

# Braunston Village News

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## Our Village Hall still NEEDS YOU!!!

### We are still looking for a Chair Person for the Braunston Village Hall!!!!

This role requires someone who has the drive to take the Village Hall forward into another Phase of improvements, someone who is determined to succeed and steer a committee of volunteers with the support of the Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson & Secretary. If you fancy a challenge, working with others to achieve the same goal please contact Kelly or Cindy Brewster on 01788 891511.

Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month in the Village Hall Library @ 19.30hrs.

### Another Opportunity for 'community minded' people:

#### Treasurer for the Village Hall

Are you good with money or organising?

Are you computer literate?

Would you like to join a committee of enthusiastic volunteers?

If you've answered yes to all the above, then you obviously want to become our new Treasurer!!!!

Call Kelly or Cindy NOW on 01788 891511 - don't miss out on this amazing oppor-tu-

### Calling any free 'handy men or women'

If you have time to spare and consider yourself to be 'handy' (good at D.I.Y) and would like to support the village hall by offering your skills please call Kelly on 01788 891511 or come along to one of meetings (next one is scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 19.30 hrs in the Village Hall Library).

WE NEED YOU!!



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St  
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

ashby-st-ledgers-church.co.uk

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

**Churchwardens:**

Peter Dickinson: 891955

Anne Parker-Tyler: 899251

**Secretary:** Sheila Rowley - 890559

**Treasurer:** John Lewis - 891149

**Organist and Choirmaster:**

John Viggers -024 7667 9967

**Churchwardens:**

Bruce Turton: 01788 335579

John Gray: 01788 890796

**PCC Lay Chair:**

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

**Secretary:**

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

**CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DECEMBER &  
FEBRUARY 2010**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Candlemas

9.30am Joint Team Holy

Communion at Holy Cross

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

2pm Little Fishers in Braunston

Church Parish Room

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

10.30am Holy Communion-

Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Sexagesima

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

2pm Little Fishers in Church Parish

Room

7.30pm Synod

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7pm Holy Communion

7.45pm Braunston PCC

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February

3pm Bellringers AGM & Service

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February-

Quinquagesima

8am Holy Communion - Braunston

9.15am Holy Communion at Ashby

11am Family Service

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

2pm NO Little Fishers

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February - ASH

WEDNESDAY

7.30pm Team Eucharist at Staverton

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February

12.00pm Lent Lunch in the Village Hall

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent

8am Holy Communion - Braunston

9.15am Holy Communion - Ashby

11am Holy Communion - Braunston

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

2pm Little Fishers

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

10.30am Holy Communion -

Braunston

4.30pm Ashby Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Group- All Saints

Church

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February

7.30pm Bilton Grange Concert

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

8 am Holy Communion - Braunston

11am Family Communion -

Braunston

4pm Family Service at Ashby

## Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

*We have only just packed away the Christmas things and now the Easter eggs are out on the shelves!*

It is a constant complaint of mine that as I grow older so time goes faster- and this time of year the major festivals are particularly close together. In order to fully appreciate the joy of the next major festival it is good to have some preparation time. To make do with a little less - in order to make preparation for Easter - like making oneself hungry for a big feast. Lent can be a time to 'give up something' (fasting) but it can also be a time to grow in one's understanding and faith of God, through prayer, and study. Is there really a God out there and if so is God bothered? The recent events of the devastating earthquake in Haiti may

leave room for doubt. ( A letter has also just dropped through the Rectory letterbox showing a starving baby in Sudan. ) These pictures of real life shake us and may challenge our faith in the Almighty. How can we reconcile a loving God with such suffering?

I don't promise that the Lent Course for 2010 will present all the answers- but it will perhaps in a fresh way challenge our thinking and help us to grapple with the big questions of life. I am proposing we read William.P. Young's book that has sold millions; 'The Shack'. It's a gripping novel, not for the faint hearted, which looks at a contemporary tragedy. But what makes this book a little different is that later in the book the fiction mixes with theology. It raises a lot of issues and if you do choose to read the book in

preparation for Easter you may want to bear these questions in mind:

Suffering- you can't skate over the suffering in this book- it's a vein that runs through it. Is there any faint glimmer of hope against this backdrop of pain?

Forgiveness- how is it dealt with by the author? Does the main character ever come to a place of peace?

