

Braunston Village News

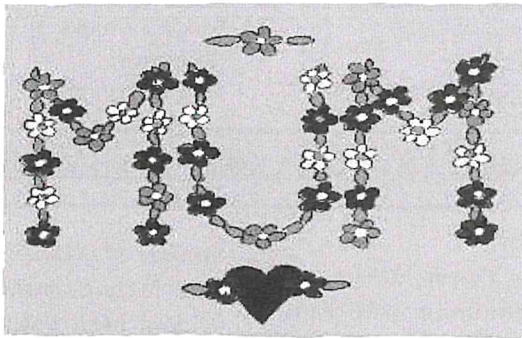
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All Saints Church, Braunston

MOTHERING SUNDAY 22nd March 2009



Family Service

11am Worship with family songs, activities & cake

Flowers for every mum or remember your mum with a candle

Come & Join us





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

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

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Secretary:

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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS MARCH 2009

Sunday 1st March

9.15am Morning Prayer- Ashby

11am Holy Communion with Kids
club - Braunston

6.30pm Evensong- Braunston

Monday 2nd March

2pm Little Fishers in Braunston
Church Parish Room

Wednesday 4th March

10.30am Holy Communion-
Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Course- All Saints'
Church Parish Room

Saturday 7th March

12-30 - 2pm Lent Lunch in the
Village Hall

Sunday 8th March

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Family Service- Braunston

Monday 9th March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish
Room

Tuesday 10th March

7.30pm Lent Course- All Saints'
Church Parish Room

Wednesday 11th March

10.30am Holy Communion- phone Revd
Claire for further details

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.45pm Braunston Church Annual
Parish Church Meeting - Parish
Room (All Welcome)

Thursday 12th March

7.30pm Wedding Preparation

Evening- Staverton school

Sunday 15th March

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Parish Communion with All

Saints Kids Club- Braunston

7.30pm ASKC Meeting- The Rectory

Monday 16th March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish

Room

Wednesday 18th March

10.30am Holy Communion-

Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Course- All Saints'

Church Parish Room

Sunday 22nd March - MOTHERING

SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion- Braunston

11am MOTHERING SUNDAY

Family Service- Braunston

4pm MOTHERING SUNDAY

Family Service- Ashby

Monday 23rd March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish

Room

Wednesday 25th March

10.30am Holy Communion -

Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Course- All Saints'

Church Parish Room

Saturday 28th March

12-30 - 2pm Lent Lunch in the

Village Hall

Sunday 29th March

11am TEAM HOLY

COMMUNION SERVICE AT

ASHBY

No other Services. Note: On Fifth

Sundays we will only have one Service in

the Daventry Team

Monday 30th March

2pm Little Fishers

Wednesday 1st April

10.30am Holy Communion-

Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Course- All Saints'

Church Parish Room

Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion - Braunston

9.15am Holy Communion - Ashby

11am Family Service- Braunston

Start Palm Sunday Procession at 10-40

am (meet outside the Wheatsheaf pub)

Arrive at Church at 11am for a short

Family service

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

I'm gazing at my candle burning; I have so much to share with you this month – including the arrival of the new Team Rector of Daventry, the Lent Course & all the special events of Easter! I keep getting distracted and 'trim' the candle - cutting away it's crust- which obscures the candle flame from view. Now the flame is dancing and flickering and a lot brighter and clearer to look at.

'I know I need to talk about Lent. But what is it all about?'

'Draw close to God, and He will draw close to you.' James 4:8

Perhaps the writer of James has got it in a sentence! Lent is about 40 days of trying to glimpse God in a more profound way. How? Well by 'taking on' reading His Word- seeing things from a Godly perspective. (*Why not do this with others and join the 'Lentwise group'?*) Also by praying for the needs of others- and crying out to God because there seems no where else to go- crying out for his love and transformation. And seeing- as surely as the flowers grow each Springtime that He can and will bring light into darkness. The more one enters Lent with it's austerity and simplicity- the more one sees how much God in Jesus really loves us and the more joyful the new life and transforming power of Easter.

