

# Braunston Village News

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## All Saints' Church Easter Services 2009

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 11am**

Mothering Sunday - Family Service

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - 11am in Church**

Palm Sunday Family Service

Start with 'following the Donkey'

(meet outside the Wheatsheaf pub at 10.40am)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 7-30pm**

Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**

2pm - 3pm Meditation

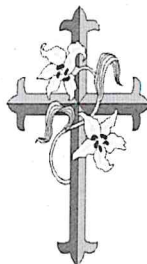
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Easter Day - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion

11am Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt



### Lent Lunches:

Saturday: 7<sup>th</sup> March 12-30 –

Saturday: 28<sup>th</sup> March 12-30

**Come & Join us!**





All Saints'  
Church  
Braunston



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St  
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers  
[ashby-st-ledgers-church.co.uk](http://ashby-st-ledgers-church.co.uk)

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

**Churchwardens:**

Peter Dickinson: 891955

Anne Parker-Tyler: 899251

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** John Lewis - 891149

**Organist and Choirmaster:**

John Viggers -024 7667 9967

**Churchwardens:**

Bruce Turton: 01788 335579

John Gray: 01788 890796

**PCC Lay Chair:**

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

**Secretary:**

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

**CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS APRIL 2009**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Course in the Parish  
Room

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

9.30am School Easter Service in the  
Church -All Welcome

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

1pm Wedding at Braunston

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - PALM SUNDAY**

9.15am Holy Communion

11am Family Service

*Start Palm Sunday Procession at 10.40*

*am (meet outside the Wheatsheaf pub)*

*Arrive at Church at 11am for a short*

*Family service*

6.30pm Evensong- Braunston

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April- START of HOLY  
WEEK**

NO Little Fishers

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

4-30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Communion

7-45pm PCC Meeting

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April**

7-30pm Holy Communion

**GOOD FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April**

2pm - 3pm Meditation

**EASTER SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April**

10am - 12 (noon) EASTER FUN

CHILDRENS WORKSHOP - in the

village Hall, Braunston

## **EASTER SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion

11am Family Communion with

Easter Egg Hunt

## **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

NO Little Fishers

## **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am Holy Communion-

Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Holy Communion with Kids

Club - Braunston

## **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish

Room

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Family Communion -

Braunston

## **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish

Room

## **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am Holy Communion-

Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

## **Vicar's Letter**

Dear Friends,

As I write we are being blessed with wonderful Spring sunshine, though there's a 'nip' in the air! I'm going to keep the letter quite brief this month (sighs of relief are heard from around Braunston!) because I would like to include an interview with the Daventry Team new Rector which appeared in last month's Teamtalk and introduces Canon Michael Webber to you, After 16 months of Revd Liz and myself overseeing the seven Churches of the Team it is great to have Michael with us and with all your kind enquiries and prayers over the past few months I thought it would be good for you to be privy to this interview.

Also I want to once again invite you all to give some thought to Lent and Holy Week

over the next few weeks and also of course the joy of Easter. Please try and find some time in this month's busy activity to come and worship. 'The children friendly' events include the Palm Sunday walk to Church, the Easter Saturday children's workshop in the Village Hall, and the Easter Day Holy Communion in Church, with egg hunt for the children. Please read on to find out more details. The more reflective services include the Maundy Thursday Service and Good Friday- Meditation at the foot of the Cross.

I'm aware whilst writing this of people in the Village who are going through a particularly hard time. Disappointment, bereavement and just the sense that life is tough at the moment. I am also always really heartened by the number of good

neighbours in Braunston and the amount of care there is around. Part of Easter is being real about one's experiences and taking to heart Jesus' words: 'Behold I am with you always'. He experienced our sadness and weakness, so that we can experience his strength and care. Even when it's hard to trust God for a better future- please know that at Church, we are trusting God on your behalf. As part of one of the prayers for Easter Day it says:

God of Glory,  
By the raising of your Son  
You have broken the chains of death and hell:

Fill your Church with faith and hope;  
For a new day has dawned  
And the way to life stands open  
In our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen. *Alleluia!*

May the new life of Easter be a reality for you,

God bless, Revd Claire

## An interview with Canon Michael Webber in the March edition of Team Talk

**Rev Liz:** We are looking forward to you coming to the Team Ministry. Tell us something about yourself and your family.

