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Parish Priest:- Vacancy - Tel: 01788 890235 (Rest day Thursday)

**Churchwardens:** 

Pat Milner: 899157

Ann Parker-Tyler: 899251

Secretary: Sheila Rowley - 890559 Treasurer: John Lewis - 891149

Organist and Choirmaster:

John Viggers -024 7667 9967

Churchwardens:

Chris Levett: 891864 John Gray: 01788 890796

PCC Lay Chair:

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

#### REGISTERS IN APRIL 2011

# BRAUNSTON Wedding 30th April Matt Henderson & Jen Stapely Funeral 7th April Cynthia(Jane) Biddell

### CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - MAY 2011

Sunday	1st	9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Holy Communion
		(B): 18.30 Evensong (B)
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bank Holiday
Thursday	5th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Charity Concert in Church (Rotary Club for
		Alzheimers' Society)
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Morning Prayer
		(A): 11.00 Family Service (B)
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B): 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	19.45 PCC Meeting (B)
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion
		(A): 11.00 Holy Communion
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B): 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Braunston History Society
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers:
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 11.00 Family
		Communion (B)
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B): 19.30 Church Choir
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Am Church Spring Clean
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Team Holy Communion at Staverton – only
		Service in the Team
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

#### CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2011

#### April's Floodlighting so far...

1st April - \* Janet & John's Golden Wedding Anniversary

1st April - \* Happy Birthday Chris Grossart - with much love from all the family x

5th April - \* Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean

10th April - \* Happy Birthday Phyl - with love from Ken

11th April - For Louise, with love on our anniversary, from Sam

12th April - In memory of Mrs. Thirza Pittam

15th April - \* Happy Birthday Lisa - love Mum & Dad

19th April - To celebrate Alan & Nancy Matthews 67th Wedding Anniversary, with love from all the family.

17th April - \* For Janet & Alan Atack's Ruby Wedding Anniversary

25th April - \* For Henry Corbin's 2nd Birthday

26th April - \* Julie's Birthday

27th April - \* For Alison Baker on her special birthday on 27th April. Hope it is a wonderful day. Love Mum.

#### May's Floodlighting so far...

3rd May - \* In memory of Robin. From Iris Hewitt

5th May - \* Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

6th May - \* Lit by Barrie. In memory of Gillian

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

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



# VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS -MAY 2011

Tuesday 3rd Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 14.00 Pilates 19.00 Yoga  Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Spring Concert 19.30 All Saint's Church Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Explorer Scouts: 14.30 Friendly Club Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion  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> 19.00 Youth Club Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Explorer Scouts: 14.30 Friendly Club Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.45 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  Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Braunston Walkers 10.00 Village Hall Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 14.30 Friendly Club Explorer Scouts: 14.30 Friendly Club Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Scouts: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing: 14.00 Pilates: 19.00 Yoga Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo  Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> 19.00 Yoga Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls: 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> 19.00 Youth Club Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Braunston Cinema Club 19.30 Village Hall Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday			
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Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday	Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Braunston Cinema Club 19.30 Village Hall
	Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	
	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Braunston Folk Club 20.00 Admiral Nelson

#### Friends of All Saints Braunston



The Friend's of All Saint's Braunston would like to extend a special thanks to Tim Coghlan, owner of Braunston Marina for sponsoring The Day Star Theatre performance of A Long Weekend and donating the proceeds to the All Saints Restoration Fund. Tim is an ongoing and generous supporter of All Saints Church and we are very grateful



sorry.

We apologise to Mrs Pateman for not including her Floodlight request for her daughter Alison Bakers special birthday on 27th April in the last edition of BVN. The church was floodlit on this occasion and we thank Mrs Pateman for her kind contribution to the Friends.



#### Refurbishing All Saints'

A further indication of the problems.

Lead work degenerating. Tiles slipping as nails deteriorate. masonry falling.

The problems must be addressed if we are to keep All Saints' open.

# Long Weekend

A holiday cottage in the hills An unfortunate accident A confusion of identities

a black comedy from day-star theatre

The Beer Tent, Braunston Marina
Thursday 23rd June 7.30pm
proceeds to 'The Friends of All Saints', Braunston
Church Restoration Appeal

Tickets £7.50 from Braunston Post Office, Marina office . or 01788 890291 - ∻

Performance sponsored by





# Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised since last BVN

£ 126.68

Money raised from Penny Pots was Making the money raised since the 1 March this year

£ 411.65

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

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

#### Braunston's new folk club launches with 'The Big Squeeze'

The Northamptonshire village of Braunston launches its own folk club on May 31st at the scenic canal side pub The Admiral Nelson, with a stunning line up featuring some of England's top melodeon players. The squeeze box maestros are showcased on the new album 'Banquet of Boxes - a celebration of the English melodeon' (Mrs Casey Music), a collection of new studio tracks put together by Moulton resident Simon Care, who plays with The Albion Band, one of the country's best known folk outfits.