This may sound like goobly-goo - but why not try it?- don't just 'give up' chocolate (though abstinence does makes us more open to other sensations/ experiences) but 'take on' getting close to God. God is in our midst-

in smiles, and flowers, and wise words, and the birds singing, and surprises, and a comforting hug, but so often we don't see these things. We are too self-preoccupied. And I am the worst culprit! But God is in the simple things of life.

What does observing Lent do for me? Well ME gets smaller (like the crusty wall of wax I've been picking off) and God gets bigger (as I've allowed the flame to get bigger) and that actually makes for a happier and less cranky Claire! And I know I will mess up and the wall between me and others and God will go up every now and again but I will try and keep on turning to God and feel the warmth of his love.

Lent is a discipline- it's not just about giving up something, but it's a decision to take up something- turning to God in His Word, in prayer and in putting others first. Don't just leave it to chance- *live Lent!*

God bless,
Revd Claire



All Saints' Church now has a new disabled toilet facility as part of our improving Health and Safety works.

CHURCH NEWS

Team services

Please note on the 5th Sunday there will only be one Service in the whole Team. This begins on 29th March when the Team Service will be at Ashby Church at 11 am. Canon Michael Webber will be preaching at this Service.

All very welcome!

Please ask if you require transport.

We welcome our new Rector of the Daventry Team

Canon -Revd Michael Webber will be installed as the new Team Rector on 9th March at 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church. He comes from Earls Barton where he has been Rector for 20 years – he brings a lot of experience with him and has a particular passion for building up children's work and empowering lay ministry.

Spring is coming!

I know that I will not be very popular with this request! But...there seems to be a proliferation of plastic flowers in the Cemetary and in the garden of rest. Plastic flowers are actually against Diocesan regulations. Now that Spring is soon coming please could these be replaced with cut flowers or bulbs- in a flower pot . If this is difficult – please contact Revd Claire.

LENT LUNCHES



Saturday 7th March &
Saturday 28th March

Village Hall - 12.30pm - 2pm

Come and enjoy a chat and some
sumptuous soup

Registers for 2009

Baptisms

22nd February

Joanne Crook,
Evie Cecilia Law,
Sterling Buckingham,
Delaney Buckingham.

*Welcome to the Church
family!*

Funerals

4th February-

Phyllis Coleman

12th February-

Doreen Hough

13th February- Anna Hyde

26th February- Bill Griffiths

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

IN MEMORIUM

Louise Stuart lived happily and contentedly at 9 School Close,
Braunston for 33 years.

Last year she decided, for health reasons, that it was time to be
taken care of and looked after.

Town Thorns Residential Home at Easenhall was
recommended. This was ideal with her own room and plenty
of activities. By coincidence, she had been evacuated to Town
Thorns as a small child in the war years and had spent about
six years as an evacuee.

In July 2008 Louise moved in and was just settling down and
looking forward to Christmas when, on 19th December at the
age of 72, she sadly passed away having suffered a massive heart
attack

VAL WARD.

Church Floodlighting for January to March 2009

January's Floodlighting

- 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
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...

- 6th February – Birthday Memories of Mum x
7th February - In Memory of Kay & Arthur Williams
10th February - * In Memory of Mansel Davies
10th February - * Happy Birthday Toby
12th February - Karen Childs Birthday memories love Dad, Mum, Kim & Helen x
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

March's Floodlighting so far...

- 1st March - For Dick & Jeanita's 40th Wedding Anniversary
7th March - * 50th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Jenny
9th March - * In memory of Violet Furber
15th March - * Happy Birthday Debbie love Martin
16th March - * Audrey & Ron's Anniversary 56yrs
21st March - * Loving memories of a dear father - Ann & Roger Pease
26th March - * Nigel & Judith Sykes Wedding Anniversary

* = 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 £5.

