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No - Braunston 2011!

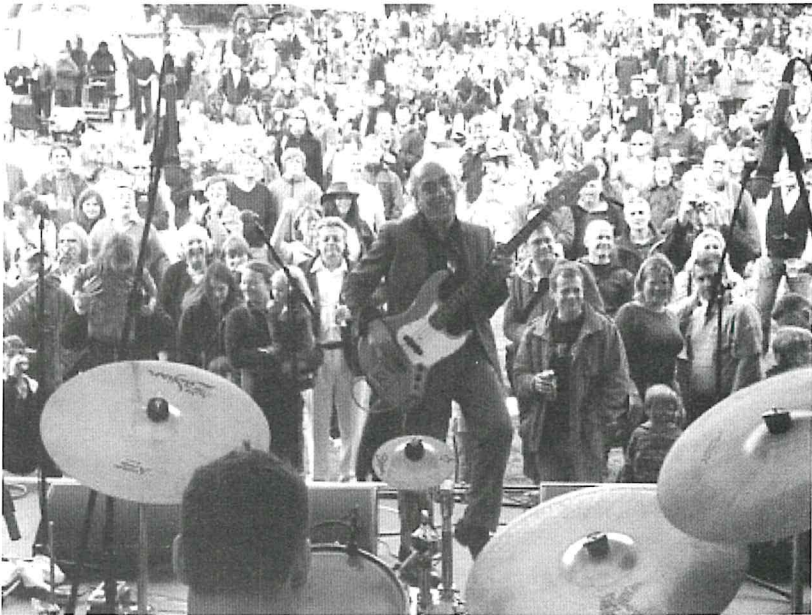


Image by Peter Lawrence

Despite typical August Bank Holiday weather Braunston Village Weekend is taking root. Several hundred people turned out to peacefully enjoy The Blockheads and other bands with Jetty Fields looking like a Rock Concert location. A lot of effort went into the organisation of the weekend's activities and on behalf of the Braunston community we would like to offer our thanks to the organisers for all the pleasure it gave us.

A report by the organisers is enclosed.



Reasons to be cheerful:
**volleyball on the Green in
thunder and lightning;
thousands of feet tapping to
Sheelanagig; the men and
women of Royal Oak Morris
rocking away to 'Sex & Drugs &
Rock & Roll'...**

Despite an autumnal chill in the air - the queue for coffee was always longer than the one for ice cream - Braunston welcomed an estimated 3,000 people over the August bank holiday for its second hugely successful festival.

The festival was developed by the Braunston Village Weekend community interest company. This not-for-profit organisation, run by volunteers, obtained funding from a range of sponsors and public organisations. Although the sum raised was less than last year, with sales and generous donations on the day, we're delighted the event reached a break even position.

We were grateful to have the support of so many village groups including the Jetty Field Committee, the Scouts, the Village Hall, the Youth Club, the History Society, the Cinema Club, the Braunston Singers, the WI, the

Twinnings and All Saints Church. Many local residents volunteered time and skills in advance of and during the event. Thank you, all.

When we've had a chance to draw breath, we'll begin to think about next year. There seems to be considerable interest in another event on a similar scale, and with the potential to benefit existing groups and activities. We were pleased to hear this year the raffle for the 'Joseph Quilt' raised over £1k for the W.I. and that the Twinnings attracted many new members in their wine tasting tent!

This year we received funding from the Arts Council, Northants County Council, Braunston Parish Council, Wayside Business Park, Truckeast and AGCO. Public and private funding is in short supply. But we are positive about our chances: we're doing something distinctive, and of high quality, in a unique and beautiful village. The Arts Council has made Northamptonshire a geographical priority and we hope to meet with them (and other potential funders) soon to discuss how we make the festival sustainable.

Do send us feedback on this year or ideas for next year by emailing info@braunstonvillageweekend.co.uk. Thank you.



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REGISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER 2011

BRAUNSTON

Weddings -

8th October Susan Harrison &
Peter Weblin

Baptisms -

Claude William Kitchener

ASHBY

Weddings -

17th September
Sophie Davies & Mathew
Smith

7th October
Johnathon Phillips & Joan
Tomasso

Baptisms -
25th September
Freddie Guest

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2011

September's Floodlighting so far:-

1st September - For Gill & Alan Powell on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

5th September - Gill Brewster - to celebrate a wonderful lady's 65th Birthday - we love you to bits - Cindy, Kelly, Sox & Ollie. xxxx

5th September - Thank you staff, children & parents for good wishes & gifts on my retirement - Margaret Hick

8th September - Remembering Lena & Ray Rushall on their wedding anniversary - with love - Hazel, Janet & Heather.