William.P. Young paints a really interesting picture of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit which you may love or hate! Does God in this book of fiction bear a resemblance to the God you know, or does it open up a different level of engagement?

How does the book leave you? Cold, curious, indifferent, despairing or

uplifted? We would love to know! Do come and join us!

The sessions will run in the Parish Room in All Saints' Church on every Wednesday in Lent except for March 10<sup>th</sup> when we have the Church AGM (to which you are welcome too!) So the four sessions are on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm until 9pm, with (of course!) a cup of coffee or tea.

If you would like to come and join us for the start of Lent , please pencil the Ash Wednesday Service in your diaries at Staverton Church. In whatever way you choose to mark it, I wish you a very meaningful Lent.

God bless,  
Revd Claire

## Registers for November and December 2009

### Baptisms

29<sup>th</sup> November- Lauren  
Hughes- *Braunston*

*Welcome to the Church family!*

### Weddings

16<sup>th</sup> December - William and  
Caroline Johnston - *Wedding*  
*Blessing at Ashby*

*Congratulations to the happy  
couple!*

### Funerals

25<sup>th</sup> November - Beryl  
Cullen - *Ashby*  
9<sup>th</sup> December- Ned  
Wartier- *Braunston*  
15<sup>th</sup> December- Pamela  
Price- *Braunston*

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

# LENT LUNCHEES



**Saturday 20th February  
& Saturday 27th March**

**Village Hall**

**12.30pm - 2pm**

Come and enjoy a chat  
and some sumptuous  
soup

## Church Floodlighting for December to February 2010

### **December's Floodlighting**

3<sup>rd</sup> December - \* In loving memory of Jean Isabel Purvey on her Birthday x

6<sup>th</sup> December – "Remembering Judith"

6<sup>th</sup> December - \* Joy Pittam's 69th Birthday, with love from all the family

14<sup>th</sup> December – In our Thoughts, Pete Terry. Love Lee & Family

18<sup>th</sup> December – Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Lee Terry on their Wedding Day

18<sup>th</sup> December – Especially for Ron

19<sup>th</sup> December – Gordon, the brightest star! Also remembering Dad & Mick x

19<sup>th</sup> December – Welcome to our family with love from Pelham & Audrey Cole

23<sup>rd</sup> December – In memory of my wife Pamela Thompson from Harold, Sally & Roger

23<sup>rd</sup> December – Marian Pateman's Birthday love Alison, Mike & Kurt

24<sup>th</sup> December – Birthday memories Carl Grant. Love as always Sharon, Kyle, Siann, Lisa, Lara and family

24<sup>th</sup> December – For Stuart on his Birthday with love from all the family

25<sup>th</sup> December – In loving memory of Albert & Sarah Kendall with love from all their family

26<sup>th</sup> December – To celebrate Bob & June's Golden Wedding Anniversary



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

1<sup>st</sup> January - \* Happy Wedding Anniversary Mum & Dad – love Claire

2<sup>nd</sup> January - \* Lit for Rob Whittington

3<sup>rd</sup> January - \* Lit for Mrs M Fearn

4<sup>th</sup> January - \* Lit for Margaret Chamberlain

5<sup>th</sup> January - \* Lit for Derrick Turner

6<sup>th</sup> January - \* Anniversary memories Peter – all my love Margaret x

18<sup>th</sup> January - Remembering Pam Back's Birthday - Jenny, Jonathan & Nicola Hutchinson

23<sup>rd</sup> January - \* Happy Birthday Terry

25<sup>th</sup> January - \* 'Happy Days'

29<sup>th</sup> January - \* Happy Birthday Joanne Davis

25<sup>th</sup> February - Patricia - with all my love & Best Wishes on your Birthday from Maurice

27<sup>th</sup> February - \* Happy Golden Anniversary to Jacqueline & Alan Cope – from Amanda, Matt & Phoebe x

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*If you would like the Church spire lit up for your celebration or special event, please fill in a form to be found at the back of church and post it in the Rectory letterbox with a minimum donation of £5.*

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

1<sup>st</sup> February - \* To Braunston Village Organisations – thank you to all volunteers

1<sup>st</sup> February - \* Happy Retirement Richard!

