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## **REGISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 2011**

## BRAUNSTON Baptisms 06/11/11 - Amanda Riley & Pheobe Pearse 20/11/11 - Alfie George Scowcroft Funerals 02/11/11 - Eliza Ann Withall

## Not Christmas.

I'm not going to wish you a merry Christmas even though this is the December BVN and my last opportunity before the 25th to infest the whole village with my festive cheer, at least in print. Please understand that it isn't that I DON'T wish you a blessed and happy Christmas - that would be unusual and distinctly unvicarly, (not to mention untrue). But as I write this, the thoughtful season of advent has not even begun - the time when we God-Botherers ponder how much the world needs a saviour - so I don't want to ho ho ho at you just yet. (I hope that I will have the chance as we get nearer Christmas and that you will come and sing your heads off in the village hall on Dec 17th when we have a big "Songs of Praise" of everyone's favourite carols or in church on the 18th for the traditional 9 Lessons and Carols.)

Advent is all about looking at ourselves and at the world and realising just how much we need a saviour. Christmas would be pointless if we didn't - just a marketing ploy cooked up by sellers of toys, perfumes and frozen party nibbles to get us all to spend as much money as possible. Let's face it, if a fire engine screeched to a halt outside your house with sirens blaring and blue lights flashing you might wonder what it was doing there if your house was not on fire. You might be mildly interested but you would hardly celebrate your salvation! In the same way the baby whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day and who we hail as Saviour is similarly baffling and underwhelming if you cannot see anything that we need saving from!

Sometimes it seems easier to believe in evil than in God. But if you do believe that evil exists - if you see it in all its brutality in our daily news, if it touches you in grief, loneliness, hatred, jealousy- then you perhaps may dimly begin to understand why we need our Saviour. If you look at the impact on individuals of national, international and corporate greed and the total lack of will or ability on the part of the authorities to deal with it then you may begin to understand why we need our Saviour. God loves and values every one. He stands for relationship and community not vested interests. If you look at the priorities of those who run our society you may begin to understand why we need our Saviour. Perhaps you are one of the people on the Ashby Road who can no longer shop independently because the hill is too steep to climb now that the bus company has decided that it is not profitable to drive up and round any more. Perhaps you are the person with mental or physical disability in need of company, support or social care cut off and apparently forgotten. Perhaps you are the person losing your home with nowhere to go or losing your job. Perhaps you are the child torn apart by warring parents

Perhaps deep inside we all vaguely sense the need for a Saviour because we can all see some of what is wrong. I guess it is only a step- a big step admittedly- from faintly sensing the need for a Saviour to considering that salvation might come from God and not just human endeavour and another step again to truly recognizing Him from the Christmas story repeated every year for 2 millennia by those persistent folk in the churches and our tiny children with their tea towels on their heads.

Revd. Sarah

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2011

## Floodlighting 2011

Not shown in October's Floodlighting...

31st October - \* Dad, Grandad - always missed, never forgotten, love always - Jeff, Lel, Kara & Aaron

November's Floodlighting so far...

11th November - Celebrating our 34th Wedding Anniversary. Theresa and Philip

16th November - Tony Thompson - Birthday memories, love from all the family XX

17th November - \* Birthday memories of Mum, Beryl Holt, from Janet and Alan Atack

23rd November - Happy Birhday Tina Fitzhugh (Nee Hallam) have a lovely day, and in memory of Gill Hallam (nee Sidwell) Miss you every day Mum. 29 years gone. In our hearts and thoughts every day. Love Keiran

24th November - \* Lit for Prim & Aubrey Berriman on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

## December's Floodlighting so far...

3rd December - \* In loving memory of our Mum - Ann Pearse

6th December - Remembering Judith

8th December - To my darling wife Theresa. Happy 60th Birthday. Love Philip

10th & 11th December - \* Christmas Greetings to all our friends in Braunston, from John & Hilda

11th December - \* In loving memory of Spencer Lee

17th December - In memory of Betty Dunkley, a special Mum & friend on her Birthday & at Christmas. Forever in our thoughts & hearts. Love as always Cay & Bill

18th December - Cedric & Betty Wasser - 40th Wedding Anniversary

18th December - Remembering Ron Tait with love. Helen x

21st December - In loving memory of a dear mother - Thirza Pittam - from the family

23rd December - \* The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger

23rd December - \*Gordon, The Brightest Star, remembering Dad & Mick. Happy Birthday Alice & Mum, from Mrs L Harris

24th December - Carl Grant birthday memories. Love from all the family. xxxx

29th December - \* Pat and Dave's Wedding Anniversary

30th December - \* Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

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

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th November 2011



## All Saints' Church, Braunston

## CAROL SINGING IN THE VILLAGE HALL



4:00pm Saturday
17<sup>th</sup> December
Everyone Welcome
Come & Join us

## 21 again!

Many villagers will remember George Dickenson as the last 'village bobby' that Braunston was fortunate to have, up until Northamptonshire Police, in one of those illogical 'Force restructuring' exercises in the new Millennium, decided to widen the rural beat and disposed of the Braunston beat, amalgamating it with Weedon. George sadly lost out and was shuffled over to Long Buckby where he remained until he retired in 2007.



