

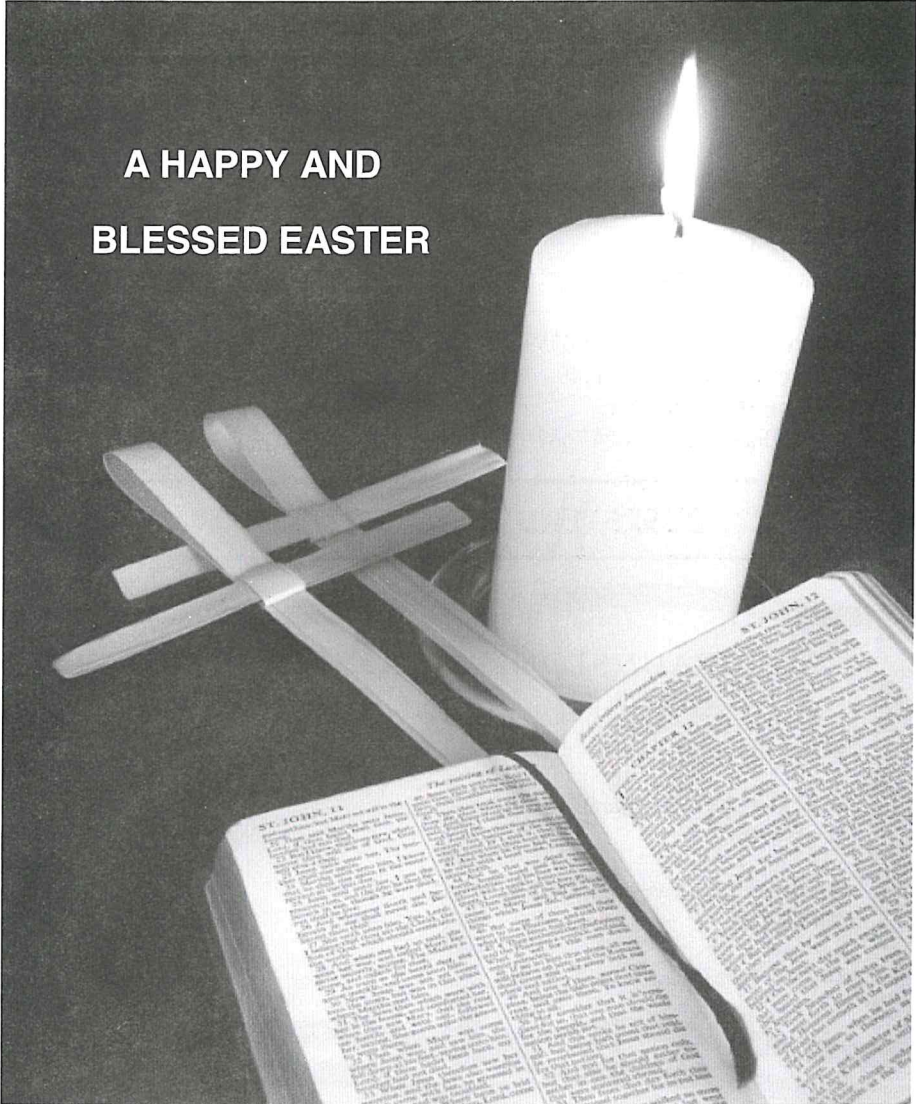
# Braunston Village News

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**A HAPPY AND  
BLESSED EASTER**





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Church  
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Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

