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BRAUNSTON

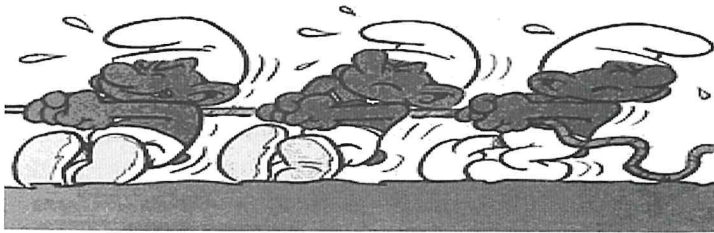
SUMMER FETE

Rectory Garden

Sat 16th June

2pm

Tug of War



Beat the vicar's team???

Barbeque lunch, stalls, games,

- tea and cakes -

- something for everyone -

All Welcome



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)

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John Viggers -

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Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS JUNE 2007

Sunday 3rd June

8am Holy Communion - *Braunston*

9.15am Morning prayer - *Ashby*

11am Holy Communion with All
Saints' Kids Club - *Braunston*

6.30pm Evensong with Bishop Frank
- *Braunston*

Wednesday 6th June

10.30am Holy Communion -
Braunston

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

Sunday 10th June

8am Holy Communion - *Braunston*

9.15am Holy Communion - *Ashby*

11.00am Holy Communion -
Braunston

Monday 11th June

7-45pm PCC Meeting at the Rectory
- *Braunston*

Wednesday 13th June

10.30am Holy Communion -
Braunston

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

Saturday 16th June

2pm Summer Fete - *Rectory
Garden, Braunston*

Sunday 17th June

8am Holy Communion - *Braunston*

9.15am Holy Communion - *Ashby*

11 am Holy Communion with All
Saints' Kids Club - *Braunston*

Wednesday 20th June

10.30am Holy Communion -
Braunston

4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church

Friday 22nd June
7-30pm Canal Concert (featuring Dutch Courage) - Braunston Church

Sunday 24th June
8am Holy Communion - *Braunston*
9.30am Canal Service - Braunston Marina
6.30pm Team Service at Hellidon

Wednesday 27th June
10.30am Holy Communion - *Braunston*
4.30pm Prayer at Ashby Church
Saturday 30th June
7.30pm Daventry Choral Concert (HMS Pinafore) - *Braunston Church*

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

One of the joys of being in ministry is seeing members of the church 'grow into and display' the gifts that God has given them. Last year Marian Thomas was licensed as Reader to Braunston and the Daventry Team. This year some of us went down to support and share in Michelle Cotton's licensing as Parish Evangelist. There were over 200 licensed lay ministers in Peterborough Cathedral - all in good heart; all who could tell their own unique story of how God had led them to this moment. In our Churches we are also really blessed with Churchwardens and members of the Church

family who are gifted in so many different ways. Some have a pastoral heart, some have such a love for God they want to share, some are teachers, some are wonderful administrators - all are equally important. Michelle writes about what the day of her licensing meant to her:

"Peterborough Cathedral has always been my favourite Cathedral - I can remember at a young age singing in the Cathedral and feeling quite scared & in awe of my surroundings.

To be licensed in Peterborough Cathedral was very special to me! Two years of study has flown by - I've met some

wonderful people and made friends for life! The Peterborough Diocese has a wonderful support network & it's on-going!

Saturday 12th May, what a brilliant and emotional day!

I arrived at the Cathedral for a 10.30am service – the speaker for the service was Professor David Ford. (He was brilliant & so down to earth – I actually understood him)!

The Parish Evangelist's & Pastoral Assistants had lunch at St Mary's – after lunch Bishop Frank spoke to us all.

All the newly licensed people were escorted to the Cathedral earlier and by 1.45pm we were lined up in the procession ready for the service! (At this point I was really nervous)

The procession was wonderful – you had to see it to believe it! Over 200 people were being re-licensed and 22 people were newly admitted!

Believe it or not God is really working in everybody's life! You may not be aware – but God really loves every one of us and he is moving in this place!

Seeing my friends & family at the Cathedral made me tearful – the music / hymns were brilliant!