However that was not the last the village saw of George and he

remains very much involved with Braunston and the canal community as the BW patrol officer, based in the Stop House, which for those who have yet to discover the canal, is opposite the Café Boat 'Gongoozerlers Rest.

Most boaters and residents alongside the cut will know George well, but as he pointed out probably only about 5-10% of the village ventures down the hill to embrace the canal. Whilst not a scientific survey, if that is true then the question has to be asked why, when Braunston owes its existence and prosperity to the Grand Union and Oxford Canal. Without it, it is hard to see how it would be much more than another soulless picture postcard commuter village for Coventry & Rugby.

George first moved to the old Police house in October 1990, 21 years ago and following his 2-year probation took over the role of Village Constable. He was acutely aware, having lived in the village for 2 years before taking up the post, that he had a tough act to follow with the past constables having made a significant impact over the years. A Yorkshire man with no previous links to the village was up against it, but by throwing himself into all that Braunston had and more he soon established himself as a fair and firm village booby, something which many would wish would return, but that's another debate. He re-formed the youth club and became involved with the village twinners and football club. He formed strong links with all sections of the community and remains friends with many and inevitably not so with those who crossed him!!

It was whilst being supervised by his sergeant one June day in 1993, that he came across traffic chaos on the A45, fearing some horrendous accident he was sent to sort it out, to discover the local scouts, directing the boat show traffic to be the cause. He was told in no uncertain terms that such a spectacle was not to be repeated and George found himself on the organising committee for future boat shows both here in the village and in Crick where it moved to. Like most people his knowledge and understanding of the canals was limited to the odd wander along the towpath or sorting out the odd drunk. He soon discovered Braunston had a separate village community, that of the canal. He became hooked on the canal and Braunston's links to it, befriending many of the ex working boatmen and their families.

Time moved on and George was set to return 'Up North' upon his retirement in 2007 when by chance he heard that the BW Patrol Officer was due to leave the job, and he was urged to apply for the post. 300 applicants were short listed to 12 and George was interviewed and was appointed in October 2007.

His current role does seem to draw on many aspects of his old role as village bobby, and speaking to him his responsibilities, although primarily linked to licence enforcement of narrow boats, he finds himself increasingly drawn upon to deal with mooring disputes, liaison with PCSO Kevin Thompson, who is now the village Police Community Support Officer, and trying to keep in touch with those living alongside the 'cut' on land and water. He is keen to continue in the role and see it develop further, as BW heads towards the upheaval of April 2012, when it becomes a charitable trust. Although rightly concerned about funding issues and job security he never the less sees this as the golden opportunity for the people of Braunston to take a hands on role in caring for its biggest asset, the canal. The closure of the Stop House several years was an unpopular one with the community and BW staff and although now open on Fridays, its continual limited opening hours is not ideal. George hopes that in the near future it can reopen, staffed by volunteers. Many sneer at the big society, but it is clear that the only way the trust can function is by encouraging and embracing the volunteer workforce. Many canal users, although sceptical about the use of volunteers, welcomed the use of volunteer lock keepers this year.

Why doesn't Braunston have a group dedicated to keeping the canal path and channel tidy as occurs on the Coventry canal and with the Buckby Flight. George hopes that such a group can be organised and is quietly optimistic for the future.

His biggest problem remains the fact that there are too many boaters flouting the mooring rules and regulations and he has serious concerns that there is an increasingly large number of individuals who see the canals as somewhere to hide away from the 'law' and are content to ignore the rules and regulations and content to act with impunity within their lifestyle of drug and alcohol abuse. It is only through a robust approach with the help of Northamptonshire Police and the community as a whole that sections of the canal don't degenerate into 'squatter camps'.

Last summer Braunston established a reputation for being a no go area amongst boaters, following a spate of break-ins to boats and cars parked down by the canal. Whilst this summer hasn't seen a repeat of such crime on such a scale, vigilance is needed and George is happy to be a point of contact and liaison with the Police. Based in the village he is often better placed to respond to a call than the local Police and he will come out and investigate at the time, if he's in the area, not several days later.