The Big Squeeze' will kick off at 8pm and feature a mixture of live music from the guests, a playlist soundtrack from club founder and internationally renowned DJ Pete Lawrence, who explains "Since I moved to Braunston three years ago, I've been looking for opportunities to start a folk club, and I can't think of a better place to do it than the Nelson. They have been really keen to work with me on this and we're hoping to attract some top acts from the scene, as well as having some 'sessions' with local musicians to round off the night."

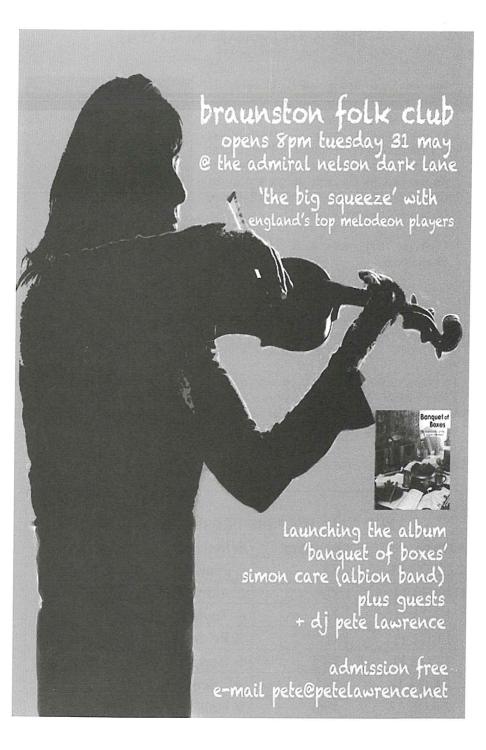
Admission is free.

A second evening will take place on Tuesday June 28th, before a short summer break. The club intends to run on every last Tuesday of each month, starting again in September.

info: 01788 891265

mailing list: pete@petelawrence.net

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Braunston-Folk-Club/#!/pages/Braunston-Folk-Club/ 141890739213290



#### THIS IS AN INVITATION TO YOU!

The Rev Sarah Brown will be Licensed as Team Vicar of Daventry with special responsibility for Ashby St Ledgers and Braunston by the Right Reverend Donald McAllister, Bishop of Peterborough, on Saturday, 18th June at 5.30 pm. After the Service refreshments will be served in Church to give you an opportunity to meet Rev Sarah, Archdeacon Christine & Bishop Donald.

Chris & Trish (Ashby) & Anne & Pat (Braunston)



#### Last months deliberate mistakes!

So many of you were kind enough to point out last months mistakes - Wrong issue number, Wrong month, Wrong copy date for this month to name but a few. Whilst it is embarrassing to have our failures pointed out it is gratifying to know the BVN is read from cover to cover by so many of our readers.

200 Club Winners latest results 2011					
Date	Number Winner Prize		Prize		
03.03.11	77	L Boniface	£50		
10.03.11	20	C Aldridge	£10		
10.03.11	13 G Taylor £!		£5		
17.03.11	115	S Brierley	£10		
17.03.11	135	G Donald	£5		
24.03.11	171	AF Brown	£10		
24.03.11	190	V Hall	£5		







#### ROTARY CLUB OF DAVENTRY

Presents a

# **Spring Concert**

Featuring

Marie Ward (piano)

together with Violin, Cello, Bassoon, Flute

In aid of

# Alzeheimer's Society

at All Saints, Church, Braunston

Saturday 7th May 2011 7.30pm

Interval - wine and raffle

**Tickets** 

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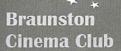
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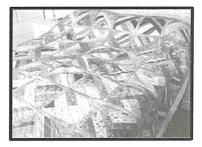
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#### PERSONALITY PROFILE

Memories of a Post Master -Derrick Turner
Derrick Turner was born in Long Buckby in 1928 but moved
to Braunston with his parents when only a few months old.
His father was a postman and his mother was the Post Mistress. A Postman's round in those days was a very long one
and Mr Turner snr. walked 10 miles daily on his round, never
missing a day. Derrick's father built the sweet shop /Post
Office on the front of his house in the High Street. It was very
much a family concern with all the family working in the
shop. When sadly, Derrick's wife loan died in the mid 80s His



mother, Margaret came out of retirement at 90 years old to help in the shop. She always said she would live to be a 100 and succeeded and died shortly after her centenary. She was very involved with the village and was a founder member of the Friendly Club which is still enjoyed by many to this day. Interestingly when coming out of retirement she refused to work on Wednesdays as that was the day she looked after 'old people'.