**REGISTERS IN MARCH 2011**

**BRAUNSTON**

**Funerals**

2nd March 2011 Barbara Florinda  
KITCHENER

9th March 2011 William Stanley  
HARRISON

18th March Margaret Rose SYKES

**ASHBY**

## CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - APRIL 2011

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Family Service (B): 18.30 Evensong (B)</b>
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lent Time Out</b> -19.45 -21.00 Church open for Quiet Time in Church followed by prayers to close at 21.00(B)
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Passion Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Morning Prayer (A) : 11.00 Holy Communion (B)</b>
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	19.45 PCC Meeting (B)
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Holy Communion (A) : 10.40 Palm Sunday Procession from Braunston Village Green following Tom, the pony to Church for 11.00 reading of the Passion Gospel, hymns &amp; prayers</b>
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Braunston History Society AGM
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	There will be no Wednesday services at Ashby or Braunston for the time being
Thursday <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers: <b>There are no services in (A) or (B) but there are services at Hellidon &amp; Daventry at 19.30 to which we are welcome</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>14.00 to 15.00 Service of Meditation (B)</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Easter Day</b> <b>ALLELUIA!!</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 11.00 Family Communion (B)</b>
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	There will be no Wednesday services at Ashby or Braunston for the time being
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	19.30 Bell Ringers
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

## CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2011

Floodlighting requests not shown in the March BVN

14th February - \* Lit by Alfred Bodley, in memory of Sarah

March's Floodlighting so far...

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

4th March - For Daisy Bunn on her 10th Birthday with love from Mummy & Daddy XX

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

15th March - Birthday memories of Dad, 'Ernie' - from Phil

20th March - Love to Aunty Betty Ayres on her Birthday from Peter & Chris Grossart

25th March - Remembering Mum with love on her Birthday from Peter & Chris Grossart

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

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

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



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

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

## VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS -APRIL 2011

Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	19.00 Youth Club: 14.00 Weekly Health walk
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	BVGA Garden Store 11 – 12 at Village Hall (Every Sunday)
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I.
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	14.00 Weekly Health walk
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Super Spring Quiz 19.30 Village Hall
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 Royal British Legion
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 Braunston Walkers – Village Hall
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers: 13.00 Toddler Group: Braunston History Society
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: 14.30 Friendly Club
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Braunston Cinema Club – 19.30 'Brassed Off' Village Hall

## Friends of All Saints Braunston

### Barn Dance Raises over £500

The "Friends of All Saints Braunston" held their first social event, a Barn Dance on Saturday 19th March. The event was attended by over 75 people from the village and around and made a profit for the charity of £516.

The entertainment was led by the caller, Brenda Gurnham, and Glorishears, one of the Midlands leading Ceilidh bands who have been in existence for over 20 years.



It is hoped this event will become an annual feature of the "Friends" calendar.

Image by Chris Burton

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## Financial Update

Including the funds raised at the Barn Dance, the "Friends of All Saints Braunston" have raised nearly £8000 since the charity was formed in the Autumn last year. Only another £242,000 to go!

The trustees of the charity would like to thank everyone in the village who have contributed to this fantastic result. We are looking for additional help from people not necessarily involved with the church to join us on our committee. If you would like to help, please ring the Secretary, Owen Davies Tel 01788 890076

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## Special Thanks

The "friends of All Saints' Braunston" would like to extend a very, very special thanks to the Braunston WI for their generosity in making and donating the 'Joseph' Quilt which is being Ruffled in aid of the Church Restoration and Roof Fund.

## Tropical Paradise

Braunston couple opt for life in the Caribbean sunshine in favour of the charms of Braunston - What are they like!

Lystra and Peter Dickinson are picking up sticks in April and leaving for the island of Dominica to become Hoteliers. Peter a local surveyor, Editor of the BVN for 5 years and a current Church Warden will be a hard act to follow as will Lystra, a criminologist, born in Trinidad and an enthusiastic supporter of Peter and a contributor to many of the Church and Village functions. Peter has brought great knowledge and expertise to bear with fabric matters, making many changes for the better. He has been necessarily strong in making us face up to the fabric issue.

They have purchased and will be running the "Calibishie Lodges Hotel" in Calibishie. Word has it when they are ready special rates will be available to residents of Braunston - Watch this space!

Those of us who know Lystra and Peter will really miss them as will all at All Saints'. There is a tinge of envy as we wish them Bon Voyage and every success for the future.