Hope and Homes for Children



FUNDS RAISED SINCE THE LAST BVN

Money raised from

Penny Pots

£ 72.37

This makes a total of £3,474.26 this Financial Year (starting 1st March)

A big thank you to all those who are saving their odd pennies in the jars. These jars can be obtained from the Braunston Stores and the Churches at Ashby and Braunston.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 accompanied by adult)

Will meet at Braunston Village Hall
At 7:00pm until 9:00pm
On Alternate Fridays
6th March, 20th March
3rd April

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 25th
at Braunston School at 7.45pm

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

or telephone
01788 890128



BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



Barby School and Pre-school

are holding a:

Nearly New Children's Clothes and Toy Sale

Venue - Barby Village Hall

Saturday 7th March

10:30 - 12:30

Entrance 20p Refreshment will be available

Donations of any Children's clothes (ALL AGES) or toys needed. Please contact Cath James on 891 779.

Alternatively items can be brought to Barby School week commencing 2nd March.

200 Club Winners

Date

Number

Prize

Winner

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday 11th March - 7.30pm in the Parish Room

A meeting to elect the Officers for the forthcoming year, to look back over the year and to look forward with your valuable input.

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Sincere thanks to the residents
of Braunston and environs
who supported our recent
Cake Stall.

We raised £265,
Thank you

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May 2009

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2009 SIA will celebrate its 35th Anniversary and being that Friday 15th May 2009 is Spinal Cord Injury awareness day and what a better way to raise funds than eating Fish and Chips and raising money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Donor Development Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

2009 is the first year that SIA are running the suppers but we already envisage this to be one of our top fundraising initiatives in the SIA calendar over the coming years. Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

The Braunston Picnic - a village fayre for the summer?

I would like to introduce myself - Originally from Leamington Spa, I moved to Braunston in June last year, after living in London and having been involved in a wide variety of festival events and venues for some years. I founded The Big Chill festival, which as well as doing an annual event in the park at Eastnor Castle has worked overseas in countries such like Egypt, USA, Japan and Australasia with The British Council. I have worked in the music and entertainment business all my life doing work with major record labels and programmes for Radio 2 and other BBC programmes.

I quickly fell in love with the village and asked myself why I'd spent so long in London. I quite fancied giving something back to Braunston and at the same time using the experience I already have of outdoor events, so I put on the Winter Solstice concert with Andrew Cronshaw in the village church last December and have had very good feedback from those who attended, many of whom have urged me to organise more events locally.

Braunston is a very special village with a unique character and some fantastic, creative people. I was quite surprised when I moved here to find that nothing along these lines existed already as an event, and inevitably got into some conversations with village residents and the upshot has been a large amount of enthusiasm and interest. Land has been offered just across the A45 which seems to me to be a totally appropriate site, with flat land, good access and parking space as well as being away from the main village so disruption will be kept to a minimum too.

The idea is basically to put together a small event (a Temporary Event Notice license can be obtained for such events) which will very much retain the classic village fete concept - some live music, Morris dancers, a beer tent, stalls, tombola, sports day style activities, raffles, car boot sale, but the rat, local produce stall...I'm sure you get the idea! I'm sure you will also have a lot of suggestions and ideas to make too, and we need to be organised if an event is to happen this summer. The initial year will need funding but I'm hopeful that it can become an annual event and some kind of charity set up which can benefit the village in future years.

I would very much like the village to view this proposed event as something the community can get involved with and feel proud of. I'm sure there are many of you who would like to contribute or somehow get involved, and for an idea like this to be successful, it will need input and a whole team to move forward. I have a few suggestions and I'd like to meet those who are interested to talk over ideas, so to this end, I have booked the Village Hall for a meeting at 8pm on Tuesday March 24th. Please e mail or call in advance if you can so we can get an idea of numbers.

Saturday 4th July is the proposed date, which has a certain ring to it too! Anyone for Braunston Independence Day? As a marketing idea, that could be quite exciting too...

I hope to see you at the Village Hall on March 24th.

