

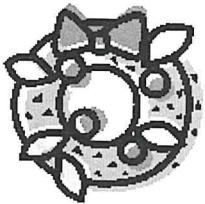
Braunston Village News

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



What's different in 2008?

Owing to being two clergy down in the Daventry Team, there is a slight change to the New Year's rota.

8am Holy Communion will not be held at Braunston on the 1st Sunday of the month- but Holy Communion will be offered at Ashby at 9.15am on this Sunday for *both* villages.

On the 4th Sunday there will be a Family Service at Ashby every alternative Sunday at 4pm (starting in January 2008). On the other months Family Communion is offered for both villages at Braunston at 11am.



**The Blessed Virgin Mary & St
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers**

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

Churchwardens:

Sheila Rowley: 890559

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Secretary: Anne Parker-Tyler: 899251

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John Viggers -

Churchwardens:

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PCC Lay Chair:

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DECEMBER 2007

Sunday 2nd December

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Morning Prayer - Ashby
Church

11am Sung Communion with Kids
Club

6.30pm Advent Carols at Holy
Cross, Daventry

Wednesday 5th December

10-30am Holy Communion-
Braunston

4.30am Evening prayer- Ashby

Sunday 9th December

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion - Ashby
Church

11am Family Service

Monday 10th December

2pm Little Fishers Christmas Party -
in the Parish Room

Wednesday 12th December

4.30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby

7pm Holy Communion

7-45pm PCC meeting - Parish
Room

Sunday 16th December

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion - Ashby
Church

11am Sung Communion with Kids
Club

4pm Christingle - Braunston

5-30pm Christmas Carol Service - Ashby

Tuesday 18th December

6-30pm Carol Singing around the village (meet at the Church)

Wednesday 19th December

9-30am School Carol Concert - In All Saints' Church- all welcome

11am Holy Communion- Braunston

4.30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby

Thursday 20th December

7-30pm Nine Lessons & Carols - Braunston

Sunday 23rd December

8am Holy Communion

Prep for Crib Service - Ashby Church

11am Family Communion

Monday 24th December

2pm Crib Service - Ashby

3pm Crib Service - Braunston

11-30pm Midnight Mass - Braunston

Tuesday 25th December

11am Christmas Communion Service

Sunday 30th December

9-30am Team Holy Communion at Holy Cross Daventry

NO SERVICES at Braunston

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2008

Sunday 6th January

No 8am at Braunston

9-15am Holy Communion - Ashby

11am Holy Communion with kids club

6-30pm Evensong

Monday 7th January

2pm Little Fishers - Parish Room

Wednesday 9th January

9.30am Special School Service

Epiphany -

in the Church *All Welcome*

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

7pm Holy Communion

7-45pm PCC Meeting - Parish Room

Sunday 13th January

8am Holy Communion

9-15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Family Service

Wednesday 16th January

10-30am Holy Communion

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

Sunday 20th January

8am Holy Communion

9-15am Holy Communion - Ashby

11am Holy Communion with kids club

Wednesday 23rd January

10-30am Holy Communion

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

Sunday 27th January

8am Holy Communion

11am Family Communion

4pm Family Service -Ashby

Wednesday 30th January

10-30am Holy Communion - Ashby

4-30pm Evening Prayer

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,
I've been looking forward to Christmas more than ever this year...since the month of May in fact! This was when a group of us were out in the Holy Land on pilgrimage. Our guide ushered us into a shop in Bethlehem and with friends from All Saints we decided to buy a crib, hand crafted and made from local olive wood. This has been stored safely in the Rectory, and will soon be unwrapped and on show in Church over Christmas and into Epiphany!

The crib this year in Church is a very real connection with modern day Bethlehem. A very different place to the romantic version we sing of in 'O little town of Bethlehem'. A troubled town, now enclosed by a stone wall so that the Palestinians living there have limited access out of their home town and suffer from acute economic problems. Bethlehem in that first Christmas was no less easy a place to be born, heaving with refugees and inflicted with poverty. Yet into this place the light of the world came to bring love, joy and peace.

Christmas is a time of great joy- seeing the children in the nativity plays, seeing faces light up when it's time to open the presents. Relaxing at the dinner table with family and friends after weeks of build up and preparation. It is a time to truly appreciate how miraculous and wonderful life is.