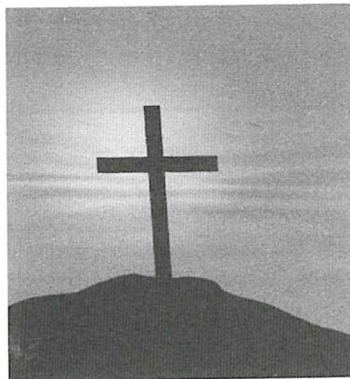
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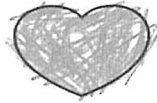
## Lent 2011



**A period of quiet and reflection Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**In All Saints Church 7.45pm – 9pm**

**ALL VERY WELCOME**



Hope & Homes for Children

# Hope and Homes for Children

## Final Total of Funds Raised 2010 to 2011

Penny Pots	£1,062.18
Donations	£ 60.00
Bilton Grange Concert	£ 226.83
Twinning Craft Tombola	£ 130.00
All Saints Carol Singing	£ 159.05
Making a total for the year of	£1,748.06

## Year 2011 Started on 1<sup>st</sup>. March

Penny Pots	£ 114.87
Donations from Lent Lunch	£ 170.10
Making a total for this year so far	£ 284.97

## Lent Lunch

Thank you to all who came along and enjoyed delicious soup, chatter and friendship on 12<sup>th</sup>. March  
Donations were made at the lunch for Hope and Homes. £170.10 was given and gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support at such difficult times.

Brenda Hobbs on behalf of  
Hope and Homes for Children

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## Braunston Parcels

Thanks to the generosity of so many people and the continued involvement of everyone at the shop and Post Office 814 parcels have now been sent to our troops serving in Afghanistan. It is an amazing achievement and my thanks go to everyone who continues to support Braunston's own project.

Cptn. Ruhill of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment recently wrote to thank us for all the parcels we have sent to his squadron whilst it has been in theatre. He also mentioned that he is hoping that the weather would brighten up after a month of rain. It is always a pleasure to receive a letter from Afghanistan and a copy of it is on display at the shop. Once again my thanks for your continued support.

Val Worrall





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Presents a

## Spring Concert

Featuring

Marie Ward (piano)

together with  
Violin, Cello, Bassoon, Flute

In aid of

## Alzheimer's Society

at All Saints, Church, Braunston

Saturday 7th May 2011

7.30pm

Interval - wine and raffle

Tickets

£10 adults; £8 concessions; £1 students and  
children

From Rotarian B P Thompson Tel 01788 890091

200 Club Winners latest results 2011			
Date	Number	Winner	Prize
03.02.11	28	D Jones	£50
10.02.11	53	K Kendall	£10
10.02.11	83	A Cunningham	£5
17.02.11	35	T Cluett	£10
17.02.11	38	C Talintyre	£5
24.02.11	108	G Fern	£10
24.02.11	95	S Rolt	£5

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## The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

After our Annual general Meeting on Tuesday 19th April we will be looking at a historic video "There go the Boats" (1951)

Both of these events will take place at 19.45 in the Parish Room within the Church. Join us, if you would like to, everyone is welcome.

We regret that Ann Langley was unable to tell us about "John Ashby's Victorian Warwickshire" at our meeting in March, we hope she will be well enough to come at a later date. We apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced.

tudorchimneys@btinternet.com

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## Easter at All Saints'

All Saint's Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 23rd April.

If you would care to contribute to the cost of Lilies / Spring Flowers in remembrance of a loved one, please put a donation in an envelope and deliver to Sheila Rowley, 5 Dane Court or Janet Cox, 88 Church Road.

Flowers will be purchased on Tuesday 19th April.



## PAST TIMES

It was more than 40 years ago, in 1970 that the Braunston Village News was first published.

Duncan Gallie, retired head teacher in the village school was the editor. He included a section called "Village Notes" based on natural history. Following his death in 1990 the main contributors to "Village Notes" were Dick Herne on historical topics and Frank Cox on gardening. I thought it would be interesting to republish some of these and other items from back issues of the magazine in this and future issues of BVN.

