

Braunston Village News

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Goodbye to our Chair-Person

After 13 years of dedication to the Village hall, with 10 years of that as the Chairperson, **Lynne White** has taken the decision to resign from the Village Hall committee.

Lynne has achieved significant improvements within the Village Hall over the years including Phase 1 & Phase 2 of the renovations, which has involved hours & hours of resourcing and applying for grants as well as hands on work, endless telephone calls, organizing work men & fundraising to name only a few tasks.

In addition to this Lynne has also had to take on the role of Booking Officer, mainly because no-one else has come forward to take up this role, but forever dedicated to the role, Lynne has endeavored to keep the bookings flowing in!

Lynne's husband **David** has been an incredible asset to the Village Hall, constantly being called upon to mend anything that goes wrong or magically breaks itself!!

So, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and all the User Groups and hirers of the hall, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Lynne & David whole heartedly for all their hard work and dedication, you will both be solely missed.

Kelly Brewster



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers
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Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

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

Sunday 29th November

ADVENT SUNDAY

11am Team Service- Advent Service of
Holy Communion- Staverton Church

No Services in Braunston

6.30pm Advent Carols (Deanery event) at
Holy Cross Church

Monday 30th November

2pm Little Fishers (for Pre-school children
and their Carers in Braunston Church)

7pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 2nd December

10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby

Sunday 6th December

9.15am Holy Communion - Ashby
Church

11am Sung Communion with Kids Club

6.30pm Evensong

7.45pm Prince of Wales Rattlers-
CONCERT

Monday 7th December

2pm Little Fishers

7pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 9th December

4.30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby

7pm Holy Communion

7-45pm PCC meeting - Parish Room

Saturday 12th December

2.30pm Wedding Blessing- Ashby

Sunday 13th December

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Family Service

Monday 14th December

2pm Little Fishers Christmas Nativity and
Party

7pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 16th December

4pm CHRISTINGLE- ALL WELCOME!

Saturday 19th December

3pm DCTiD- Carol Singing outside

Waitrose in Daventry

Sunday 20th December

8am Holy Communion

11am Family Communion

5pm Ashby Carol Concert

7-30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

- Braunston

Tuesday 22nd December

6.30pm CAROLS @ THE VILLAGE- start
outside Londis

Thursday 24th December

2pm CRIB SERVICE - Ashby

3.30pm CRIB SERVICE - Braunston

11.00pm MIDNIGHT MASS - Braunston

Friday 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

11am Joint Christmas Family Communion-
Braunston

Sunday 27th December

11am Team Holy Communion at Welton

NO SERVICES at Braunston

CHURCH SERVICES - JANUARY 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday 3rd January

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Holy Communion - Braunston

Monday 4th January

2pm Little Fishers - Parish Room

7.30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 6th January

10am Holy Communion

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

Sunday 10th January

8am Holy Communion

9-15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Family Service

Monday 11th January

2pm Little Fishers - Parish Room

7.30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 13th January

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

7pm Holy Communion

7-45pm PCC Meeting - Parish Room

Sunday 17th January

8am Holy Communion

9-15am Holy Communion - Ashby

11am Holy Communion with kids club

Monday 18th January

2pm Little Fishers - Parish Room

Wednesday 20th January

10-30am Holy Communion

4-30pm Evening Prayer - Ashby

Sunday 24th January

8am Holy Communion

9.15am Holy Communion- Ashby

11am Holy Communion

Monday 25th January

2pm Little Fishers - Parish Room

7.30pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 27th January

10-30am Holy Communion- Braunston

4-30pm Evening Prayer- Ashby

Sunday 31st January

8am Holy Communion

11am Family Communion

4pm Family Service -Ashby

Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

"Merry Xmas everyone!"

As you receive this magazine the count down to Christmas will be well and truly underway. Although this time of year is very special, the preparation for Christmas is not for the faint hearted! There are a lot of things to tick off the list before December 25th ...

- Ordering the turkey
- Buying presents
- Making costumes for the children's nativity play
- Writing Christmas cards and
- Not missing the last date for posting overseas!
- Attending work parties
- Etc,etc,etc....

The lead up to Christmas swings from celebration, even elation, to times of stress. And of course for some Christmas is a time to be tolerated- a painful reminder of the fact that someone special is not around this year. We are very mindful of the families who are without someone special because of them serving overseas- and they will be very much in our prayers.

