Braunston Village News

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Rev Claire Heads for Pastures New



It was in 2001 that Rev Claire came to take charge of All Saints. When she came to look round a concern of hers was whether a female priest would be accepted by the parish. The last nine and a half years have shown that her worries were completely unfounded! She has loved us and we have loved her.

Claire's position as a Team vicar in the Daventry Team Ministry has required her to spend 50% of her time in Daventry and surrounding villages with the other 50% in Braunston. Her role was expanded to include full responsibility for Ashby parish as well as All Saints. We all owe Claire a big thank you for maintaining the normal Services in Braunston.

Rev Claire has expanded the ministry of All Saints in many ways over

the past few years with the establishment of Prayer Triplet Groups, Home Communion Services and regular Advent and Lent Courses. She has developed strong links with Braunston School, taking regular assemblies there and encouraging the children to hold Services in church. Her support for the under 5's Little Fishers' Group meeting each Monday afternoon in our parish room has been unstinting.

Encouraging others to develop their ministry has also been a key feature of Claire's stay with us.

We thank God that He sent Claire to us and now He is sending her to Bideford - we don't want her to go but do understand that she must. Our loss in Claire's leaving is the gain of the Bideford (Devon) Team as she takes up her new post of Team Rector (designate) there on November 21st.

Parishioners will greatly miss Claire's enthusiasm, openness and ability to make everyone feel special. However, her legacy is to leave behind a strong church with a committed congregation willing to take on the challenges of the future and we are very grateful to Claire for the past $9\frac{1}{2}$ years and wish her every success in her new parish.



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REGISTERS IN SEPTEMBER 2010

BRAUNSTON

Baptisms 26.09.10 Jude William HEARN 26.09.10 Oliver BENNETT

ASHBY

Wedding 25.09.10 David Andrew HESKETH & Helen Louise SHIRLEY

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - OCTOBER 2010

Saturday	2 nd	11.15 Team Eucharist (A): 1300 Wedding (B) 19.30 Denise Gordon Concert Ashby		
Sunday	3 rd	Harvest Festival: 9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving (B) 18.30 Harvest Evensong (B)		
Monday	4 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B): 19.00 Harvest Supper (B)		
Wednesday	6 th	16.30 Evening Prayer (A): 10.30 Holy Communion (B) 19.30 Confirmation Class in Rectory		
Thursday	7 th	19.30 Bell Ringers		
		8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Holy Communion		
	No. of the Manager	(A): 11.00 Family Service (B)		
		16.00 Prayer Triplets Meeting (B)		
Monday	11 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B): 19.30 Church Choir		
Wednesday	13 th	16.30 Evening Prayer (A): 19.00 Holy Communion (B)		
		19.45 PCC (B)		
Thursday	14 th	19.30 Bell Ringers		
Saturday	16 th	19.30 ABBA Night		
Sunday	17 th 8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Comm			
		(A): 11.00 Holy Communion/Kids' Club (B)		
Monday	18 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B): 19.30 Church Choir		
Wednesday	20 th	10.30 Holy Communion (B) :16.30 Evening Prayer (A)		
Thursday	21 st	19.30 Bell Ringers		
Sunday	24 th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 11.00 Family		
		Communion (B): 16.00 Family Service (A)		
Monday	25 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) L: 19.30 Church Choir		
Wednesday	27 th	10.30 Holy Communion (B): 16.30 Evening Prayer (A)		
Thursday	28 th	19.30 Bell Ringers		
Sunday	31 st	11.00 Claire's last Team Eucharist (B) Followed by		
	-	shared lunch in Village Hall: 18.00 Team Service of		
		Remembrance & Light (mourners) Daventry		
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		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby		

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2010

Floodlighting 2010

August's Floodlighting not shown in the September BVN 24th August - Donald Withall - five year anniversary. Always remembered with love - from his girls - Gill, Cindy & Kelly Xxx

September's Floodlighting so far...

9th September - In loving memory of Bill on our 60th Wedding Anniversary - Iris

10th September - * Happy Birthday Phillip - lots of love from Mum

14th September - * For Melissa & Farrell on their Wedding Anniversary

26th September - * Andy & Izzy's 1st Wedding Anniversary

October's Floodlighting so far...

3rd October - Congratulations Jeanie & George on your Ruby Wedding

Anniversary - with love from Sylvie & Terry, Tom & Anne, Dave & Karen and families

3rd October - Ruby Wedding Anniversary - George and Jeanie Midson

- 40 wonderful years!