Things are improving and the area around the Puddle Banks and Wolfhamcote has seen a concerted effort to tidy up the moorings and move on the illegally moored boats, many of which have been abandoned and in two cases sunk. He needs the help of the village to let him know about problems and is happy to speak to anyone about problems, whether it is anti social behaviour, dog mess graffiti etc or just a chat. He is responsible for over 60 miles of canal stretching from Crick to below Hatton and down to Blisworth so can't be everywhere. He remains committed to Braunston and the canal community. Happy 21st George.

George can be contacted on 01908 681 270, he'd love to here from you. Anon. New Village Hack

## All Saints Church Calendar 2012

## NOW AVAILABLE

Price £6



The church calendar for 2012 is now available and can be purchased from the following locations:

- Poppies
- Braunston Marina
- Braunston Garage
- Or at the Church.

Copies are limited so please do not delay!

January

Photo John Lewis

If you purchase your calendar at the church please give your money to one of the church wardens, or duty side persons so that the cash can be identified. All proceeds from the calendar is used to support All Saints Braunston

## Skateboard/Scooter Ramps

Earlier on this year, we asked for people to contact us if they had any interest in having skateboard/scooter ramps installed in the playing field.

The response from the younger villagers has been amazing and we are sure that, given the right design, this project would be well worth while.

Unfortunately not much interest has been shown by parents or other adults and we need you to help develop the design and, essentially, to raise funds.

We have a very small committee and none of us have children in the age groups this appeals to so we need your input.



The BPFA will be holding a meeting in January to discuss the ideas we have and to see whether we can stimulate enough interest to begin serious fund raising.

It would be fantastic to be able to provide our young people with a facility that they can enjoy in a suitable environment. Please consider whether you can give some time to this project.

More details of the meeting will be publicised after Christmas.

## BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity 274911

## All Saints' Church Christmas Services 2011

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm Advent Carols at Holy Cross Church Daventry

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3:45pm Christingle

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. December 4:00pm Carol Singing in the Village Hall

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Crib Service 11:30pm Midnight Mass

> Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11am Christmas Family Service



All Saints' Kids Club will be running, 1st & 3rd Sunday during the Christmas period

## Copy of letter Received from the Co-Founder of Hope and Homes for Children:-

12th October 2011



Dear Brenda, PCC of All Saints Church, and villagers of Braunston and Ashby-St. Ledgers,

You are <u>all</u> such stars! And we do thank you all <u>most</u> warmly and sincerely for your continued support. It means so much to us but especially of course, to all the children you are helping. Your latest gift - £100 from the PCC and £402 from money collected by decorating jam jars for small change and for various generous donations given by villages, is fantastic, and we are delighted that you are supporting projects in Africa from our Future Gifts catalogue.

The work in Africa is continuing to expand as we develop family based alternatives for children without Parents and putting in place services that prevent families breaking down in the first place. We are also creating Community Hubs which are a lifeline for families such as daycare training and medical facilities

In Sudan we are working close with the Government to prevent institutional care which is so harmful and we want to stop as soon as we can before even more children are condemned to this awful life where children are deprived of the love and care and family unit they so desperately need.

Thank you all, once again, and Mark joins me in sending you our huge thanks and very best wishes.

Caroline Cook

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year

Brenda Hobbs

Angela Finch 1938 - 2011 Beloved wife, grandmother, golfing enthusiast, and like many of her shots, sadly missed.



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## Letters to the Editor

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWS

After fourteen years of living in Texas we have returned to England.

It is so inspiring to see the enthusiasm being shared by the Daventry Team Ministry, and the work all the people are doing in the community to support others' needs. We all need help sometime in life.

I was also impressed with the number of young parents bringing their children to church. The good behaviour and respect the children displayed was wonderful. We were warmly welcomed back in the congregation by everyone and both Vicars from Braunston, Welton & Ashby St. Ledgers Church. I was so happy to see all the people who were attending.

In the rural countryside in Texas we were blessed with good neighbours from many denominations. People helped each other out of very unusual problems for example:-

- 1. A bull went missing and was found stuck in deep mud in a lake. Our neighbour brought his back-hoe and helped lift the animal out, then spent hours trying to help him get on his feet again.
- 2. I fell off a ladder and cracked a couple of vertebrae. The neighbourhood women brought soup and food until I could walk again, they took care of me.
- 3. Wild fires raged over a few thousand acres last year. Everyone went to help to try to preserve each others property. Fire fighters got trapped by fire encircling them. A farmer drove his bulldozer through the fire and made an escape route for the other men so that they didn't die.
- 4. During a hurricane, flood & disasters my neighbours took in families, horses, and dogs to keep them safe.