Peter Lawrence
www.petelawrence.net
pete@petelawrence.net

All Saints' Church, Braunston

Palm Sunday

5th April 2009

Procession

Starts outside the Wheatsheaf Pub at 10:40am

Short Service 11am



Come & Join Us!

Braunston Fishing Club

BINGO

Every Thursday throughout the
year

8.00pm in the Village Hall

G Donald 891264



Braunston Rainfall

20/1/09 to 20/2/09
77mm

Information provided
by D Humphries

MARCH DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday	1	9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Holy 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	10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm PEvening Prayer 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	5	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	6	Youth Club
Saturday	7	12.30 Lent Lunch in Village Hall - 10.30 to 12.30 Barby School Clothes and Toy sale, Barby Village Hall
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 - 7.30pm Canon Michael Webber's installation at Holy Cross
Tuesday	10	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7..30pm Lent Course at All Saints - 8.00pm British Legion at The George Hotel, Kilsby
Wednesday	11	4.30pm Evening Prayer at Ashby - 7.30pm APCM at 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 - 7.30pm Wedding preparation at Staverton School
Friday	13	
Saturday	14	

MARCH DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday	15	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion Ashby, 11.00am Parish Communion with All Saints Kids Club - 7.30pm ASKC Meeting at Braunston Rectory
Monday	16	2.00pm 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 - 7.30pm History Society AGM
Wednesday	18	10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm Evening Prayer 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
Saturday	21	Braunston Walkers to
Sunday	22	8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston -11.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service, Braunston - 4.00pm Mothering Sunday Family Service at Ashby
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 - 12.00 pm Friendly Club Lunch
Tuesday	24	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 8.00pm Braunston Fayre meeting, 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 - 7.30 Lent Course, All Saints
Thursday	26	Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	27	
Saturday	28	12.30 Lent Lunch Village Hall
Sunday	29	11.00am TEAM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT ASHBY (no other services today)
Monday	30	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	31	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	1 April	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 - 7.30 Lent Course, All Saints
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Choices for Children

The Schools' Adjudicator has recently made a ruling which orders Rugby Grammar schools to review their admissions' policy. He has recommended that children who live outside Warwickshire should be excluded from having the opportunity to attend these schools.

As the children in Daventry and the surrounding villages do not fall into the primary catchment area for any Northamptonshire schools other than those in Daventry this will be their only choice of secondary education, outside of the private sector or moving. This choice has been taken away with no alternative being offered, and with no consultation of the communities affected.

This will affect children currently in year five or below, and the recommendation, if followed, will become policy. The consultation period ends on March 6th.

A local group called "Choices for Children" has been set up to challenge this proposal.

For more information, and to sign the petition against the proposal please go to www.choicesforchildren.co.uk.

There is also an online petition at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/SchoolAdmReview/>

When we reach over 200 signatures the petition is brought directly to the Prime Ministers Office and requires a direct response so please act now to add your voice.

Sam Maxwell/ Jennifer Rolt



All Saints' Church **Easter Services 2009**

Sunday 22nd March – 11am

Mothering Sunday - Family Service

Sunday 5th April - 11am in Church

Palm Sunday Family Service

Start with 'following the Donkey'

(meet outside the Wheatsheaf pub at 10.40am)

Thursday 9th April – 7-30pm

Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion

Friday 10th April – Good Friday

2pm - 3pm Meditation

Saturday 11th April

10 – 12 Easter Fun Children's Workshop in the Village Hall

Easter Day - Sunday 12th April

8am Holy Communion

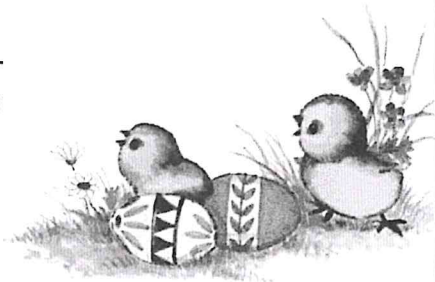
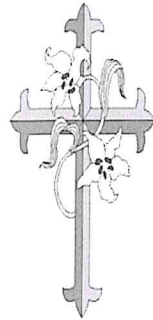
11am Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt

Lent Lunches:

Saturday: 7th March 12-30 -

Saturday: 28th March 12-30

Come & Join us!