18th October - * Remembering brother George - nephews Barry & David

19th October - * Happy 2nd Birthday Lydia Smiddy

22nd October - * In memory of Alice McDowell who died in New Zealand on this day in 1999 aged 4 years

* = Friends of All Saints -A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - **20**th **September 2010**

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - OCT 2010

Friday	1 st	19.00 Youth Club		
Monday	4 th	14.30 Friendly Club		
Tuesday	5 th	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 WI		
Wednesday	6 th	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	7 th	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club		
		Bingo		
Monday	11 th	Explorer Scouts :		
Tuesday	12 th	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 12pm Friendly		
		Club ; 20.00 British Legion,		
Wednesday	13 th	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	14 th	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club		
		Bingo		
Friday	15 th	19.00 Youth Club		
Tuesday	19 th	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group		
Wednesday	20 th	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	21 st	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club		
		Bingo		
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Tuesday	26 th	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group		
Wednesday	27 th	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	28 th	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club		
		Bingo		
Friday	29 th	19.00 Youth Club		

THE VICARS LETTER

Dear friends,

It is with some sadness that I write this letter as it will be my last letter to you- as I will be moving on to be 'Priest in Charge' (Team Rector designate) of St Mary's Church in Bideford, Devon at the beginning of November.

I came to Braunston in 2001 and have lived here and worked in the Daventry Team for nine years. In that time I have really enjoyed living in Braunston and valued my friendships with you, and working with my colleagues in the Team. It is so hard to put in a nutshell the great times here and the difficult times.

I remember Palm Sunday processions, Marina Services, laughing like dranes at the PCC, bumping into you when walking my dog Millie, the countless conversations, and all the fun and challenge of meeting deadlines whilst trying to be not too brusque on the telephone! I remember times of real amusement in the School Assemblies, the wisdom and the joyful chatter of the 'little ones' at Little Fishers and Pre-School. I will remember so many of you who have taught me so much about caring for one's neighbour. I will remember the occasional shock and bewilderment at the news of someone's loss in the village- and of accompanying folk on this hardest part of their journey. I will remember our worship in All Saints - the beauty of our choral tradition, the Family Services, the fellowship. I will remember experiencing a cacophony of different emotions - and a constant seeking of a return 'to the still quiet presence of God' - in the middle of it all.

I want to thank all of you who have welcomed me into your homes for Weddings, baptisms and funerals- it has been a real privilege to walk with you on part of life's journey- however joyful or painful. As is inevitable I probably have in my ministry offended or upset one or two folk too- which I am sorry for- and I hope and pray that does not affect your ongoing relationship with God.

My reasons for moving on are that it is the natural thing to do- and it's time Braunston, Ashby and the Daventry Team had some fresh blood and new energy! Also as you may know my parents live down South and are in their eighties and I think it's a good time to be closer to them. I have mixed feelings about going- but I know God is in this- and He will provide for you and for me in a way which is in tune with His Fatherly goodness. Bideford is a beautiful spot and you know you will always be welcome at St Mary's Rectory!

I want to give a personal thank you to my Churchwardens, Peter and Ann now, John, Charles and Sheila in the past. For the most amazing Church family at All Saints- who have always put up with their Vicar's sometimes whacky ideas- for Marian our reader, Michelle our ordinand, and all those who work in the Church and out in the Community.

As Ashby and Braunston enter interregnum at the beginning of November I have every confidence that the Daventry Team and Diocese will support Braunston- and for the day to day needs your contact person will be Revd Liz Cowley. I am sorry that I leave you at a time when the roof needs serious attention, but I know as a community this challenge is not beyond us- we can all as a community play our part to retain our beautiful Church building for now and future generations.

At a Confirmation class recently we were asking 'why follow Jesus-someone who lived 2000 years ago?' There were lots of pictures of him in front of ussome familiar, some less familiar. One of the group said; 'people must have felt drawn to him because he was so calm and almost serene'. There would be crowds because of his healing and teaching too, but I think that's what Christ can offer us at this time in our history. When life is so busy, in the stiller moments we can know-because of God sending His Son-that we are not alone but much loved. (John 3:16) Through our Lord Jesus and by the power of His Spirit, God is our anchor.