Trade changed when the working boats became less and the cruising boats became more prolific. Derrick remembers that the boat people came to the shop with a fixed idea of what they were going to buy and liked to pick their goods themselves - the birth of self - service perhaps? They needed to stock up with plenty of provisions when travelling as they could be a fair way from the next shop.

Derrick would rise at 5.30 as the mail came at 6am from Northampton. Derrick and the three postmen sorted the mail and then the postmen would deliver it to the village and surrounding areas. At two pm the post bags would be taken to the train station at

Willoughby. The Post Office carried on in this building for a few more years before transferring to new premises in the Londis shop, built on the site of the former Natwest Bank. Now the mail vans come from Rugby to Braunston to collect the mail as there is too much for the two postmen to take away. Derrick retired at 60 in 1988 and was presented with a clock radio by the Northampton Post Master. During the war there was quite a number of evacuees in Braunston from the east end of London. Derrick remembers



there were a few fights between the local boys and the cockneys although no serious trouble. The only factory in Braunston in the early years was the glue factory where some Braunston residents worked. Many more worked in the factories at Rugby and Daventry. Derrick remembers Braunston as a very different village to the one we know today. There were 4 butchers, 2 bakers, a sweetshop & post office, a general store, newsagents and 7 or 8 pubs. There was a Methodist Church, which is being converted at the moment, a Baptist Church at the top of Cross

Lane and All Saint's Church. Derricks' wife was a staunch Methodist and although he regrets not joining her at Church he is now a frequent and much respected member of All Saint's. Finally when asked "What would you like to see changed in Braunston?" Derrick replied "Nothing" which was a lovely reply. We enjoyed talking to this charming gentleman about his memories of Braunston and his life as a Post Master.

#### JETTY FIELD UPDATE

#### FLY TIPPING? IN BRAUNSTON!

Volunteer workers in Jetty Field were dismayed to find the remains of a hedge dragged and dumped in the middle of the Wildlife Area. We have been working particularly hard this winter to improve the appearance of this piece of land dedicated to the preservation of wild creatures. Young trees have been planted so that we can gradually remove the larger older shrub trees and then get into a routine of coppicing [periodically cutting trees down to the base to encourage smaller stems] so that the nesting sites are large enough to provide for a variety of birds and a variation in vegetation but not too high to prevent sight lines over the land. This is a precious piece of land that lets birds, bugs and butterflies have an undisturbed base from which to spread over village gardens.

So our volunteers now have to remove the waste or the Parish Council will have to pay contractors to do so. We are also working to keep the stream bed clear after the massive operation when the allotments were cleared several years ago and there has been no return of the flooding caused by the blocked stream. Please help to keep up the good work.

And one last thought. When the Jetty Field management committee was set up it was hoped that a representative might join from each area of the village. We have representation from Eastfield but not from The Green or from Archer Avenue. It's good to talk.

#### WORK DAY

This year's 'fun in the sun, pain in the rain' kicks off with a morning to drag surplus prunings, cuttings and similar waste to open sites for burning. There are considerable amounts to be shifted that have been gathered from the hard work over the winter. We run from 9.30 to midday Saturday May 7th with a miniscule break for refreshments. Please sign in with Carol Barnes at the Boatshop if you have not done so before to satisfy Parish Council insurance requirements. All are welcome.

#### BONFIRE ALERT

If the weather is suitable then we will be lighting some fires during the work day. Please accept our apologies if any inconvenience is caused and we will not be lighting fires on that day if the wind is in the wrong quarter.

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#### BEGINNER'S PILATES

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on

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# All Saints' Church

# SUMMER FETE

Saturday 4th June

Around the Church

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The Gallie Wildlife Fund Annual Prize for Year Six Pupils living in Braunston.

This award centres around the Wildlife Area of Jetty Field Park, in memory of Duncan and Marjorie Gallie. Mr. Gallie was a Headteacher of the local school and the prize money is provided by a fund set up for this purpose. During the time he was the Headteacher he classified and arranged a "Flora of Braunston", based on collections of wild flowers brought to school by the children.