2<sup>nd</sup> February - \* To brighten up a dark winter evening & in loving memory of Pam Price,  
from Elizabeth

2<sup>nd</sup> February - \* In memory of Winnie & Percy

9<sup>th</sup> February - \* In loving memory of Bill – from Iris

10<sup>th</sup> February - \* In memory of Mansel Davies

12<sup>th</sup> February - \* In memory of William Charles Berry - from all the family

13<sup>th</sup> February - Remembering Diane Roach on her Birthday - Miss you & love always from Gill,  
Cindy, Kelly & Brian

17<sup>th</sup> February - \* For Hannah & Alex Atack's 9th Wedding Anniversary

19<sup>th</sup> February - \* To celebrate Brian's 75th Birthday – love Jean

23<sup>rd</sup> February - \* Happy Birthday Zoe – love Mum & Dad

\* = Friends of All Saints – **A huge Thank You**

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - **20<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

## **200 Club Results:**

Date	Number	Name	Amount
12.11.09	41	L. Prat	£50.00
19.11.09	34	C. Brewster	£10.00
19.11.09	173	J. Lancaster	£5.00
26.11.09	67	G. Montgomery	£10.00
26.11.09	143	E. Iddens	£5.00
03.12.09	124	L. Marsters	£10.00
03.12.09	116	E Reader	£5.00
10.12.09	77	L. Boniface	£50.00
17.12.09	23	G. Taylor	£10.00
17.12.09	46	M Bowers	£5.00
24.12.09	152	P. Helliwell	£10.00
24.12.09	202	C. Price	£5.00
31.12.09	82	J. Jarrett	£10.00
31.12.09	140	R. Barnwell	£5.00

## Northamptonshire's Volunteer Police Service



Northants Police currently has over 180 Volunteer Police Officers (Special Constables), all of which contribute to **keeping your community safe** and "making the difference" within it.

Special Constables are involved in a very diverse mixture of police work, a typical shift can involve crewing up with another Special or Regular Officer, and responding to calls from the public when they come in. This could be anything from anti-social behaviour to a serious assault! You may find that a large amount of your time will be spent carrying out **proactive high visibility patrols** in your area. This is of course very important as it **improves public confidence** and can deter crime before it happens.

Special Constables are often called upon to support specific operations across the force. This can present you with a number of **exciting opportunities** as you could be involved in, Plain clothes work, intelligence gathering and executing search warrants, to name but a few.

Becoming a Special Constable is ideal for those who want to help their local Police Officers and PCSO's and put something back in to their community.

It is also an ideal position for those who wish to become full-time Police Officers to gain excellent experience and life skills to aid them in applying.

For more information on the role, to receive an application form, or to view our upcoming Open Evenings please visit: - **[www.northants.police.uk/careers](http://www.northants.police.uk/careers)** or call Lizzi Betts on **03000 111 222 ext 2098**, our specials recruitment administrator who will be happy to advise you.

We look forward to hearing from you!



# Hope and Homes for Children



Hope & Homes for Children

## FUNDS RAISED SINCE LAST SHOWN IN THE BVN (December)

Money raised from

Penny Pots	£ 171.74
Sale of Teddies & Dolls	£ 67.00
Other Donations	£ 20.00

This makes £2,956.02 for our current Financial Year starting 1<sup>st</sup>. March.

There was also £850 raised at Harvest Festival by Braunston School and All Saints Church in October 2009

## PENNY POTS

Thank you for everyone who takes one of our penny pots, and donates their small change to Hope & Homes. Penny Pots can be obtained from Braunston Store, Braunston Church and Ashby Church. Please continue the good work

Thank you to Braunston Store, Braunston Church and Ashby Church for displaying and collecting these Penny Pots

## GIFT AID

Are you a UK Tax Payer ?

Do you donation to Home & Homes ?

Have you completed a Hope & Homes Gift Aid form ?

If you complete a Hope & Homes Gift Aid form, it will allow them to claim 28p for every pound you have donated to them, in the last 6 years and for all donations in the future. Your details will not be passed on by the Charity.

So please if you haven't already, complete one of our Gift Aid forms. They can be obtained from Braunston Store, Braunston Church, Ashby Church or contact Brenda on 01788 899086.

