasionally at the Hall. Most of the groups' contact details are in this newsletter, but if you can't find any details then do call the booking officer on 07724 123363 who can help you.

DAVENTRY PLAY RANGERS – Note for your diary.

They are coming to the Hall again on February 20th – Friday in half term from 1pm – 3pm

WEA



Learning for Life

Braunston Branch

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

Fee: £41.25
(free to means tested and unemployed)

The Landscape & Geology of Northamptonshire

Tutor: Ted Walmsley

The geology of Northamptonshire is almost completely hidden beneath a pastoral landscape of gentle hills, valleys and fields but clues to what lies beneath can be seen in the stone-built villages and market towns. We'll examine the landscape and geology of the area and how this has influenced human activity in the county.

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



20/11 to 20/12 =
79mm
20/12 to 20/1 =
42mm

Information provided
by D Humphries

Braunston Playing Field Association

With the end of winter in sight (hopefully), further progress will be made in developing the facilities on the field.

All the trees will be surveyed and trimmed, cut back as necessary, crowns raised, lower level and dead branches removed. The surplus timber will be used to create a wildlife habitat for the creepy crawlies that share the field with us.

According to a recent Daventry District Council survey Braunston is the 6th most deprived area for recreational equipment based on the number of youngsters in the village and their age range. To address this problem the BPFA is putting in a bid under the Government Play Builder scheme for £45000 to install more facilities aimed specifically for the 6 -15 year olds.

The BPFA has also applied to Daventry and District Housing for assistance in renovation work on the playing field pavilion.

As soon as the necessary parts are available the swings will be renovated with new chains and seats.

As you can see BPFA has not been dormant during the winter but we are a small group of villagers and would welcome more committee members

Registered Charity No.274911

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

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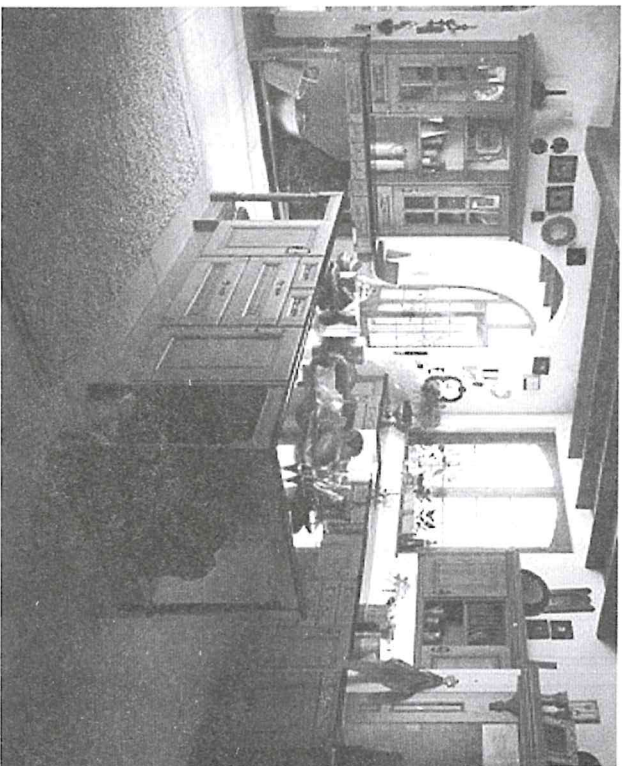
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Braunston Walkers -Saturday 20/12/2008 - Flecknoe (circa 6 miles)

This was our fourth year as a group and I thought it would be a good idea to reflect on the past year and some of the highlights in what has been a really superb year for the group. In January we started with a wonderful walk from Preston Capes through the park at Fawsley and to Newnham and the super Romer Arms for lunch. In February it was Ashby St Ledgers and Watford Gap, a canal walk with lunch at the cozy Narrow Boat Inn, Then in March a spectacular walk around Burton Dassett and its hills, with lunch at The Inn at Farnborough and in April it was to Kilsby via Onley and a great lunch at The George. For our walk in May it was Stamford Reservoir to Sibbertoft and back after a lunch at the Red Lion. June saw us in the Cotswolds for the beautiful River Windrush walk and lunch in a Donnington pub, The Black Horse Inn in Naunton. July was a little more local, covering the Warwickshire plain and calling for lunch at The Shoulder of Mutton in Grandborough. By August we were back at Preston Capes for yet another superb walk, this time to Eydon and lunch at the splendid Royal Oak. In September we had our first walking weekend away in the spectacularly scenic area of Hay on Wye. Hopefully this was the first of many wonderful weekends for the group. In October we walked at Salcey Forest and lunched at The White Hart in Stoke Goldington and in November we had a marvellous walk at the Brailles with lunch taken at The Norman Knight in Whichford. That brings us up to date. There were some wonderful walks amongst this lot and the pubs were all very good so we looked forward in anticipation to using our very own Old

Plough and it did not disappoint as you will see.