**Canon Michael:** I was brought up in Kent, Beckenham then Sevenoaks and went to Manchester University, where I studied Theology. I stayed on to do an M.A. was a postman for a year and then trained to be a priest at Cuddesdon College, Oxford. I was a Curate at Caterham, where I met my wife, Felicity, who is a Landscape architect. We then moved to Kidbrooke in south London where I was a Team Vicar on a housing estate. Our two children, Rosalind and Justin were born there. Then in 1987 we moved to Earls Barton and for seven years I was also Rural Dean of Wellingborough.

**Rev Claire:** Have you always gone to church, who or what has helped you in your faith journey?

**Michael:** Both my parents went to church and I enjoyed being part of the Church family at Norwood in south London. My growth in faith was a gradual process though I have felt times of being called- a quiet nagging call, not something dramatic. Many people have helped me on my faith journey but buildings have also played a part. The church where I grew up had a wonderful atmosphere of worship.

**Liz:** I imagine you will find working in Daventry to be very different to working in a village like Earls Barton.



**Michael:** Yes in some ways, but Earls Barton is a large village or small town of almost 6,000 people. Of course Daventry is much larger but my work as a priest will not I think be very different.

**Claire:** Do you think Vicars should concentrate on those who come regularly to church?

**Michael:** I think we should take an interest in everybody. At Earls Barton I have spent much time with the whole community especially over baptisms, weddings and funerals. At Christmas we held an outdoor carol service which was attended by about 3,000 people. I helped to organise a summer Playscheme for the children of Earls Barton.

**Liz:** How do you feel about joining a Team Ministry?

**Michael:** I am really looking forward to joining the Team. I helped set up a Team Ministry in Kidbrooke some years ago and in Earls Barton I have set up the Leadership Team, which consists of Lay Pastoral Ministers, Readers, 4 Wardens and the clergy. The Lay Pastoral Ministers help with pastoral work and I hope that ministry may be encouraged in the Daventry team.

**Claire:** I agree. We have 3 Readers in the team here, have you had much experience of working with Readers?

**Michael:** Yes I used to be the sub warden of Readers and helped to put together the present training programme in the diocese. We have 2 Readers in training at present.

**Liz:** What are your immediate hopes and plans?

**Michael:** Well first to get to know people and to do a lot of listening. There are a number of good things going on at Holy Cross and in the wider team which I hope with others to build on. I am also keen to see the work with children and families develop at Holy Cross and am pleased to hear that planning has started for a new Sunday club.

### **CHURCH NEWS - *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 Cemetery 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.

## Registers for February 2009

### Baptisms

22<sup>nd</sup> February

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

*Welcome to the Church family!*

### Funerals

4<sup>th</sup> February- Phyllis Coleman

12<sup>th</sup> February- Doreen Hough

13<sup>th</sup> February- Anna Hyde

26<sup>th</sup> February- Bill Griffiths

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



We are all very pleased with our re-designed unisex and disabled toilet and kitchen which is now completed and meet our Health and Safety requirements.

The ladder in the bell tower has also been replaced with a staircase which is much safer to use.

Some people have asked if they can help contribute towards the cost of these works.

If anyone would like to give a donation then please have a word with Revd Claire or Peter Dickinson.