CALLING ALL GARDENERS.

The Braunston Village Gardens Association is planning to hold its plant sale to coincide with the Open Gardens at the beginning of July. If you are splitting perennials or have spare plants or cuttings, are you willing to pot them up for us to sell then, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support?

The Garden store at the Village Hall will run from April 5th each Sunday from 11am - 12 noon for your gardening sundries. Further details next month.

Further information from Jean Dibben 01788 890515.

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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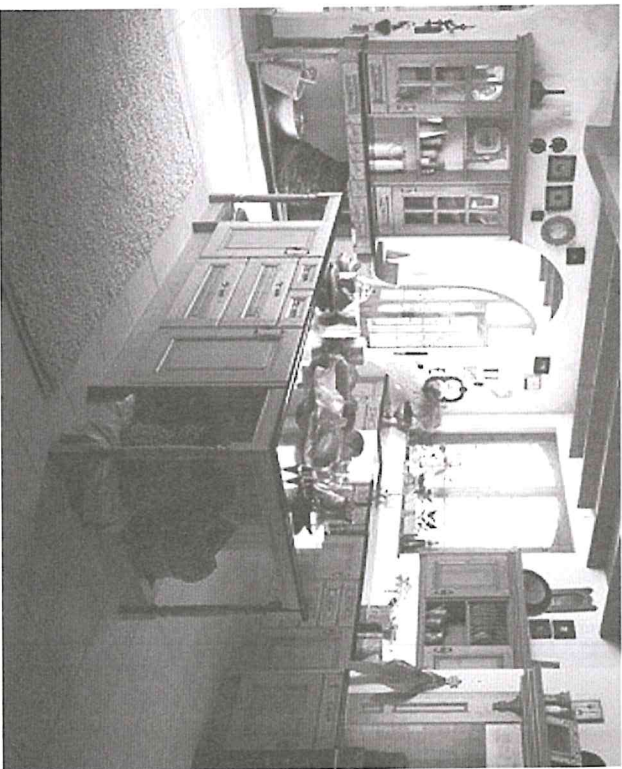
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Braunston Walkers -Watford Saturday 21/2/2009 (8.19 miles)

The recce for this walk was carried out in the snow which sparkled in the sunshine and made the views spectacular. We had crossed many virgin white fields with no footprints to mar the view although that was because we were lost. But that is what recces are for! The other benefit was that the snow covered any mud but as we set out from Watford on this beautiful spring morning with sunshine and all the snow gone we knew we were in for some mud. Ten of us met up at Watford and as we set off up the road Daxa, Bharat and their son, Shyam were searching for where we had parked the cars. We waited for them to don their boots and for Terry to handout Foxes Dark sweets, the earliest in the walk that we had ever had them.. We set off across the West Haddon road and onto a field path that leads to Long Buckby. At this point we met the main line from Birmingham to London and had to cross the rails, keeping a wary eye out for express trains. Getting over the line quickly our path followed the edges of fields to drop down to a river where our path turned right and into Long Buckby. We walked left up the main street and then turned left again into the old church yard where we paused long enough to view the grave of the entertainer, Stanley Unwin. He was an amazing comedian in his day and had a most unusual way of speaking which was apparently not scripted but just came out. An example from a web site written by someone else in his inimitable style is

Hi ho and a jolly welcode to all you surfwide'n interwebber lopers. Here beholdy manifold things Stanley Unwinmost - all deep joy and thorkus for great laugh'n tittery. O yes.