There is a danger - in the shops, on TV adverts and even when writing

Christmas cards (particularly when suffering writers cramp!) that the celebration is abbreviated to 'Xmas'. Yet to miss out the word 'Christ' altogether is to empty the festivity of all it's true meaning.

All that's best about Christmas: goodwill to all people, charitable giving, time with the family, giving and sharing- is summed up not in the word 'X' but in the word 'Christ'. For as it says in Hebrews Chapter 1: 'He is...the exact imprint of God's very being.' When this little baby was born in the back streets of Bethlehem in the Middle East 2000 years ago not only the shepherds but the angels sang for joy. For God became one of us- so that we could be led back to Him. The DNA of God is in his son- this little baby would grow up to show us the way- the way of love, justice and mercy.

Christmas is an opportunity to sing a song to God of thanks for His gift to us- the gift of His Son. For 'love came down at Christmas'.

Have a wonderful Christmas this year - **but please don't leave Christ out of Christ-mas.**

'Come and worship Christ the Lord!'

Revd Claire Rose-Casemore

Registers for November 2009

Funerals

25th November- Beryl
Cullen (Ashby)

*May she rest in peace and rise
in glory!*

Baptisms

29th November (3pm)
Lauren Hughes

*Welcome to the Church
family*

200 Club Results:

Date	Number	Name	Amount
17.09.09	19	A. Canning	£50.00
24.09.09	133	G. Reader	£10.00
24.09.09	138	J. Crabtree	£5.00
01.10.09	90	M. Dawson	£10.00
01.10.09	51	R. Beavor	£5.00
08.10.09	154	A. Manning	£10.00
08.10.09	09	J. Reid	£5.00
15.10.09	68	B.Bunn	£50.00
22.10.09	8	P. Furniss	£10.00
22.10.09	65	J. Cooper	£5.00
29.10.09	112	C. Martin	£10.00
29.10.09	18	R. Thompson	£5.00
05.11.09	81	A. Brown	£10.00
05.11.09	75	S McDonald	£5.00

GERTIE BRINKMAN WISHES

All family and friends a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Church Floodlighting for October to December 2009

October's Floodlighting

3rd October - * Jeanie & George Midson's 39th Wedding Anniversary

6th October - * Ralph & Gill's Wedding Anniversary

7th October – Happy Birthday Amanda and welcome to Braunston! From A & R Pearse

13th October - A very happy 80th Birthday Betty from Cedric x

17th October - In memory of Eliza Merchant on the anniversary of her death

24th October – In loving memory of Lil Staples. From Yvonne, Paul & Family.
God Bless. xx

29th October – In loving memory of Dorothy (Dee) Whittington

30th October – For Sue Woodward on her 65th Birthday

30th October – Birthday Memories Eric Holloway. All our love, Ivy & family. x

31st October - * For Florence Nurser, remembering a lovely "second mother" on her Birthday from Sheila, Roger Beckett



November's Floodlighting so far...

4th November – * The spire is lit up for John & Hilda Bradshaw

8th November – for Claire's Mum

11th November – In loving memory of Ruth Powell on her Birthday xx

11th November – In loving memory of Spencer Lee

25th November – For Catherine Ashley's 21st Birthday xx

27th November – * Wishing Trevor a Happy Birthday lots of love Angela

December's Floodlighting

3rd December - * In loving memory of Jean Isabel Purvey on her Birthday x

6th December – "Remembering Judith"

6th December - * Joy Pittam's 69th Birthday, with love from all the family

14th December – In our Thoughts, Pete Terry. Love Lee & Family

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

18th December – Especially for Ron

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

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - **20th November 2009**

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.

Boys and Girls ages 6-8

Come along and have some

FUN



Beavers

What we do:

- ✦ Games
- ✦ Craft
- ✦ Scouting Skills
- ✦ Badges
- ✦ Fundays
- ✦ Camping
- ✦ Sleepovers
- ✦ Christmas Party
- ✦ Disputes with 12 other Beaver Colonies

Tuesdays 6:15-7:15



For more information please call

Joan Bishop on 01327 870178



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION **BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT**

Annual General Meeting. All existing officers were re-elected to serve for a further year.

It was reported that the Branch had a successful year with good attendance at the monthly meetings. The finances were in good order with funds available to give further support to Galanos House Legion retirement home.

