

# Braunston Village News

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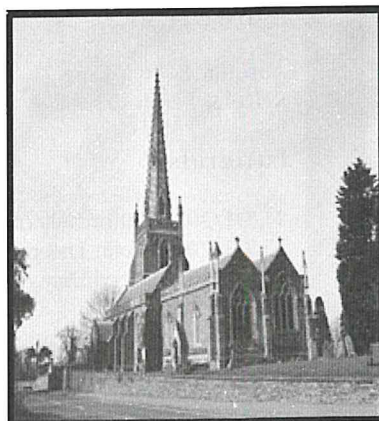
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## New Vicar for Braunston



We are pleased to announce that the Revd. Sarah Brown, at present Chief Executive to the Charity 'Farm Crisis Network' and NSM Curate of Welford, is to be the new Team Vicar of Daventry with special responsibility for Braunston and Ashby. Sarah is married to Richard and they have two teenage children, Alice and Edward - they will live in Braunston.

Sarah will be known to a number of people as she did a Parish Placement in Daventry before her ordination. We are very pleased that she is coming to the Team and she will be licensed by the Bishop of Peterborough at 5.30pm on Saturday 18th June at All Saints' Braunston.



Please come and welcome our new Vicar.



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Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers

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

**Churchwardens:**

Peter Dickinson: 891955

Ann Parker-Tyler: 899251

**Secretary:** Sheila Rowley - 890559

**Treasurer:** John Lewis - 891149

**Organist and Choirmaster:**

John Viggers -024 7667 9967

**Churchwardens:**

Bruce Turton: 01788 335579

John Gray: 01788 890796

**PCC Lay Chair:**

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

**Secretary:**

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

**REGISTERS IN FEBRUARY 2011**

**BRAUNSTON**

Baptisms 06/02/2011

Autumn & Mya Lane  
Raife & Seren O'Neill

Funerals

21/01/2011 Clifford Allcott  
25/01/2011 Colin Lister  
01/02/2011 Meryl Dicey

**ASHBY**

## CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - MARCH 2011

Thursday	3rd	19.30 Bell Ringers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Holy Communion with Kids' Club (B): 18.30 Evensong (B)</b>
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Ash Wednesday	9th	19.30 Holy Communion (D)
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 Lent Lunch in Village Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Morning Prayer (A) : 11.00 Family Service (B)</b>
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	There will be no Wednesday services at Ashby or Braunston for the time being: 19.00 Friends of All Saints AGM: 19.30 Annual Parish Church Meeting
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 'Friends' Barn Dance in School
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Holy Communion (A) : 11.00 Holy Communion/Kids' Club (B)</b>
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	19.30 Braunston History Society
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	There will be no Wednesday services at Ashby or Braunston for the time being
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 11.00 Family Communion (B)</b>
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	There will be no Wednesday services at Ashby or Braunston for the time being
Thursday	31st	19.30 Bell Ringers
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2011

Floodlighting requests not shown in the February BVN

22nd January - Happy Birthday Mum - love always, love Michelle, Rob & Charlie xxx

February's Floodlighting so far...

1st February - \* In memory of Percival & Winifred Hutchinson, from Ray & Janet

5th February - \* Lit by Paul Bennett for Kay & Arthur Williams

6th February - Lit by Phil Clarke with Birthday memories of Mum

10th February - \* In memory of Mansel Davies

13th February - \* In memory of Sarah Bodley on her Birthday, from Alf & all the family

13th February - Remembering Diane Roche - loved & missed on her Birthday - Gill, Cindy, Kelly & Brian xx

16th February - For Colin Lister with love on his Birthday - from all the family in the UK & Jody & Paul in America.

18th February - Birthday Memories for Bill - 90 years - love from Iris

22nd February - \* Louise & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

23rd February - \* Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum & Dad

26th February - Lit by Linda Wood. In memory of my dear friend Sparkle

March's Floodlighting so far...

1st March - \* In memory of our friends Violet Furber and Louise Stuart

7th March - \* Frank & Jenny's Wedding Anniversary

8th March - \* To celebrate the lives of May & George McCarthy and Bill & Gladys Law

8th March - Gill, Cindy & Kelly remember Betty Dunkley with love after a year.