June 1980

Most English people love to own and cultivate a garden. We should remember with gratitude our predecessors who, by patient work selected wild flowers, and by cross pollination developed the brightly coloured flowers which today adorn our gardens. The cowslip - a member of the primrose family, has been developed to give us the Primula.

Several of our fruit trees were originally brought from abroad by soldiers of the roman garrisons 18 or 19 centuries ago. Enlisted from different provinces of an Empire which stretched from the Atlantic Ocean to the Euphrates, these men tried to re-create the gardens of their homelands by importing a wide variety of plants. Probably many plants would not grow in our colder climate, but some fruit trees were introduced this way. We imported the potato, runner bean, sweet corn, tomato and pumpkin from South America. All of these vegetables and many others had been cultivated by the Incas centuries before the Spanish Conquistadores destroyed a civilisation which in their blind hatred and greed they were too ignorant to understand.

Jenni Burton with kind thanks to the Dick Hern History Society.

October 1990

The 'Old Road' which joins the A45 opposite the Marina was part of the 'West Chester@ road leading to Holyhead and the crossing to Ireland. In the 18th century the Royal Mail and stage coaches, heavy commercial wagons and riders on horseback all used this track. The road between Daventry and Dunchurch was 'turnpiked' in 1720 that is taken over by a company which erected gates and charged tolls to pay for maintenance which was often neglected. The house at the foot of the Old Road was once the 'Bird in Hand' Inn and beyond it the road turned sharply into the valley. It ran over the old millstream which flowed across Berryfields to join the Leam. Then past the 'Old Castle' Inn, now a guests house and continued to Dunchurch Beyond this travellers had to face crossing Dunsmore Heath, a haunt of footpads and highwaymen.

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

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a **SPRING CLEAN**  
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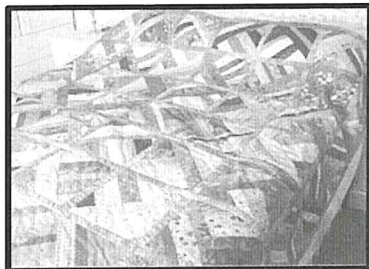
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## Braunston WI

Proudly presents the

### 'JOSEPH' QUILT



Quilt size: 75" x 75" (190.5cm x 190.5cm)

To be raffled in aid of the Church Roof Fund.

Tickets £1 available from any WI member

The Draw will take place during the Village Weekend

## CANAL MAINTENANCE

### Winter 2010/11 - Maintenance work at Braunston Locks



Two new bottom end lock gates have been fitted to lock 1 this winter, included in this work was the installation of a new anchor block for each gate. These blocks consist of steel beams (previously timber) attached within the anchor block and run under the quadrants en-cased in concrete to considerable depth. Horn bolts are located within the anchor to which the collar around the heel of the gate is attached. This whole system is basically the fix which keeps the gate in position. The bricks to the quadrant are then re-laid over the concrete, returning the site to its previous outlook.

Lock 5 also has new anchors installed to the existing gates to re-stabilize - including a new cill

bumper at the top end. This bumper is a very large timber re-cessed into the lock walls either side and takes the impact from boats as they enter the lock going uphill.

Lower sets of gates seem to suffer the most and new bottom gates will save water even if the top gates are becoming worn and leaking. They are only replaced after all attempts to repair or adjust have been tried and a life somewhere in the region of 20 years is expected even on a busy flight like Braunston. The new gates are made by BW in their workshop at Stanley Ferry, nr, Wakefield in West Yorkshire. The final adjustments for fit and sealing take place on site

during installation. These gates are oak but there are a few all steel gates on the system and at lock 2 Hillmorton both ends of the lock have original cast-iron. The gates are delivered with the beams separate and can have the paddle gear and gate paddles already installed - unless heritage states otherwise and the original will be re-used. The pictures show the extent of brickwork etc that is not normally visible in the locks also the water drain and return points linked to the ground paddles. Seeing the quality of workmanship achieved all those years ago without all the mechanical aids available today is quite an eye opener. That the same methods are still basically used today shows the quality and foresight of the design.