The Rushall cup was presented to Ian Simpson for his work in raising funds for the Ghurkha Trust.

The Remembrance Services were well supported by members at both Welton and Braunston.

The Poppy Appeal was again well supported and a sum of approximately £1,900 collected in the village, similar to last year. Final figures will be reported in the next issue of the BVN. Many thanks to those who contributed and to the collectors and organisers who worked hard to achieve this amount. Also, thanks to those who supported the Legion at the Village Fetes which helped to boost the collection.

The Annual Christmas Concert given by the Legion in conjunction with Daventry Brass Band will be held in Daventry Community Centre on 12th December at 7.30 pm. See the separate notice for full details.

The last Meeting of the 'ear will be held at The Old Plough, Braunston, at 8.00 pm on Tuesday December W . A buffet will be provided at the end of the meeting. All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Next years programme will be given out at the meeting. The first meeting in 2010 will be at The White Horse Welton on January 12th at 8.00pm.

Tony Saunderson
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Braunston Walkers Saturday 21/11/2009
Draycote Water... and a bit More (c.10 miles)

Crocodiles, Chickens and an Aeronautical Coincidence

Many of us have walked around Draycote Water, either sponsored for charities or just for exercise, and admired the views over the lake but we had something different planned as we met up at the village hall. Despite the grey damp conditions ten of us turned out for the walk, drove to Grandborough to start the walk. We started out of the village on the Leamington Hastings road for a quarter or mile or so before turning right at a footpath sign passing an old hay filled barn. Although there was a bit of fine rain now and again the weather was great for a walk. Our path lead us along hedgerows and steadily up to the summit of Beck Hill. This hill is, at 85 metres, actually just a small bump in an otherwise flat area although from it's peak you could just see the top of Braunston church spire in the distance behind Grandborough. Just past the summit is a new coarse fishing area with a large wooden hut and some newly landscaped lakes. It looks good now and will improve once the vegetation around grows up. We dropped down hill to reach the River Leam meandering along the valley.

The path clings to the river and eventually reaches a bridge which we had to cross. The designer of this old metal bridge must have wondered long and hard how he could build it to make it as awkward as possible for ramblers to climb over! After much cursing and puffing we managed to traverse the bridge and followed the field path with Foxley Farm over to our left and a

pheasant shooting woodland to our right. We had to duck here in the recce as a shoot was taking place even though the beaters assured us that we were perfectly safe on the footpath. Fortunately there was no shooting as we continued over fields to reach the busy A426. We braved the speeding cars, crossed the road and climbed a stile to reach the safety of fields near Toft Cottage Farm. Ahead of us was the dam that holds the water of Draycote and we continued over the field to reach a stile in front of which was a swamp of oozing mud and whatever else. We followed each others, ever deeper footprints to safely reach the stile with no major mishaps. We then walked through trees up to a gate taking us through to the edge of the dam which we had to climb. Emerging at the top we had fabulous views over the lake. Pausing here we spent time looking at the ducks, geese and cormorants and then continued right along the dam and then left along a wooden walkway which cuts a corner and takes you through a wooded area at the top corner of the reservoir. We emerged on the road that goes all the way around the lake and after passing the Alpaccas at Toft House we left the path on the right and walked uphill into Thurlaston on a hill above the lake. There is no through road at Thurlaston and consequently it does not suffer from passing traffic but they had to put up with us as we turned left at the road and then took a footpath right where there is a tree planted in 1981 to commemorate the royal wedding.

Along this lovely old footpath we passed a small pond in a private garden with a sign

that said "BEWARE CROCODILES, TREASSPASSERS WILL BE EATEN" Avoiding this fate we emerged by Biggin Hall, crossed the road and took a field path through a farm yard.

Back in September 2005 our group had walked around Draycote and were treated to a flypast by the Battle of Britain flight, a Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane. By an amazing coincidence here we were four years later being buzzed by two vintage American fighters, probably Mustangs or Tomahawks. This was extremely difficult to arrange but was a great sight.

After a muddy ploughed field the path took us through the golf course where we narrowly avoided flying golf balls and then over a disused railway by Far Popehill Spinney and on until we reached a road Bourton Hall to drop down to Bourton on Dunsmore and then turn right to Frankton passing a farm selling eggs with a sign warning that the premises were guarded by "Attack Chickens" We were lunching at the Friendly Inn in the village. This was a real highlight with super food, wonderful beer and a great welcome. A great pub and of course highly recommended!!