11th September - * Simon & Ann-Marie's Wedding Anniversary

28th September - * Alice's Birthday

October's Floodlighting so far...

3rd October - * Lit by Julie Simpson for Debbie, Nina and friends.

21st October - * Dave & Claire'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 September 2011

CONFIRMATION

If you are aged between 1 and 100 and would be interested to learn more about becoming a Christian please contact Revd. Sarah on 890298 or Sarah@talkingdirect.co.uk. In September & October I shall definitely be running a course in preparation for this year's service of Confirmation on November 17th where new Christians confirm their commitment to follow Christ. I am happy for anyone interested but not sure about committing themselves to come along, join in the conversations and see how you feel.

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	2nd	9.15 Holy Communion (A) : 11.00 Harvest Festival Gift Service (B) 18.00 Harvest Songs of Praise (B)
Monday	3 rd	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.00 Harvest Supper
Thursday	6 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	8 th	13.00 Wedding – Sue Harrison & Peter Weblin
Sunday	9th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Special Ashby Village Harvest Festival (A) 11.00 Family Service (B)
Monday	10 th	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	12 th	19.45 PCC Meeting
Thursday	13 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	16th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Holy Communion (B)
Monday	17 th	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Choir Practice
Thursday	20 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	23rd	8.00 Holy Communion (B):11.00 Holy Communion (B)
Monday	24 th	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Church Choir
Thursday	27 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	30th	11.00 Team Eucharist in Ashby
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

All Saints Kids Club (Sunday School)

Each week we have a new story, play a game and have a craft activity. Most importantly we have fun while learning about God. Activities for Children are included in the Family Service at 11am on the second Sunday in the month and the Family Communion Service at 11am on the 4th Sunday is designed for Children and adults.



At All Saints' Kids Club a warm welcome awaits children from 0 upwards. Mums and Dads can stay and enjoy the service while the youngsters have fun.

Why not give it a go? Just turn up, we would love to meet you.

Come and join us!

Braunston Village Gardens Association

Braunston Show 2011

“To show what villagers can do”



Thank you for ...

Entering - the highest number of entrants for at least 10 years.

Visiting - over 200 people walked through the hall on Saturday 5th September.

Trying something new - over 20% of the entrants were new to the Braunston Show.

After a busy few weekends in Braunston; The Playing Fields Association Family days and The Braunston Weekend events, it was a delight that so many people took part in The Show on Saturday 5th September. Once again we had the opportunity to see the community come together. Thank you BVGA committee members and Friends of the BVGA for once again hosting such a successful village event.

Congratulations to our winners.

The TUC Centenary Perpetual Challenge Trophy	Alan Mawer
The George Green Perpetual Challenge Trophy	Jennifer Rolt
The Betty Hargraves Cup	Valerie Schofield
The Novice Trophy	Alan Hall
The Jubilee Trophy	Elise Thomson
The Busy Hands Shield	Jamie Harris

Congratulations to all the 94 entrants who won first prize in their class.

Best in Group Awards

A	Vegetables	Steven Ronch	Five red onions
B	Fruit	Kate Mawer	Any other fruit
C	Flowers	Dennis Bancroft	Three chrysanthemums of a kind
D	Novelty	Valerie Schofield	Something new made from recycled materials
F	Home Produce	Jennifer Rolt	Carrot cake
G	Handicraft	Chris Grossart	One piece of counted thread work
H	Photographs	Shirley Blackford	Gardening
I	Juniors	Alisdair Rolt	A plate of fruit and/or vegetables that you have grown yourself.
J	Seniors	Elise Thomson	Description of an unframed photograph - Friends

We would like to hear from you.

Do you have a suggestion for a new class for The Show?

Do you have an idea for improving The Show?

Would you like to be more involved with the BVGA as a Friend?

Would you like to join the BVGA committee?

For more information contact Kate Mawer, the Show Secretary.

Tel 890340 or drop a note through the door at 65 High Street.