So, don't be too harsh on each other. Everyone has different understandings of situations. Through troubles you will be together, staying peaceful and calm are great strengths for a community.

I admire you for your Qualities of support in the surrounding villages.

God Bless your lives.

Love from Mrs U.

What wonderful words Mrs U. We wish we knew who you are. You obviously have some interesting stories to tell. Do please get in touch with us. Alan & Jenni

## Friends of All Saints' Braunston

## Three ways to help this Christmas



## Fill in a Memory Star and give a donation

- " Pay a special tribute to someone who has died
- " Remember someone you can't be with at Christmas
- " Wish a loved one a Happy Christmas
- " Dedicate a Memory Star instead of a Christmas Gft

Your Memory Star will be hung on the Memory Tree in All Saints'. Fill in the Star and return together with your Donation (whatever you can give) to 11 Cross Lane Braunston

All donations will go towards the Church Restoration Appeal



## TWO SMALL GIFTS

Quizzes for Christmas & Braunston Christmas Walk
A small booklet of quizzes and a Walk around Braunston with a quiz
en route is available from The Church, The Post Office, The Canal
Shop and the Marina Office. £2 all proceeds in aid of the Church
Restoration Appeal



## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE CANALS

A book documenting the history of The Church and its relationship with the canals and the boat people of Braunston. £5 from the Church the Post Office, the Boat Shop, and the Marina Office

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## CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DEC 11 / JAN 12

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Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers		
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 Holy Communion (A): 11.00 Holy		
		Communion(B) 18.30 Evensong (B)		
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Church Choir		
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers		
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Morning Prayer(A)		
		11.00 Family Service (B): Carol Service		
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Church Choir		
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19.45 Braunston PCC		
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	15.45 Christingle (B)19.30 Bell Ringers		
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Community Carols in the Village Hall		
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion (A)		
		11.00 Holy Communion (B) : 18.30 Service of Nine		
		Lessons & Carols		
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Choir Practice		
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers		
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Crib Service(A): 16.00 Crib Service (B):23.30		
•		Midnight Mass (B)		
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Family Service (B)		

## January 2012

1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 Team Eucharist in Daventry: 12 noon Prayers	
	for the New Year in Braunston, followed by Sherry	
_	BANK HOLIDAY	
5 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers	
8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Morning Prayer(A)	
	11.00 Family Service (B):	
9 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Church Choir	
11 <sup>th</sup>	19.45 Braunston PCC	
12 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers	
15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion (A)	
	11.00 Holy Communion & Kids Club (B)	
16 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Choir Practice	
19 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B)11.00 Family Communion	
	& Kids Club (B)	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Church Choir	
25 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 Peace at Lunchtime followed by a light lunch at	
	13.00	
26 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers	
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Joint Ashby / Braunston Service (B)	
30 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Choir Practice	
	9 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS DEC 11/J AN 12

Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo		
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	19.00 Youth Club		
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts		
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 W.I. – Christmas Party		
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 Carols & Readings – St. Peters' Wolfampcote: 19.30 Royal British Legion Christmas Concert		
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts: 12.30 Friendly Club Christmas Lunch		
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion, Sporting Club, Barby		
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo		
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club Christmas Party		
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	16.00 carol Singing in the Village Hall: 19.30 Braunston Cinema Club		
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts: 14.00 Friendly Club Mince Pie Tea		
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group		
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: 12.00 British Legion		
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	19.00 Youth Club		
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Explorer Scouts: 14.30 Friendly Club Explorer Scouts:		
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group		

## January 2012

Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group		
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo		
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts :		
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion, Old Plough, Braunston		
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo		
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Youth Club AGM		
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts		
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Braunston History Society		
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo		
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club		
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Explorer Scouts :		
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group		
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 19.00 Yoga		
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo		
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts :		
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group		

## The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

The closing of the Admiral Nelson means that it has been necessary to postpone our Christmas lunch so there will be no meeting in December. We hope to arrange a social event in the New Year.

At our January meeting will find us exploring our archives and investigating some possible future projects. So, you are welcome to join us at

7.30pm, in the Library at the Village Hall, on Tuesday 17th January 2012

The following item from 'Village Notes' by Dick Herne was published in August 1997.

The quality of life in the village was much improved by the development of main services in the 1930's. Electric light replaced oil lamps in houses and along the High Street. The new council houses on Spinney Hill, opened in 1939, had electric light, piped water and sanitation. Many of the old cottages were occupied by evacuees during the war.