8th March - In loving memory of a very dear Mum, who is forever in our thoughts & hearts. Love always Cay & Bill

15th March - \* Happy birthday Deb. Love Mart

28th March - \* Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch



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

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

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - MARCH 2011

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group :20.00 British Legion : WI 19.30
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm Lent Lunch in Village Hall
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga : Friends of All Saints AGM 19.00 Parish Room
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	'Friends' Barn Dance in School 19.30 : WI Spring Fair
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: Braunston History Society
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club : Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	

# Friends of All Saints Braunston

## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16th March at 7.00pm  
In the Parish Room at All Saints' Church

This is the Friends first AGM

Business:-

1. To receive the Chairman's report
2. To approve the accounts for the period ending 31st December 2010
3. To elect Trustees
4. To elect officers and committee members

By now all Friends should have received an E-mail or letter giving full details. If you haven't received this please contact Owen Davies (890076). Nominations can be made up to 24hrs before the meeting by writing to Owen Davies At 63 High Street, Braunston or E-mail: [davies63@waitrose.com](mailto:davies63@waitrose.com)

We are particularly keen to invite anyone willing to organise a fundraising event to join our committee on a full or part time basis.



The Friend's of All Saint's Braunston would like to extend a special thanks to the family of the late Colin Lister. At the funeral the family requested donations in Colin's memory to be made to the Braunston Church Roof Fund. We are delighted to say this very generous act has already contributed in excess of £500. This is a measure of the esteem in which Colin was obviously held by his family and friends.



## Refurbishing All Saints'

An 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.

# **Village Barn Dance**

## **With Live Band**



**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

**In School Hall**

**Ploughman's Supper**

**Bring your own Drinks & Glasses**

**£10 per ticket Under 12 £6**

**Tickets available in Post Office**

**Or call 01788 890559**

**Only 100 tickets. Book Early!!!**

Organised by the "Friends of All Saints Braunston"

All profits for the Church Restoration Fund



Hope & Homes for Children

# Hope and Homes for Children

## Funds Raised since last BVN

Money raised from Penny Pots was £ 59.93

Making the money raised since the 1 March last year £1731.71

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

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## BRAUNSTON PARCELS

Between April 2007 and mid February 2011 a total of 787 parcels have been sent from Braunston to our troops serving in Afghanistan.

A special thanks go to everyone who continue to contribute to "The Box" and to those at the shop and Post Office who are so actively involved with all aspects of the parcels.

Although we have not heard from anyone in the 2nd Squadron Royal Tank Regiment since Major Cameron's letter which was received just before Christmas we instinctively know that our parcels are appreciated by all when they arrive in Camp Bastion.

My thanks to you all once again for your continued support.

Val Worrall



# LENT LUNCH



Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Braunston Village**  
**Hall**

**12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Come and enjoy a chat and  
some sumptuous soup

## 200 Club Winners latest results 2011

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
06.01.11	151	B. Shrub	£50
03.01.11	136	I. Griffin	£10
03.01.11	48	J. Morgan	£5
02.01.11	75	S. McDonald	£10
02.01.11	25	S. Cleaver	£5
07.01.11	100	R. Kendall	£10
07.01.11	196	N. Boncquet	£5

### Time Out in Lent

On the Wednesday evenings of 23/03/2011 & 06/04/2011 the Church will be open from 7.45 pm to 9.00 pm for a bit of peace and time for reflection and meditation - the time of quiet will end with prayers from 9.00 pm - 9.15 pm - please come along if you need some 'time out' to prepare for Holy Week & Easter.

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### Lunch and Arctic Talk

On Sunday, 13th March at 12.30pm there will be a lunch at Welton Village Hall in aid of the St. Martin's Church Appeal. After the lunch Revd. Chrys will give an illuminated talk about her trip to the Arctic. Tickets are £10 for adults, children under 15 free, and will include two courses and glass of wine/soft drink. Please book tickets in advance with Helen Thompson on 01327 703633.

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### Car Drivers Wanted

'Home for the Holidays' - a three day break for the elderly - will be held at Daventry Methodist Church from 2-4th August 2011 from 10am to 4pm. We need people who would be willing to collect and/or return people to their homes. If you are willing to offer at least one morning or afternoon please contact Revd. Chrisw Treththanmor on 01327 707925 or email vicarwelton@o2.co.uk.

# BRAUNSTON W. I.

SPRING FAYRE  
ON  
SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011

1.30 pm to 3.30pm

VARIOUS STALLS

CAKES

BOOKS

TOMBOLA

CRAFT/GIFTS

GOOD CLOTHING

**Grand Raffle :- For Patchwork Quilt**

In aid of " Friends of Braunston Church"

Draw will take place later in the year.