At the same time in places such as Bethlehem, or maybe in the house next door, or closer to home there may not be the same level of joy.

As the tiny figure of baby Jesus is placed into the crib this Christmas we are reminded that Jesus' name means ,Emmanuel, 'God with us'. The birth of Jesus was a life changing event for his parents, his friends, and vast communities. For all the people to whom he came. He came as a light to give us hope and to show us the way through life. He came not only for 'them' 2000 years ago- he comes for us, and given the opportunity he will chase away our shadows.

He knows how hard life can be sometimes and also how wonderful. He knows what it is like to suffer pain, indignity, and he knows how great it is to be surrounded by close friends and loved ones. He knows what dark times are like, and can help us through them. He still knows and understands us.

This Advent and Christmas please connect with God's tremendous love for you, and do join in the worship of *Him* that is on offer!

With every blessing for a very happy Christmas and exciting New Year,

Revd Claire



Braunston Neighbourhood Watch



Braunston is starting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The recent increase in criminality and anti social behaviour in Braunston is totally unacceptable, and so to help ourselves and the Police reduce this behaviour, we ask you for a small amount of time to help set up a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) group in Braunston. We already have a village co-ordinator who reports all crime from Braunston, to the Police.

A speaker from the Northants NHW Association will be present to highlight how successful NHW is, and Sgt Alasdair Fraser from Northants Police will also be giving a speech.

**NUMBERS DO COUNT...
...YOU HAVE A VOICE!**

Please come along to this meeting, and help us stamp out this growing problem in Braunston. Thank you.

**THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER
7.30pm in the Parish Room at
BRAUNSTON CHURCH**

Registers for November 2007

Weddings

1st December Matthew
Spencer Locke and Keely
Milligan

*Congratulations to the happy
couple*

Funerals

8th November- Dorothy
Whittington

9th November – Samuel
Slater

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



The Braunston Calendar

is now available at the back of the church and all other events

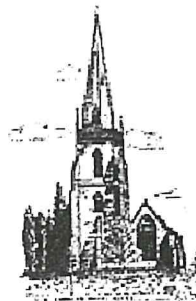
Colour photographs of Braunston for you
or your friends

£5.00 - proceeds to All Saints' Church funds.

Church Floodlighting for November and December 2007

October Floodlighting

- 3rd October - * Jeanie & George Midson's 37th Wedding Anniversary
9th & 10th October – Happy Birthday Michael love from Sarah & Stuart
11th October - 'Archer' in loving memory of Cis & Freeman from Evelyn,
Paul, Stephen & Alan
16th October – Happy Special Birthday Tony love Pam
28th October - * Robert & Jenny 35th Wedding Anniversary
30th October – Happy Birthday Sue Woodward
30th October - "Treasured memories of Dad on the 50th Anniversary of his
death".
31st October - Birthday memories of Eric love Ivy and family



November Floodlighting so far...

- 5th November - Happy Birthday Nick
7th November - * In memory of Charlie Rawbone
8th November - Diana Happy 70th Birthday love always John xx
19th November - In loving memory of dear dad Vic Sanders from all the family xxx
19th & 20th November - In loving remembrance of my dear husband Vic love always Aileen x
23rd November - For Gillian Hallam - still missing you love Lorraine, Tina, Keiran, John, Mark,
Kayleigh, Jack & Sophie
28th November - Birthday memories of our dear sister Gladys. Love Cis and Marian

December Floodlighting so far...

- 1st December - * For Alison & Mike's 10th Wedding Anniversary. Love Mum
6th December - Birthday memories of you will never be forgotten love always Mary
7th December - Ruth Batchelor's Birthday
15th December - Gordon, the brightest star. Also remembering Dad & Mick
18th December - In loving memory of Ron Tait, God bless Helen xx
20th December - Lorna & Clive Coopers Emerald Wedding anniversary (55th)
31st December - Tony Wilson's 40th Birthday

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

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

200 Club Winners

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Number</u>
18.10.07	160	Mrs P Dunkley	£50
25.10.07	041	R Prat	£10
25.10.07	200	K Brewster	£5
01.11.07	096	N Berrill	£10
01.11.07	136	M Massie	£5
08.11.07	096	N Berrill	£10
08.11.07	050	J Bowers	£5

BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



IT'S HERE !