An apology from the vicar

It might amuse some of you to know that I took a verbal battering over my article in BVN last month. It was quite an efficient battering and you won't be surprised to hear that despite being a vicar and therefore naturally possessed of superhuman holiness, sweetness and light (as well as being a big fat liar) my initial reaction was not modeled upon the patience of the early Christian martyrs who met grisly ends as human torches at imperial garden parties or as the lunches of lions while singing hymns of praise and turning their other cheeks as fast as their necks could rotate! To be quite honest I was more than a bit put out and began mentally rolling up my shirt sleeves and sharpening my bible for mortal combat.

But then I looked again at what my assailant had to say about every wretched Christian who has got it wrong, done something vile or been a hypocrite since the day Christians were first invented. I looked at what he said about religion in general and the Christian churches in particular and I realised that he has a point.

Religion has a lot to answer for and churches of all denominations are historically guilty of having hi-jacked God and stolen him from his people for political ends. They are also guilty of bickering about their internal differences while failing to address the big tragedies in society, (mind you they are no different in that from our political parties whose sniping and point-scoring is hardly working for the common good to get us out of the mess we are in!) So in my small way I would like to apologise to all those of you who, quite justifiably, may have learned to hate, despise or write off as irrelevant the Church and all it stands for and to all those who have in this way been deprived of the miracle gift of faith in God.

Yet I also stand by what I wrote. Our society needs to reconnect with God- and seek to be a society of peace, respect, justice and real relationships where each wants the best for the other and acts accordingly. Not a society of vested interests and flaky moral compass.

Religion says "do this our way or else." Faith knows the wondrous influence of God to change lives. The challenge for churches like Braunston's is to resist being "religious" and to try to put God back where he belongs in the streets and homes and businesses. In God's eyes religious folk are no better or worse than anyone else. He loves you and me alike and there is nothing you can do to make him love you any more. There is also nothing you can do to make him love you any less. The only catch is that we have to choose to accept it.

I am grateful for my battering. It has taught me much. I hope it helps you too.

Revd. Sarah

*All Saints' Church,
Braunston*

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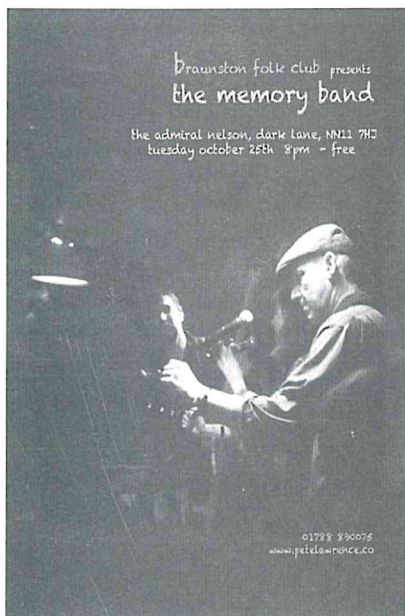


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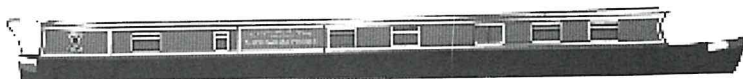
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Hope and Homes for Children

I realise that there are a lot of different fund raising efforts in Braunston at present. We in Britain are finding things difficult but not as much as they are in the third world. I appeal for your help to raise funds for Hope & Homes. I am holding a stall at All Saints Autumn Fair on 5th November "Gifts that are surplus to requirements". We all have over time received a gift gratefully but it is then popped into a cupboard or drawer. If you would like to donate the gift, give me a call 899086 or you can leave it at 30 Church Road.

Funds Raised since last published in BVN

Money raised from Penny Pots was	£ 138.26
Sale of Eggs	£ 20.86
Making the money raised since the 1 March this year	£ 890.82

Many thanks to all of you that have collected their loose change for this worthy cause.

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

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS -OCTOBER 2011

Saturday	1 st	Braunston Cinema Club
Monday	3 rd	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	4 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: W.I.
Wednesday	5 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	6 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	7 th	19.00 Youth Club
Monday	10 th	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	11 th	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion
Wednesday	12 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	13 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	17 th	Explorer Scouts : Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	18 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 Dick Herne History Society
Wednesday	19 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	20 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	21 st	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	22 nd	“Where The Working Boats Went”
Monday	24 th	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	25 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Braunston Folk Club – Admiral Nelson
Wednesday	26 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	27 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo

Letters to the Editor

From the Editors

We have had a complaint from a Braunston resident - quote " Many people believe the BVN isn't really for all the people of Braunston, but in fact just for the tiny, untypical minority that sometimes worship in All Saints' Church", also that the BVN is racist in publishing jokes like the extracts from the Irish Medical Dictionary.

