

Braunston Village News

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Inland Waterways Association - Northampton Branch

DEFRA, the government department responsible for our waterways, has slashed the budgets of British Waterways by around 7.5 million this year and they plan to impose more cuts which could total up to 60 million over the next five years.

With government investment, canals have improved substantially in recent years but there is now serious concern that without the necessary funding for proper maintenance and investment, that they could revert back to the way they were - unpleasant and unsafe places to visit - not the sort of place to take the family for a pleasant walk. The cuts have also meant the announcement of 180 jobs losses at British Waterways.

The Inland Waterways Association and other user groups have been campaigning to get the cuts restored and last November there were protests all around the country highlighting the concerns of those who boat, walk, fish or those who live near a canal. To coincide with the presentation of petitions and letters of objection to government, a last-push protest event is being planned at Braunston.

We are calling on all boaters, anglers, ramblers, local residents and those who enjoy our waterways to join in on the 3rd March between 11-12am when the canal will be blockaded by boats between the Bottom Lock and Butcher's Bridge. Our local MP, Tim Boswell has agreed to join us!

Come along and help to make a fuss. Show government they won't get away with interfering with our waterways. Our canals and rivers are part of our national heritage.

Lynda Payton

Chairman

Inland Waterways Association - Northampton Branch

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All Saints'
Church
Braunston



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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

Churchwardens:

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Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS MARCH 2007

Friday 2nd March

Women's World Day of Prayer-

Holy Cross Church

Sunday 4th March- 2nd of Lent

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Morning Prayer- Ashby

Village Hall

11 am Parish Communion and

Fishers

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 5th March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish

Room

7.30pm Wedding Preparation-

Staverton School

Wednesday 7th March

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Lent group in the Parish

Room

Sunday 11th March- 3rd of Lent

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

Village Hall

11am Holy Communion with

Fishers

Monday 12th March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish

Room

Tuesday 13th March

7.30pm Lent Group in the Parish

Room

Wednesday 14th March

6.45pm Holy Communion

7.30pm Braunston PCC AGM in

Church Parish Room

Saturday 17th March

17.30 Saturday Night Express-

Informal 40 minute All Age Service

at Holy Cross Church

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

When we hear the word 'lent' the thing that might first come to mind is : "what am I going to give up for lent this year?"

School recollections of lent may be singing '40 days and 40 nights' and the re-telling of Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days- being tempted by the devil.

Commercially it is a time when shops want to skip the solemn, austere side of the season and jump ahead with chocolate bunnies and easter eggs.

But what is lent?

Lent is traditionally a time of preparation for Easter. Candidates who were going to be baptised at Easter would go through this time of penance. A period of preparation marked by prayer, and fasting. In Services in Church there is a simplicity about worship- no 'Alleluias' for instance!- and no flowers. A 'giving up' in the worship which is in stark contrast to the joy with which we greet the resurrection on Easter day.

The 40 days of lent can seem like a long time- particularly if you've given up chocolate! Just as Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days stripped of all the luxuries of life and thrown upon the grace of God, we have the opportunity during lent of letting go of some unconstructive things which can clutter up our lives, and live life a little differently .

Sunday 18th March- Mothering

Sunday

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Mothering Sunday Family Communion

11am Mothering Sunday Family Service

Monday 19th March

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish Room

Wednesday 21st March

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Lent Group in the Parish Room

Saturday 24th March

12.30pm- 2pm Lent lunch in the Village Hall

Sunday 25th March – 5th of Lent

8am Holy Communion

11am Family Service- Ashby

11am Family Communion- Braunston

Monday 26th March

2pm Little Fishers

2.30pm Lady Day Holy Communion Service (MU and friends)-

Braunston Church

Wednesday 28th March

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Lent Group in the Parish Room

Friday 30th March

9.30am School Easter Service in the Church- *all welcome* (see below)

Saturday 31st March

12.30-2pm Lent lunch in the Village Hall

Sunday 1st- Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Morning Prayer- Ashby

11am Palm Sunday Family Service with 10.30am procession from the Green.

How can I best keep Lent?

Keeping in mind the traditional disciplines of Lent : prayer, fasting and giving to charity, you may want to think about some of the following:

- Could you attend one extra service during the weeks of Lent?
- Could you try using one of the Lenten devotions or study groups? (e.g our Lent group on a Wednesday night - see details in [this BVN](#))
- Could you give up something and put the money saved in a charity box?
- Could you set aside some time each day/week for bible reading or silent prayer?
- Could you think about your life and explore with someone of prayer where your journey is leading you?