We left the pub and waked down the road to the church and then struck off left on field paths over hills with great views over to the reservoir and beyond then downhill to reach the magnificent old disused Birdingbury railway bridge. By now the rain had started up and we climbed up the road past the old mausoleum like church to reach the village but soon our footpath took us off left along the River Leam valley and back to a road where we continued along to Leamington Hastings. We had had enough by this stage

and Phillip by magnificent logistics planning left his car parked by the old stone church to ferry drivers back to Grandborough and then return to the village of Hill which is a mile or so down the road and to which the wery walkers truded to be picked up and taken home for a well earned cuppa! This is a great walk and well worth the effort.

Come and join us on our regular monthly rambles, on the third Saturday each month. We are an informal group of friends who enjoy walking. The walks are not too strenuous, are a great way to have some healthy exercise, meet new friends, take in the occasional pub and make the most of our beautiful local scenery.

Remember you don't have to do the full walk some of our members arrange pick ups from the pub stop halfway, normally 4 or 5 miles. Please call either Phillip 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 walk is as follows:

19th December Xmas walk Wolfhamcote Village (c.7 miles)



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LEGION



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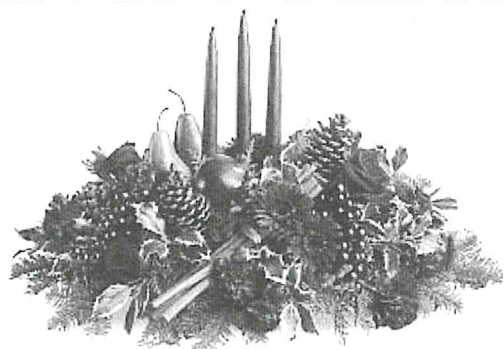
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DECEMBER DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday		
Monday		
Tuesday	1	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - WI Meeting
Wednesday	2	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	3	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	4	7.00pm Youth Club - Village Hall
Saturday	5	
Sunday	6	9.15 Holy Communion at Ashby - 11.00 Sung Communion with Kids Club Braunston - 6.30pm Evensong - 7.45 Prince of Wales Rattlers Concert, All Saints Church
Monday	7	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	8	1.30pm Teddy Tuesday Service, Braunston - 2.30pm Friendly Club
Wednesday	9	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	10	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	11	7.30pm Youth Club AGM - Village Hall
Saturday	12	2.30 Wedding Blessing, Ashby - 4.00pm Carols and Readings at Wolfhampcote 7.30pm British Legion Christmas Concert, Daventry Community Centre
Sunday	13	8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Family Service, Braunston
Monday	14	2.00pm Little Fishers Christmas Nativity and Party - 7.00 pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts 2.00pm Friendly Club Mince Pie Tea
Tuesday	15	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall

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Wednesday	16	4.00pm CHRISTINGLE , 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
Thursday	17	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	18	7.00pm Youth Club
Saturday	19	Braunston Walkers to Wolfhamptoncote Village- 3.00pm DCTiD - Carol Sining outside Waitrose, Daventry
Sunday	20	8.00 Holy Communion, Braunston - 11.00 Family Communion, Braunston, - 5.00pm Ashby Carol Concert - 7.30pm NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS, Braunston - 5.00pm Christmas Floristry Demonstration, Village Hall
Monday	21	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 2.30 Friendly Club, Village Hall
Tuesday	22	6.30pm Carols around the Village - meet outside Londis
Wednesday	23	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	2.00pm CRIB SERVICE, Ashby - 3.30pm CRIB SERVICE, Braunston - 11.00pm MIDNIGHT MASS, Braunston
Friday	25	CHRISTMAS DAY - 11.00am Christmas Family Communion, Braunston
Saturday	26	
Sunday	27	11.00am Team Holy Communion at Welton
Monday	28	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.30pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts -
Tuesday	29	
Wednesday	30	
Thursday	31	
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		
Monday		

JANUARY DIARY OF EVENTS

Friday	1	
Saturday	2	
Sunday	3	9.15 Prayers at Ashby - - 11.00 Holy Communion Braunston
Monday	4	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.30pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	5	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	6	10.00am 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	7	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	8	
Saturday	9	
Sunday	10	8.00am Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15am Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00am Family Service, Braunston
Monday	11	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.30pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 2.30pm Friendly Club
Tuesday	12	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall - 8.00pm British Legion at The White Horse, Welton - WI Lunch at The Shoulder of Mutton, Grandborough
Wednesday	13	4.30pm Prayers at Ashby 7.00pm Holy Communion - 7.45pm Branston 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	14	1.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	15	