We had hoped that under our stewardship as editors, an unpaid, unloved, time consuming and frequently onerous role, the BVN was of interest and considered beneficial to the whole community.

The BVN is funded by the Parish Council and All saints' Church but neither exert any editorial control over the journal. We are obliged to publish anything sent in by our funders but other than that it is simply what you send to us, although we do not promise to publish everything we receive. If you have any ideas you would like us to consider incorporating into YOUR magazine please let us know. If you feel the BVN is racist do tell us.

Please let us have your thoughts on whether the BVN is worth the effort? Does it serve a purpose? How can we improve it?

Alan Cornford & Jenni Burton

Braunston Village Weekend

Firstly I must congratulate all those involved in the preparation, planning and organisation of the recent Village weekend, you have obviously worked extremely hard to come up with such a successful event.

Secondly I am more than impressed with the way you have cleared and tidied up all the evidence of the event, particularly in Jetty Fields. The clearing up afterwards is the one thing that often lets these type of events down. There are obviously places where changes may be beneficial , but you have built on last years event and improved it.

I do have a one concern that was not answered on Monday by the individuals I asked. You had people going round with collecting tins asking for donations, similar tins were on the bar. There was nothing on the tins to say where the money was going and the nearest I got to an answer was that it was "for the village". I have no recollection of any declarations of money presented to the village last year, the event may have made a loss, but as far as I am aware no details were given. I feel that based on the explanations given to me on Mon

Letters to the Editor

day, there should be some explanation at some point in time as to what monies were raised and what, if any, monies may be distributed in the village.

Finally there was an opportunity at the Church Fete earlier this year for people to put forward ideas for the event, I regret not taking the opportunity to get involved and I hope to rectify that next year.

Chris Burton

Friends of All Saints' Braunston

It is 12 months since the Friends of All Saints' started its campaign to raise £250,000 to fund the repair and refurbishment of All saints' Church, our iconic landmark. In that time thanks to your wonderful support we have raised £ 13,606.01 .

Our three main programmes of monthly giving, floodlighting the Church spire and purchasing tiles for the roof are being renewed for 2011/2012 and a leaflet is enclosed within the BVN for your consideration. If you can support us please fill in one or more of the sections of the leaflet and return to the Treasurer. All contributors will be entered into our annual draw in December.

We are preparing an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund which we hope will be the major source of funding

Thank you everyone for your help and support in this mammoth task.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
Not just "Jam & Jerusalem". The Braunston Women's Institute created a fantastic ' Joseph' Quilt and raffled it in aid of the Church Roof Fund. The lucky winner was Mr Joe Seeney and the incredible sum of £1103.00 was raised. Matched funding from Barclays is being applied for and the final total raised will be published next month. The trustees of 'The friends of All Saints' Braunston would like to express their extreme gratitude for this wonderfully generous donation.



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Village Hall - Your New Floor

For the last two months members of the Village Hall Committee have been investigating the most suitable type of new floor for the Main Hall. This is part of an on-going face-lift which is also looking at new windows, re-decorating the entrance hall and improving the lighting. The existing parquet flooring, which has been down for a number of years, is worn and has lifted in several areas.

After examining quotes for various floors a decision has been made and a contract placed so that work can be completed during the Pre-School half-term holidays. The work will commence on Sunday 23rd October and will be finished on Friday 28th October. The parquet flooring will be removed; the floor area made good and a levelling compound laid down. Once this is set, a hard wearing, vinyl 'plank' floor will be laid. The new floor will be attractive, proof against spillages and suitable for dancing.

As you will appreciate, during the week of the transformation the Main Hall will NOT be available for use nor will there be passage through to the toilet areas. Before work can commence, the piano and all chairs and tables will need to be moved to the 'Games Room'. The protective cages around the storage heaters will be temporarily removed as will the entire run of skirting boards. Thus the Games Room will also be restricted, being used for storage.