I hope some of you will be able to come to my leaving Service on All Saints Sunday-31st October at 11am, followed by a buffet lunch in the Village Hall. It would be great to see you!

May God continue to bless you, Thank you for everything,

Revd Claire



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All Saints Church
Before her move to
Bideford
31 October 2010
11:00am









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Are you able to help. If you can it would be appreciated. Contact Brenda.

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

Braunston Village Show

Despite a difficult season for growing, the displays in the Hall on September 4th were still very impressive.

Thanks to all who worked hard to stage the show and to everyone who took part. We were highly delighted by the number of novices who joined in and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

Have you lost a plate? There are 5 plates awaiting owners. If you are missing one please phone 890491 to be re-united.

Peter Grossart

Farewell to Braunston

To Val and Eric Ward, Annie and Dave Rogers, Jonno Hewitt and family, Anthony Grantham, Dave Thomas, Paul Bennett, Tim Cochlan, Dave Flockart and Karen, Rosemary Kendall, Carol and Fred at the Boat Shop, Phil and team at Wharf House Narrowboat, Howard and Maureen at the Manor House, John Manning and Liz, Annetteand Terry Isles, all at the Church, John, Jenny and Avril, Ros Rothwell, Tricia, George and Lisa, Tommy Johnson, Blue Angel and Nobster And all friends whose names we never knew from the village, the church, the Marina and the Stop House.

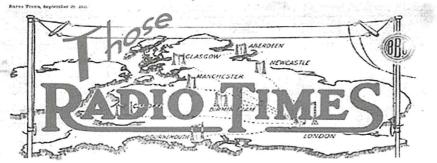
We would like to say farewell and thank you for your friendship and kindness during the seventeen years that 'Strip the Willow" was moored opposite the Church. N.B. Katy May ishappily moored on the Chelmer on Blackwater Navigation at Sandford Lock so we will still be boating. Marion and Nigel Panzetta."

The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

Our new book "Braunston - Yesterday and Today" is still available. Come and buy your copy from our stall, part of the Braunston Festival, on the Village Green on Saturday 28th August. You can also pick up your copy from the **Boat Shop** at Bottom Lock, **Londis or Poppies.** The cost is £3.75 each.

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WHO MOVED THE OLD PUMP HOUSE? by Clive Harwick

A Model Postman!



What do postmen, and women, get up to in their spare time? Well, all sorts, I suspect! Me? Well, when I'm not covering Lorraine's, Sarah's or George's round on their days off, I spend some of my free time on my model railway. And, yes, I do have an anorak.

As my layout is set in the early to mid 1960's, most of it is based on childhood memories of my home town of Northampton. But when I was looking for inspiration for a water feature to fill a blank area on my layout, what better subject for a Braunston postman could there be than a local canal scene! And it was when I was down the far end of Dark Lane one day that I suddenly decided I'd have a go at modelling Top Lock.

After taking a few photos and measurements, and using the Google Maps web site for aerial photographs, I drew up my plans. In 1:76 scale, this would mean the lock itself would be about 15" long, out of total area about four feet by two. I make most of my buildings out of a plastic material called styrene which comes in all shapes and sizes, so I used the same stuff to make the canal itself and the bridge. The ground contours were built up

from polystyrene tiles and the vegetation and trees from ground-up coloured foam and rubberised horsehair. Sounds disgusting but hopefully doesn't look too bad.

I hadn't intended the scene to contain any buildings, but there was a small flat area that was crying out to be the focal point. I'd always thought what an interesting building the Old Pump House was, but it was down at Bottom Lock! No matter. A healthy dose of "Modeller's Licence" meant I could relocate it up the hill. Just don't tell Jono!

I also wanted to have a narrowboat on the canal. So I modelled one in the style of the well-known Fellows, Morton & Clayton Co., only mine is the less well-known Fawdrey, Midson & Allen Co., in recognition of my fellow Braunston posties!

The model represents about three or four months work, so I'm reasonably pleased with how Top Lock turned out. I did write an article about it for Model Rail magazine, but as only one person in Braunston subscribes (you know who you are!) I trust I'm on safe grounds to repeat myself in the "BVN". And I promise to put the Old Pump House back when I'm done with it!