THE 2008 CALENDAR



**FULL COLOUR
VIEWS OF
BRAUNSTON &
QUINCY-VOISINS**

£5

**Great to have
Lovely to give**

Tel. 01788 890491



**Braunston Village Hall
Foundation**

Autumn Fair

**Thank you to everyone who supported
the event.**

**Thanks to the great efforts of those
involved, an amazing £573.15 was
raised.**

**Special thanks to all the stall holders and
everyone who donated tombola prizes.**

**Thanks also to Braunston Marina, The
Boat Shop, The Plough, Braunston Village
Stores, Braunston Garage and Morrisflex
for their kind donations.**

JETTY FIELD

Please come to the next work day on Saturday 8th December; please have a good Christmas; see you in the New Year. More of the same on the 8th: clearing, pruning, composting, tidying.

Pat Herlihy



Friday 21 December 7.00pm

Holy Cross Church

Daventry

Malu Lin Swayne *leader*



**Mr Handel's
MESSIAH**

Fiori Musicali Choir and Chamber Orchestra

Penelope Rapson *director*

Begin Christmas in style with Fiori's popular traditional performance of Messiah - a blaze of trumpets, drums, soloists, choir & orchestra.

*Spend over £50 on tickets and receive a
FREE concert card entitling you to 20% off
all Fiori's concerts till Sept 2008*

by kind permission of Holy Cross

**Tickets £5 (restricted view), £15, £20 (concessions £1 for children)
available from the Classic Concerts box office, or on the door
or book on line www.fiori-musicali.com**

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Advent Group

'Ready and Waiting'

Wait and be ready for Christmas this year...

Wait a bit- the need for patience-

Tues 4th December

*Happy to wait- continuing to trust- Tues 11th
December*

No waiting- grasping the moment

Wednesday 19th December

*7.30-9.00pm in the Parish Room, All Saint's
Church*

All welcome







FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Included with this edition is a new publication of the 2008 Friends of All Saints Church campaign




All Saints is getting on in years &, like any old house, needs constant attention to keep the building in a good state of repair & to maintain its ministry & mission. I'm sure you will agree that this is important whether you attend regularly, occasionally, when you need it or just like to see it there to make you feel "at home" in this our lovely village of Braunston.

CHURCH SERVICES IN 2008

Week	Ashby- Sunday	Braunston- Sunday	Ashby- Wednesday	Braunston- Wednesday
One	9.15am Holy Communion for Braunston & Ashby	11am Parish Communion with Kids Club  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 Kids Club 	4.30pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
Four	4pm Family Service (Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Dec.)  11am Family Communion at Braunston on the other months	8am Holy Communion 11am Family Communion 	4.30pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
Five	11am Joint Parish Communion <i>at Ashby or Braunston</i>	8am Holy Communion 11am Joint Parish Communion <i>at Ashby or Braunston with</i>  <i>Fishers</i>	4.30pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion


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

KEY:

 = All Saints' Kids Club (Sunday School for children)



= Family Services

 MONDAYS in Term Time 'Little Fishers' (for pre-School children) runs from 2pm in the Parish Room at All Saints' Church, Braunston.

Youth Club Diary Of Events



23rd. November 2007

And

7th. December 2007

**Youth Club
Cancelled
Sorry**

21st. December 2007

**Club's Own Christmas
Party**



11th. Jan 2008

**Club's Own
Games/Quiz
Night**

25th. Jan 2008

**Club's Own
Sports
Night**



**Braunston Youth wishes you a Merry Christmas meets
at the Village Hall on the above dates
Newcomers welcome if aged 9yrs or above**

The Admiral Nelson

**Christmas Bookings
from Friday 7th – Monday 24th December inclusive**

**Are you fed up of being offered turkey, turkey or turkey during
December? We are.....**

So this year we are offering our full normal menu (see our website for details) so you can take your pick of a wide range of dishes, and then to put your party in the Christmas mood for a small extra charge of £2.00 per head, we will decorate your table, giving you crackers, poppers and streamers.

Our bar and restaurant will be hand decorated as usual in wonderful fresh pine, making The Admiral Nelson a great place to meet up with friends and family during the month of December.