Many thanks Revd Claire

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*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.*

## Church Floodlighting for March to May 2009

### **March's Floodlighting** so far...

- 1<sup>st</sup> March - For Dick & Jeanita's 40th Wedding Anniversary
- 7<sup>th</sup> March - \* 50th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Jenny
- 9<sup>th</sup> March - \* In memory of Violet Furber
- 10<sup>th</sup> March - 70th Birthday Memories of Lil Staples, with love from all the family
- 14<sup>th</sup> March - Barbara & Tony Saunderson Golden Wedding
- 15<sup>th</sup> March - \* Happy Birthday Debbie love Martin
- 15<sup>th</sup> March - Birthday memories of Dad x
- 15<sup>th</sup> March - Derek Fletcher - with fond memories love Barbara Fletcher
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - \* Audrey & Ron's Anniversary 56yrs
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - \* Loving memories of a dear father - Ann & Roger Pease
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Mary & Peter Wenham's Golden Wedding Anniversary
- 21<sup>st</sup> March - Sheila & Ron Humpage Golden Wedding Anniversary
- 24<sup>th</sup> March - 53rd Wedding Anniversary of Cyril & Eileen Best wishes Evelyn & Family
- 26<sup>th</sup> March - \* Nigel & Judith Sykes Wedding Anniversary



### **April's Floodlighting** so far...

- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - John & Hilda's Diamond Wedding Anniversary with love
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April - In loving memory of Len Archer from Evelyn, Paul & Deb, Stephen & Grandson Harry, A Alan & Julie
- 4<sup>th</sup> April - \* Happy Birthday Avril
- 4<sup>th</sup> April - \* In memory of Anna
- 9<sup>th</sup> April - \* For Wendy Wilsons Birthday
- 9<sup>th</sup> April - Happy 65th Birthday Rosemary love John x
- 10<sup>th</sup> April - \* Happy 90th Birthday Phyl, love Ken x
- 12<sup>th</sup> April - Thirza Pittam's 95th Birthday much love from all the family
- 12<sup>th</sup> April - Mrs 'P' Happy 95th Birthday from Dennis, Anne, Rnia
- 15<sup>th</sup> April - \* Happy Birthday Lisa Webb love Mum & Dad
- 17<sup>th</sup> April - \* For Janet & John 38th Wedding Anniversary
- 17<sup>th</sup> April - \* In memory of Anne Waller's 89th birthday love from Liz John Rob and Stuart x
- 17<sup>th</sup> April - \* Happy 16th Birthday Charlie love Sheila x
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - \* In loving memory of Eleanor Old
- 25<sup>th</sup> April - Jay & Sam's Wedding day – Congratulations

### **May's Floodlighting** so far...

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May \* - In memory of Robin
- 4<sup>th</sup> May - In loving memory of Eric Cole
- 4<sup>th</sup> May - \* Happy Birthday Briony
- 5<sup>th</sup> May - \* Brian & Marty Seymour on their wedding Anniversary
- 6<sup>th</sup> May - \* In loving memory of Gillian
- 15<sup>th</sup> May - \* For family & friends in Braunston - Joan



# Hope and Homes for Children

## FUNDS RAISED SINCE THE LAST BVN

In our last Financial Year a further £23.39 was raised from Penny Pots  
This made a total of £3,497.65 during Financial Year ending on the 28<sup>th</sup>. February.  
So far in the Month of March we you have raised.

Penny Pots £ 39.50

Donations £ 15.00

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

4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. April - Easter Egg Hamper Raffle at Braunston Stores  
Also following Church Services at Braunston on 5<sup>th</sup>. &  
12<sup>th</sup>.

To be drawn on Easter Day.

9<sup>th</sup>. May - Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy  
At home.

31<sup>st</sup>. 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

3<sup>rd</sup>. April 2009

## Clubs Own Disco

Come and join the fun.  
As well as the normal  
Activities we have the  
Clubs own Disco



Braunston Youth Club is held  
At the Village Hall  
Our next session is  
7:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. April

Why not come along

Use it or lose it.

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



## **This is a message from Northamptonshire West Police.**

As part of their policy to minimise the risk of burglaries being caused by Yellow Pages/Telephone Directories being left on doorsteps, the company involved in these deliveries has asked us to advise you that:

Yellow Pages directories will be delivered to the following postcode areas over a period of 2-3 weeks, starting on April 4th.