*Thank you all so much  
Brenda Hobbs on behalf of  
Hope and Homes for Children*

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The answer to these questions lies in the Buy with Confidence scheme. This new initiative, operated by Northamptonshire County Council's trading standards service will help establish and maintain high standards of trading across the county.

Buy with Confidence is already successfully operating across large parts of the UK, delivering benefits for consumers and member businesses.

So, if you are a trader in the home improvement sector based in Northamptonshire who is committed to providing a quality service and willing to abide by the spirit and letter of the law, you may be eligible to join.

**Apply today!** Call us:01604 707900

E-mail us:[bwc@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:bwc@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

# Braunston Youth Club

We meet fortnightly on  
**FRIDAYS**  
AT  
**BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL**

**7.00 TO 9.00PM**

Entrance fee is £1.00

Members starting  
age is 9 year old -  
16.



Why not come along and make new friends, have a  
laugh and try something different on a Friday night?

## **We will be meeting on**

**JANUARY** - Fridays 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
**FEBRUARY** - Fridays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
**MARCH** - Fridays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Any queries ring Peter Hobbs 01788 899086

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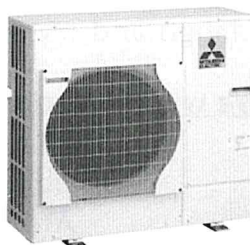
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# Braunston Festival

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Bank Holiday Weekend 28 - 30 August 2010

## Festival Open Day

Sunday 20th March, 11-3pm  
Braunston Village Hall

- ' See what's being planned
- ' Find out how you can help
- ' Share your ideas

Email [info@fielddayarts.org.uk](mailto:info@fielddayarts.org.uk) to find out more and  
get involved.

Braunston Festival is being developed by Field Day  
Arts  
in association with Pic-Nic Promotions.

# FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday	31 Jan	CANDLEMASS - 9.30am - Joint Team Holy Communion at Holy Cross
Monday	1	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	2	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - WI Meeting
Wednesday	3	10.30 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	4	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	5	
Saturday	6	
Sunday	7	<b>Sexagesima - 9.15 Holy Communion at Ashby - 1100. Holy Communion, Braunston - 6.30pm Evensong</b>
Monday	8	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 7.30pm Synod Friendly Club meeting
Tuesday	9	8.00pm British Legion at The Sporting Club, Barby
Wednesday	10	4.30pm Prayers at Ashby - 7.00pm Holy Communion, Braunston - 7.45 Braunston PCC - 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	11	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	12	7.00pm Youth Club
Saturday	13	3.00pm Bellringers AGM and Service
Sunday	14	<b>Quinquagesima - 8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Family Service , Braunston</b>
Monday	15	NO Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	16	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall

# FEBRUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday	17	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> - 7.30pm Team Eucharist at Staverton - Brownies at Barby 6.30-8.00pm , 8.20 - 9.35pm Adult Tap Dancing Village Hall – 7.00-8.15 Yoga Group
Thursday	18	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	19	
Saturday	20	LENT LUNCH 12.00 noon in the Village Hall - Braunston Walkers to Newnham Hill
Sunday	21	<b>8.00 Holy Communion, Braunston - - 9.15 Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Holy Communion, Braunston,</b>
Monday	22	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 2.30 Friendly Club, Village Hall
Tuesday	23	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	24	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	25	
Friday	26	7.00pm Youth Club
Saturday	27	Bilton Grange Concert - All Saints Church
Sunday	28	<b>8.00 Holy Communion, Braunston - 11.00 Family Communion, Braunston</b>
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# Charity Concert

In Aid of

Hope and Homes for Children & All Saints' Church Braunston Roof Appeal

Given by the children of  
**Bilton Grange Preparatory School**

**All Saints' Church, Braunston**  
**Friday 26th February 7.00pm**

All Welcome



## BRAUNSTON'S PARCELS

**Over 510 parcels have now been sent from Braunston to our troops  
serving in Afghanistan**

My sincere thanks to all of you who continue to contribute and to everyone  
the shop and Post Office who are so actively committed to the success of  
this project.

On December 19th 2009 Peter and I were present at the homecoming medal  
parade of Egypt Squadron, Royal Tank Regiment. We had been invited by the  
commanding officer to represent the people of Braunston who had supported  
his men during their deployment to Afghanistan. We felt it was both an  
honour and a privilege to be there and to experience the activities of the  
day with the families and friends of those in Egypt Squadron.