After the war sewage works were constructed and mains water replaced wells and street pumps in the village. New houses were built in Archer Avenue (named after an active local councillor), School Close and on the Green. Private housing developed along the Back Lane - renamed Church Road. The increase of population made a larger school essential and this was opened in 1968 on a new site in Barby Lane.

## **BRAUNSTON CRICKET CLUB**

Braunston Cricket Club finished off their season with the annual presentation evening in the Plough on the 28th October. Thirty members and guests attended the function to recognise the successes the club has achieved this year.

The first team were runaway winners of the South Northants League Division 4 and the seconds improved considerably this year to finish in mid table of Division 5. The Wednesday team struggled in the Rugby and District league but are hopeful of a more successful season next year.

Thanks were given to Sue Cox for her continued role as scorer and also to Maureen and the rest of the staff at the Plough for the Teas.

Individual award winners were

Sam Penhall. 1st team batsman and the Captains award for contribution to the club

Zane Doe. 1st team Player of the Year, 1st team bowler and Wednesday team bowler

Richard Stapley. 2nd team batsman Bob Biddell. 2nd team bowler

Darren Cox Wednesday bowler

Lewis Batchelar. Under 19 player of the Year. 2nd team Player of the year. Mallard Trophy

Kieran Bennett. Under 16 Player of the year

Andy Moore Under 16 Players player of the year. Paul Beck award

Will Jennings. Paul Beck award Most improved player. Ryan Spriggs Fielder of the year. Colin Scott.

Nets will start again in the New Year. For more details phone 890475 or 07771 944033

## THE VILLAGE BELLS.

November always brings extra service ringing, for All Saints Day on the first of the month and for Remembrance Sunday, the Sunday nearest to November 11th which, in 1918, marked the end of World War I.

Earlier this year we studied an early version of bell ringing called "All Saints", so it was fitting that we rang it on All Saints Day. Like many things about bell ringing, the "All Saints" method has been around for some 300 years, though it is not often rung today. For Remembrance Day the bells are "half muffled"; a leather pad is fitted to one side of each clapper so that, swinging one way, each bell sounds out fully and swinging the other way it gives a soft note like an echo, very effective for solemn occasions. Currently we have two learners in the ringing team and would welcome more to ensure continuity. The English method of bell ringing, besides being an important part of our English Heritage, is an interesting, social and healthy exercise. Why not try it? To find out more, visit us at the Thursday evening practice, or ring Peter Wenham on 891935.

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## **JETTY FIELD**

We have again arranged for sheep to graze the field over the winter months. Thank you in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause and for your watchfulness over the welfare of the animals. This year we are working with a Braunston farmer and are again happy that we are making proper use of the grass in our agricultural-size field for animal feed. Every little helps. Please let us know if you have any concerns through Carol Barnes at the Boat shop.

We gain great benefit from the grazing in that the sheenew plants to germinate. This is a major part of managing the land to produce a variety of native flowers in the early summer. The final part of the action is to arrange for hay to be taken off the field in mid summer.

But how easy it is to set everything back. Two days after the sheep were put into the field someone removed the weight that holds closed the kissing gate on the west of the field. Luckily, and with the help of friends walking in the field, we were able to replace it before the animals got out into danger. Please take extra care lest thoughtless actions cause hurt to the livestock.

New planting in the wildlife area and the Lime tree avenue have been carefully watered and tended through the year as well as the shrubs and plants in the garden area. Let them sleep happily through the winter ready to burst back into life in the Spring.

## **Second Braunston Scout Group**

## Update on Fundraising

The Scout Group are signed up to spendandraise.com, you can help the Scouts by shopping at www.spendandraise.com/braunstonscouts

We have also successfully completed the installation of the heating system and can now enjoy a heated Den, Many thanks to all those who have helped us to raise funds for this and the roof.

## Remembrance Sunday

The Scout Group paraded from the Den to the Church on Sunday 12th November to the British Legion Remembrance Service.

On the 19th November a number of the Scouts completed an overnight hike from Rugby to Napton thus enabling them to complete their Chief Scouts Gold Award (more details next month)

If your son or daughter is interested in joining the Scout Group please do not hesitate to contact me on 01788 890241 or Joan Bishop on 01327 878178

## Steve Rolt Assistant Group Scout Leader

## DOWN AT THE DEN

Since I last wrote in the Village news, Braunston Scouts have been very busy. In the summer we all went to Collards Bridge Camp in North Devon where we spent a week doing all kinds of activities. We did some shooting, a hike, swimming, climbing and visited local towns. We were kept busy on the campsite earning badges such as camp cook. We gained some great memories - the incident with the canned vegetables and the melting pan are experiences we won't forget!