Individual client groups likely to be affected by the closure are being contacted to give them plenty of time to consider alternative arrangements. In most cases they have representatives on the Committee and so will already have been involved in the planning. Our new floor will be a very positive improvement for the whole village and has been made possible by a generous grant of £5000 from Daventry District Housing as part of their support for local communities.

Alan Dent, Chairman, Braunston Village Hall Committee. 01788 891366

BRAUNSTON PARCELS

When we started sending parcels to our troops serving in Afghanistan, The Armoured Support Group of the Royal Marines were the recipients and they received them from April 2007 to May 2009. Since then our parcels have been sent to different regiments of the British Army. Those regiments being:-

The Queen's Royal Lancers

2nd Royal Tank Regiment (2 tours of duty)

1st Royal Tank Regiment

Royal Scots Dragoon Guards

It seems incredible that so many Royal Marines and soldiers have received our parcels and now know of Braunston!

We know that each parcel they have received is appreciated as each letter we receive in return has spoken of it.

My sincere thanks goes to all of you who continue donating to "the box". The total number of parcels now stands at 916, unbelievable.!

Thanks also go to everyone at the shop and the "hardworking girls" at the Post Office whose efforts make it all possible.

Thank you all ! Val Worrall

Angela Finch 1938 - 2011

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The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

The Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in the Village Hall, why not pop in?

This month will bring the second of the speakers on our autumn programme when

Anne Langley will be telling us about the life of John Ashby, a Warwickshire lad who wrote poetry. So join us in the Village Hall to hear about

John Ashby, the Life of a Victorian Warwickshire Lad.

With Anne Langley

On Tuesday 18th October

At 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

We continue to delve into Dick Herne's original Village Notes with his entry for April 1995.

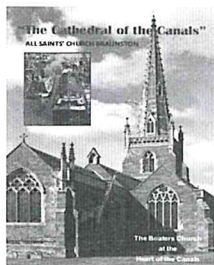
"Westfield House at the west end of the High Street overlooks the A45 and the Oxford canal which curves round the end of the hill on which the village stands. Clearly visible below it is the "ridge and furrow" of the medieval open field, one of three fields which sustained village life in those times.

Westfield House is a nineteenth century building that belonged to the Butlin family. One of them has a memorial in the cemetery. The hill leading from the A45 into the village used to be known as Butlin's Hill. At the bottom stood one of the tollgates on the turnpike road between Daventry and Dunchurch which opened in 1720."

New Publication

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Saturday 5th November

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All Saints Autumn Fair - 5 November

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Donation drop off points

(from 28th October) are

- All Saints Church, * 2 North Close - Alison
- 59 Ashby Road - Val, * 30 Church Road - Brenda
- The Rectory, High Street - Rev. Sarah, * 2 Maple Close - Lancy
- 4 Brindley Court - Rosemary

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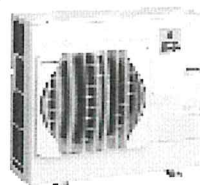
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Tap & Street & ZUMBA

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 (no exp req)
- 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



- 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+)
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Braunston Walkers and Waterfall Diving association Swaledale Weekend 16/9 to 18/9

After the success of the group's weekend away in Hay on Wye two years ago, we decided to go to the Yorkshire Dales in Herriot Country. The famous vet and author, James Herriot wrote of his life as a country vet in this beautiful area which inspired the popular, 70s TV series, "All Creatures Great and Small"

We drove to Reeth and the Kings Arms Hotel from the old market town of Leyburn and it was this fabulous approach that James Herriot took back in the 1930's as a young freshly trained Scottish vet, on his way, with some trepidation, to work for Siegfried Farnon. He paused, just as we did on the moor above the lovely valley and in his words "I gazed at the scene in disbelief. There was everything here; wildness and solitude breathing from bare fells, yet a hint of softness where the River Swale wound along the valley floor. I was captivated, completely spellbound and I still am to this day" This road over Bellerby Moor to Grinton and Reeth is superb and I can completely understand his enthusiasm.

Reeth is a lovely old village and the gateway to Swaledale but for our first, easy (debateable) walk we left Swaledale and drove to Arkengarthdale.