But the special part of the service was making the

promises – in front of my family & friends!

It's now Monday 14th May and I'm still buzzing from Saturday!

Thank you again to everyone who came and supported me at Peterborough Cathedral. A huge Thank you to Rev Claire & All Saints' Church Braunston – who invested money, time, love and encouragement in me!"

When in the news we hear of declining numbers in the church it's important not to be too down hearted. Faith is still very much alive. Saturday 12th bore testimony to that. The challenge is for today's Church to release the talents of her people- so that lives can be touched by the grace of God. For after all, the Church is the people. Not people who are any superior to anyone else but who simply; 'know their need of God'.

I'm writing this early (the BVN editor will probably fall off his chair to receive this 'on time!') as 14 of us are off to the Holy Land tomorrow for 9 days. We will be praying for you out there as well as engaging with the tensions of a Holy Land divided. There will be lots to report back on-on return! Thankyou to those of you who have kindly passed on your best wishes,

God bless, Rev Claire

Parish Council News

Daventry /Braunston footpath link

The District Council, supported by the Parish Council, has recently submitted a project to the Sustrans Connect2 Scheme, to open up the old railway line between Daventry and Braunston, as a footpath and Cycleway. Our grateful thanks to all of you who helped, by clicking on and voting for the scheme.

Were accepted onto the “Long List” but unfortunately we did not make it to the final list, which was submitted to the Big Lottery Fund. However there is a possibility that the scheme could still go ahead as we are now on the reserve list. Sustrans has until the end of May to prepare a final submission for further assessment. They recently wrote:

“We will aim to do all we can to support you in the development of your scheme, including searching for additional funding if we have the opportunity. We will also include you in any correspondence with the Big Lottery Fund and matters relating to the public vote - in fact everything we can.”

In the meantime officers at the District Council are continuing to prepare the scheme, in the hope that either we are re assessed or other means of funding can be found.

Neighbourhood Watch.

Thank you to those villagers who have expressed an interest in joining a newly formed neighbourhood watch scheme. The recent spate of burglaries in the village has highlighted the need for representatives in all areas. We would all feel happier when we leave for work or go on holiday, to know that a village network is there, in the background, to keep an eye on things for us. Bogus callers who cruelly prey on our elderly pensioners need to be identified, just the noting of a suspicious caller or vehicle and passing on the information to a local co-ordinator could make all the difference.



A recent presentation at the Parish Meeting stressed that the scheme requires very little time or effort on the part of individuals. It does not mean a commitment to endless meetings and form filling. The more people join, the easier and more efficient the scheme will be.

It is a proven fact that areas with good neighbourhood watch schemes become no-go areas for criminals, it is too risky for them and they go elsewhere. There could be an added bonus too of lower insurance premiums for householders, if we can become a “no crime” area.

If you are interested in helping to make Braunston a happier, safer place to live, by joining Neighbourhood Watch, please contact Janet McCarthy on 890336 or Steve Rolt on 890241.

*Janet McCarthy,
Chairman, Braunston Parish Council.*

CHURCH NEWS

Registers for April

Funerals

14th May - Geoffrey Snelson

*We commend Geoff to
God's loving care*

Baptisms

6th May - Ellie Boswell

*Welcome Ellie to the Church
family!*

17:30 Saturday Express Service

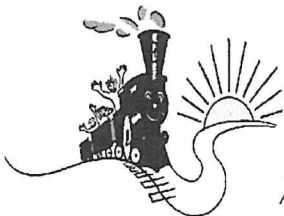
WEDDING, WINE & WATER BUTTS



at
Holy Cross Church, Market Square,
Daventry

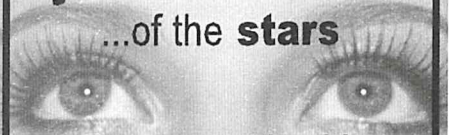


on
Saturday 9th June 2007 5:30pm -
6:15pm



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Church Floodlighting for September and October 2006

April's floodlighting (Apologies for the typing error in the last issue)

27th April – Congratulations Bob & Jane on their Golden wedding anniversary love Barbara & Malcolm