**Refreshments**

Entrance fee 20p  
Accompanied children Free

All Saints' Church, Braunston

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**  
**3<sup>rd</sup>. April 2011**



**Family Service**

11am Family Worship, with  
songs and activities.

*If Mum is no longer with us,  
Why not remember her.  
By lighting a candle*

**Come & Join us**



## BRAUNSTON BUILDINGS

### THE STOP HOUSE - BRAUNSTON



As you walk down the tow path after the Marina entrance you come upon a quite imposing building. This is the Stop House. It was built in 1796 by the Oxford Canal Company. This was 26 years after the Oxford Canal reached Braunston and 3 years after the opening of the Grand Junction Canal. This building was the main office on the Oxford Canal Company, the people working in the Stop House at this time would have been the Company Agent in his bowler hat, the

Toll Clerk and a Night Watchman. The small black trap door was used to pass the toll money as the canal men would not have been allowed inside. During the time of the original build the window tax was in existence and if one looks up at the top half of the hexagonal bay, the two side windows were originally brick walls. They were painted to look like windows. When the building was renovated in the 1990s the bricks were knocked out, sash windows added and the roof returned to its original state with slates.

The name Stop House comes from the Stop Lock which once stood outside the building. This lock was unusual as it was 80' long and 8' wide. Most locks at this time were 72' by 7'. All boats had to stop in the lock to be assessed for tolls. The Toll Clerk would measure the height of the boat above water from the gunwales at the front and back. He would then refer to a gauging book for that particular boat to calculate load, and then multiply it by the current charges for that type of cargo. Valuable cargoes like coal had much higher charges than for example gravel or horse manure! In the 1930s the canal was widened through Braunston which meant that one side of the Stop Lock was removed. It is still possible to see the remains of the other side of the lock opposite the Stop House.

Half way up on the left hand side the metal window frame of what is now the Reception Office can be seen a small hole. A length of cotton would be tied to a tree on the other side of the canal and passed through this hole where it would ring a bell when leant upon. This was to warn the Toll Keeper of boatmen who tried to avoid paying taxes by muffling the horse's hooves as they went by in the dead of night!

At the side of the Stop House is a brick building, which was the original stable and hay loft above.

In 1814 it is reported that Charles Dickens called at the Stop House to send a post-card.

Continued.....

Local resident Mandy Cook's father was a Lengthman for British Waterways. The family lived in the Stop House from 1982 to 1989. Mandy remembers clearly the 4 cellars in the Stop House. The first one had a huge inglenook fireplace with a range and copper boiler with room for a fire beneath. The second cellar had a number of hooks in the ceiling and a drainage channel used for slaughtering. Luckily there was a plug in the channel as Mandy kept food for her pony here and came down one day to find that the water level in the canal had risen and the cellars were flooding. Once the plug was removed the water returned to normal!

Jenni Burton Asst. Editor

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## JETTY FIELD UPDATE

**300 plants** The team, mostly Andrew and Dennis, have between them planted over 300 items in Jetty Field. All the hedges in the Garden Area have been completed and gaps filled in. Hedges on the west of the field have been established and a beginning made to replacing the hedge below the allotments. And less obvious but vital work has continued in reseeding the field with plants that were recorded in Duncan Gallie's Village Flora survey in the 50s. There has also been some planting in the Gallie Wildlife area, not to change its use and value to the birds and bees, but to begin to thin out the bigger weed trees [eventually] and establish a more varied pattern of vegetation.

**26 sheep** We are half way through the winter grazing and already the value of these animals cropping the grass can be seen. They nibble deep down and cut the grass and plants with their teeth - a different process to the mechanical slicing of a mower. A big thank you to all who have accepted their presence and made the necessary adaptations to assist them. We are delighted at the efforts that are being made to care for them. And it is good to think that the field is in productive use and making its proper contribution in an agricultural setting.

**7 small leaved lime trees** Several lime trees have been donated to the park to finish off the avenue of limes running diagonally across the field. These are from a legacy of Louise Stuart and in her memory. Temporary guards are provided and these will be replaced in due course by larger enclosures to match the existing units.

**5000 pruned branches** The next big volunteer job involves dragging bundles of brushwood towards central points where they can be chipped with a large bore machine for use as path surfacing in the Spinney area. This should be quite fun and you would be welcome to join us by mentioning your interest to Carol Barnes in the Boatshop. It is necessary to register as a volunteer to be included in Parish Council insurance - working both ways of course.

Pat Herlihy.