Lent is an amazing time- hard to describe. But if you can persevere with the lenten discipline things happen. There is time to be still and sometimes not have 'what I want' 'when I want' . There is time to realise my own human fragility. There is time to recollect what Jesus did for me in his life and on the cross. There is time to examine myself -and time to experience the closeness of God, His love and forgiveness. Like the Season in which it falls Lent is a Season of maturity and growth!

You may not be an active Church goer, though you may regard yourself as a Christian. Do take hold of the opportunities which lent offers- and draw close to God, as God draws close to you.

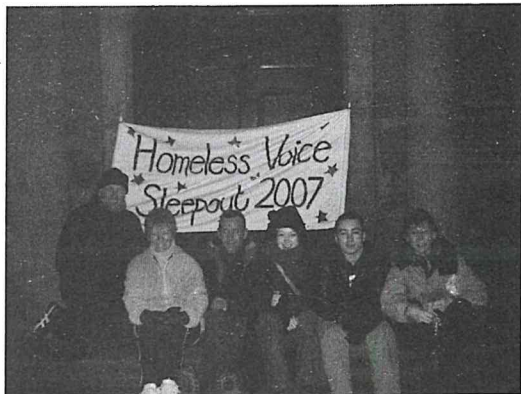
Have a good lent!

God bless, Revd Claire

Homeless Voice Sleepout - 2007

A big thank you to all those who supported Revd Claire when she and over twenty others slept out for the night on 26th January on the steps of Holy Cross Church. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of homelessness in Britain.

Over £300 was donated by friends in Braunston. This money has gone towards the homeless in Daventry, and the night shelter in Northampton.



Revd Claire is looking forward to being joined by volunteers from Braunston next year!!

Hope and Homes for Children



We hope to have the following Hope and Homes fund raising events, so make a note in your diary.

Home and Hopes Spring Conference at Salisbury

24th. March 2007 open to all. See www.hopeandhomes.org or ring 01722 790111 for further details

Easter Egg Hamper Raffle

Easter Week End

Coffee Morning - Bring and Buy

12th. May 10am – 12 Mid-day.

Name the Teddy

Church Fete 16th. June

Craft Stall Braunston Steam & Canal Boat Rally

23rd & 24th. June

Craft Stall Cummins Community Fete

14th. July 2007

If you feel you are able to help with any of the above events, or make and donate any craft items we would be very grateful.

Contact by telephoning 01788 899086

Funds Raised since last BVN

Donations from Penny Pots £ 25.16

Increasing the money raised since March 2006 to £3,849.80

On behalf of the Children at Braunston House, Sudan

Thank you so much

CHURCH NEWS

Registers for February

Funerals

We commend into God's gracious care:

5th December 2006- Vic Sanders*

12th February- Martin Kitchener

*May they rest in peace and
rise in glory*

* *We are very sorry for omitting Vic's name and Daisy's name
from previous copies of the BVN*

Baptisms

7th January- Daisy Ellen Lovell*

Welcome to the Church family!

Weddings

24th February- Adam Barnsley and
Kerrie Dunkley

*Congratulations to the happy
couple*



An appeal to budding gardeners....

We are all looking forward to warmer times now Spring is approaching!

An appeal to all gardeners- when you are sowing your seeds... would you mind sowing a few extra for the Church Fete?

Plants gratefully received at the Rectory in the week leading up to the Church Fete- which this year is on June 16th 2007.

Thankyou.

Church Floodlighting for September and October 2006

February 2007

- 1st February - * Judith Sykes Birthday with love
2nd February - The spire is lit up for Mrs Joan Wood
6th February – Birthday memories of mum
10th February - * Happy 60th Birthday Toby!
10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies
12th February – Birthday memories love from Dad, Kim, Mum & Helen xx
13th February- In memory of Diane Roach- love always from Briane, Gill, Cindy and Kelly
14th February - * For Brian Seymour on his Birthday
14th February – In memory of my brother on his 80th Birthday from Bob & June
16th February - * Keren Andrew's Birthday
16th February – For Colin Lister's Birthday from Jenny & Tony
17th February- Dave welcome to Braunston from Avril and Alan
18th February - * For Bill's Birthday - with Love
21st February - * Benedict - all our love on your Birthday from Mummy & Daddy
22nd February – Eric Holloway also my sister Edna & Betty (Australia) love Ivy x
25th February - For my wife Pat on her Birthday much love & affection love Maurice
26th February - * For uncle Tony, as pit fire pilot shot down over Malta - aged 22 yrs
27th February - * In loving memory of Roy Bennett sadly missed love Sue, family & friends