May's floodlighting

- 1st May - In memory of our friend Les Renshaw at his favourite time of year with much respect from Barbara & Harry
- 2nd May - Alfred Childs birthday memories from your loving Sisters Isa & Hilda
- 4th May – In loving memory of Eric Cole
- 4th May - Sylvia's 75th Birthday from Colin with love
- 6th May - * In loving memory of Gillian
- 7th May - For Diana & John Berry on their 45th Wedding anniversary
- 8th May - To celebrate Lorraine Bakers 60th Birthday (Wishing her a very happy Birthday - may this light guide you in your twilight years (Just Kidding) love Keiran, John, Tina & Family
- 9th May - In very loving memory of Betty May on her Birthday
- 10th May- Happy Birthday Mary, love Peter
- 13th May - In memory of Eliza Merchant on her Birthday with love from all her family
- 14th May - Joan - Happy Birthday love Malc
- 15th May - * In memory of Dennis Clarke on his Birthday love Kay
- 17th May - For Joan Buckley - very many happy returns for her Birthday
- 29th May - * Happy First Birthday to Archie Maggs
- 29th May - * Phyl & Ken's Wedding anniversary
- 31st May - To celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of my parents John & Dorothy Kentwell & express my gratitude for Braunston hospitality - Rose Kenwell

June's floodlighting so far...

- 9th June - * Today we got married - Chris & Zara Smith
- 23rd June Eric Shears - Birthday memories all my love Hilda xx
- 27th June - * The spire is lit for Mrs Moon
- 30th June Tom Childs - Birthday memories from your loving sisters Isa & Hilda xx

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

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

All Saints Church, Braunston

Friday 22nd June

CANAL CONCERT

All Saints' Church

7-30pm

Featuring:

Kate Saffin: A one woman Show telling the bitter-sweet story of 'Rose's War'

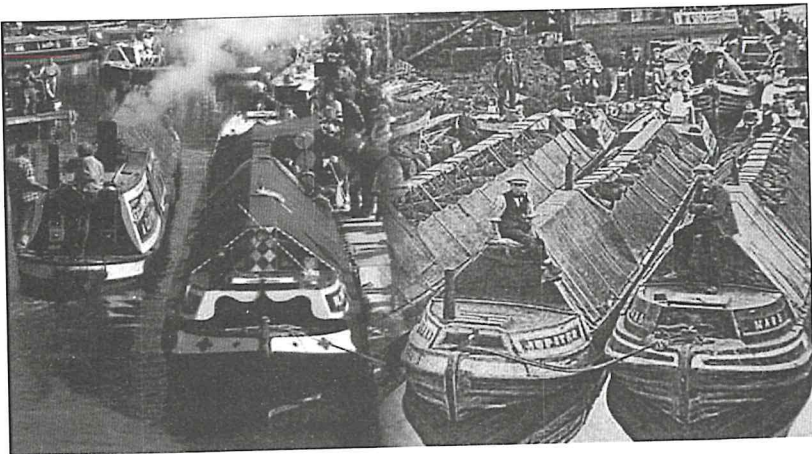
Published Readings by **Tim Coglan**
and by popular demand...

Dutch Courage – the Folk band from Holland

Don't miss it! Tickets available:
01788-890235

All Saints Church, Braunston

Canal Festival



Sunday 24th June 9.30am

**OUTDOOR MARINA
SERVICE**

(Just follow the fish to behind Braunston Marina
shop)

All Welcome!

Hope and Homes for Children



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

Craft Stall Braunston Steam & Canal Boat Rally

23rd & 24th. June. 9.30am-4.00pm.

If you feel you are able to help make, or donate any craft items we would be very grateful or help with manning the stall during the weekend.

Contact Brenda by telephoning 01788 899086

Teddy Bear Sweepstake (Three prizes for the cost of one ticket.)

Church Fete 16th. June

Craft Stall Cummins Community Fete

14th. July 2007 (Daventry Rugby Club)

Funds Raised since last BVN

Penny Pots	£121.06
Donations	£ 13.00
Sale of Tomatoes	£ 7.80

Thank you for a not only an enjoyable but a very Successful coffee morning, the wonderful sum of £433.40 was raised.