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29.07.10	113	M Massie	£5				
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12.08.10	81	A Brown	£10				
12.08.10	51	R Beaver	£5				
19.08.10	111	5 Hiscock	£50				
26.08.10	70	M Cleaver	£10				
26.08.10	27	E Fraser	£5				
02.09.10	36	O Davies	£10				
02.09.10	95	S Rolt £5					
09.09.10	149	J Wales	£10				
09.09.10	201	5 Lawrence	£5				

Braunston Festival

And the sun shone! (Well mostly)



One of the aims of the festival was to celebrate the three main green sites of Braunston, and to open them out to more people. The

many photos people have posted on our Facebook page (we'llalso put a display of them up at the shop) show just how well that happened: the Village Green bustled, the Playing Field hustled, and mid afternoon on Bank Holiday Monday Jetty Field looked as if it had hosted a festival for years. Standing on the stage looking up the avenue of lime trees to the Big Top before the musicians arrived felt very special indeed.



We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who prepared each site, ran stalls, entered competitions, helped behind the scenes or simply came along and took part. We think over 2,500 people attended the festival over the weekend. Liz Kershaw, Katy Ashworth and Tom Graham (aka Tom Archer) all said they'd love to come back.



The festival was developed by Field Day Arts, a community interest company (ie not for profit) set up to kickstart cultural events in Daventry District, in association with Pete Lawrence of Pic-Nic Promotions. We were assisted by a very small, very able, and very busy team of helpers. If the festival is to happen again it needs a bigger team to run it, with defined roles like creative development, marketing, fundraising, logistics etc. If you'd like to help shape another festival please come to a meeting at The Boathouse, Thursday 21 October at 8pm. If you'd like to see Braunston Cinema continue, or get involved in the Braunston Community Choir, email info@braunstonfestival.org.uk or ring Abigail on 07989 421836.

Winners

Cupcake challenge: Jenny Rolt Perfect Ploughman's contest:

Alice Wren

Tug of War: Village Allsorts Scarecrow Trail: Lucy Batchelor

(Mr Tumnus)

Best of Braunston (Dog Show):

Hamilton (Carolyn Fretter)

Maclaren buggy race: Andy Canning

Maclaren buggy prize draw:

Pauline Canning

Letters

From the Editor

It is a priviledge to have the responsibility of Editing the BVN and I hope I will be able to do justice to the legacy left by my predecessors. As I mentioned in my first edition I would like to encourage more editorial but will be dependent upon your contributions. I am grateful to Postman Clive Hardwick for responding so quickly with his article. Please let me have any ideas you may have.

Providing space allows I would also like to see a letters section for any thoughts you may have related to the Village. We will not guarantee to publish everything submitted as you will understand.

I am delighted to advise you that another recent incomer Jenni Burton has agreed to become Deputy Editor - a great relief to know there is backup!

Due to unexpected demand for space in this issue we have been forced to remove the listings for Clubs and Society Contacts. This should be reinstated next month.

Ed.

Dear Sir

We moved to Braunston just over a year ago, and are so happy here. The village is lovely and the people so friendly. I was going to add that the

only down side was the litter and never ending 'dog poo'. Speaking to people as I walk with my dog, this is a problem that everyone agrees with. However, on reflection the people who carry out these acts probably don't care. So, instead of grumbling (which puts me in a bad mood) I am going to arm myself with extra poo bags and a litter bin liner and clear up where I can. If we all did our bit we could keep Beautiful Braunston Beautiful!!!

Jenni Burton Cross Lane

An apology.

In the chaos of my first issue I managed to put an entry in for Braunston Parcels and then delete it before sending copy to the printer. I really apologise to Val Worral and everyone who contributes.

Ed.

Your letter here next month

All Saints' Church, Braunston

Harvest Supper

Monday 4th October 7pm at Braunston Lower School

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BRAUNSTON'S PARCELS

Val Worrall

Up to mid September the total number of parcels sent from Braunston to Afghanistan is 675. What an incredible achievement!!

Many thanks to all of you who donate so generously to "The Box."

Thanks also go to Cay, Carolyn, and Sally who oversee the packing, weighing and dispatching of each parcel; and to Angela and Wayne for allowing us to operate the scheme from the shop and Post Office.

Major James, (Officer Commanding of the Royal Dragoon Guards) recently wrote to thank everyone for the support we are giving to his regiment during its tour of duty. He said that our parcels really do act as morale boosters to everyone in the squadron. A copy of his letter is displayed in the shop.

Once again, my sincere thanks for all your continued support.