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Sunday	17	8.00 Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15 Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00 Holy Communion, Braunston with Kids Club
Monday	18	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.00/8.00-9.00pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 2.30 Friendly Club, Village Hall
Tuesday	19	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Wednesday	20	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	21	.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm
Friday	22	
Saturday	23	
Sunday	24	8.00 Holy Communion, Braunston - 9.15 Holy Communion, Ashby - 11.00 Holy Communion, Braunston
Monday	25	2.00pm Little Fishers - 7.30pm Church Choir — Explorer Scouts - 2.30pm Friendly Club
Tuesday	26	Toddler Group 1.30-3.00 Village Hall .
Wednesday	27	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	28	.45pm Short Mat Bowls - Cubs – Fishing Club Bingo 8.00pm - Braunston Parish Room -
Friday	29	
Saturday	30	
Sunday	31	8.00 Holy Communion, Braunston - 11.00 Family Communion, Braunston - 4.00pm Family Service, Ashby
Monday		

Our Village Hall NEEDS YOU!

We have an exciting vacancy of Chair Person to 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, including the Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson & Secretary. This role is completely voluntary, so there are no concerns regarding salaries/VAT/Tax Credits or any of that nonsense!

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

If you are up to and fancy the challenge, call Kelly Brewster on 01788 891511.

Another Opportunity for 'community minded' people:

Booking Officer for the Village Hall

Do you consider yourself to be a good organiser?

Do you enjoy telephone work and computers?

Are you good with people and communications?

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

Call Kelly NOW on 01788 891511 - don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!!!

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 30th November at 19.30 hrs in the Village Hall Library).

WE NEED YOU!!

BRAUNSTON PARCELS

Thanks to the generosity of so many people and the continued commitment of all those at the shop and Post Office, over 470 parcels have now been sent out to our troops serving in Afghanistan. My thanks go to every single one of you for your support.

A recent letter from Major Waugh (Egypt Sqd O.C. Helmand) thanks everyone for thinking of them and supporting them during their tour of duty. In his letter he says (of our) "parcels mean the world to all the men and make a huge difference to our morale". His letter has been photocopied and is displayed in the shop window.

Apparently, a new squadron from the Royal Tank Regiment will be taking over in December. Major Waugh also says that our parcels will be particularly welcomed over the Christmas period by the new squadron.

I am sure that you join me in wishing all our service personnel, serving in Helmand and wherever, a safe Christmas and a successful deployment.

Once again, my sincere thanks to you all for supporting this project and making it so successful.

Thank you all

Val Worrall.

Village

Picnic

Braunston

Summer Festival

August Bank

Holiday 2010

Look out for more
information
and how to get involved in
the new year
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carols & readings

st peter's church

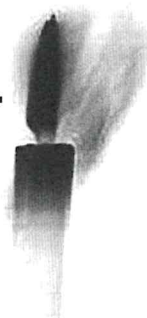
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saturday

12th december

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and
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Youth Club Diary Of Events

Friday 4th. December – Youth Club Session – (9 years to 15 years)
7:00pm to 9:00pm
At the Village Hall

Friday 11th. December – AGM
7:30pm Village Hall Library

Parents/Guardians/Helpers Welcome –Come and Have your say.

Friday 18th December – Youth Club Session Come and join the fun
on our last session before Christmas

Tuesday 22nd. December –

Youth Club members have been invited to join All Saints Church in
Carol Singing around the Village. Meet outside the Village Store at
6:30pm.

Thanks and Tributes.

A big thank you from all in the **Friendly Club** to Pauline, Mavis, Estelle and Paula, daughters and granddaughter of the late Kath(Nan)Coles, for generously arranging for all donations from Kath's funeral to be given to the Club. Kath was an active member of the Club for a great many years and throughout that time worked tirelessly at fundraising by knitting, crocheting and embroidering items for sale. When age and poor health prevented her from attending Club meetings she was very much missed and never forgotten. The grand total of contributions in memory of Kath was £340 and this will be used to pay for the Club member's Christmas dinner this year. Kath loved a party and we are sure she would approve.