Total raised since March 2007. £1,327.36

On behalf of the Children at Braunston House, Sudan

Thank you so much

For your wonderful support for the above events

Brenda Hobbs

THIS IS A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL HAND WRITTEN LETTER FROM CAROLINE COOKE .”Co. Founder of Hope and Homes for children.”

26th.April 2007.

Dear Villagers of Braunston.



We were absolutely delighted and thrilled to receive your most recent donation for the wonderful sum of £900.00 kindly sent in by Brenda Hobbs for the Braunston House Sudan.

You are all amazing, what a fantastic amount to have raised yet again and we really cannot thank you all enough. There was obviously a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes as these events of Easter Egg Raffle, Sale of Crafts, Penny Pot collecting do not happen on their own-someone has to organise it all! So a huge thank you to all concerned, your support means so much to us but more importantly, to the children who benefit from it.

Your committed support for the Braunston House over the past 8 years has been inspirational and we are enormously grateful for all that you have done.

I know how much Farid appreciates your continued support and I am sure you enjoyed meeting him and hearing him speak at the conference.

When Mark and I were in the Sudan earlier this year we, of course, visited the home of the girls – The Braunston House and we were able to give them greetings from Braunston in England! They certainly are a happy, lively and seemingly a contented family. They all seem to 'belong' in the same way –as if they are all biological children, and the older girls really help their 'Mother' with the household chores and looking after their younger 'brothers and sisters .'It was a joy to see. They have such a humble house, so fewer belongings so happy and smiling with what little they have.

Please continue your wonderful support for these children-they really need and deserve it and with this start in life who knows what they will achieve –because they are loved and secure within a family. I enclose some photos.

Mark joins me in sending warmest thanks and very best wishes from us all.

Caroline Cooke.



Parents Ramadan Gangal and Steer Musa with the children at Braunston House Sudan. Picture taken earlier this year.



The Braunston Walkers at Dovedale

Youth Club Diary Of Events

Youth Club cancelled this week due to lack of
Helpers. Sorry

1st. June 2007

Paddy's Disco
The very popular
Paddy



15th. June 2007

Craft Evening
With Richard
from NAYC

29th. June 2007

Club's Own Disco
Gemma & Nat's Disco



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.

2nd Braunston Cubs for the best Dragons in town!!

Braunston Cubs won the prize for the best Dragon, built by the Cubs themselves, at the St. George's Day Parade on Saturday 21st. April organised by Daventry District Scouts.

The Dragon, built on a wheelbarrow, was paraded through Daventry Town Centre following St. George on his horse.

The day ended at the New Recreation Ground with various competitions involving other Scout Groups from the district.



Braunston Conservative Association

invites you to

Wine and Strawberries

on Sunday, 15th July 2007,

from 3.00 to 5.00pm

at
The Corner House, Old Road,
Braunston

Tickets £5 - Children £3

Tombola



Raffle

Braunston Playing Field Association

Hopefully, after many months of waiting, the Arena ball area will finally be installed. It has been stored in a container at the Playing Field for many months waiting for the ground conditions to improve.

As soon as SMP, the suppliers finally start to plan the installation, after much chasing, it starts to rain again!!

JUNE DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	1	Youth Club – Paddy’s Disco
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	8.00am Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Morning Prayer at Ashby - 11.00 Holy Communion at All Saints with All Saints’ Kids Club for the children – 6.30pm Evensong with Bishop Frank
Monday	4	Church Choir – 7.00/8.00-9.00pm – Explorer Scouts – Friendly Club –
Tuesday	5	7.30pm WI Meeting in the Village Hall
Wednesday	6	10.00-12.00 Friendly Club Coffee Morning –10.30 Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby - Beavers – Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group –
Thursday	7	Cubs – Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	8	Scouts -
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby -11.00am Holy Communion at Braunston
Monday	11	2.30pm Friendly Club - Church Choir - 7.45pm PCC Meeting, Braunston - 7.00/8.00-9.00 Explorer Scouts - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall
Tuesday	12	8.00pm British Legion at The Sporting Club, Barby
Wednesday	13	10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby -7.00pm Holy Communion at Branston – 7.45pm Braunston PCC - Beavers – Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group