Abba Night



Saturday 16 October
Braunston Village Hall
In aid of All Saints Church, Braunston
An Evening of ABBA hits, Karaoke, and a 70's Disco
Food will be provided (included in the ticket price)
A bar will be available.

Fancy dress encouraged but optional!

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Braunston Youth Club

Meets fortnightly on **Fridays** at Braunston Village Hall 7pm-9pm

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?

Meeting on

OCTOBER - Friday's 1st. 15th. & 29th. NOVEMBER - Friday's 12th. & 26th.

Any queries ring Tina Parsons **07812538193**

Or Peter Hobbs **01788 899086**

AGM 19th. November 7:30pm In the Village Hall Library; All Welcome



NEW TAP CLASSES

Tuesday Evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



5.15pm - Little Tappers (3-5yrs)

7.15pm - Adult Street Dance (no exp req)

Dance & Gym

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



4.45pm - Funky Dance (4-6yrs)

5.15pm - Gymnastics 1 (4 - 7 yrs) 5.45pm - Gymnastics 2 (8yrs+)

6.15pm - Street Dance / Jazz (8yrs+)

Ballet Lessons

Monday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



4.00pm - Prima Ballerinas 1 (3-5yrs)



4.30pm - Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-5yrs)



5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)

5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)

6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-9yrs)

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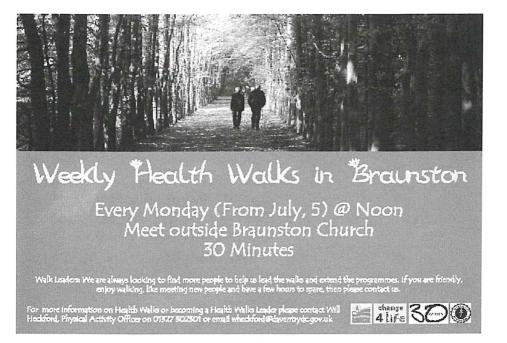
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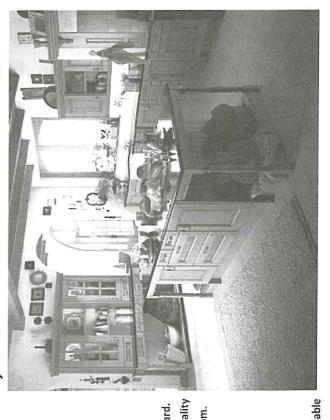
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Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 18th September 2010 On the Blue Lias Ring (c.12 miles)

We had recced this circular walk in an anti clockwise direction but to our horror our planned lunch in Ladbroke was aborted as the pub was not serving food!! Reversing the route by starting in Ladbroke would make an already interesting route a real adventure!

Starting in Ladbroke ten of us set off on a delightfully sunny morning through the old village and out past Ladbroke Hall, once the home of Lord Rootes the motor manufacturer who founded Hillman cars. My Dad had a Hillman Minx, KPX 56, how sad that I can remember that number plate from 1954 but not my own one!! Nearby stands Ladbroke House which was the home of W.H. Schwind the founder of Ladbrokes the bookmakers.

The lovely old church here is made up of dark brown iron stone and Blue Lias clay stone in stripes up the old spire. Leaving the village we soon turned left into a field with the familiar waymark sign of The Blue Lias Ring. This was the first of many mistakes as we wandered aimlessly around a field before finding the correct path again. A familiar theme of the day but it all looks so different going the wrong way around.

Blue Lias is a type of stone that lies all around this area. Dinosaurs once roamed this area and the remains of an ichthyosaur and a plesiosaur were found in a quarry near Bishops Itchington. They can now be seen in the National History Museum.

Our path lead us along fields by the side of Weddington Hill and eventually over the main Birmingham to London railway line, built by Brunel and completed in 1850 and is still in use. Crossing the line quickly we climbed a hill and dropped down to a road to cross the River Itchen then through two fields to reach Bishops Itchington with its church built of Blue Lias stone which we passed on a road. The footpath leaves the road left and through several large fields and emerges at a minor road just north of Kingston Barn before plunging into a woodland track where we found some Parasol Mushrooms. After checking with Jane that they were indeed edible we picked them and took them with us for Sunday breakfast. Our path finally emerged onto a small road leading up to the beautiful old church at Chesterton which stands all alone on a mound and was used by the Peyto family who had the old arch built behind the church as their own private entrance. They also had built the beautiful old windmill on the hill opposite with its 6 arches dating from 1632 and attributed to Inigo Jones. We had a look around the old church which is full of interest before retracing our steps on the road and then taking field paths left over Bunkers Hill with its old water mill and lake. And finally with much

huffing and puffing we reached Harbury. The village was named after a formidable woman (but aren't they all) called Hereburh who ruled the area before even the romans arrived. Its village hall was opened by John Profumo MP prior to his fall from grace due to his relationship with Christine Keeler and Mandy Rice Davis.