It is amazing that only people of a certain age fondly remember this peculiarly English comic and his inspired nonsense. Anyway we left the church yard pausing to enjoy white snowdrops and blue Speedwell and walked along a field path with fantastic views all round. dropping down to the river and then up to a wooded area with the unlikely name of Vandeplank's Covert and then our track lead out to a small road that leads to West Haddon and our lunch stop at the old Pytchley Inn. It is an imposing building from the outside but there was a warm welcome and the food and beer was excellent. All too soon we had to tear ourselves away for the walk back to Watford. We were now on the Jurassic Way long distance footpath which wends its way 88 miles from Lincolnshire through Northants and part of Oxfordshire not forgetting that it goes through our own village of Braunston. Our way followed this path past the farm at Silsworth Lodge and then through a magnificent bit of park land up to the old metal Priest Bridge where the railway runs over the track. During the recce the bit under the bridge was a pond and we had to wade through but this week it was dry and we passed through and on to Watford village. The ornate old bridge which crosses land of the Elizabethan manor of Watford Court, owned by the Henley family, was apparently built to Lord

Henley's own design as he did not want an unsightly bridge within the bounds of his park. It is called the Priest bridge as the Priest would cross it to perform mass with the labourers building the railway.

This was a great walk and thanks to Alan Eley who lead the walk.

Come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, on the third Saturday each month. We are an informal group of friends who enjoy 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:

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

14th Mar Boddington and Priors Marston (c.11 miles) Please note date change.

18th Apr Calcutt Marina (c.14 miles)

16th May Wroxton (c.11 miles)

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

THE ADMIRAL NELSON CLOSES.

Sadly, at the beginning of this year Diane and Eldaf at The Admiral Nelson closed the doors for the last time, saying there were not enough people coming through the door to pay the rent. They will both be missed by the community and we of course, wish them well in their future.



The "Nelson" dates back some 300 years, which means it was there before the canal. It has been used as a farmhouse with a milking cowshed, a butchers and green grocers and for the offices of Fellows, Morton and Clayton.

Being such a part of the history and fabric of Braunston we all hope to see it preserved and re-opened before long.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
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The February meeting had to be cancelled because of the weather.

The next meeting of the branch will be at the George Hotel, Kilsby, at 8.00pm on 10th March 2009.

Tony Saunderson
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Tel: 01788 890797

The "Dick Herne"
Braunston History Society

The AGM will be on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Room of the Church.

From the Archives

The Prince at Braunston (1921)

The villagers were greatly excited on Saturday afternoon when it became known that the Prince was in the Post Office telephoning. He had just finished hunting and was in his scarlet coat and breeches. He had to wait some time to get his call through, and was in and out of the office some 20 minutes. The hounds, with Freeman and Sir Charles Lowther, came up at the time and he was talking to them in the street. A groom took his horse and he left in a car. There was no demonstration except the raising of a few hats. The hounds, which met at Kilsby, had been hunting round the village, Bragborough, Middlemore and Braunston Covert being visited. The last run finished near Willoughby House.

Warmer inside. (date unknown)

Children at Braunston Primary School, near Rugby, will ebat the furel shortage by taking lessons in two heated visiting rooms at Onley prison. The warm offer came from Mr John Rham, the proison's govenor.

If anyone has any photographs of old Braunston which we could borrow toscan for our archives we would be very grateful.

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The 300th parcel was sent out in mid-February and, at the time of writing the number stands at 302. An incredible achievement!

Photographs and letters received from members of the A.S.G. are displayed in the shop window.

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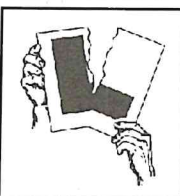


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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



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Gill Powell 890763

Friendly Club

Monday March 9th

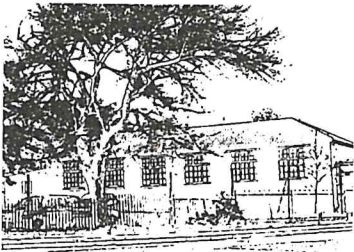
We have a visit from a group of children from Braunston Primary School

Monday March 23rd

Lunch at "The Old Plough" 12.00 for 12.30.

More details at the next Club meeting..

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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 13 yrs 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 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 6.15 pm
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 Junior Football	Mrs Barbara Parfitt, Headteacher.	890494	
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	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	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
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