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JUNE DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday	14	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	15	Scouts – Youth Club Craft Evening
Saturday	16	2.00pm CHURCH FETE , Rectory Garden, Braunston - Braunston Walkers to Borough Hill
Sunday	17	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston , 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00am Holy Communion at Braunston with All Saints' Kids Club
Monday	18	Explorer Scouts - Church Choir 7.00/8.00-9.00pm - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall
Tuesday	19	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall – 7.30pm History Society in the Parish Room.
Wednesday	20	10.30am Holy Communion at Braunston - 4.30 prayers at Ashby - Beavers, Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Thursday	21	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	22	CANAL CONCERT at Braunston Church - Scouts
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.30am CANAL SERVICE at The Marina – 6.30pm Team Service at Hellidon.
Monday	25	2.30pm Friendly Club in the Village Hall - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – 8.00pm Braunston Memorial Hall Foundation AGM, in the Village Hall
Tuesday	26	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	27	10.30am Holy Communion at Braunston - 4.30 prayers at Ashby - Beavers, Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Thursday	28	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	29	Scouts – Youth Club's own Disco
Saturday	30	Daventry Choral Society Concert (HMS Pinafore) – Braunston Church
Sunday	1	Braunston Gardens Open Day 12.00-5.00pm

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Braunston Rainfall

Information supplied
by D Humphries

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

G Donald 891264

2nd. Braunston Scouts Car Boot Sale

Sunday 15th July

Braunston Playing Field

From 9.00am

Cars £5 pre-booked

01788 890766

2nd Braunston Scout Group

Chairman: Louis Prat, 29 High Street, Braunston, Daventry

Tel: 01788 890766. email: Louisprat@hotmail.com

Website <http://www.scouts.org.uk>



200 Club Winners

Date

Prize

Number

Winner

No results this month

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We've been rather quiet recently, but the good news is that we are going out to tender for the Pre-School play area, having secured a £5000 grant from Daventry District Council towards it. Hopefully the quotes will be competitive and be within our budget. We hope that the work can start in the next 6-8 weeks. Watch that space!

Below is notice of our AGM. If anybody is interested in joining the committee as a trustee of our charitable foundation, you would be very welcome. We meet about 10 times a year, for the purpose of managing the hall for the benefit of its users, with the aim of improving the quality of life for our community. Call Lynne on 890865 if you want any further information on what is involved.

BRAUNSTON MEMORIAL HALL FOUNDATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 2007 8.00 P.M.

IN THE GAMES ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL

*TO HEAR THE REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST YEAR,
TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS OF THE FOUNDATION,
AND TO ELECT 6 VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE.*

EVERYONE WELCOME.

Contact Lynne Whyte on 890865 if you want any further information

All Saints Church Braunston
Remedial works to loose or dangerous Grave Headstones

The Churchwardens at All Saints Church, Braunston have initiated an inspection of the Churchyard and the Cemetery to establish the safety and security of the public using these areas.

As a result of this investigation a number of grave headstones were noted to be either loose, insecurely fixed or dangerous to the public using the Churchyard and the Cemetery.

The headstones identified are listed below. Relatives of those buried in the particular plots are asked to carry out remedial works before 31st August 2007 to ensure the headstones are securely fixed and do not pose any danger to the public.

In the absence of any appropriate action by relatives the PCC have authorised action to be taken to remove the risks identified and any costs so incurred may be re-charged.

LIST OF LOOSE OR DEFECTIVE HEADSTONES

Closed Churchyard

Name

Location

Nurser	Near front path
Emma Jane Montgomery	Near rear stone wall

Cemetery - off Church Road

Plot No	Name	Year
A47	Dodd Ernest	1983
B41	Berry Sarah Jane	1960
B41	Berry Emily	1961
B47	Smith John	1971
D5	Hewitt Thomas	1921
M5	Meese Child	1921
M7	Reynolds Eliza	1921
O15/16	Hall Edwin and another	undated
V19	Waterfield Arthur Cyril	1970
Aa3	Merchant Isaac	1977
Aa4	Merchant Alice	1972
Aa4	Merchant Ivy May	1943

For further information contact:

Mr Peter R Dickinson - tel 01788 891955

Churchwarden

The response to requests of cash for the postage and contributions of confectionery and snacks for the parcels sent to the Royal Marines serving in Afghanistan has been overwhelming and I thank everyone most sincerely.