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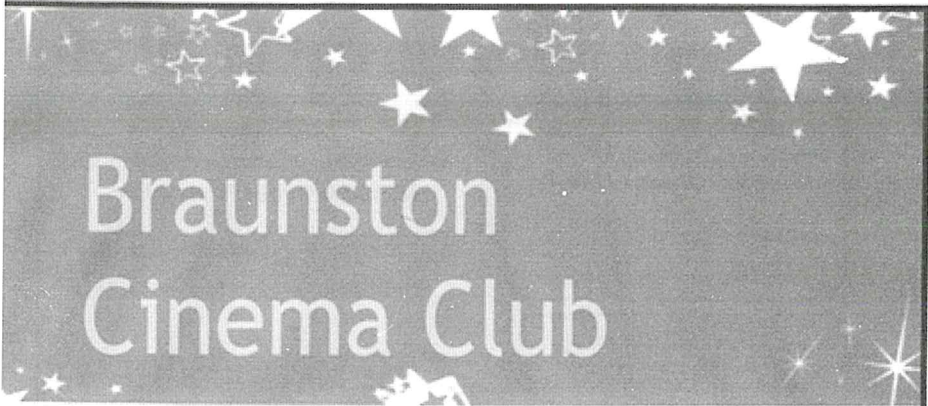
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Time: 19.00—21.30

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## 2nd Braunston Scout Group

Our popular Cake Stall and Tombola  
was even more popular than before.

We raised £380!!!

Thank you all very much indeed.

Our next Cake Stall is planned for 17th September



## LETTERS

Is it possible to include in the BVN a thank you to the people (I don't know who you are) who spent a fair chunk of the Wednesday before Christmas helping cars up the road into the village from the A45 in the snow. It was a selfless deed that made a huge difference to me ( it saved dragging two babies through the snow across the vil- lage) and, I am sure, many others too. It was the sort of good deed that we don't hear enough about nowadays and they deserve a public thank you.

Ian & Laura

Could I remind people that although the sheep in Jetty Field do "What comes natu- rally" it is still necessary to pick up after dogs. Apart from being smelly and unpleasant dog mess can cause serious infections. I stated in an earlier edition of BVN that I was prepared to pick up after other dogs but the problem seems to be getting worse, not only in Jetty Field but on the paths and roads around Braunston.

Jenni Burton.

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### Just for a Laugh

All these sentences (with all the bloopers) actually appeared in Church bulletins or were announced in Church services

Three men died and when they arrived in heaven St Peter said "Up here we supply transport according to how faithful you have been". To the first one, who had never strayed, he gave a Rolls Royce. To the second, who had had a couple of affairs, he gave a Ford Escort. To the third, who had been a real womaniser, he gave an old banger.

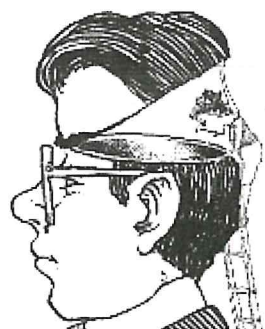
Two days later the three men met again and the man with the Rolls Royce was looking very miserable, "What's the matter?" the others asked. "Well" he replied, "I've just seen the wife go by on a scooter!"

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Ladies, dont forget the rummage sale. It is a chance to get rid of all those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.



HEL..LOOO?!

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The building work at the Village Hall is ahead of schedule! Despite the recent bad weather Martyn and his team have actually pulled forward one week. Unless there is another run of bad weather they are quietly confident of hitting the target date of March 31st.

The Braunston Village Gardens Association (BVGA) is already looking at plans for the garden area when the builders move out. Richard Dibben is joining the Village Hall Committee as BVGA representative. Like all the members of the Committee he will be a Trustee charged with keeping an eye on all aspects of the operation of the Hall, not just his own society. Some of you will recall that Richard was actually Chairman at the time the Hall was virtually rebuilt back in 1972.

Arthur Batchelor continues to carry the weight of the liaison with the builders. Thanks to his skills the interference with the smooth operation of the Hall has been minimal.

The Small Hall now only awaits the new 'carpet'. In fact this will be a very special Flotex flooring material capable of taking hard wear and the regular washing that becomes necessary at times. Flotex are producing a special colour finish which was selected after a lot of consideration. This should be fitted by the end of February.