NN1 to NN7 inclusive, plus NN11 and NN12.

They will be instructing their delivery agents not to leave directories anywhere visible from the street. However this is not always possible and some books will perhaps have to be left on view outside.

If you are out at work all day, it might be worth asking a friend or neighbour to take your book in for you.

Call the Northamptonshire Police switchboard on 08453 700700 or dial 999 in, an emergency.

Alternatively you can call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### **BRAUNSTON'S PARCELS**

Since April 2007 312 parcels have been sent to the Royal Marines serving in Afghanistan. My sincere thanks to everyone who continues to make this possible:- to everyone at the Village shop and Post Office and to all of you who continue to show your support, and for your overwhelming generosity

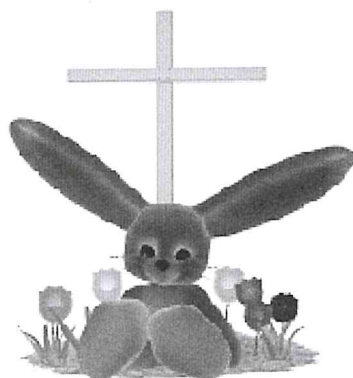
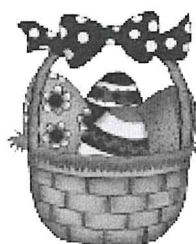
Thank you ALL

*Val Worrall*

# Easter Fun

## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Fun, Food, Craft, Singing, Drama &  
loads more



BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL,

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 09

10am – 12 (Noon)

You will need a **FREE** ticket to attend, so collect your ticket/s from Rev Claire or at Braunston School

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

*Kitchen Design studio*

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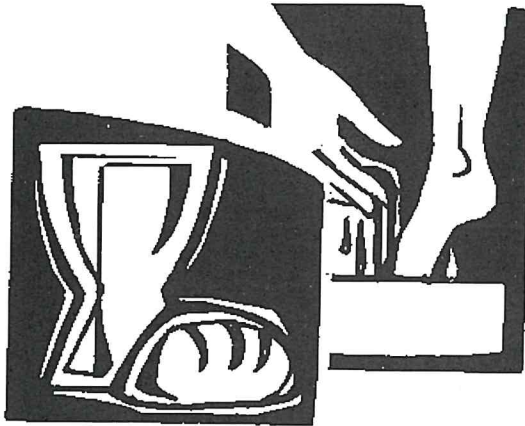
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All Saints Church, Braunston  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Maundy Thursday**



**Holy Communion**

**7 - 30pm**

**Come & Join us**

## JETTY FIELD

Let the brass band play tiddly om pom pom. Please come to a Celebration of the efforts that have provided Braunston Jetty Field Pocket Park. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 2 to 5 p.m. Yes: Daventry Brass Band will be playing, Play Rangers from the Country Park will have some games for the youngsters, you can walk round with our new guide leaflet, there will be sowing kits to help seed new flowers in the field [well sourced from BTCV] and there will be displays and other activities. Please bring your own picnics, tables, awnings, clothes and the like: a prize for the best-dressed picnic ensemble. Probably better if there are no barbecues. An old fashioned village picnic day - and all the better for that.

But before then - we are completing discussions about Conservation Grazing on the field. In order to bring back the flower meadow that would once have existed in the field we need to graze the vegetation with animals on a managed process. This chews back the coarse grasses and provides better patches for flower seeds to get a hold. The animals' feet press seeds into the ground and rejuvenation can begin. This will build on the preparatory work of the last few years of mowing and preserving the variety of grasses and flowers already there. We hope to use the team who have been working with Daventry Country Park to graze a flock of small rare-breed horned sheep. Numbers will change over the months with the management process. But there will be many more times when sheep are on the field than heretofore. We realise that this will mean us asking dog walkers and groups to be aware of the sheep and to respect their safety.