Since then we have had a backwoods camp in Welton where three of us learned survival skills, cooking without utensils, smoke signals & bivouac making. The leaders did cheat a bit asking us to believe fish & chips were backwoods food cooked oven an open fire!

In October it was the Star Trek. This is a night orienteering exercise that took place this year around Flecknoe, Grandborough and Sawbridge. Scouts from the area had to hike to different checkpoints where they completed a challenge which could be anything from 'How to get an egg into a bottle' to 'making triangles out of poles' to 'tying knots blindfolded. Braunston Scouts worked really well together and managed to come in both first and second place - so well done us!

At the den we recently had a Scalextric Night - quite a few dads came to that one. By the time you read this we should have had a night out bowling, some more orienteering, learned some knots and some first aid skills and marched on Armistice Day. Also some of us should have done a hike and a challenge to gain our Expedition badges.

Scouts is great fun, you learn a lot and you laugh alot and you make friends. Why don't you come and join in!

Kier Tyson (aged 12)

Asst.Ed says " Great article Keir and by the way, how do you get an egg into a bottle?"

## Braunston Youth Club

2<sup>nd</sup>. December 2011 Normal Youth Club Entrance Fee £1 Village Hall at 7:00pm

> 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 Annual General Meeting Old Plough Lounge 7:30pm All Interested Adults Welcome

16th. December 2011 Christmas Party Special Entrance Fee £2 Village Hall at 7:00pm

20th. January 2012
Youth Club
First session of 2012
Entrance Fee £1
Village Hall at 7:00pm

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Braunston Youth Club is affiliated to Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs (NAYC)

200 Club Winners latest results 2011				
Date	Number	Number Winner Priz		
13.10.11	26	C Talintyre	£50	
20.10.11	151	B Shrubb	£10	
20.11.11	20	C Aldridge	£5	
27.10.11	102	A Montgomery	£10	
27.10.11	145	J Caw	£5	
03.11.11	125	S Dawson	£10	
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## Tap & Street & ZUMBA

Tuesday Evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



5.15pm - Little Tappers (3-5yrs)
5.45pm - Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)
6.15pm - Adult Tap (no exp req)
7.15pm - Adult Street Dance (100 exp rea)
8.00pm - ZUMBA

## Dance & Gym

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



5.00pm - Funky Dance (4-6yrs) 5.30pm - Gymnastics 1 (4 - 7 yrs) 6.00pm - Gymnastics 2 (8yrs+) 6.30pm - Street Dance / Jazz (8yrs+)

## **Ballet Lessons**

Monday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



ings, 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)
7,15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
7,45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
8,15pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

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## **Braunston Walkers**

Walk Saturday 19/11/2011 Welton and Ashby St Ledgers (c.10 miles)

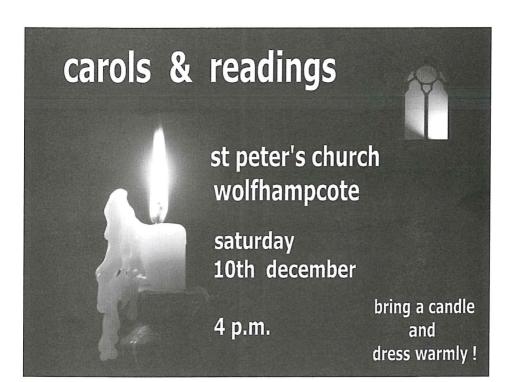
It was a misty, moisty, morning (as the old children's rhyme goes) Despite the murk, it was an extremely mild day as sixteen of us met up at the village hall ready for the walk. This is halfway through November and so snow and ice would not really have surprised us. We set off, enthusiastically, downhill through Jetty Fields and turned left to join Dark Lane at the cattle grid to walk along to the , sadly, closed Admiral Nelson. The outbuildings at the next cottage had been where corpses of old boatmen were laid to rest and according to the owner there is still a ghost who regularly walks along this lane. It was a suitably gloomy day, ideal conditions for spooks but we never saw anything and so continued to the canal to follow the towpath, in places wetter than the canal, along to the tunnel entrance.