Thanks are also due to Hilda and John Bradshaw, who recently left the village to be nearer to their daughter at Brackley. Hilda was one of the founders of the Friendly Club 45 years ago and remained a stalwart helper and committee member over all those years. Her enthusiasm never failed and her quiet manner and many acts of kindness and generosity will always be remembered. For many years John acted as the Club's auditor until he became a member on his retirement. John too became a very active member, entertaining with his beautiful piano playing, helping with the raffles and as our secret 'salad expert' at ploughman's lunches. We shall miss them both very much and will think of them often. In the mean time we wish them every happiness in their new home and their new community.

This is the time of year to think of both old and new friends and the **Friendly Club** would like to send our thanks and the seasons greetings to all the many people in the village who have helped over the year either as drivers, entertainers or supporters at stalls and events. Thanks to you all, you are very much appreciated.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Friendly Club

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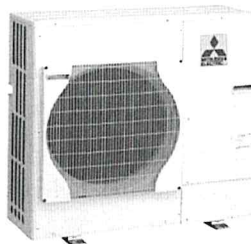
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JETTY FIELD

- slumbers. Sadly we do not. Thanks to the volunteers who continue with ad hoc maintenance as well as some more serious investigations. And thanks to Dennis Fothergill who completes a daunting list of jobs each month. A spring appears to have burst out in the woodland approaches and we control and observe. Arrangements are in hand to begin the annual children's award next year based on the conservation area and wildlife in the whole park.

Please be aware of sheep in the field over the winter months as in previous years. We will put up notices on the gates and ask that dogs be kept on a lead during this time. The large gates will need to be closed but we will clear round the kissing gates. As always and in all matters we rely and are grateful for reports of any problems as soon as they occur.

It would be useful to update and renew information on interest in allotments in the village. Could you please phone me if you have mentioned an interest in the past and are still interested or if you would like to express an interest at the present or if you think that you might like to in the future. I expect that there will be more demand than can at the moment be satisfied.

And a last request. A lady living on the canal asks if anyone has available a small plot, about 6 yards x 6 yards for her to cultivate. This could be part of a garden or similar secure area. The possible arrangements are flexible and if you could help then please phone me and I will arrange contact.

Pat Herlihy 01788 890590

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From Mon 23rd Nov join us for our new opening times .
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Fri-Sat-Sunday - as normal open all day . Kitchen 12 to 2pm / 6 to 9pm

5th Dec Sunday - 8.30 pm test your brains.

Xmas quiz with glamorous Mr. Brummie Steve.

12th Dec Sat - Wolfhamcote Carol Service, followed by mulled wine,
mince pies served by open fire in the Plough in aid of Macmillan

Xmas Eve-wait for Father Xmas with us

Bar 12-12pm/ kitchen 12-2pm/6-9pm

Christmas Day - Open fires and roast chestnuts drinks only 12-3pm

Boxing Day - Rock with us to the ever lively Stiff Joints in lounge bar
from 3pm/lounge and bar 12-10.30pm. Kitchen not open Boxing Day

27th Dec - bar 12-10.30pm/kitchen 12-3.30pm/6-8.30pm

28th/29th/30th - bar 12/10.30 kitchen 12-2pm/6-9pm

New Years Eve - see it in with us and the ever brilliant Back Room Boys
in the lounge from 8pm

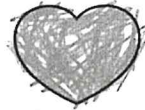
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We would also like to thank you for your support in 2009 and wish you all
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Hope and Homes for Children



Hope & Homes for Children

FUNDS RAISED SINCE LAST SHOWN IN THE BVN (October)

Money raised from

Penny Pots	£ 226.41
Folk Night	£ 288.43
Church Christmas Fete	£ 20.00
Harvest Festival – Raised by the School	£ 62.34
Other Donations	£ 60.00

This makes £2,697.28 for our new Financial Year starting 1st. March

FOLK NIGHT

The Folk Night took place on the 31st. October. A most successful evening enjoyed by all. Both Air Ambulance and Hope & Homes received £288.43 from fund raising on that night. A big thank you to all who helped or supported the event.