By now the troops were restless and in need of sustenance so we tried not to get lost in the network of streets and made it to our lunch stop at The Shakespeare Arms. A sign on the wall said "Shakespeare came in for a pint the other day but I didn't serve him, 'cos he's Bard"

We were soon sitting in the warm sun in the garden supping excellent beer and eating good lunchtime food, just what a tired walker needs!!

Tearing ourselves away after lunch we walked through the village eating Daxa's sweets as a desert and left on the road towards Southam. Finding the footpath off to the right we walked over fields behind Ufton Hill Farm and the municipal landfill site (splendid!) through fields and on to cross the busy A425 before entering the grounds of Stoney Thorpe Hall next to the National Polo Ground where horses were thundering along in the midst of a game. This bit of the walk takes you along by the lovely old River Itchen and then on to pass the old Holy Well at Southam which dates back over a 1000 years and was granted to Earl Leowyne, the father-in-law of Lady Godiva. The old gargoyles each spout crystal clear water.

It is a really super spot but by now we daren't sit for too long in case we got set. So we continued up through the edge of Southam crossed the A425 again and then followed the footpath past the cricket pitch with a game in full swing then past the football field where they were playing and on to get back to Ladbroke and the cars for home and a cuppa!! A Fantastic walk!

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:

Brunel.16th Oct Brill Hill (c.11 miles) 20th Nov Bradgate Park (c.10 miles) 18th Dec Christmas Walk (c.7 miles)

The Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch.

Due to the apparent dosure of the White Horse, Welton, our last meeting venue had to be moved. We thank the the George Hotel, Kilsby, for stepping in at the last moment to provide us with accommodation. Despite illness and holidays we still had a good turn out of 20.

The world famous Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas are performing at the Benn Hall, Rugby, on Saturday 9th October. This promises to be a fantastic evening of entertainment featuring traditional military music, showstoppers, superb solos and some surprises. Although not Legion organised, our members will be supporting this event. For anyone interested, tickets can be obtained direct from the Benn Hall Box Office ,telephone No. 01788 541 516.

Our next meeting is scheduled to take place at the Sporting Qub, Barby, on Tuesday 12th October at 8.00 pm. As usual, refreshments will be provided at the end of the meeting and we look forward to a good turn out of members and any one else interested.

Submitted by: Tony Saunderson 01788 890797

All Saints' Church. Churchyard Trees and Dedication

The dedication of the new Churchyard Trees and the memorial plaque will take place on Sunday 3rd October at the 11.00am service which will also be our Harvest Festival Service





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Tuesday 5th October

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Challenge - Favourite cake recipe (Samples would be appreciated!!)

Tea Hostesses - Chris Bowerman and Marion Maskell

Gill Powell 890763



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Tuesday 12th Oct Birthday lunch at the Shoulder of Mutton Grandborough. Cost £10. Coach will pick up at 'The Green' at 12pm for a 12.30 pm meal. Please note the change of date

Monday 25th Oct. Some members of the WI will entertain in the Village Hall at 2.30pm.

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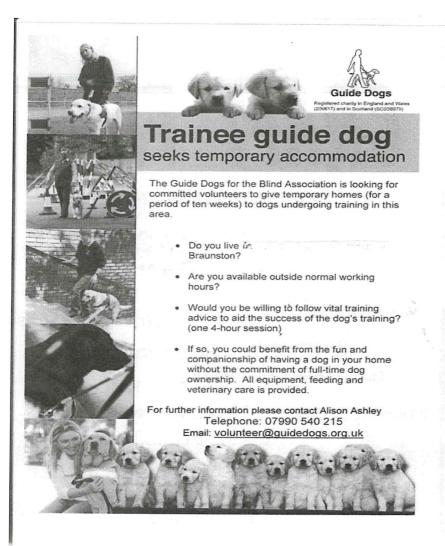
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