By Chris Burton, with grateful assistance from Steve Morgan of British Waterways



# All Saints' Church Easter Services 2011

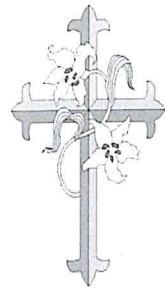
**Palm Sunday Procession**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. April**

Meeting at the WheatSheaf  
at 10:30am



**Good Friday Meditation**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. April**

2 - 3 pm at All Saints



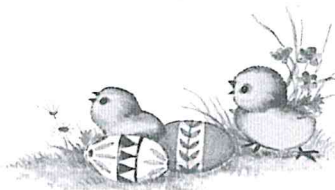
**EasterDay –**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. April**

**8am Holy Communion**

**11am Family Communion**

**Come & Join us!**



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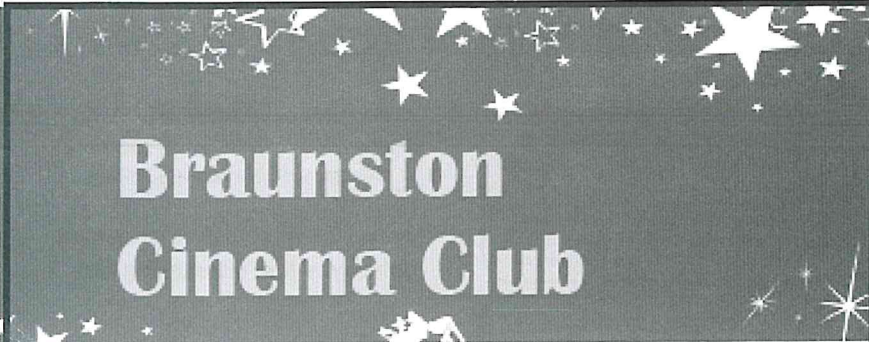
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# Braunston Cinema Club

**Braunston Village Hall**  
**Saturday 30 April, 7.30pm**

## **Brassed Off** (1996, 15)

Starring Ewan McGregor and Pete Postlethwaite

**Homemade ples from 7pm**

**Future screenings: 28 May & 25 June**

### **Tickets £3**

In advance from 07989 421836/  
braunstoncinemaclub@gmail.com/on door  
Soft drinks available; bring your own wine/beer  
Centre Screen - [www.ruralcinema.net](http://www.ruralcinema.net)



**Braunston Pre-school**

invites you to



# **A Right Royal Event**

**Braunston Playing Field**

**Sunday 1 May**

**12-4pm**

**Fun for all the family including bouncy castle, storytelling, music, face-painting and more**

**2pm - Children's Kings and Queens fancy dress parade**

**3pm - Grand Raffle Draw - over 50 fantastic prizes including a television, personal trainer sessions and British Touring Car Race tickets.**

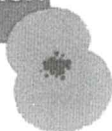
**Food stalls and bar**

**Special guest Katy Ashworth (CBEEBIES)**



Pre-school is contributing 10 per cent of the total cost of the village hall redevelopment. Profits from A Right Royal Event will help our continuing fundraising project. Please come and support this valuable community initiative.

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
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## Ruin to Ancient Monument

If you follow the track through the gated road from the A45 and opposite the bus stop where the road crosses the canal at Braunston you will eventually come to the beautiful old Church of St Peter's Wofhamcote. The Domesday Book records that there has been a church on this site but the current church (following many alterations and additions) was rebuilt in the 14 century. Due to the decline in population the Church was often unused and finally closed after the war. There was a lot of vandalism at the time and the 'Friends' of St Peter's maintained it as well as possible. Eventually the Church was declared redundant by The Pastoral Measure of 1968. The Redundant Churches Fund took over the maintenance of the Church and a schedule of repairs was carried out over the next few years. The Church is now a unique and beautiful space owned by



the Churches' Conservation Trust, (CCT). Visitors come to the Ancient Monument. We would like this space to be used for Arts events locally. It seems to be an ideal space for this and it will support its future with the CCT. We want to cherish the building and what it stands for over the centuries.