### Going to Spain?

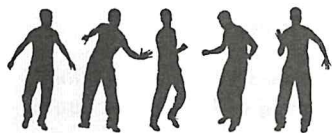
The Hall is for the benefit of all age groups in the community. From the little ones at Pre-School through the Youth Club, to the Friendly Club there are activities for all interests and all age groups. Now we have something new! Spain is the most popular destination for family holidays. Now you can learn to chat with the locals. Starting on Tuesday 1st March, 'Spanish for Beginners' is joining our existing classes in Dance, Craft and Yoga.

Lucia is a native Spanish speaker and a professional teacher as well as a young mum. She teaches in Rugby but will hold a class lasting an hour and a half, in the Library Room starting at 9am each Tuesday morning. She hopes to appeal in particular, to other young mums but everyone is welcome. To book a place contact her on 07984 001335 or [info@cleverdice.co.uk](mailto:info@cleverdice.co.uk). Why not come with a friend then you can practise between lessons!



## **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 & ZUMBA**

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



- 4.45pm - Funky Dance (4-6yrs)
- 5.15pm - Gymnastics 1 (4 - 7 yrs)
- 5.45pm - Gymnastics 2 (8yrs+)
- 6.15pm - Street Dance / Jazz (8yrs+)
- 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

- 4.00pm - Juice (3-5yrs)
- 4.45pm - Rocket (6-8yrs)
- 5.45pm - Upload (9-12yrs)

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Christine Walter

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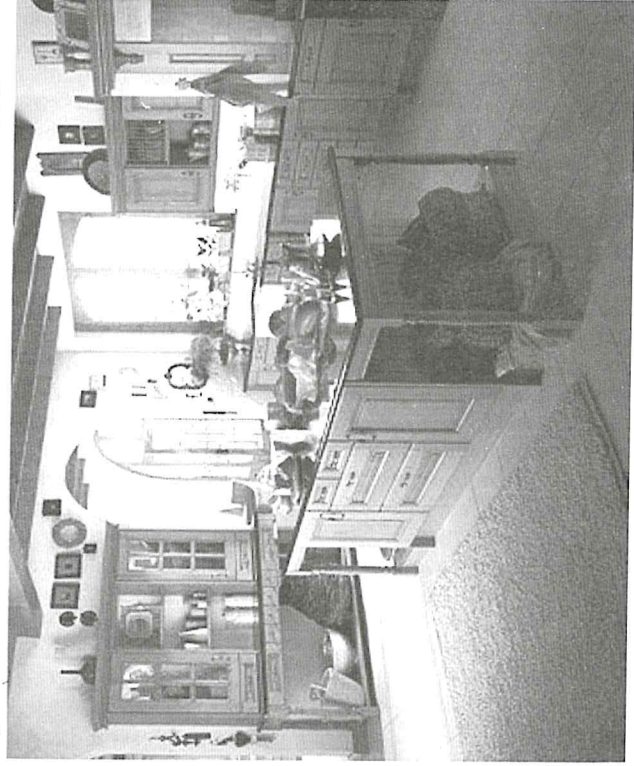
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## Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 19th Feb - Kilsby c.10 miles

The rain was battering my bedroom window when I woke up on this Saturday. The forecast had been for rain at first and clearing up as the morning went on. Isn't it funny how we believe, implicitly in the forecast when it says the weather will improve but we discount the forecast when they say it will deteriorate? Anyway this walk takes in our lovely neighbouring village of Ashby St Ledgers and the footpath runs, as near as damn it, along the hard shoulder of the roaring, busy M1 before crossing the old rail tunnel to get to Kilsby for lunch in one of the best pubs around, The George. There is a lot of historical interest and the theme for this walk is Father and Son as will become clear.

So with rain still falling, I was amazed that we had a turn out of 14 people as we set off up along the Ashby Road and then straight on up the bridle way out of the village and steadily uphill. This is a good place for views across the village normally but this morning all we could see were clouds! We reached the Barby road, crossed it and took a field path to meet the A361 and the road into Ashby St Ledgers. Opposite the pub here is a beautiful thatched cottage designed, along with the village war memorial, by Sir Edwin Landseer Luytens the architect. He designed the India Gate, that huge arch in Delhi as well as many of the other buildings there and, closer to home, the Cenotaph in Whitehall. His father was the great landscape painter Landseer whose paintings of magnificent stags with Scottish mountain backgrounds we have all seen. What a talented family!