On waking and peering out of the curtains it was pouring stair rods!! Not ideal conditions for a walk but by the time we had met up at the village hall it had slowed to torrential. In the spirit of goodwill to all men, Peter had kindly brought along some dubious spirit he had from Belarus and we all tried it. It was only afterwards that we realized that Peter did not imbibe. He said it was because he had to drive but I think he knew what it was like and had used it to fuel his Land Rover! We set off optimistically although I am not sure if that was the thought of good walk or the drink but cut through Jetty Fields and down to the towpath. Twelve of us walked along the towpath soon meeting the A45 bridge and joining the track to Wolfhamcote. The weekend before this the track was submerged in water and the carol service had been cancelled as a result so we expected it to be a tad muddy. Not daunted we sloshed along the old track past the route of the original Oxford canal and the humps and bumps in the field that make up the sites of the medieval villages of Brunstonbury and then Wolfhamcote. We followed the old track to Flecknoe and when we were about as far away from Braunston as we could be it drizzled. By the time we reached Flecknoe the rain stopped and we turned left by Manor Farm to join a track over thankfully grassy fields to eventually reach The Miry Bridge over the River Leam which marks 5 boundaries, the parishes of Braunston, Flecknoe and Willoughby and on a grander scale those of Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. Walking up hill towards Berry Fields Farm we soon entered a field

that would have been difficult to walk on with huge clumps of mud building up on our boots but we had a cunning plan and set off around the vast field on the minute grassy edges that the farmer had left. We finally reached a small bridge and crossed a grassy pasture to reach a hill overlooking Braunston. It is a wonderful sight from here with the village laid out in all its glory and behind us the Warwickshire plain. We soon joined Old Road and then crossed the A45 to walk through the marina and up the ever steeper Nibbits Lane to our lunch at the Old Plough. Despite there being 12 of us and several non walkers we were soon enjoying a warm welcome, a fantastic lunch and superb beer. I am always extolling the virtues of the all the pubs that we visit on our walks but there really is none better than the Old Plough. Highly recommended!! Happy New Year to all our readers.

Come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, on the third Saturday each month.

We are an informal group of friends who enjoy walking. The walks 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 but for those walks that entail a drive I will let you know meeting times.

The plan for our 2009 walks is:

17th Jan Ashby and Barby (c.9 miles)

21st Feb Watford, West Haddon (c.11 miles)

21st Mar Boddington and Priors Marston (c.11 miles)

18th Apr Calcutt Marina (c.14 miles)

16th May Wroxton (c.11 miles)

20th June The Oxfordshire Ridgeway (c.12 miles)



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT



2008 Annual Poppy Appeal.

The final collection for Braunston together with Ashby amounted to £2091 and for the District £5624. Many thanks to the collectors and local businesses for their hard work making this sum possible.

Christmas Raffles.

Also, many thanks to The Plough at Braunston, The White Horse at Welton, The George at Kilsby and The Sporting Club at Barby who ran raffles on behalf of the Legion. A total of £283 was raised for Legion funds.

The Legion Christmas Concert.

This was held in December by the Legion in conjunction with Daventry Brass. The Community Hall in Daventry was full and an excellent programme of the highest standard was enjoyed by all. Over £1000 was raised shared by the Band and the Legion.

The Canals.

A excellent talk was given by Tim Coghlan from Braunston Marina at the January meeting. The talk was illustrated by videos of two of the TV programmes WATER WORLD in which Tim had played a major part. These were the renovation of the narrow boat Raymond and sailing a narrow boat up from London to Braunston. Tim is a well known supporter of local charities and the Legion is much indebted to him for a very enjoyable evening.

Annual Dinner.

Due to the large number of members being ill and unable to attend it was decided to postpone the dinner to a date later on in the year.

February Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Sporting Club Barby on 10th February 2009 at 8.00pm.

Tony Saunderson
6 Greenway
Braunston
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200 Club Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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	£5	165	K Mawer
27/11/08	£10	81	A Brown
	£5	200	K Brewster
4/12/08	£10	169	F Hall
	£5	119	B Cook
11/12/08	£50	84	P Edwards
18/12/08	£10	151	B Shrubbs
	£5	183	K Reader
25/12/08	£10	98	B Arrowsmith
	£5	20	C Aldridge
1/1/09	£10	24	S Hume
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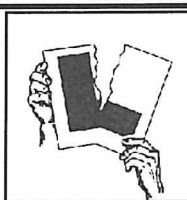
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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



**Women's
Institute**

Tuesday Feb 3 at

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Saturday 28th Feb

EARLY SPRING FAIR

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Friendly Club

Monday Feb 9th at 2.30pm

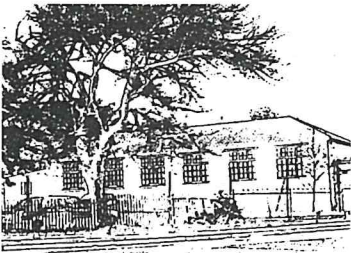
Joan Wood will join us with another demonstration of greeting card making and a chance to have a go.

Monday Feb 23rd at 2.30pm Patrick

Herlihy will give a talk about Christmas spent in India

Both meetings in the Village Hall

Gill Powell 890763



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Clubs and Society Contacts

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
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 -8yr old Boys and Girls on Wednesdays at 5.45pm
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday evenings at 7.30 - 9.00
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get-togethers
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 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	Steve Rolt	01327 878341	8-10½ year olds on 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	
All Saints' Kids Club (Sunday School)	Alison Fiddes	891847	Sunday School for 5+ yrs
Gardens Assn	Chris Grossart,	890491	
Guides			
The Dick Heme Braunston History Society	Annie Rogers	891179	
Braunston Primary School	Mrs Barbara Parfitt, Headteacher.	890494	
Junior Football			
Playing Fields Association	Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson Louis Prat	890583 890348 890766	

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Little Fishers (0	Rev Claire	890235	Under 5's (with parents) on Mondays 2.00pm in All Saints Church
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	5¼ -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	Lynne White villagehall@braunston.net	07724 123363	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

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