Please keep dogs under control when sheep are in the field. I think this is what our notice says that has been on display several times already. There should be room for dogs and sheep in this large field but please keep your dog on a lead if he/she is in a lively mood.

*Pat Herlihy.*

# BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

CONTROLLED PYROMANIACS WELCOME!!

Sunday 5th April  
From 10.30am

Subject to external factors BPFA are planning to burn a quantity of surplus wood from our recent tree clearing operations on this date.

MAY WE APOLOGISE IN ADVANCE FOR  
ANY INCONVENIENCE  
THIS OPERATION MAY CAUSE

**Dear Friend of Braunston Players,**

Yo

We are holding an informal evening of entertainment which we are calling '**Puddings and Performances**'. A similar evening last year was well received with some folk bringing a picnic meal to go with the puddings which are included in the ticket price of £5.

We very much enjoyed doing it last year, hence the repeat but hopefully with new material.

The event is on Saturday May 16th at the Village Hall  
7.15 for 7.30. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

Tickets are available now from The Boat Shop 01788 891310  
As it is a one-off evening tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment and make sure all your friends know.

Hope you can join us.

*Nick Gent*





**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**  
**BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT**

Tony Saunderson  
6 Greenway  
Braunston  
Tel: 01788 890797

## 200 Club Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>
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### **Calling all Gardeners**

The BVGA Garden Store will open its doors again for business on Sunday April 5th between 11am and 12 noon and subsequent Sundays until early June. Most of the usual products will be on sale at competitive prices.  
A price list is available from the store.

Chris on 890491 will answer any queries.  
Hope to see you again this year

### **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

# APRIL DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	1	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 - 7.30pm Lent Course in the Parish Room
Thursday	2	9.30am School Easter Service in Church - 1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	3	Youth Club Disco
Saturday	4	1.00 Wedding at Braunston
Sunday	5	<b>PALM SUNDAY - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Family Service, Braunston - starts with Procession from The Wheatsheaf at 10.40am. - 6.30pm Evensong, Braunston</b>
Monday	6	<b>START OF HOLY WEEK</b> - No Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts -2.30pm Friendly Club - 7
Tuesday	7	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - WI Meeting
Wednesday	8	<b>START OF HOLY WEEK</b> - No Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts
Thursday	9	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> - 1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – 7.30pm Holy Communion - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	10	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> - 2.00-3.00PM - Meditation
Saturday	11	10.00 to noon - Easter Fun Workshop, in the Village Hall
Sunday	12	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - 8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston - 11.00am Family Communion with EASTER EGG HUNT</b>
Monday	13	No Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	14	
Wednesday	15	10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - No Little Fishers -7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 10.00 to noon Friendly Club Coffee Morning

# APRIL DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday	16	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs - 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	17	Youth Club
Saturday	18	Braunston Walkers to Calcutt Marina
Sunday	19	<b>8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Holy Communion with Kids Club, Braunston</b>
Monday	20	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	21	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	22	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	23	Cubs – 7.30pm Bell Ringers - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	24	
Saturday	25	Rotary Spring Concert at All Saints Church
Sunday	26	<b>8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Family Communion</b>
Monday	27	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 meeting
Tuesday	28	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	29	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	30	
Friday	1 May	Twinnings trip to Quincy-Voisins
Saturday		

The Rotary Club of Daventry  
presents

# A Spring Concert



In Aid of  
Daventry Brass

Featuring

Marie Ward (piano)

Clarinet - Violin - Trombone - Euphonium - Cello

All Saints  
Church  
Braunston



**Saturday 25th. April  
2009  
7.30 pm**

**£10 Adults - £8 OAPs - £1 Students and  
Children**

Tickets from Barrie Thompson -  
01788 890091

All Saints' Church, Braunston

***Palm Sunday***

**5<sup>th</sup> 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**

20th Feb to 20th  
March = 28mm

Information provided  
by D Humphries



## Open Gardens

Several Braunston gardeners will be opening their gardens on Sunday 5th July in aid of Macmillan Cancer support.