We passed the huge Ashby Manor with its links to the gunpowder plot and took the road out of the village and down to a dip in the road shown as a ford on the ordnance survey map. We paused here to eat Terry's sweets which were, as always, much appreciated. Continuing along the road we crossed the railway bridge and arrived at a T junction on the A5. Turning left the rain had by now stopped just as forecast and we crossed the busy road and followed another small road towards Crick. In front of us was the M1 and our footpath turned off the road and ran alongside the thundering motorway. Not ideal but after a quarter of a mile the path started to veer left alongside the railway and away from the noisy road. After a mile or so we turned left and went under the railway to cross several fields and over the railway tunnel at Kilsby.

The tunnel was opened in 1838 and took Robert Stephenson (son of George Stephenson who built the Rocket locomotive) 3 years to build it due to problems with quicksand. Which also pushed up the price from the £99000 estimate up to £320,000 (over £23 million in today's money) Yet another talented family! Robert Stephenson had lived in Kilsby and our walk home took us past his old house which has a small scale model of the tunnel entrance in the front garden.

The George pub is said to be built from the same bricks as used in the tunnel. It really is a magnificent pub and we were made very welcome and the food and London Pride beer was excellent. The chips really are superb!! This has always been one of our favourite pubs and it never disappoints. Fantastic!

We left the pub reluctantly and pulling on wet and muddy boots we took a path out of Kilsby over to Barby emerging at the back of the village before walking up to the water tower and turning right down Longdown Lane. The footpath turns off left after the cricket ground and then drops down over several fields with Braunston and the church



in the distance. We walked along below Tiltups Farm and over more fields to come out at the bottom of Countryside before wending our way home for a cuppa. This really is a great walk and super pub! Well worth the effort!!

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:

19/3 Litchborough, Maidford and Blakesley (c.11 miles)

16/4 Cold Higham and Fosters Booth (c.10 miles)

21/5 Great Tew and the north Cotswolds (c.11 miles)

18/6 The Long Mynd (c.10 miles)



## Weekly Health Walks in Braunston

Every Monday (From July, 5) @ Noon

Meet outside Braunston Church

30 Minutes

Walk Leaders: We are always looking to find more people to help us lead the walks and extend the programmes. If you are friendly, enjoy walking, like meeting new people and have a few hours to spare, then please contact us.

For more information on Health Walks or becoming a Health Walks Leader please contact Will Haddock, Physical Activity Officer on 01527 302301 or email [whaddock@4everbydc.gov.uk](mailto:whaddock@4everbydc.gov.uk)



## The Royal British Legion Braunston and District.



Next meeting

Will be held on 8th March, 2011 at 8.00pm at the Old Plough, Braunston.

New or prospective members are welcome. Note that membership is open to all and is not necessary to have any connection with the service

Tony Saunderson  
Tel: 01788 8900787

### The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

Ann Langley, our speaker in March, will bring a more poetic flavour to the meeting with:-

"John Ashby's Victorian Warwickshire" on Tuesday 15th March at 7.45 in the Parish Room within the Church.

Everyone is welcome to join us. There will be a charge of £1.50 to non - members

We regret that due to unforeseen circumstances it was necessary to cancel Part 2 of the "Basic Family Tree" in February. We hope to reschedule it later in the year and apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced.

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### Braunston Village Gardens ASSOCIATION

The BVGA will be opening the Garden Store at the Village Hall on Sunday April 3rd. We again hope to be able to offer competitive prices on compost, fertilizer, canes etc.

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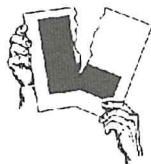
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## Clubs and Society Events

### ***Braunston Women's Institute***



Next Meeting :

Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm.

This will take the form of a Games Evening which promises to be a fun, friendly occasion. Why not join us for a relaxed and sociable evening. Challenge - A Handmade Get Well Card

Contact - Barbara Bury 890452

### **Friendly Club**

Monday 14th March

Gill Powell will be presenting a picture quiz.

Monday 28th March

Details of this meeting are still to be arranged

Gill Powell  
890763

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## VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Angling Club	Chris Miller	891938	
Air Training Corps			Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Monday & Thursday
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Tuesday evening
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday Evenings 7.30pm-9pm
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get togethers
Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7-10 miles around the area
Church Choir	John Viggars	024766 79967	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 5+ years
Gardens Assn.	Chris Grossart	890491	
The Dick Herne Braunston History Soc.	David Walters		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	Rev Claire	890235	Under 5's with parents Mondays 2pm All Saints' Church
Pre-School	Braunstonpres chool@google mail.com	07950 246130	Mon - Fri am during term time in village hall

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

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# Braunston Youth Club

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