Our route followed the tunnel, above ground, past Middlemore, to reach and cross the busy A361 and, still following the tunnel and it's huge ventilation shafts, we soon found ourselves dropping downhill through wet and slippery piles of leaves back onto the canal towpath next to the exit of the tunnel just as a boat emerged from the dark. Continuing along the canal, now in a canopy of trees shedding their leaves, we passed several moored boats and some, hopeful, anglers. The fog was still around and diluting any sunshine as we continued passing under the Welton road. It is along this beautiful stretch of peaceful canal that the new canal arm into Daventry is planned. Some planning notices are hanging at the side of the towpath where we paused and Nigel kindly passed around mints to us all. We followed the towpath under several bridges until we reached the canal junction and the site of an old swing bridge. It is now an old white painted wooden bridge but there are still traces of the rails along which the old bridge would have moved. Our route then diverted from the canal on the left and followed field paths, clearly well walked, over muddy fields full of crops to reach the tiny gated road which leads from Welton towards Norton. We turned right along the road and just after a sharp left hand bend we came across a farm entrance. Just inside this entrance is a massive stone cross, a memorial to Baron Chesham who was killed in 1907 in a hunting accident riding with the Pytchley hunt. By now we were ready for some sustenance and our pace quickened over the world's most dangerous crossroads into Welton and the magnificent White Horse pub. We were soon ensconced over delicious baguettes and pints of foaming ale. Excellent and highly recommended!!

After lunch we walked along Well Lane opposite the pub and turned left at the T junction before leaving Welton on, well marked, field paths over to Ashby St Ledgers. By now the sun was clearing the mist as we walked through the village, passing the lovely old thatched cottages, crossing the A361 and taking the path back to Braunston. This is a really nice walk right on our doorstep.

Why not come and join us on our regular walks on the third Saturday each month. We are a group of friends who enjoy a walk as a great way to have some exercise, meet new friends, take in the occasional pub and make the most of our beautiful scenery. Please call either Philip 01788891437 or Ray 01788891384. We normally meet at 10 o'clock at the village hall.

17/12 Christmas Walk (c.6 miles)



## Braunston Cinema Club

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## **THANK YOU**

Betty Hargraves would like to thank everyone who came and supported her Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29th September. We raised £424.31. Didn't we do well?

## The Royal British Lgion Braunston and District

Annual General Meeting. This was held on 8th November and attended by 20 members. It was reported that the Branch was in good shape with sound finances. Membership was stable during the year with new members and losses balancing out. It was pleasing to note that the

Branch now had a number of lady members.

Remembrance Day. A large number gathered at the Village memorial on 11th November to observe a minutes silence in memory of the dead of both World wars. The service in the Church on 13th November was well attended with strong representation from village organisations.

**Poppy Appeal.** Thank you to all those who generously supported the appeal and to the volunteer collectors. It is expected that the amount collected will be similar to last year and it will be advised in the next issue of the BVN.

**Galanos House.** A new wing has been added to the Legion retirement home in Southam. The Branch is currently in discussions with the home to a view of providing additional facilities from Branch funds, possibly a greenhouse and shed for use by the residents of the home.

**Social Events.** You are reminded of the Christmas Concert to be given by the Legion in conjunction with Daventry Brass in Daventry Community Centre at 7.30 on Saturday 10th December. See separate notice for details.

Another successful luncheon for members and friends was held in the George Hotel, Kilsby, on 17th November. The luncheons are now becoming so popular that it is proposed to hold them at various venues on a regular basis.

**Next Meetings.** The December meeting will be held on the 13th December at 8pm at the Sporting Club, Barby. The first meeting of the New Year will be held at the Old Plough, Braunston, at 8pm on 10th January.

Tony Saunderson - 01788 890797

## **BRAUNSTON PARCELS**

Thanks to the generosity of so many people here in Braunston **958** parcels have now been sent out to our troops serving in Afghanistan. An incredible achievement - thank you!

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards have now completed their tour of duty and have returned to their base in Northern Germany.

Before returning Capt. Irwin wrote to thank us for our support during their deployment. A copy of his letter is on display at the shop. Members of the Queen's Royal Hussars are the new recipients of our parcels.

My thanks to you all for your continued support and to those at the shop and especially at the Post Office who make this 'Braunston Affair' so successful. Let us hope that all our service personnel stay safe over the Christmas period and a Happy Christmas to you all!

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## Clubs and Society Events

## Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting - Christmas Party to be held on December 6th at the Village Hall. This should be a fun evening for all and will include food and entertainment.

Contact - Barbara on 01788 890452

## **Friendly Club**

## December Meetings

Monday 12th December - Our Christmas Lunch will be held at The Boathouse, Braunston at 12.30 for a 1.00pm meal. Transport to be arranged by cars. Cost will be £12.50 for a three course meal. Please bring a small wrapped Christmas present. If you haven't yet ordered your meal please phone Gill on 890763 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!

Monday 19th December - Will be our mince pie tea. Meeting to start at 2pm instead of the normal 2-30pm. A Bring & Buy stall will be included.

## TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL -

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Village Clubs, Charities and Association

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For further information contact Alan 01788 890291

## Poembola at the Braunston Village Weekend

One tombola drum, 1000 words...
Participants picked five words and used
them to make a poem. Some of the wonderful
results are below! Thanks to all who took
part.

A beautiful canal boat, Carina
Is missing – a problem, have you seen her?
The expert, she agreed,
Although it's nothing to do with me, said
She'd docked hers at the great Braunston Marina!
Anonymous

A smooth calm day in Braunston
The towpath alongside the canal,
as interesting as ever.
A typical British scene,
Silence descending as twilight falls.
Good night everyone.
Laura and Faith Taylor

In Braunston by the canal
There is an opening
For an everlasting band
Where you can throw
Everything you want
Into a musical
Weekend of village fun
On the Green and in Jetty Field
Fran Campbell, Lichfield

High Chapparal.

Low pressure.

Rain later
over Cheshire.

Seasons change
worldwide. Over
on the cut
golden leaves...
grey plover.

Richard Jackson,
Fast Yorkshire

Not strictly for tourists, nor experts on boats, fabulous Braunston's as good as the coast! With historic old buildings each day I rejoice that I've lived here for years in my village of choice! Alison Ambrose, Braunston

i cannot resist the thought That all English poems are introverted. They may sound beautiful But basically the poets are all crackers.

Surrender to the Irish or Weish For extroverted verse. The deeds and sounds are ugly But the stories all are crackers. Pat Herlihy, Braunston



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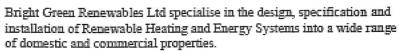
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Air Training Corps	Stuart Chadwick	078844 02797	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Monday & Thursday
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Tuesday evenir
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday Evenings 7.30pm-9pm
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get togethe
Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7-10 miles around the area
Church Choir	John Viggars	0247667 9967	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday evening 8pm village Hall
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763	
Friends of Braunston School	A Thomas	890494	
All Saints' Kids Club Sunday School	Alison Fiddes	891847	Sunday School for kic from 0 upwards
Gardens Assn.	Chris Grossart	890491	
The Dick Herne Braunston History Soc.	Annie Rogers	891179	Meetings 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month
Braunston Primary School	Sue Rigby Headteacher	890494	
Playing Fields Assn.	Linda Hawkins Wendy Wilson Louis Prat	890583 890348 890766	
Little Fishers	Kathleen Mynett	890908	Under 5's with paren Mondays 2pm All Saints' Church
Pre-School	Braunstonpresc hool@googlema il.com	07950 246130	Mon – Fri am during term time in village hall

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Royal British	Colin D	890390	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month
Legion	White		At 8pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Braunston	Joan	01327	Every Wednesday
Scouts - Group	Bishop	878178	
Scout Leader			
Asst. Group	Steve Rolt	07956	1
Scout Leader		682733	
Beavers for	Joan	01327	Every Tuesday
Boys and Girls	Bishop	878178	5 ¾ - 8 yrs
Cub Scouts for	David	07796	Every Thursday
Boys and Girls	Coleman	336985	8 – 10 ½ yrs
Scouts for	Stuart	Via Joan	10 ½ - 14 yrs
Boys and Girls	Muddiman	Or Steve	Every Wednesday
<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	Steve Rolt	07956	14-18yrs Boys & Girls
		682733	Alternate Mondays
Short Mat Bowls	Alan &	890011	Thursdays 13.45
	Mavis Eley		Village Hall
Adult Tap	Julia	890488	Wednesdays 20.20
Dance Classes	Beattie		Village Hall
Toddler Group	Andy	891456	Tuesdays 13.30
	Canning		Village Hall
Twinning	Tony Ward	07724	Social Events & visits to and
Association		123363	from Quincy-Voisins
Village Hall	Alan Dent	07724	Village Hall Bookings
Committee		123363	villagehall@braunston.net
Women's	Pat Steeton	890753	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 19.30
Institute	Gill Powell	890763	
WEA Workers	Jackie	890145	Thursday Evenings at school
<b>Educational Assoc</b>	Green		Autumn & Spring Terms
Yoga Group	Sheila	891831	In Village Hall
	Beckett		
Youth Club	Peter	899086	Alternate Fridays in Village
9-15years	Hobbs		Hall
	Tina	078125	
	Parsons	38193	



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XMAS DAY OPENING HOURS - 11am - 2pm (a com-

plimentary glass of malt whiskey for the fella's and schooner of sherry for the ladies accompanied by home made warm mince pies and brandy butter)

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