If you wish your table to be decorated for Christmas, please state when booking. A small deposit will be required for such tables and a pre-order on food maybe required. In the first instance to check availability please call 01788-890075.

New Years Eve 'League of Nations'

Come dressed in a national costume from the country of your choice – it doesn't have to be the official costume, you could come in a cork hat for example (make sure you wear something else with it though!!)
Party form 8pm ish

We look forward to welcoming you over the Christmas period.

Dark Lane, Braunston, Daventry, Northants NN11 7HJ
Tel 01788-890075 www.theadmiralnelson.co.uk

DECEMBER DIARY OF EVENTS

Saturday	1	
Sunday	2	8.00am Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion - 11.00 Sung Communion with Kids Club - 6.30 Advent Carol Service at Holy Cross
Monday	3	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	4	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm WI Xmas Party - 7.30pm Advent Group, All Saints
Wednesday	5	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	6	Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	7	Scouts – 7.30pm British Legion Concert, Daventry Community Centre – Youth Club
Saturday	8	Jetty Field Workday – 4.00pm Carols at Wolfamcote
Sunday	9	8.00am Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00 Family Service, Braunston – 3.00pm WI Carol Concert, All Saints
Monday	10	2.00pm Little Fishers Xmas Party - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - Friendly Club Xmas Party
Tuesday	11	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 7.30pm WI Meeting - - 7.30pm Advent Group, All Saints - British Legion at The Old Plough, Braunston
Wednesday	12	4.30pm Prayers at Ashby - 7.00pm Holy Communion, Braunston – 7.45 PCC Braunston - Beavers – Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Thursday	13	Cubs – Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm 7.30 Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Village Hall
Friday	14	Scouts –
Saturday	15	Braunston Walkers to Grandborough
Sunday	16	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby -11.00am Sung Communion and Kids Club, Braunston – 5.30pm Carol Service, Ashby

COPY DEADLINE - 20th

DECEMBER DIARY OF EVENTS

Monday	17	7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00/8.00-9.00 Explorer Scouts - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	18	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 6.30pm Carol Singing round the Village -
Wednesday	19	9.30am School Carol Concert, Braunston - 4.30pm Prayers at Ashby - Beavers – Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group – 7.30pm Advent Group, All Saints
Thursday	20	Cubs – 7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols, Braunston - Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	21	Scouts – 7.00pm Fiori Musicali, Holy Cross – Youth Club X mas Party
Saturday	22	Jetty Field work Day
Sunday	23	8.00am Holy Communion Braunston - 11.00 Family Communion
Monday	24	2.00pm Crib Service, Ashby – 3.00pm Crib Service, Braunston – 11.30pm MIDNIGHT MASS, Braunston
Tuesday	25	11.00 – CHRISTMAS COMMUNION, Braunston
Wednesday	26	
Thursday	27	
Friday	28	
Saturday	29	
Sunday	30	9.30am – Team Holy Communion at Holy Cross (no services at Braunston or Ashby)
Monday	31	

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JANUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Tuesday	1	
Wednesday	2	10.30am Holy Communion at Braunston - 4.30 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	3	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	4	Scouts – No Youth Club
Saturday	5	
Sunday	6	9.15 Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Holy Communion, Braunston with Kids Club – 6.30pm Evensong
Monday	7	2.00 Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – 2.30pm Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	8	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall – WI Meeting – History Society meeting
Wednesday	9	9.30am Special School Service Epiphany - 4.30 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	10	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo – 7.45pm WEA starts at Braunston School
Friday	11	Scouts – Youth Club –
Saturday	12	3.00 Wedding
Sunday	13	8.00am Holy Communion – 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby – 11.00am Family Service, Braunston
Monday	14	2.00 Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – 2.30pm Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	15	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall – British Legion Annual Dinner
Wednesday	16	10.30am Holy Communion, Braunston - 4.30 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

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JANUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday	17	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	18	Scouts – No Youth Club
Saturday	19	
Sunday	20	8.00 Holy Communion Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby – 11.00am Holy Communion, Braunston with Kids Club
Monday	21	2.00 Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – 2.30pm Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	22	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	23	10.30am Holy Communion at Braunston - 4.30 Evening Prayer at Ashby - Beavers - Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group -
Thursday	24	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	25	Scouts – Youth Club
Saturday	26	3.00 Wedding
Sunday	27	8.00am Holy Communion — 11.00am Holy Communion with Kids Club at Braunston - 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Ashby
Monday	28	2.00 Little Fishers – Explorer Scouts - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir - 7.00-8.30pm Tai Chi in the Village Hall – Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	29	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	30	10.30am Holy Communion at Braunston - 4.30 Evening Prayer at Ashby - Beavers - Scouts - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group -
Thursday	31	Bell Ringers 7.30pm - Cubs - 8.00pm Fishing Club Bingo