There will also be afternoon teas and a bring and buy plant stall.

If any other gardeners are willing to join in, please contact

Jean Dibben on 01788 890515 or e-mail [dibben@btinternet.com](mailto:dibben@btinternet.com).

Size of garden is not important, as a small plot can still be interesting.



**BRAUNSTON TWINNERS**



25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trip to

**QUINCY-VOISINS**

**FRIDAY - MONDAY**  
**1st - 4th MAY**



**OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**WHY NOT COME WITH US THIS YEAR?**  
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*Super hospitality & entertainment*

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*same as 2 years ago !*

**1st Child £40    Other Children £10**

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For more details ring: -

**Bev Hankinson 01788 891988**

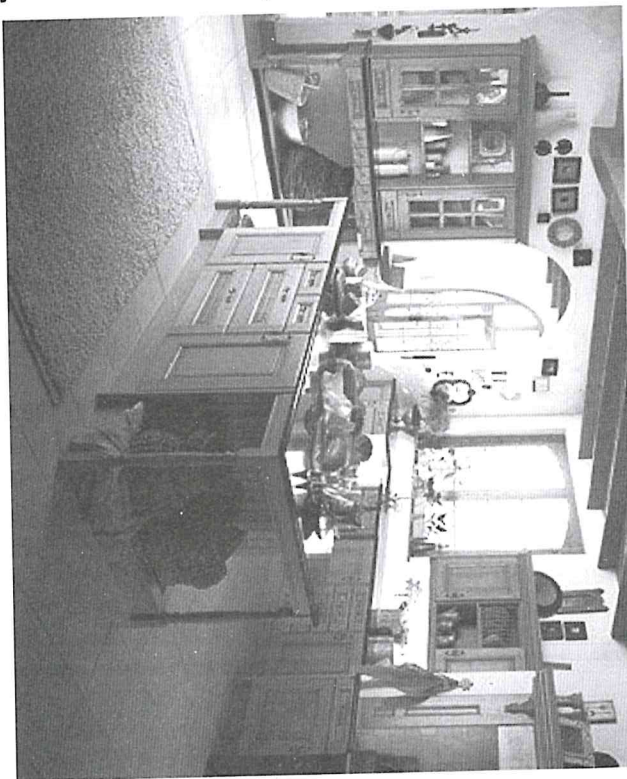
or

**Tony Ward                      01788 899105**

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**Braunston Walkers -Braunston Walkers Saturday 14/03/2009**  
Upper Boddington to Priors Marston and Back (circa 9 miles)

At my instigation the group had agreed to bring this walk forward a week and I was a bit concerned that the weather may have turned out bad but it was a brilliant sunny Spring morning when ten of us met up at the village hall and then drove over to Upper Boddington. I wouldn't like to bet on the weather next Saturday when we should have been walking! Wonderful sunshine and a keen cold wind gave us ideal conditions for the walk. This is a really great ramble through some spectacular scenery and so close to home. Leaving the cars we set off towards the delightful old village and then turned left after skirting the playing field, up a narrow footpath which was extremely boggy and soon messed up those lovely clean new boots! Our path lead over some ploughed fields steadily rising and where possible we walked round fields rather than the designated path since we would have sunk without trace had we gone through the thick clay. The path leads up to a small pond in a copse and on the map it shows a building but that has long since vanished. Just after the phantom building we arrived at a hedgerow and turned left to reach a path along the county boundary between our very own Northants and Warwickshire. There are fabulous views over open country back towards Upper Boddington from here.

The group turned right along the path here and then in a few yards we turned left to walk over to Berryhill Farm.

The views from here are really fantastic taking in the white sails of Napton windmill sparkling in the sun over to the right and extending over past Southam then distant Coventry and Leamington and on over the Warwickshire plain. We walked left around the old farmstead to be greeted with even more spectacular views over to Bishops Itchington and panning left over to the Burton Dasset Hills. Immediately in front of us was the moated Stoneton Manor and to its left the site of it's medieval village. It is really worth walking up to the farm just for the views even if the whole walk is a little too far.