The present Headteacher, Mrs. Rigby, has kindly agreed to promote the competition with her year six pupils after their S.A.T.s are over! Any pupil of this age group, living in Braunston, can also enter. Entries should be concerned with some aspect of wildlife anywhere within the parish of Braunston. It must be unaided work and can be by a group or individual.

Application forms are available from the school, from the shop at the Bottom Lock or from Mr. S. Rolt, Clerk to the Council, at 34 to 36 The High Street. Entries must be handed in by June 1st, 2011. Full details regarding the competition are clearly set out on the application form.

The adjudicators appointed to judge the competition look forward to receiving as many entries as possible. A cash prize is available to the winning group or individual. There is also a prize for the runner up. It is hoped to display the children's work in the village for all to see and enjoy.

# We need your Help and ideas.





To run fund raising stalls at the Church Fete.

We need you!

Contact: Sheila Rowley 01788 890559

Peter and Lystra send thanks to all at All Saints and in Braunston for the superb gifts presented to us on 17th April and for the love and friendship you have always shown us. You will remain in our hearts and prayers as we hope we shall remain in yours.

Our love and thanks

Peter and Lystra Dickinson.

#### Churchwarden's Blog

Palms, ponies and pink princesses

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our traditional Palm Sunday parade up the High Street. Although we were relatively few in number this year we sang up and waved our palm crosses with enthusiasm (singing and walking at the same time is seriously hard work though!).

We were led again by Tom the pony (we are always so grateful for his attendance) and by Trevor our Crucifer in his white robes with cross. This year Phoebe (one of our Kid's Club regulars) outdid herself, and all of us, in a gorgeous pink princess outfit. We must have looked quite a picture.

In Church, Marian led a moving Service with all the quiet and solemnity fitting the occasion of Jesus' trial and betrayal. As the week goes on the sadness and solemnity will intensify as we move through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday before we are able to sing with joy and shout alleluia on Easter Sunday (and tuck into all those Easter eggs).

As we reflected on Jesus' life and death, the world moved on around us. We had the pleasure to read the Banns for the third time for two couples preparing for marriage in our Church in May and we wish them love and happiness. We had a goodbye celebration for Peter and Lystra who are leaving us soon to start the next chapter of their lives together. Whilst we shall miss them terribly they go with our love, thoughts and prayers for a successful, blessed and warm and sunny future.

Please do join us at any of our services.

You are always very welcome.

Anne



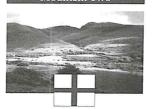
2nd Braunston Scout Leaders & Friends of the Scout Association need to raise money to repair 2nd Braunston Scout Group's building. Work is urgently required on the building if the Scout Group is to continue running. Leaders will be climbing Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in the Lake District "England" and finish by climbing Snowdon in Wales. All this will be achieved in less than 24 hours.





Please sponsor a Scout leader or the 3 Peaks team, all donations are welcome. Please support your local voluntary organisations.

#### Mountain Two



#### Mountain Three

Scafell Pike



Snowdon 1085 metres

#### Scafell Pike- 978 metres

Funds raised will go towards repairing our Scout Hut known as "The Den". We are very lucky to have our own building; we want to give the children of Braunston and the surrounding villages the opportunity to enjoy scouting in a safe environment.

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Ben Nevis - 1344 metres

Mountain One

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#### Braunston Parcels

Since April 2007 829 parcels have been sent to our troops serving in Afghanistan. An incredible feat and I thank each and everyone of you who contribute to 'the box'. The 2nd Royal Tank Regiment will complete its 6 month deployment in Helmand by the middle of May and will be returning to the UK> The new recipients of our parcels will be the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and our best wishes go to the serving personnel of that regiment for a safe and successful deployment. My thanks once again for your continued support and to everyone at the shop and Post Office who make this project so successful. Thank you all!

Val Worrall

#### The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

Although we have quite a lot of information in our archives, we have been unable to answer a recent query. Can you help with information about a film called "Running Scared"? This film was made in the village in 1972 and starred Robert Powell and Gloria Hunnicut. Were you living in the village at the time? Please let us know if you have any information, especially if you can suggest where there may be a copy of the film.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th May at 7.45pm in the Parish Room within the Church, where everyone will be welcome to join us.

Following our recent AGM Annie Rogers is our new Secretary, she can be contacted on davani@tiscali.co.uk or 01788 891179.