COPY DEADLINE - 20th



Braunston Branch Thursdays 7.45 -
9.15 pm 10 meetings starting on 10th
January 2008 at Braunston School. Fee:
£37.50 (free to means tested and
unemployed)

NEW TECHNIQUES IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Tutor: Martin Weaver

An in-depth look at the exciting range of new techniques available to the archaeologist and how they further our knowledge of the past. The course studies all aspects of archaeology from initial investigation to final report and conservation of finds.

Further details from Jackie Green (890145) Richard Dibben (890515)

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

DO YOU HAVE ANY BOOK-KEEPING EXPERIENCE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE TO HELP THE VILLAGE HALL???

The Management Committee is looking for a new Treasurer to take over from Avril Dent. If you are interested in helping us run the hall, and have a few hours per month to spare, then we would love to hear from you. This voluntary role is to keep account of all the income and expenditure of the Village Hall and 200 Club, and to prepare the monthly and annual accounts. If you would like more information, then please feel free to contact Lynne on 890865.

Braunston Walkers - Saturday 17/11/2007
Badby (11 miles) - Mission Impossible 4

Ten of us met up at the village hall including Angie and her new husband, Bruce, to whom we wish all the very best. The sun was shining through patches in a bit of low cloud and it was dry as we set off through Jettyfields and down to the canal. For part of this walk we were forced to trespass as there was no footpath or right of way. I will be unable to describe that part of the route as it is highly secret and if I did we would have to come around your house and make you eat the BVN. Anyway we crossed the canal over a stile on the Jurassic Way up past the new pump house built in 1897 and up to a hillock which was the site of the original pump house. All that is left is a small bit of brickwork, a cast iron bollard with the initials UJC (Union Junction Canal) and a clear channel in the field which had been the leat, described in the dictionary as an open water course conducting water to a mill or in this case a pump house.

Leaving this we started over the old railway and steeply uphill. Huffing and puffing we arrived at the top and looked back at the fantastic view of the village spread below us. We crossed the busy A45 and joined the track across the old field we always called the prairie field. It had been full of a variety of lovely old grasses which swayed in the wind on this high hill with panoramic views over to Staverton, Flecknoe and Braunston, a magnificent sight. Sadly it has now been ploughed up and the new shoots of grass

were just peeking out of the soil. Thankfully the surrounding view is still fantastic. We continued through past the wooded and muddy valley of Braunston Covert and then joined the bridleway towards Staverton between the two farms both called Berryfields on the map. How confusing is that?

About half a mile further on we turned left at a crossroad where the footpath to Miry Bridge crosses the bridle way. This lead over more fields and then up to Daventry eventually emerging in the newly planted Kentle Woods behind Ford's huge warehouse and the refuse tip or to use a more politically correct term the Recycling centre. Following the road we had to walk along the verge of the busy A425 for a short while but then struck off the road and over the hill to join the small B road between Staverton and Newnham. The sun was breaking through the low cloud as we walked at first along the A361 and then, leaving the road and dropping down towards the lovely old village of Badby which was in the rays of the sun beckoning us towards our lunch stop. We eventually turned right onto The Nene Way and arrived immediately and conveniently opposite the Malsters Arms. They had supplied a superb buffet of sandwiches and big fat, low cholesterol, delicious, chips. Washed down with a beer. What more could you want!

After a suitable, but far too short, break we set off again over the A361 and on

the old footpath towards Staverton. This follows a river along a valley with the remains of an old millhouse complete with bits of the old grinding stone. We passed a shooting estate between conifers with pheasants running for cover and crossed the sports field over the main road and into Staverton. Rather than take the conventional bridleway to Braunston we joined the footpath at Hall Farm and after fighting the old gate we set off over fields along a ridge with magnificent views over the valley to Braunston . The church spire seemed to get no closer as we walked up and over hills passing Berry Fields farm and finally into Old Road and home after tackling the cardiac arresting hill at Nibbits Lane .This was a magnificent walk with wonderful views and lots of interest and an exciting little trespass..