At the time of writing 20 x 2kg parcels have been sent -- INCREDIBLE - Thanks must go to Carolyn and Kay from the Post Office who, between them have packed and dispatched all of the parcels: to Kim, Linda and the other ladies at the shop counter for manning the box and to Wayne and Angela for allowing us to do this.

"Blueys" have been received from the officer there thanking us for what he calls "the morale boosting boxes" sent out from Braunston. He has told us that the personnel from the Armoured Support Company have started operating in that hot, harsh and highly dangerous environment.

We wish them all a safe and successful deployment.

Once again, "thanks you" for the magnificent response and your overwhelming generosity.

Valerie Worrall

BELLS NEED PEOPLE.

The bells of Ashby St Ledger, silent for many years, are now in a derelict condition. However, moves are now afoot to have them restored to working order, work which will take several months to complete.

Bells need people to ring them and it normally takes several months to teach the basic skills of bellringing. Thus it is none too soon for some of the good people of Ashby to consider learning to ring if you are to be ready to ring your own bells when the work is complete. We have an active ringing band at Braunston and will welcome visitors, firstly to learn what is involved in bell ringing and then hopefully to teach you the necessary skills. We normally practice on Thursday evenings, 7.30 till 9.00 p.m. but for a first visit we would like to meet you at 7 p.m. to show you around and explain some of the basics.

As well as the primary purpose of ringing, to announce church services and special events, bell ringing also has a recreational and social side where one can make new friends and further explore this new world. Bell ringers include ladies and gentlemen, youngsters, oldsters and many in between, from all walks of life.

If you would like visit us and find out more of what bell ringing is all about, please give me a call first on 01788 891 935 so that we can arrange a meeting. You will be most welcome.

*PETER WENHAM,
Tower Captain.*

BRAUNSTON GARDENS

Open Day

(12 very different gardens will be open)

Sunday 1st July

12 noon – 5pm

*Tea and cakes at Village Hall
and the Manor*

Tickets, costing £3, will be available to purchase at the Village Hall or at each of the open gardens. Tickets contain a map and will give you entrance to all the open gardens. Accompanied children under 16 are free

**All proceeds to
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 19/5/07
Dovedale (approx 11 miles)

Three Dales, a dance and a flypast!
Much more interesting than a cup final at
the new Wembley...

For this walk we drove about 1½ hours up to the White Peak area of the, in my opinion at least, underrated, Peak District National Park. With half the population of the country living within 60 miles of its centre and something like 22 million visitors each year, it is only beaten for visitor numbers by one other national park in the world that of Mount Fuji in Japan but that is a bit too far for our group to travel. So twelve of us met up at the car park at Dovedale after driving up through the old market town of Ashbourne and then down into this spectacular and beautiful valley. The weather in May had so far this year been very wet, the April showers coming a month late, and although that may be great for the gardeners it is not so good for ramblers. Being a hardy bunch we expected the worst and set out fully prepared for a good soaking. The sun shone down on us as we entered the gorge by the burbling River Dove between the hills of Thorpe Cloud and Bunster. Crossing the river by bridge we walked along the river bank up to the old stepping stones. Dovedale is a fabulous place much walked but you do not have to go far along the river to lose the crowds. As we walked Jane pointed out some of interesting flora of the area including crosswort, so named because of the small bunches of yellow flowers each one in the shape of a tiny cross and also stitchwort, yellow archangel, campion, herb robert, speedwell and bugle. The banks were also lined with strong smelling wild garlic. The path

started to ascend up to the high point of Lovers Leap and on the opposite bank the steep pinnacles of rock known as the twelve apostles. We twelve non apostles continued along the stone path each stone carrying an amazing array of fossils some looking like razor shellfish. Further along we passed the rocks of Tissington spires and then the fantastic natural arch covering the mysterious Reynard's cave, This bit of the walk was deeply wooded and the sun shone through the trees as we followed the deep river past a man fishing for trout in waters made famous by Izaak Walton.