Arkengarthdale Walk (4.5 miles ish)

The small dale with its Viking name is the most northerly of the Yorkshire Dales and was formed by the rushing waters of the now tiny river of Arkle Beck which plunges headlong down into the mighty River Swale in Reeth. Three miles from Reeth we reached the tiny village of Langthwaite, used in the opening credits of the TV series "All Creatures Great and Small" with Christopher Timothy standing on the small humped bridge that leads into the tiny village square. The Red Lion pub stands on the left, a Black sheep pub, that looks like someone's living room. Lots of pictures of the actors from the popular 70's TV series adorn the walls. We were too early for a drink and so eight intrepid souls set off along the riverside path with the rain pouring down and all our waterproofs on. We followed the river under a canopy of dripping trees, then climbed uphill through a wood to continue below the old hamlet of Booze (it doesn't even boast a pub despite the name) By now the rain had thankfully stopped and we paused to eat Alan's sherbert lemons before climbing really steeply uphill following another rushing stream called Sleil Gill. We soon reached the first of the old lead mine workings that litter this lovely area looking back at the magnificent view behind us of Calver Hill which, at 480 metres, looms over Reeth.

After a challenging climb we reached the delightfully named Booze Moor and followed the distinct track over the hill to find, with some difficulty, a small notch in the wall where our path dropped, almost vertically down the hill and along the narrow woodland path back to Langthwaite and the cars. After an excellent dinner, a few Black Sheep beers, a comfortable sleep and a light breakfast of bacon, egg, black pudding hash browns, fried bread, beans, tomatoes and mushrooms we set off to drive to Keld at the far end of Swaledale. Another fantastic drive.

Keld, Gunnerside and back (12.5 miles ish)

Keld lies at the head of, in my opinion at least, the most beautiful of the magnificent Yorkshire dales. The name is yet another Viking name meaning spring. It was a centre for lead mining and at the end of the 19th century the population was around 6000. Difficult to believe when today there are 3 people, several dogs, some geese and lots of sheep. The tiny hamlet is surrounded by glorious countryside and has some spectacular waterfalls. It stands at the intersection of Wainwrights Coast to Coast path and the Pennine Way path, probably the two most well known long distance paths in the UK. I had spent many happy family holidays in Keld back in the 70s when my sons were babies and hadn't yet learned to ask "are we there yet" on the long drive north.

Ten of us donned waterproofs and left the farm car park in the village down a narrow lane between drystone walls to cross a bridge over the rushing River Swale, allegedly England's fastest flowing river, accompanied by the roar of Kisdon Force as a small tributary smashes its way down the steep slope in front of us to join the main river.

We walked uphill, over the top of the waterfall, to reach Crackpot Hall, not named after a local village idiot although apparently there was a wild child, called Alice, living here in the 1930s. The

name is actually Viking for "a chasm that is the haunt of crows." In any case the views down the valley and along the Swale from here are magnificent. We continued uphill into a steep sided valley over Swinnergill, a tumbling mountain stream with fantastic waterfalls, and on to probably our steepest climb yet, onto the moor on a very good track designed for Landrovers and grouse shooting parties. Eventually we dropped down to old lead mine workings. Unfortunately the small streams had all become raging torrents and although the rain had stopped we had to revise our route as the stepping stones had submerged. Bharat decided to go for a paddle and got rather wet. No bones broken, fortunately, so we walked along the valley called Gunnerside Gill, to reach our welcome lunch stop at the only pub in the Gunnerside, now community owned, The Kings Head.

The lunch was super as was the Theakston's beer, with Bharat rushing outside periodically to check if his smalls were dry. After lunch we set off along a lovely level riverside path to reach Ivelet Bridge over the Swale. This is apparently haunted by a headless dog although we didn't see it! We were tired by now and our path followed the river hugging the right hand bank all the way past Muker the tiny village famous for it's meadows and old stone barns, to cross the river at a small footbridge. Our path then followed the bank to rejoin the Pennine Way to reach the cars at Keld. In the evening we enjoyed our annual Braunston Walkers dinner at The Bridge Inn, Grinton, before falling, exhausted, into bed.

On the Sunday morning we had a 4.5 mile ish walk around Reeth by crossing the River Swale on the suspension footbridge, rebuilt after the Swale washed it away in the year 2000. We climbed to Harkerside up through tussocks of heather to find a Bronze age Fort, later used by the Romans, which stands above the valley. Fabulous views back over Reeth and this time no rain. We walked down through the moorland to reach the village of Grinton where we had dined so well the night before, then over fields back to Reeth.