Why not come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, on the third Saturday each month. We are an informal group of friends who enjoy monthly rambles. 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 local scenery. Remember you don't have to do the full walk some of our members arrange pick ups from the pub stop halfway, normally 5 or 6 miles. please call either Phillip on 01788891437 or Ray on 01788891384. We normally meet at 10 o'clock at the village hall.

The plan for our next walk is:
15th Dec Grandborough (c.8 miles)

Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Angling Club
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
December 15 at 1.30pm in the
Village Hall
Stalls and refreshments
SANTA FOR THE CHILDREN

G Donald 891264



Braunston Rainfall

20/9-20/10 = 53mm
20/10-20/11 = 62mm

Information supplied
by D Humphries

Churchyard Headstones.

Following our appeal earlier this year for relatives and descendants of those in the cemetery whose grave headstones required repair, the church has now put in place a programme of repair at a total cost of £373.65.

We would be grateful if anyone who has not contacted the church or anyone who would like to make a contribution to the cost of these repairs will contact either of the Churchwardens.

Donations will be gratefully received.



The 9th Braunston Twinning Association Quiz 17th November 2007.

Winning Team "The Clangers"

Won with 108 points (with the Secret Seven coming **unofficially** 2nd with 102 1/2 points!)

Drink at The Bell Inn, Hillmorton (hence the name) but often drink at the Plough in Braunston. Won the Quiz in 2005

**THE
THANK YOU
BOX**

The Whittington family would like to thank everybody that attended the Thanksgiving Service for Dorothy on 8th November at All Saints Church, Braunston.

Through the generosity shown we were able to send a donation of £500.00 to our chosen charity - Cancerbackup.

From Betty Hargraves:
To all friends who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 28th September - we now have a grand total of £754.94.

Didn't she do *very* well!!!

Support for our Armed Forces

Once again I write to thank everyone who has contributed to the "goodie" box positioned on the counter at the Village Shop. At the time of writing a staggering 87 parcels have been sent out to the Armoured Support Co. of the Royal Marines serving in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. My sincere thanks go to Carolyn and Cay at the Post Office who give their free time to pack, weigh and dispatch each parcel.

The Commanding Officer has written to say that the last 4-6 weeks have been particularly busy as a new Brigade has arrived to undertake duties in Helmand Province. Apparently, 20 members of the A.S.C. have returned home after a 6 month tour of duty along with 1 Royal Anglian Regiment and No 3 Company Grenadier Guards. He wrote, "We have been through a lot together and have all lost friends and colleagues. 1 Royal Anglian was particularly close "Brother-in-Arms"

Therefore our parcels are of enormous importance to the A.S.C. and are sent out to them wherever they are working in the desert, and of course are truly appreciated.

It remains for me to thank you all once again for your continued generosity and, like me, wish all members of our Armed Forces both in Afghanistan and Iraq a safe Christmas and a successful deployment.

Valerie Worral

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In the February edition we will be featuring a special HOME SECURITY insert to help us all address these issues.

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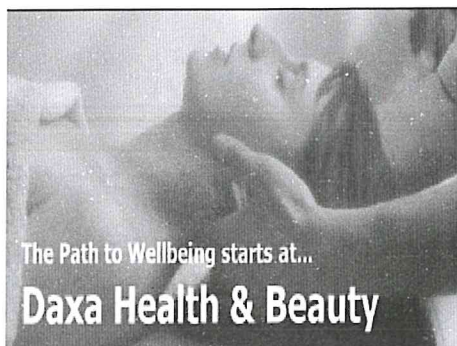
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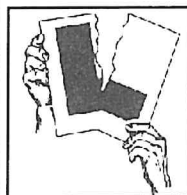
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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



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Tuesday 4 December - Christmas Party - Bring a small wrapped gift to the value of £2.00
Entertainment by the singing group "Collage"

Sunday 9 December - "Group 96"
WI's Advent Carol Service at All Saints Church - 3.00pm - Tea, coffee & mincepies to be served afterwards

Tuesday 8 January - A celebratory meal in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Catering by Newton Caterers (Rugby) Ltd