Our parcels are now being sent to "D" Squadron, Royal Tank Regiment  
and we know that they too are valued and appreciated by all who receive  
them.

Once again, my thanks to everyone for their continued generosity and  
support.

*Val Worrall.*

## JETTY FIELD

The recent grim weather may have compromised our plans to lay a section of the western hedge but we hope to be able to do some work. The same is true of the clearance of the next strip in the conservation area. The management of this section, dedicated to the preservation of wildlife, requires regular attention even though it looks a bit rough.

We expect to be able to proceed with arrangements for the first of the annual children's prizes for a presentation associated with the Gallie Wildlife fund. Details should be out in late Spring.

The kissing gate at the bottom of the woodland area that had been destroyed has been completely rebuilt by Braunston Boats and fitted by Mike Fiddes - our thanks to both. The field is now secure for stock and available for walkers. Now welcome Spring.

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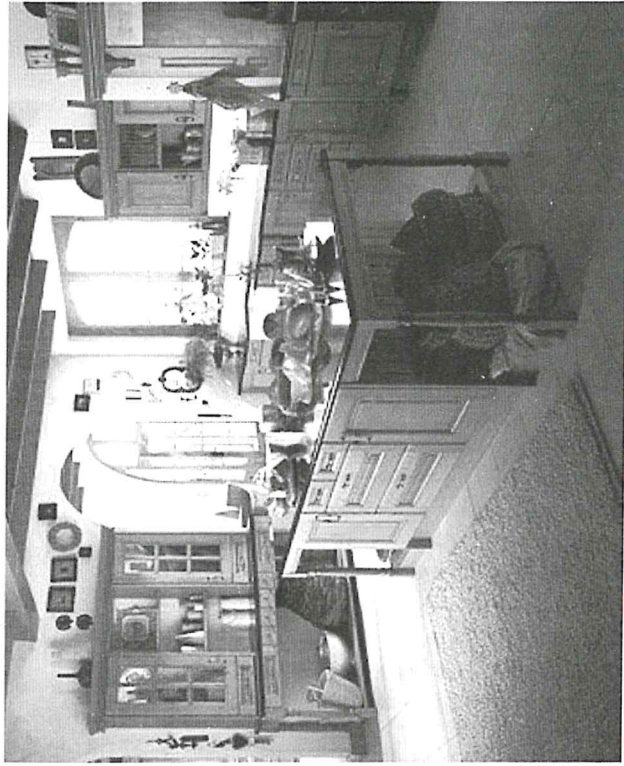
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## Braunston Walkers Saturday 16 01 2010 Around Ashby St Ledgers (circa 9 miles)

This is our first walk in 2010 and I thought it would be good to look back at some of the highlights of the last 6 months for the group. In May we walked at Wroxton Abbey and lunched at the North Arms. In June we did the dramatic Oxfordshire Ridgeway with fantastic Red Kites soaring overhead. July saw us in Middlemore and although this was just a local walk the views were stunning. In August we did The Langtons of Leicestershire and delighted in the wonderful local ale, Caudle Bitter, at the Bell Inn, East Langton followed in September by a Peak District classic at Youlgreave with Stanton Moor. For October we walked along the River Nene with Kingfishers and in

November we did Draycote and a bit... and used the wonderful Friendly Inn at Frankton, finishing the year at Wolfhamcote walking under the old aqueduct and capping a great year with a visit to The Old Plough in the village which is a fantastic pub with a warm welcome and great food, as good as any that we have visited further afield. Another great set of walks, good company, fantastic scenery and good pubs.

Hoping that 2010 would prove to be just as good we met up at the village hall in unpromising weather with rain pouring down. Now Ashby St Ledgers lies North East of Braunston so naturally we left the village via Jetty Fields in a South Westerly direction! Six intrepid souls were soon striding out along the canal towards the Marina where we knocked for Carol to see if she was coming out to play. Seven of us crossed the A45 and up the Old Road dangerous bend at the bottom, had been the cause of many accidents in the days of coach and horses and

Thomas Telford designed the current, straightened, A45.

At the top we paused to admire the views over to Grandborough, Shuckborough and Staverton on one side and over to Bragborough and the village nestling below us to the other. Even on this dull day they were fantastic.