CHURCH FAIR

£20 was raised for Hope & Homes and £20 was raised for All Saints Church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This years giving at the Harvest Festival raised a total of £850:-

- The Collection at the 11:00am Services at All Saints Church
- The Takings from the Sales of Tickets at the Harvest Supper
- The Proceeds from the Auction during the Harvest Supper
- The Proceeds from the Sale of Harvest gifts at Braunston School

Attended by Pupils and their Parents

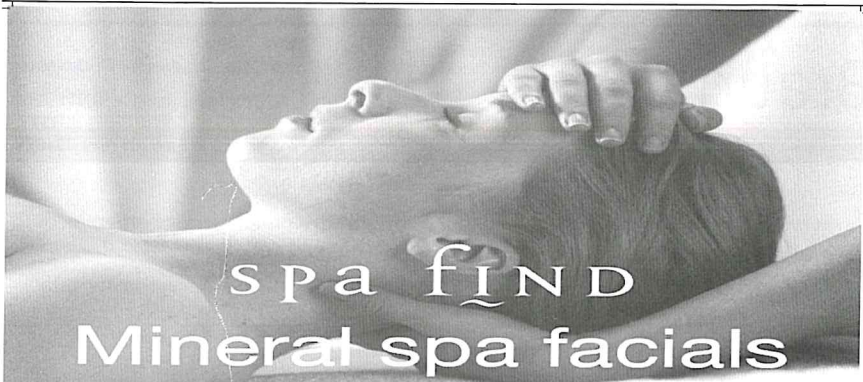
The money raised through the Church is not shown above.

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 to collect.

Both Peter and I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

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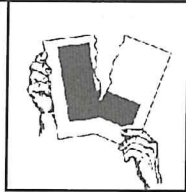
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Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



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Tuesday Dec 1st
Christmas Party with entertainment
by the Collage Singers

Challenge - to make a home-made
Christmas Hat

Tuesday Jan 12th
January lunch at The Shoulder of
Mutton, Grandborough
12.30 for 1.00pm.

Gill Powell 890763

Friendly Club

Tuesday Dec 8th
Christmas lunch at The Queen's Head
- Bretford
Coach leaves the Green at 12.00noon
for 12.30 meal. Bring a small
Christmas gift for a free raffle

Monday Dec 14th
Mincepie tea at the earlier time of
2.00pm with a Bring and Buy stall

January meetings are on Monday
Jan 11th and Monday Jan 25th
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G Donald 891264

Short Mat Bowls Club
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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	Meetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	01788) 891938	
Air Training Corps	Stuart Chadwick	078844 02797	Boys & Girls 13-18 yrs every Monday & Thursday
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys and Girls from 13 yrs to 18 yrs. 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 890590	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy		
Cricket 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 nd and 4 th 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 Herne 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

Clubs and Society Contacts

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 nd Tuesday of month at 8.00pm
2 nd Braunston Scouts	Group Scout Leader – Joan Bishop Asst Group Scout Leader – Steve Rolt	01 327 878178 07956 682733	
Beavers (For boys and girls) Cub Scouts (For boys and girls) Scouts (For Boys and Girls)	Liz Ward David Coleman Stuart Muddiman	01327 878734 01788 891096 Via Joan or Steve above	5¾ -8yr old Boys and Girls Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm 8-10½ year old boys and girls - Wednesdays at 6.15pm 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 (Adult) Tap Dance Classes	Gill Powell Julia Beattie	890763 890488	Thursdays 2.00pm in Village Hall Wed 8.20-9.35 in the Village Hall
Toddler Group	Andy Canning	891456	Every Tuesday 1.30-3.00 Village Hall
Twining Association	Tony Ward		Organises social events and visits to and from Quincy-Voisins
Village Hall Committee	Lynne White villagehall@braunston.net	07724 123363	Village Hall bookings
Women's Institute	Pat Steeton Gill Powell	890753 890763	1 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 2009



The usual Sunday Services plus...

Sunday 29th November

6:30pm Advent Carols at Holy Cross Church Daventry

Sunday 6th December

7:45pm Folk Concert – Prince of Wales Rattlers & Lucy

Baughan Tickets £10 (concessions £9)

Wednesday 16th December

4pm Christingle

Sunday 20th December

7:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Tuesday 22nd December

6:30pm Carol singing around the village

(meet outside the Village Store)

Thursday 24th December

3pm Crib Service

11-00pm Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December

11am Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 27th December

11:00am Holy Communion at Welton

(No Services at Braunston)

All Saints' Kids Club will be running, 1st & 3rd Sunday during the Christmas period. Family Service 2nd Sunday (13th December).

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