We walked through a meadow leading down to the tiny village of Milldale and crossing the river at the Viator's bridge. In the book "The Compleat Angler" written in 1653, Izaak Walton describes a frightening descent of the steep hill down into Milldale that is made by his character Viator. Upon reaching the little narrow bridge he is quoted as saying "What's here, the sign of a bridge? Do you travel in wheelbarrows in this country? This bridge was made for nothing else – why a mouse can hardly go over it, 'tis not two fingers broad!" It has been known as Viator's bridge or wheelbarrow bridge ever since.

Unfortunately we had to cross the bridge and then walk up the same steep hill!

It was at Milldale, as we paused to rest, that we first met the Dolphin Morris Dancers of Nottingham. Playing accordions and dressed in full regalia, they danced to entertain us.

Several of our hardy bunch joined in, although I noticed none of the men did!

There was no delaying any longer we had to face the steep climb from Milldale up to Alstonefield along the narrow Millway Lane. The lunch time pub was in Alstonefield so it was vital that we tackled the hill.

Arriving at the top puffing and panting we had reached the pub, The George at Alstonefield, we ordered excellent beer, wonderful thick home backed ham sandwiches and relaxed outside in the sunshine to enjoy our well earned lunch. This is a fantastic pub and a poem on the wall summed it up as follows:

"I must go down to the George again, to the best inn under the sky,
And all I ask is a ploughman's lunch and a glass of ale nearby,
For the homely bar, the friendly staff and the bright fire burning,
With the smiling sun on the village green, set my heart a yearning"

The peace was shattered as the Morris Dancers turned up. Were they following us? We watched as they performed what their bowler hatted leader called a "futility dance" Suddenly we felt a few spots of rain (Phillip said perhaps they were doing a rain dance) but it was not enough to turn sandwiches soggy and never lasted so soon we were again basking in the sunshine.

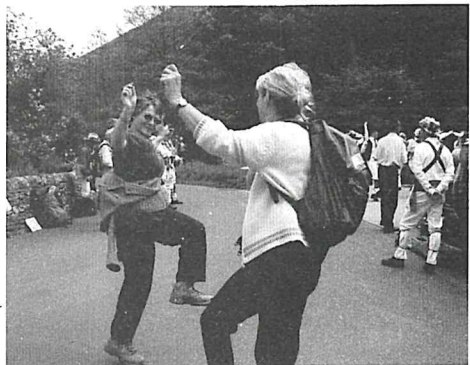
Sadly tearing ourselves away we had a walk to do. We skipped out of the village in time with the music of the Morris men and promptly joined the wrong road but thanks to Carol we soon turned around and sending Angie out on point duty, we followed on the non reced path to Wetton. Wonderful views back over to Dovedale and on to our next destination, the Manifold valley.

Just before Wetton where incidentally they hold the world toe wrestling championships (honest!) we turned left down the Ashbourne Lane on our way back. The path soon turns right over

toward the imposing stately manor of Castern Hall standing on the side of the fell with its great views over the Manifold River. Before we descended we were greeted by a flypast of a Spitfire resplendent in its invasion colours. A fantastic sight and sound over this superb scenery. It was the extremely difficult to arrange this fly by but much appreciated. After another steep ascent and we were walking downhill to enjoy an ice cream at the van in the middle of Ilam before crossing fields back to the car park and home. This was a superb walk through some really spectacular scenery, totally different from home, but fantastic nevertheless.

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 walk is:
16th June Borough Hill (c.12 miles)



Dovedale Frolics

Jetty Field

IT'S TIME TO SAY THANKS

Twenty-four committee meetings and over a thousand volunteer hours have pulled back a unique piece of land for Braunston. No other village in Northamptonshire has such varied areas of open space reaching into its heart.