Fortunately the rain had ceased and although it was muddy after all the snow had melted we entered a field and then turned left along the Jurassic Way to re cross the A45 and walk over fields past herds of sheep and then dropping down the track to emerge at The Admiral Nelson. We took the road left back towards the village before taking a little used field path on the right through a gate and over a field to a small wooden bridge over a stream which going by the shape of the valley must have been a substantial river at one time. The path finally emerges on the Bragborough Hill road and we turned right and up hill. After a bit of huffing and puffing we reached the top of the hill and turned left off the road at Road Spinney to follow field paths through the shooting estate behind Bragborough Hall. This path also has fantastic views back over Braunston and on clearer days than this, over the Warwickshire Plain.

We emerged on the Barby road and turned left before entering a field on the right and walking parallel with the road through the last of the snow and on to rejoin The Jurassic Way but, at last, in the direction of Ashby St Ledgers. We were treated to the sight of a couple of magnificent deer grazing in the field before running off as we approached. We crossed the A361 and entered Ashby St Ledgers a little early for the pub and so

decided to have a look at the magnificent old church which is well worth a visit if you have never been there. The old tower in fantastic dark honey colours of Northamptonshire stone looks a little precarious but the church has several features such as a triple decker pulpit with a sounding board above it to ensure the congregation can hear the preacher and several fantastic old frescoes on the walls, a screen between the congregation and the old altar and wonderful old wooden pews.

Having enjoyed the old church we quickly made for the Old Coach House pub in the village which has been refurbished. It did not disappoint with a lovely old log fire roaring away and great beer and good food we were soon settled in. Highly recommended another great pub!!

After an all too brief lunch we left the pub and took a footpath out of the village behind Reynolds Farm. The fields here were extremely soggy and muddy and we were soon looking like we had diver's boots on. We crossed the A361 and after a couple more muddy fields we entered the estate shown on the map as High Park and then walked along the lane behind the huge lake in Ashby Home Wood and then over a concrete slab laden path past Chapel Farm to emerge at the top of Barby Road.

By now our boots were clogged up with mud and we decided to avoid more mud by returning to Braunston along the Barby Road and home for a well earned cuppa. This is a great walk and really local.

Come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, on the third Saturday in each month. We are an informal group of friends who enjoy country walks. The walks are not too strenuous, are a great way to have some healthy exercise, meet new friends, take in the occasional pub and make the best of our beautiful local scenery. Please call either Philip on 01788891437 or Ray on 01788891384. We normally meet at 10 o'clock at the village hall but for those walks that entail a drive I will let you know meeting times. The plan for our next walks is as follows:

20<sup>th</sup> Feb Newnham Hill (c.11 miles)

20<sup>th</sup> March Hellidon and Catesby (c.11 miles)

TBC April Dorset Weekend

15<sup>th</sup> May Fawsley Park via Badby Woods (c. 14 miles)

19<sup>th</sup> June Lark Rise to Candleford (c.10 miles)





**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**  
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The final figures for the Poppy Day collection are now complete.

The collection within Braunston village amounted £2,030 and for the whole district £6228.

These are both records and once again thank you to all for their generous contributions and for the hard work put in by the organisers and collectors.

The January meeting had to be cancelled due to the extreme weather.

The next meeting will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby, on Tuesday February 9th at 8.00 pm. The meeting will be followed by the usual get together for refreshments.

We are always pleased to welcome new or prospective members.  
Just turn up or contact the undersigned for further information.

It is not necessary to attend our meetings but by joining will show support for the Legion and for the work it does for both ex-servicemen and women and those still serving and their families.

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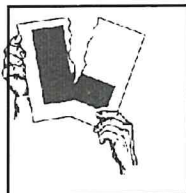
20/12 to 20/1= 47mm

Information provided  
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## Clubs and Society Events

### **Braunston Women's Institute**



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Institute**

Tuesday 2 February  
Mary Wallwork will  
give a talk entitled "Wartime Work  
on the Railways"

Challenge - To make a Get Well Card

Tea Hostesses are Sylvia White and  
Iris Griffin

Our January Lunch had to be  
postponed due to the weather.  
It is hoped to re-arrange the meal  
as soon as possible

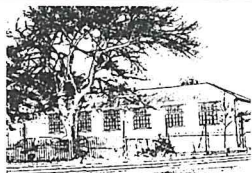
*Gill Powell 890763*

### **Friendly Club**

Monday Feb 8th  
Joan Wood will help us to make  
Valentine Cards

Monday Feb 22nd  
Val Worrall will tell us how  
Braunston's contact with the military  
in Afghanistan came about and the  
success of the parcel scheme

*Gill Powell 890763*



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**Short Mat Bowls Club**  
meets every Thursday afternoon  
in the Village Hall at 1.45pm. New  
members welcome. All you need  
are flat soled shoes or slippers -  
we can provide the Bowls.