March 2007

- 7th March - * Loving memories of my husband Dougie Whitbread
7th March - Anniversary of Penny & Frank
13th March - * The spire is lit for Mr & Mrs Kibblewhite
20th March - * Jane's 60th Birthday from her sister
25th March - * Happy 21st Birthday Tom love Sue & Clive Goodchild
26th March - * Judith & Nigel Sykes Wedding Anniversary
28th March - * In loving memory of Gladys, Bill & George
28th March - * Jean & Brian Branch's Wedding Anniversary 48 years

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th February 2007

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 £5.

Youth Club Diary Of Events

9th. March 2007

Street Dancing
This will keep you fit



23rd. March 2007

Craft Night
Join Richard from
NAYC

6th. April 2007

Good Friday
Youth Club closed for
the Easter Break



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.

VIC SANDERS

In December Vic's family & a lot of his friends met together at All Saints' to give thanks for & celebrate a good life, lived well & to the full.

Vic was born & bred in Braunston, living in Honeyhurst Farm &, after marrying Aileen, at Abbeyleix, overlooking the fields of his old home.

Vic had many passions - his family, Braunston, All Saints' Church & choir, relaxing holidays in Ireland, his garage & workshop (the holy of holies) & tinkering with & riding his vintage motorbike - which also came to his funeral to say goodbye!

I remember Vic saying that he met Aileen whilst on holiday in the Isle of Man & that she said she would only marry him if she could have some pearls & sweet peas in her bouquet - it worked - they had a long & happy marriage.

Vic was immensely proud of his family & their achievements &, although he spent a lot of his working life abroad on overseas contracts, he was always glad to get home & pick back up on family & village life.

Vic sang in All Saints' Church Choir for over 60 years, and, like the rest of us, enjoyed Monday night Choir Practices which, in his own words, set him up for the week. Vic didn't sing in the choir for long under David Noble leadership but long enough for David to know that one of Vic's favourite 'anthems' was 'Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones' which was duly incorporated into the music played at the funeral - this made Vic's old mates in the choir smile.

Vic played a huge part in the planning & reordering of All Saints' to include the toilet, kitchen & Parish Room & always enjoyed the informal planning meetings with Michael Tompkins in the Admiral Nelson - Vic & Michael really enjoyed one another's company with a chat over a couple of pints.

Vic was loving, loyal & supportive & although he didn't suffer fools gladly he didn't bear grudges.

Vic was a great mate - we really miss him.

Sheila Rowley
14/02/07

What's Happening At The Admiral Nelson.....

2007 Charity - we are pleased to announce that our fundraising support this year will go to Jetty Field. Following on from a successful year of fundraising for Braunston School's Gardening Club, we felt that this wonderful piece of land in Braunston - which will never be built on, and is being worked on by volunteers to create not only a nature conservation area, but also a safe and accessible piece of land for all residents and visitors to Braunston - was well worth our support. We hope, initially, to help with bird boxes and seating.

Mothering Sunday – 18th March, don't forget to book early!

'British Summertime Begins' Party – Saturday 24th March (clocks change 25th). Summertime fancy dress – use your imagination! Party from 8pm, come and join us!

For any further information:
Tel 01788-780075
www.theadmiralnelson.co.uk



Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal.

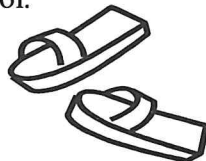


"Many thanks to all those who have supported Braunston School, donating shoes for the Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal. So far we have received 340 pairs!

We will continue to accept donations until 15th March, at Braunston Village Stores, All Saints Church and Braunston School.

Thank you again for your support

Braunston School"



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"DOZEY-DOH"!

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NEIGHBOUR" TO:-



Braunston's Famous
BARN
DANCE

Saturday, March 10th

at Braunston School at 7.45pm

TICKETS £6 from VILLAGE STORES
or telephone 01788 890128



BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



Lent Course: Better Together?



What's in it?

A five session course on different aspects of relationships; family relationships, relationships within the church, relating to strangers, broken relationships, and our relationship with God.