Thanks to the neighbouring land owner who has been mowing and baling hay for the last three years. An essential start to the reclamation of the quality of the grassland in the field. Thanks to the tower of strength who cleared so much of the garden and allotment area. Thanks to the leadership and new neighbours in Eastfields who caught and encouraged the mood of renovation. Thanks to all those who worked through so much massively hard work. Thanks to the committee who shaped and considered each move. Thanks to the Pocket Park officer and her County Council colleagues. Thanks to the officers at Daventry District Council and for their understanding. Thanks to so much work in preparing grant applications. Thanks to the Parish Council for their encouragement and patience. Thanks to those who offered equipment to move stone. Thanks to the fencers and gaters. Thanks for the forbearance of all whose houses ring the pocket park. Thanks to those who work the allotments.

Thanks to all who take away other people's rubbish. Thanks to the considerate dog owners.

Braunston/QV Calender

When you have labelled all your photo entries as given in last month's BVN (if you've lost it details will be in the shop window and on the website) please place them all in an envelope. Write the same details on the front of the envelope and deliver them to:

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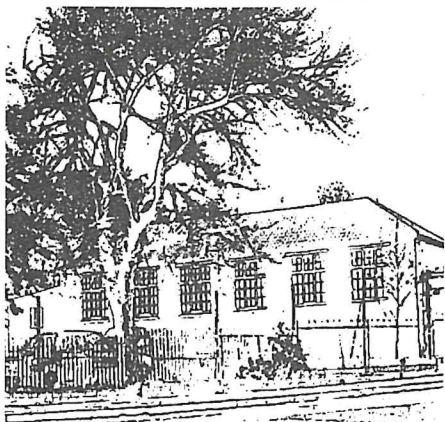
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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute

Tuesday 5th June

Mrs S Antrobus will talk about the Womens Land Army during World War 11 Challenge - find some World War 11 memorabilia.

7.30pm at the Village Hall

Gill Powell 890763

Friendly Club

June 11th - Programme to be arranged

June 25th - Programme to be arranged. We are hoping to have a speaker but come along and have a chat with your friends anyway.

Gill Powell 890763

The Braunston "Dick Herne" History Society

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 19th at 7.30pm in the Parish Room of the Church

Dates for the Diary:

Weds. August 8th - coffee morning at the Old Maltings, High Street 10.00 - 12.00.

Saturday Sept. 29th " Open Day" in the Village Hall

New members and friends welcome

Honor Mackichan 01788 890881

Friendly Club

Monday August 13th

Coach Trip to Bourton-on-the-Water - Open to All Villagers - Cost £10.00.

Coach will leave The Green at 9.30am and return from Bourton at 4.00pm

To Book 'phone Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336



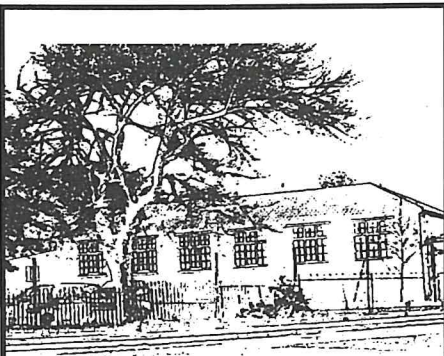
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT

The Branch is organising a visit to the **National Arboretum** at Alrewas on 26 June 2007.

Also, it is intended to visit Lichfield and the Cathedral in the afternoon. The only cost will be for transport but the Cathedral would welcome donations. Transport is limited and anyone wishing to go should advise the undersigned as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby, on 12 June, 2007 at 8.00 pm.

Tony Saunderson
6 Greenway
Braunston Tel: 01788 890797.



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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 Guides	Chris Grossart,	890491	
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	5¾ -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	Pat Steeton Gill Powell	890753 890763	1 st Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA (Workers Educational Assn)	Jackie Green	890145	Thursday evenings at School during Autumn and Spring Terms
Yoga Group	Sheila Beckett	891831	Yoga in the Village Hall
Youth Club (9-15yrs)	Cindy Brewster Peter Hobbs	899086	Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

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At The Rectory

28th July 2007



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- 2 Howard's girlfriend (Last of the Summer Wine)
- 3 local landmark
- 4 A River
- 5 We gather here in November
- 6 Our own Vicar of Dibley
- 7 A place of learning
- 8 The bus stops here

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