Contact Alan Dent 891366 or  
Gill Powell 890763

## Clubs and Society Contacts

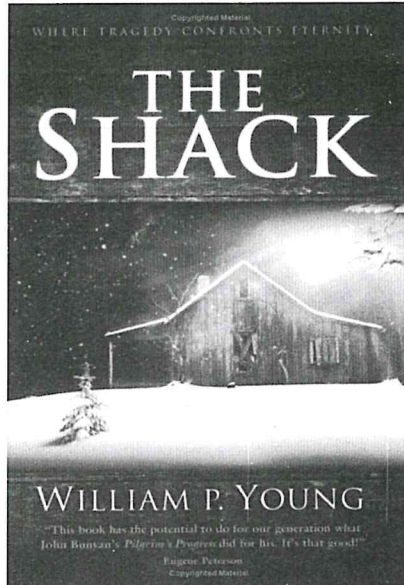
Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
Air Training Corps	Stuart Chadwick	078844 0 2797	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs every Monday & Thursday
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys and Girls from 13yrs to 18yrs. Every Tuesday evening 19.00 to 21.30
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday evenings at 7.30 – 9.00
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get-togethers
Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7 - 10 miles around the area
Brownies (at Barby School)	Karen or Nicola Holman	891299	7-10 yr old girls Wednesday 6.30 to 8.00
Church Choir	John Viggars	024 7667 9967	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricknet Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday 8.00pm Village Hall
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763	Village Hall 2.30pm on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays
Friends of Braunston School	A Thomas	890494	
All Saints' Kids Club (Sunday School)	Alison Fiddes	891847	Sunday School for 5+ yrs
Gardens Assn	Chris Grossart,	890491	
Guides			
The Dick Heme Braunston History Society	Annie Rogers	891179	
Braunston Primary School	Mrs Sue Rigby, Headteacher.	890494	
Junior Football			
Playing Fields Association	Linda Hawkins, Wendy Wilson Louis Prat	890583 890348 890766	
Little Fishers	Rev Claire	890235	Under 5's (with parents) on Mondays 2.00pm in All Saints Church
Pre-School	braunstonpreschool@googlemail.com	07950 246130	Mon – Friday am during term time in the Village Hall

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Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 8.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Braunston Scouts	Group Scout Leader – Joan Bishop Asst Group Scout Leader – Steve Rolt	01327 878178 07956 682733	
Beavers (For boys and girls)	Liz Ward	01327 878734	5¼ -8yr old Boys and Girls Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Cub Scouts(For boys and girls)	David Coleman	01788 891096	8-10½ year old boys and girls - Wednesdays at 6.15pm
Scouts (For Boys and Girls)	Stuart Muddiman	Via Joan or Steve above	10½ -14 yr old Boys and Girls – Wednesday at 8.00pm
Explorer Scouts	Joan Bishop or Steve Rolt (above)		Boys and Girls 14-18 yr olds (in Daventry)
Short Mat Bowls	Gill Powell	890763	Thursdays 2.00pm in Village Hall
(Adult) Tap Dance Classes	Julia Beattie	890488	Wed 8.20-9.35 in the Village Hall
Toddler Group	Andy Canning	891456	Every Tuesday 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Twinning Association	Tony Ward		Organises social events and visits to and from Quincy-Voisis
Village Hall Committee	Lynne White villagehall@braunston.net	07724 123363	Village Hall bookings
Women's Institute	Pat Steeton Gill Powell	890753 890763	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm
WEA (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 (9-15 yrs)	Peter Hobbs	899086	Alternate Friday evenings in the Village Hall

# Lent Course 2010

## The Shack - A Course for Lent



**Wednesdays:** 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>

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