Each session has an 'interview discussion' on CD with the 3 main participants (Nicky Gumbel, Jane Williams, and John Bell) plus a summary from the Abbot of Ampleforth.

Who is it for?

Particularly appropriate for those who want to apply their faith to everyday living in all it's complexity!

Where is it?

The Parish Room, All Saints' Church at 7.30pm

When is it?

Wed 28th February, Wed 7th March, Tues 13th March, Wed 21st March, Wed 28th March.

A note from Revd Claire:

'This is the 2007 York Course- very good value. This one has v.good speakers on a theme which are pertinent to us all - would be interested in what you think...'

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Family Service

18th March 2007



11am Worship with family songs, activities
& cake

Flowers for every mum or remember your
mum with a candle

ALL VERY WELCOME

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A 10-day pilgrimage for the Daventry Team
and friends

Led by
The Revd. Liz Cowley
& Revd. Claire Rose-Casemore

16 - 25 May 2007

*To find out more please phone
01788-890235*

MARCH DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	1	Cubs – Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	2	Scouts - Womens World Day of Prayer – Holy Cross
Saturday	3	11.00-12.00 Canal Blockade, Bottom Lock
Sunday	4	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Morning Prayer at Ashby Village Hall - 11.00 Parish Communion with Fishers Braunston - 6.30 Evensong
Monday	5	2.00 Fishers, All Saints - Church Choir – 7.00/8.00-9.00pm – Explorer Scouts – Friendly Club – 7.30 Wedding preparation , Staverton School – 7.00pm Tai Chi Club
Tuesday	6	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm WI Meeting in the Village Hall -
Wednesday	7	10.30am Holy Communion – Beavers – 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, Parish Room
Thursday	8	Cubs – Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	9	Scouts - Youth Club- Street Dancing
Saturday	10	Jetty Fiedl Work Day - 5.30pm Saturday Express at Holy Cross - 7.45 – Barn Dance at Braunston School
Sunday	11	8.00 Holy Communion - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Holy Communion with Fishers, Braunston
Monday	12	2pm Little Fishers, - 1.00pm Friendly Club - Church Choir 7.00/8.00-9.00 Explorer Scouts - 7.30 Big Questions Course at Catesby Church - 7.00pm Tai Chi Club
Tuesday	13	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00pm Village Hall – British Legion at The George Hotel, Kilsby – 7.30 Lent Course, Parish Room
Wednesday	14	6.45pm Holy Communion - Beavers – Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group – 7.30pm PCC AGM Parish Room
Thursday	15	Cubs – Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	16	Scouts -

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MARCH DIARY OF EVENTS

Saturday	17	Braunston Walkers to Ashby and Norton (c. 12 miles) – 2.00 WI Spring Fair in the Village Hall – 5.30pm Saturday Express – Holy Cross
Sunday	18	8.00 Holy Communion, -9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Mothering Sunday Family Service at Braunston
Monday	19	2.00 Fishers, All Saints - Explorer Scouts - Tai Chi Club 7.00-8.30pm - Church Choir 7.00/8.00-9.00pm. – 7.00pm Tai Chi Club
Tuesday	20	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm History Society in the Parish Room
Wednesday	21	10.30am Holy Communion – Beavers, 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, Parish Room
Thursday	22	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	23	Scouts – Youth Club Craft Night
Saturday	24	12.30-2.00 LENT LUNCH in the Village Hall
Sunday	25	2.00am British Summer Time begins - 8.00 Holy Communion Braunston , 11.00 Family Service, Ashby – 11.00 Family Service, Braunston
Monday	26	2.00pm Fishers, All Saints - 2.30pm Lady Day Holy Communion (MU and friends) Braunston – 2.30pm Friendly Club - Explorer Scouts - Church Choir 7.00/8.00-9.00pm - 7.30pm Big Questions Course at Staverton - 7.00pm Tai Chi Club
Tuesday	27	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	28	10.30am Holy Communion - Beavers, 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 at Braunston Parish Room
Thursday	29	
Friday	30	9.30am School Easter Service in the Chutrch
Saturday	31	12.30-2.00pm LENT LUNCH at The Village Hall
Sunday	1	PALM SUNDAY - 8.00 Holy Communion , 11.00 Palm Sunday Family Service with 10.30 procession from The Green
Monday		

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Clubs and Society Events



Braunston Rainfall

20/01 to 20/02 =
51mm

Information supplied
by D Humphries

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

G Donald 891264

Braunston Cricket Club

The 2007 season is fast approaching and practice nets have already started on Sunday afternoons at Lawrence Sherrif school.