## Tap & Street & ZUMBA

Tuesday Evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



5.15pm - Little Tappers (3-5vrs)

## Dance & Gym & ZUMBA

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



4.45pm - Funky Dance (4-6vrs)

5.15pm - Gymnastics 1 (4 - 7 yrs)

5.45pm - Gymnastics 2 (8yrs+)

6.15pm - Street Dance / Jazz (8yrs+) 7.00pm - ZUMBA

### **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+)

8.00pm - Adult Ballet (no exp req)

# Acting, Performance & Singing

Tuesday Evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange

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4.45pm - Rocket (6-8vrs)

5.45pm - Upload (9-12yrs)

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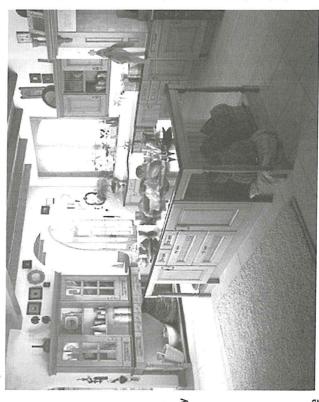
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#### Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 16th April Cold Higham & Foster Booth c. 11.9 miles

Last month was our 75th walk as a group. Who knew that in 2005 when we first answered Philip's advert that we would still be going strong 6 years later and still able to find new walks to try? It is great to see so many walkers at each walk and this one was no exception, twelve hardy souls and another area where the group haven't already walked. All this and only a few miles down the road to Fosters Booth and our start point, the Red Lion pub, on the busy A5. As it doesn't open till 12 we decided to go for a stroll first. The landlady met us and we ordered our lunch and with a confident "see you about 1 o' clock" off we set over the A5 and onto the Cold Higham road. After about 100 yards we came to an awkward stile (the first of many) on the right and climbing over we were soon in fields with super views over rolling countryside. We were lucky with the weather too, brilliant sunshine and very warm. More like July than April! The path leads over meadows and eventually up to a small lane leading into Cold Higham village. We followed the lane and at the T junction turned right out of the village and on to turn left along a narrow lane. After a few yards our path turned right and took us to the imposing Postcote farm. We walked alongside a lake and traversed the farm yard into a field of extremely inquisitive young cows. It was just like an episode of "Rawhide" as the frisky cows stampeded around us always stopping short of the group as we bravely made our way over the field. Where is the Horse whisperer when you need him? The footpath crossed several fields and eventually emerged at a forest called Grubs Copse and then onto the Towcester Road between Greens Norton and Litchborough. We crossed the road and followed a path along the field edge then took another path off to the right through three fields to emerge at Foxley Farm and Manor Farm in the small but delightful hamlet of Foxley. There is a tea shop in one of the cottages here but it did not look open so we made do with Brian's wine gums! Excellent and this gave us the energy to continue on the Knightley Way footpath over to a cottage called The Firs before joining a road for a half a mile or so and then a footpath off to the left which takes us over to Litchborough. At this point we were only 100 yards or so away from our last month's walk but we still managed to avoid using the same paths. We crossed the Litchborough Road and walked over one field before turning right and going through a field full of lambs who obviously thought we were bringing them food as they bleated after us. The path emerges on the Towcester Road which we crossed to join a bridle path over to Grimscote, Cold Higham and back to our well anticipated pub stop at Fosters Booth. By now it was half past one and after a rebuke from the publican's wife we sat down to foaming pints of London Pride and as if by magic, baguettes and home cut delicious chips. The food arrived promptly and service was very good. This is yet another highly recommended pub. Superb!!

Tearing ourselves away from the cozy pub we set off down the A5 for a few yards and then took a field path off left which, after crossing several, shoulder high, bright yellow, rape fields, leads to the small village of Astcote. We walked along the main street and then turned left along a bridle way over to Folly Farm and at this point our path starts to return past some Alpacas and via Flitton Hills Farm where I had single handledly rescued a chicken and put him back into his enclosure when we had done the recce a week earlier. I guess he is still cursing me as all his escape efforts had been wasted. Our path crossed more fields of rape

and just before Astcote a field with three rather

large but thankfully sedate bulls. After Astcote the path took us back to Butchers Lane Pattishall and then left until we met the A5 and our cars at the pub. This really is a great walk and we drove home suitably exhausted and ready for a cuppa!

Next month we take in some wonderful Cotswold countryside including what must be one of Englands most picturesque villages, Great Tew. 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.