A super weekend, great walks, scenery, company, food and beer!!

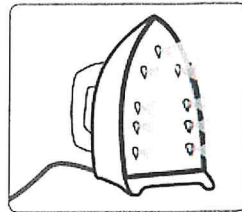
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Hendon RAF Museum. There are a few seats still available on the DACT coach going to Hendon on 18th October. Cost is £12. If anyone is interested would they please contact the undersigned.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Branch is at the Sporting Club, Barby, at 8pm on Tuesday 11th October.

Tony Saunderson
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3. Add the following numbers: 1000,40,1000,30,1000,20,1000,10. (A. 4100 NOT 5000)
4. Mary's father had five daughters, Nana (N-A-N-A), Nene (N-E-N-E), Nini (N-I-N-I), Nono (N=O-N-O), What was the name of the fifth daughter? (Mary)



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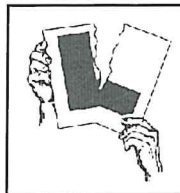
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Tuesday October 4th.

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After the meeting we hope to have "A Pudding Tasting". So bring along your favourite recipe and if possible samples!

Gill Powell

(Standing in for Barbara Bury)

Friendly Club

Next Meeting Monday October 10th

Harvest Festival with a Bring & Buy Stall of Harvest produce.

Monday October 24th

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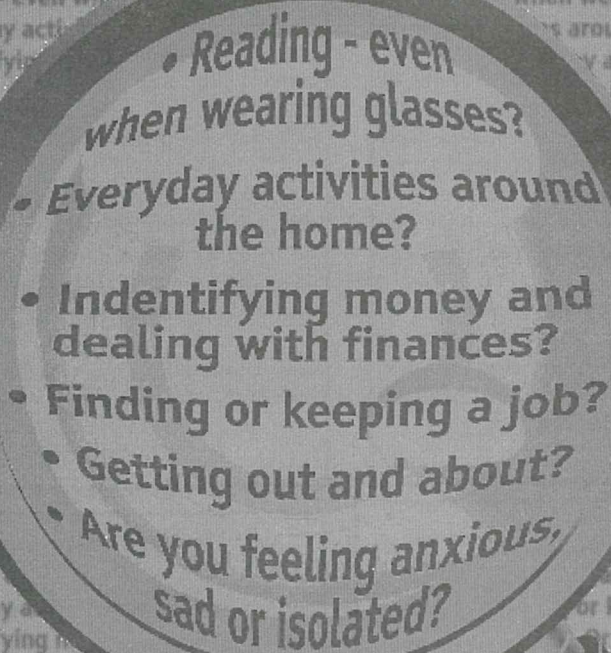
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Last year Northamptonshire Police Authority and Force, together with the six countywide Community Safety Partnerships, undertook a large-scale consultation on your priorities, specifically looking at crime and community safety.

Between October and January 2010, you or your community group may have taken part in a public meeting, completed a postal or online survey or "Have your say pack" or attended a workshop/focus group. We were very grateful for the time you spent in giving us your opinions and would like to invite you to take part again this year.

With significant reduction in finance and resource, and the associated cost of hiring venues, transportation and refreshments, unfortunately we are unable hold the large-scale consultation events again.

Instead, this year we will be gathering your views through the postal and online surveys, "Have your say" packs and small focus groups with community members who may not have access to the survey methods.

There are many ways in which you can give us your views:

- Complete our short online survey at <http://northants.police.uk/haveyoursayonline>
- Complete a "Have your say" pack which has been developed so that you can feed back to us the views of groups that you might attend e.g., parish councils, residents associations, or it can be used to feedback the views of your group of friends or family. Please use the following link to download a PDF version www.northants.police.uk/haveyoursay or alternatively contact Jane Follows at Northamptonshire Police Authority on 01604 887437 (email janef@northants-pa.gov.uk)
- Post comments on www.facebook.com/northantspolice

In these challenging financial times it is more important than ever that you have your say on the issues that should be focused on and we would, therefore, be grateful to receive your views using one of the above methods by Wednesday, 30th November 2011.

Thank you for your interest in crime and policing issues in your area.

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Braunston Youth Club

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