Once again the club will be running two teams in the Warwickshire league and a side in the Rugby and District midweek league.. The club is always on the lookout for new players.

Please contact Richard Stapley for more details

200 Club Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
11/1/07	£50	105	J Hutchinson
18/1/07	£10	147	Y Hough
18/1/07	£ 5	106	G Brewster
25/1/07	£10	162	C Ashley
25/1/07	£ 5	71	J Berry
1/2/07	£10	185	D Warner
1/2/07	£ 5	136	I Griffin

**Monthly Calendar of Worship at All Saints Church,
Braunston and the Church of the Blessed Virgin
Mary & St Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers**

Week	Ashby-Sunday	Braunston-Sunday	Ashby-Wednesday	Braunston-Wednesday
One	9.15am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11am Parish Communion with Fishers  6.30pm Evensong	4.30pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
Two	9.15am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Service 	4.30pm Evening Prayer	7pm Holy Communion
Three	9.15am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 11am Parish Communion with Fishers 	4.30pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
Four	11am Family Service 	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Communion 	4.30pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
Five	11am Joint Parish Communion at Ashby or Braunston	8am Holy Communion 11am Joint Parish Communion at Ashby or Braunston with  Fishers	4.30pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion

Herbert Brown

THE
PROSTATE
CANCER CHARITY

The donations received in loving memory of

Herbert Brown raised £529.00

A fantastic tribute to a much loved and respected man.

Thank you to all who contributed.

Gloria Allen (daughter)

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Open Gardens

The Braunston Village Gardens Association will once again be organising an Open Gardens in aid of Macmillan Nurses this summer. For those new to the village, we normally 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 those gardeners who have opened in the past, but if any other garden owner is interested in joining in, please contact Jean Dibben for more details, on 01788 890515, or e-mail dibben@btinternet.com.

Plant Sale

The BVGA will be running a plant sale on the Green on Saturday 28th April. If you are sowing seeds would you be willing to sow some extra for us to sell?

Jean Dibben



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Registered Charity No. 1010764

Braunston Walkers - Saturday 17 February 2007 - Three Rivers and a Tunnel (12.1 miles)

This walk takes in the sources of no less than three rivers all within a 3 mile radius of Badby. The Nene flows out to sea in the Wash, the Cherwell flows into the Thames and then out to sea at Southend and the Leam flows into the Avon then the Severn and finally out to sea in the Bristol Channel. Then there is the tunnel but more of that later...

Nine of us drove to Badby and donning boots, set off through the lovely old village and up to the church where a small lane leads out and on towards Badby Woods. There was some mist but no rain as we followed the lane and entered the first of many muddy fields.

After the recent snow and rain we expected some mud but each gateway was a trial as we entered the edge of the wood and steadily climbed up hill.

At the top with the sun burning off the mist we were rewarded with beautiful views back over Badby and down into Fawsley Park. We were following the Knightley Way footpath over the hill and through a sweeping field down to the lakes at Fawsley. The Knightley Way was Northamptonshire's first County Path. Opened in 1972 it stretches from Badby to Greens Norton near Towcester passing through very attractive countryside formerly owned by the Knightley family of Fawsley Hall. We walked to the church at Fawsley but this was locked and so we then returned to the old gated road alongside the Horse Pond lake and the old hall itself. There are some superb

old stone houses along this road with fabulous views over the open parkland. After the last of the houses and boiled sweets supplied by Terry, we turned left and followed a farm track downhill to Fawsley Farm where there are several converted barns supplying upmarket tourist accommodation. These are in a very peaceful spot, well away from any main roads. Our path rose up over fields and then crossing a small road between Charwelton and Preston Capes it continued over fields to the old church at Church Charwelton. It is about a mile outside the village itself and situated next to the site of the medieval village it once served now clearly seen as the humps in the field.

Passing some curious cattle we crossed a disused railway and took a small path on the right leading into the village over the river Cherwell on the old packhorse bridge and more importantly into the pub.

The Fox and Hounds at Charwelton made us very comfortable and supplied excellent food at reasonable prices with prompt service. What more could you want. After a great break in the pub we tore ourselves away to continue over the A361 and along a lane.