The next walks are as follows:

21/5 Great Tew and the north Cotswolds (c.11 miles) 18/6 The Long Mynd (c.10 miles)

#### "DAVENTRY HEALTH WALKS

Walks in Braunston in May will be on Friday 6th, 13th and 20th. meeting outside Poppies Tea Shop and will start at 2pm.

These are 30/40 min walks and are suitable for all ages and abilities. Please wear suitable footwear for fields and towpath.

All are welcome. Any enquiries to Rosemary Kendall 01788 890543 or for other walks in the Daventry Area to Will Heckford 01327 302301."



#### Just for a Laugh

How men differ from women

Money

A man will pay £2 for a £1 item he needs

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A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend

A successful woman is one who can find such a man

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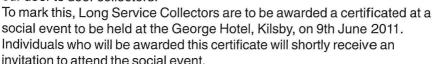
Men wake up as good looking as they went to bed

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

Don't worry ladies we will get our own back next month Jenni Asst Ed!!

# The Royal British Legion Braunston and District Branch

Each year the Poppy Appeal has been well supported in the district. This is mainly due to the hard work put in by our door to door collectors.



In May this year it will be the 90th anniversary of the formation of The Royal British Legion. This will be celebrated nationally and it is intended to hold a Church Service in Braunston later this year when all will be invited to attend.

The Branch will have a stand at the Braunston Church Fete on 4th June. We would be grateful for donation of prizes for the Legion raffle the proceeds of which will benefit both the Legion and the Church.

The next meeting of the Branch will be at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on Tuesday 10th May at 8.00pm. It will be followed by the usual refreshments. New and prospective members will be welcome.

Tony Saunderson Tel. No. 01788 890797

#### Braunston Village Gardens Association

The Garden Store will be open every Sunday until June 12th from 11am - 12 noon. Thanks to Dennetts, our compost prices are still the same as last year but our supplier of fertiliser has raised prices by a tiny ammount.

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#### Clubs and Society Events

# Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting:Tuesday 3rd May at
19.30 in the Village Hall. This will be
a Quiz Evening when we will wear
"Wedding Outfits" to celebrate the
recent Royal Wedding. If you fancy
joining in the fun, any outfit remotely
suitable for a wedding will suffice.

Challenge - A hand made bag.

Tea Hostesses - Carol Davey and Jean Hickson

Contact - Barbara on 890452

#### **Friendly Club**

Monday May 9th.

Amy Barber will entertain us with one of her talks on 'life & Laughter' Monday May23rd.

We will welcome a group of children from Braunston Primary School. Both meetings are at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Gill Powell 890763

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Village Clubs, Charities and Associations

In principle these are free but donations are encouraged. For further information contact Alan 01788 890291

#### VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
Air Training Corps	Stuart	078844	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs
	Chadwick	02797	Every Monday &
			Thursday
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs
			Every Tuesday evening
Bell Ringers	Peter	891935	Thursday Evenings
	Wenham		7.30pm-9pm
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus
			informal get togethers
Braunston Walkers	Phillip	891437	Walks of 7-10 miles
	Ray	891384	around the area
Church Choir	John Viggars	024766	Mondays 7.30-9pm
		7	
		9967	
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday
			evening 8pm village
			Hall
Friendly Club	Gill Powell	890763	
(for over 60's)			
Friends of Braunston	A Thomas	890494	
School			
All Saints' Kids Club	Alison Fiddes	891847	Sunday School for 5+
Sunday School			years
Gardens Assn.	Chris Grossart	890491	
The Dick Herne	Annie Rogers	891179	Meetings 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Braunston History Soc.	9-2		of the Month
Braunston Primary	Sue Rigby	890494	
School	Headteacher		
Playing Fields Assn.	Linda Hawkins	890583	
2 50	Wendy Wilson	890348	
	Louis Prat	890766	
Little Fishers	Kathleen	890908	Under 5's with parents
	Mynett		Mondays 2pm All
	M		Saints' Church
Pre-School	Braunstonpres	07950	Mon – Fri am during
	chool@google	246130	term time in village hall
	m ail.com		

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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	
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
Explorer Scouts	Steve Rolt	07956	14-18yrs Boys & Girls
		682733	Alternate Mondays
Short Mat Bowls	Gill Powell	890763	Thursdays 13.45
			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	

# Braunston Youth Club

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

Entrance fee is **still only £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

MAY

- Friday 13th. and Friday 27th

JUNE

- Friday 10th, and Friday 24th

Sorry for having to cancel Youth Club during April

Any queries ring Tina Parsons 07812538193

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

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