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Friendly Club

Monday Dec 10 - Christmas Lunch at the Dun Cow - Dunchurch.
Coach from The Green at 12.00noon. Bring a small wrapped gift

Dec 17th - Mincepie Tea at 2.00pm in the Village Hall with a Bring & Buy stall

January meetings will be on Monday 14th and Monday 28th in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

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The "Dick Herne" Braunston History Society

There will be no meeting in December. We start our New Year programme on **Tuesday 8th January** at 7.30pm with **Anne Langley** giving an illustrated talk about **Victorian Village Life**

So, to find out how our great grandparents really lived, come and join us in the Parish Romm within the Church. It should be a good start to the New Year and all members, visitors and friends will be welcome. Meanwhile - A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Honor Mackichan 01788 890881



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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT

Remembrance Sunday. There was a good turn out of members at Braunston Church when the Branch Standard was paraded. During the service the names of the Braunston servicemen who died in both world wars were read out. In WW1 32 young men from Braunston were killed and in addition many more were injured physically and mentally. At the time the population of the village was only 1059 including 498 males (1911 census) and so the loss of so many young men would have had a terrible impact on the village.

Poppy Appeal. The amount collected throughout the village was a magnificent £1952 which compares with £1733 last year, a 13% increase. Many thanks to the collectors and village businesses who work so hard to raise this sum and to those who contributed. More and more ex-service men and women and those still serving and their dependents are seeking help from the Legion which it is only able to give through the generosity of the public in response to the Poppy Appeal.

Annual General Meeting. This was held on 11th November. Existing officers were all re-elected. It was noted that 3 members had died during the year but that new members had maintained the membership level at 63. (the Legion would welcome new members from the ex-servicemen in the district so that it can continue to serve you and your dependents should the need ever arise). The Rushall Cup this year was awarded to Tony Saunderson.

Ghurkha Welfare Trust. During the year members subscribed £400 to the Trust. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact Ian Simpson.

The Big Brew. Legion members were pleased to have helped to raise £360 in aid of SAAFA.

Annual Dinner. It is confirmed that the annual dinner will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby, on 15th January 2008. The cost is £15.95. Menu/application forms available from Tony Saunderson. Applications together with payment must be received by 29th December.

Band Concert. A reminder that the annual Christmas concert 'Music for your Pleasure' given by the Legion in conjunction with Daventry Brass will be held at Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Road, Daventry, on 7th December 2007 at 7.30 pm. Tickets priced £7.00 available from Colin White or at the door. Interval refreshments, licensed bar and raffle.

Church Fete. The stall held by the Legion at the Church Fete held on 17th November was well supported and thank you to all who helped to raise £90 for Church and Legion funds.

December Meeting. Will be held at the Old Plough, Braunston, on 11th December at 8.00pm.

Tony Saunderson
6 Greenway
Braunston Tel: 01788 890797.

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)	Joan Bishop		5¾ -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	John Viggers	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	
The Dick Herne Braunston History Society	Annie Rogers	891179	
Braunston Primary School	Mrs Barbara Parfitt, Headteacher.	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)	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	5¾ -8yr old Boys and Girls Wednesday
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	Linda Lewcock	01327 878341	8-10½ year old boys and girls - Thursday
Scouts (For Boys and Girls)	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	10½ -14 yr old Boys and Girls - Wednesday
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	Gill 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)	Peter Hobbs	899086	Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

 All Saints' Church 
Christmas Services 2007

Sunday 2nd December
6-30pm Advent Carol Service at Holy
Cross Church Daventry

Sunday 9th December
11am Family Service

Sunday 16th December
4pm Christingle

Tuesday 18th December
6-30pm Carol singing around the
village (meet at the Church)

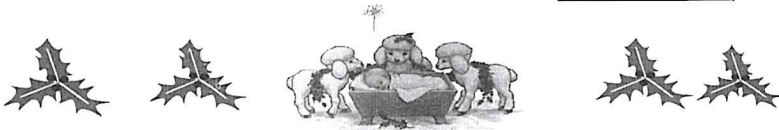
Thursday 20th December
7-30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 23rd December
11am Family Communion

Monday 24th December
3pm Crib Service
11-30pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December
11am Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 30th December
9-30am Holy Communion at Holy
Cross Daventry (No Services at
Braunton)



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