The footpath, the Jurassic Way (Stamford to Banbury 88 miles), continued to a road where our path set off over ploughed, muddy fields but before that we decided to walk along the site of the old railway for about a mile to see the Catesby Tunnel. Now disused its massive entrance has a stone showing that it was finished in 1897. We searched in vain for a way back to our original path but had to retrace our

steps back to the road and then get back on track over ploughed and increasingly muddy fields. As the path rises past Steppington Farm and on towards Hellidon we could see over to our right the source of the River Cherwell at Cherwell Farm.

At the top of the hill with the windmill we were looking down at the peaceful village of Hellidon and the Leam Pool the small lake that is the source of the River Leam. We walked through the little village where one house had two magnificent peacocks in the garden and out on a gated road leading to Catesby. The views across to Shuckborough from here are fantastic. At Lower Catesby we turned right along the tree lined avenue towards Catesby House and then through the extensive gardens to view the other end of the tunnel. Then to Upper Catesby village and on towards Arbury Hill. The source of the River Nene. We branched off right past Haycock Farm and the intriguingly named Koenigsee Farm.

I am not sure why this should be named after a lake in Bavaria although the fields were extremely wet and muddy. We finally arrived back at Badby and the cars for the drive home. This is a magnificent walk taking in one of the most beautiful areas in our county. Why not come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, on the third Saturday each month. They are not too strenuous, are a great way to have some healthy exercise, meet new friends, take in the occasional pub and make the most of our beautiful Northamptonshire scenery please call either Phillip on 01788891437 or Ray on 01788891384. We normally meet at 10 o'clock at the village hall.

The plan for our next 6 walks is:

17th March Ashby and Norton (c.12 miles)

21st April Herb Garden (c.12 miles)

19th May Dovedale (c.9 miles)

16th June Borough Hill (c.12 miles)



View of Badby from Fawsley

Jetty Field

SNOWFALL ON JETTY FIELD

Surely I should know by now - never make a joke about British weather. So when we predicted a perfect day for the February work session fate produced the deepest snowfall for twenty years! The constant rain [and snow] showers have held back much of what we had wanted to do over the winter so that volunteer and contract work has been delayed. This is a great pity as we can see the conclusion of the set-up work for the park on the horizon: it's just that the horizon keeps on moving back. But our hopes for the near future are high. We have arranged a programme of work with our local contractors and there is a kaleidoscope of different tasks available for the volunteers. Saturdays 10th March and 14th April avoid Easter dates and we look forward to meeting old friends and new colleagues.

A collection of wild flower plugs has been ordered for the field and will be planted soon. And we are also attempting a new style of sowing wildflower seed in the open without having to disturb the grass sward. So there should be a smattering of new colour in the field in early summer. They will take some years to establish. The seeds and plants have been chosen to conform to those that were recorded in the Duncan Gallie survey of the 1950s. Please do not fall into the bog garden.

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All Saints' Church
Little Fishers



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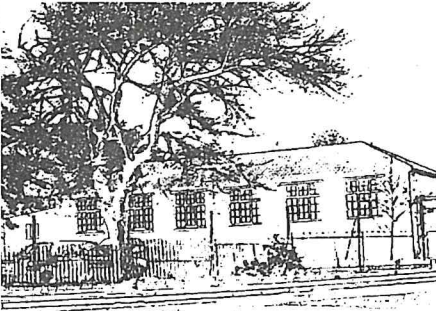
Little Fishers' is for all pre-school children and their parents and carers (0-5's).

We sing songs, play instruments, share stories, and do activities to find out about the wonderful gifts of God!

Afterwards we are served with squash / tea and biscuits.

Please note – these sessions
only run in term time!

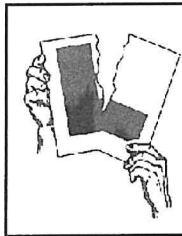
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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



Women's
Institute

Tuesday 6 March

Our speaker is Mrs Diana Birch talking about her cycle trip around Cuba to raise funds for Denman College

Challange - a Flowering bulb

7.30pm at the Village Hall

Honor Mackichan

Monday March 12th

Will be a Ploughmans Lunch and Bring and Buy Sale at the earlier time of 1.00pm.