We were in high spirits as the wind continued to make eyes water as we dropped down Berry Hill (188 metres above sea level) down to meet the road. We turned right along the road for a few yards before turning onto the road to Stoneton Manor. On our right was a huge lake but someone had pulled the plug out and it was little more than a huge muddy puddle. At the end of this road our path turned right and took us down past another farm and to the Oxford Canal where we turned right along the towpath with it's banks strewn with violets turning their heads towards the warm sun. All the way we had seen buds on the bushes emerging to take a tentative look as if expecting some more snow before the Spring really gets going. We left the towpath at the next bridge and followed a path over ancient ridge and furrow fields and on up a small valley where the



farmer had recently created a pond. Eventually the path lead out at the road and we turned right to walk into Priors Hardwick Philip was so looking forward to lunch at this stage that he had told everyone we were nearly there forgetting that lunch was not till Priors Marston. Anyway we turned left to admire the beautiful old village with its old church and stone buildings and passing the Butcher Arms with stomachs rumbling we soon reached the Tjunction where we turned right for a few yards before taking a footpath on the left over several fields to eventually emerge in yet another beautiful old stone village, Priors Marston and more importantly our lunch stop at The Holly Bush. We enjoyed our sandwiches and pints of Old Hookey but all too soon it was time to don our muddy boots and set off out of the village on the Byfield Road. The ridge on our left was one that we had walked on another occasion but we followed the road for a haifa mile or so and then turned onto a footpath over towards Grange Farm. We passed lots of new born lambs gambolling in the fields and enjoying the sunshine with anxious ewes checking us out. This area is a popular area for shooting and we found lots of clays that were intact so I am guessing that the shooters are not very good at it! After skirting the farm our path went over several fields. During the recce for this walk we had watched in awe as two hares ran at blistering speeds around the fields away from us. Alas there were none today prompting some wag to say "hare today gone tomorrow"

As if sensing our disappointment at this lack of wild life a muntjack deer appeared along the hedgerow before dis-

solving into the bushes like a ghost. The last field before Upper Boddington was a steep climb and we paused at the top. One to catch our breath and two to look back over the valley. We finally arrived at a road and turned left to get to the village before turning right through the village and emerging back at the village hall. This is a fabulous walk and well worth the effort.

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 hail but for those walks that entail a drive I WILL let you know meeting times.

The plan for our 2009 walks is:  
18 Apr Calcutt Marina (c.10 miles)  
16th May Wroxton (c.11 miles)  
20th June The Oxfordshire Ridgeway (c.12 miles)



The "Dick Herne"  
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The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st April in the Parish Room of the Church at 7.30pm.

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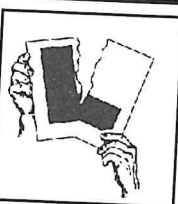


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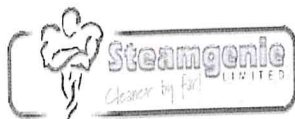
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**Tuesday 7th April**

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Dunchurch  
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### **Friendly Club**

**Wednesday April 15th**  
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Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys and Girls from 13yrs to 18yrs. Every Tuesday evening 19.00 to 21.30
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Joan Bishop		5¼ -8yr old Boys and Girls on Wednesdays 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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays
Friends of Braunston School	A Thomas	890494	
All Saints' Kids Club (Sunday School)	Alison Fiddes	891847	Sunday School for 5+ yrs
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Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 8.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scouts	Group Scout Leader – Joan Bishop Asst Group Scout Leader – Steve Rolt	01327 878178 07956 682733	
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Tai Chi Club	John Harford	01327 705807	Mondays 7-8.30pm Village Hall
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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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA	Jackie Green	890145	Thursday evenings at

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