If you haven't already put your name down please ring Gill on 890763

Monday March 26th

A group of children from Braunston School are coming to entertain us

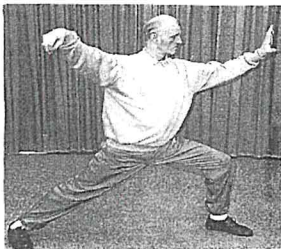
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Braunston WI SPRING FAIR

**Saturday March 17th at 2.00pm in
the Village Hall**

this will include:

Craft work
Bric-a-Brac
Cake stall

Easter gifts
Raffle
Refreshments



**Women's
Institute**

The Braunston "Dick Herne" History Society

**Tuesday March 20 - 7.30pm in the Parish Room of the Church
Excerpt from The Braunston Archive
by the Rev H E Ruddy**

In 1910 specimens of drawings done by the children of Braunston School were sent to an exhibition in India and the School received a silver medal and Certificate of Merit from there.

In 1914, in a competition of wild flowers some children collected over 90 specimens

Date for the Diary - AGM will be held on April 17th.

Honor Mackichan 01788 890881

Clubs and Society Contacts

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
After School Club			
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys and Girls from 13yrs to 18yrs. Every Tuesday evening 19.00 to 21.30
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Jennifer Rolt	890241	5¼ -8yr old Boys and Girls on Wednesdays
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday evenings at 7.30 – 9.00
Braunston Players	Tony Ward tony.ward@braunston.net	899105	Annual Show plus informal get-togethers - 1 st Wednesday of each month
Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7 - 10 miles around the area
Brownies (at Barby School)	Karen or Nicola Holman	891299	7-10 yr old girls Wednesday 6.30 to 8.00
Church Choir	David Noble	815173	Mondays Juniors 7-8pm Seniors 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	Linda Lewcock	01327 878341	8-10½ year old on Thursdays
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday 8.00pm Village Hall
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763	Village Hall 2.30pm on 2 nd and 4 th Mondays
Friends of Braunston School	Michelle Griffiths	890345	
Fishers (All Saints' Church)	Michelle Cotton Alison Fiddes	890235 891847	Sunday School for 5+ yrs Little Fishers (0-5's with parents) on Mondays
Gardens Assn	Chris Grossart,	890491	
Guides			
History Society	Chris Pardoe	890448	
Junior and Infants School		890494	
Junior Football			
Playing Fields Association	Simon Skelcey, Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson	891220 890583 890348	

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Pre-School	Tracy Martins	891824	Mon – Friday am during term time in the Village Hall
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 nd Tuesday of month at 8.00pm
2 nd Braunston Scouts	Group Scout Leader – Steve Rolt	890241	
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Jennifer Rolt	890241	5¼ -8yr old Boys and Girls
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	Linda Lewcock	01327 878341	8-10½ year old boys and girls
Scouts (For Boys and Girls)	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	10½ -14 yr old Boys and Girls
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	Wendy Wilson Tracy Martins	890348 891824	Every Tuesday 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Twinning Association	Tony Ward		Organises social events and visits to and from Quincy-Voisins
Village Hall Committee	Kelly Brewster Kate Mawer villagehall@braunston.net	0772 412 3363	Village Hall bookings
Women's Institute	Rosemary Harding Sue Baker	891854 891967	1 st Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA (Workers Educational Assn)	Jackie Green	890145	Thursday evenings at School during Autumn and Spring Terms
Yoga Group	Sheila Beckett	891831	Yoga in the Village Hall
Youth Club (9-15yrs)	Cindy Brewster Peter Hobbs	899086	Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

All Saints' Church Easter Services 2007

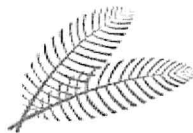
Palm Sunday Family Service 1st April

Start with procession at 10.30am

(Meet outside the Wheatsheaf pub)

Arrive at the Church 11.00am

6-30pm Evensong



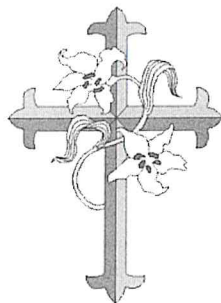
Maundy Thursday 5th April – 7-30pm

Jesus' last supper – *at Ashby Church*

Friday 6th April – Good Friday

10 – 12 Children's Workshop

2pm - 3pm Meditation



Easter Day - Sunday 8th April

Easter Vigil - 6-30am followed by breakfast

Holy Communion – 8am

Family Communion – 11am

Lent Lunches in the V.....

Saturday 24th March 12.30

Saturday 31st March 12.30



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