We have developed a website which hosts the videos we have made for school use - "All History is Here". It will also contain records and reports from the history of the parish. We are bidding for funding from Arts on Our Doorstop. This will be to showcase the Church and area further on the website and to put on Arts events. The first event will be on June 25th, Warwick Folk Festival will include us in their Folk Dance Festival, bringing 50 dancers. We will combine this with a CCT Tea party. We ask for your support.

Fiore Musical bring their Concert on July 3rd - see their website for ticket sales.

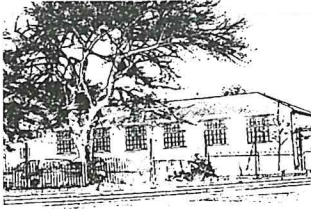
Now we need more ideas please!

Sheila Becket

shebecket@yahoo.com

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**Alan Dent**



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**or e-mail**

**[a.dent725@btinternet.com](mailto:a.dent725@btinternet.com)**

## Weekly Health Walks in Braunston

There will be two 30/40 min walks in April both starting from Poppies Tea Rooms opposite Londis in the High Street - the dates are Friday, April 1st and Friday, April 8th at 2pm.

Rosemary Kendall  
[Kendall.rosemary7@gmail.com](mailto:Kendall.rosemary7@gmail.com)

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## Religious Golf Match

(Story told by Rick Wakeman on Countdown - December 2005)

The Chief Rabbi in Jerusalem felt that it was time to make some attempt at reconciliation with the Catholic Church. So he contacted the Pope - not the present one, the previous one, the Polish chap, Pope Paul - and, knowing that sport was always a good way to break the ice, he suggested a golf match. The Pope called his Cardinals together and put the suggestion to them and they agreed that it sounded a good idea. But it soon became apparent that not a single one of them played golf.

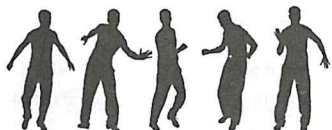
Now this was serious - but one of the Cardinal came up with a bright idea and said to the Pope, "Jack Nicholas is a very devout Catholic., if he were to agree and you were willing, you could make him a Cardinal and then he could represent the Vatican for us". The Pope hesitated but, seeing no other way out of the predicament agreed. And so it was that Jack Nicholas was made a Cardinal and soon the important match took place.

The following day Jack reported to the Vatican and was granted an audience with the Pope. "How did the match go?" he asked. "Well", said Jack "there is some good news and some bad news." "How is that?" said the Pope. "Well" said Jack, "I played the best round of golf in my life. Every drive off the tee went straight down the middle, I chipped faultlessly onto the greens and my putting was flawless. I achieved the lowest score ever in my whole golfing career." "Marvellous!" replied the Pope, "So what can possibly be the bad news?" "Well, I lost the match by three strokes, you see my opponent was Rabbi Tiger Woods!"



## ***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

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## Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 19/3/11 Litchborough, Maidford and Blakesley (c.9 miles)

With blazing spring sunshine and not a cloud in sight eleven of us set off on this walk in a new area for us that takes three lovely old villages and some stunning scenery as well!

After a drive to Litchborough we walked along the high street past the imposing old stone Litchborough House to turn right along Kiln Lane to join the grassy Knightley Way, a twelve mile path from Badby to Greens Norton. Our path went off left and crossed fields to reach the Litchborough Road where we turned right and soon reached a fingerpost pointing left towards Maidford. Some wag had turned this 180 degrees and in the recce we had nearly gone wrong here but luckily Philip had spotted the error and we had fixed the sign (strange really as I was the one with the map at the time, but maybe that says it all!) We crossed fields past some increasingly inquisitive highland cattle before reaching Maidford and its small mid 12th century church. It is unusual and has a pitched roof on top of its square tower. The wooden pews inside are dated 1879, a Victorian addition. Nigel stood in for Terry and offered us mints before we crossed a road and then took another road before reaching a field path that crosses what must have been some kind of quarry. Now it is green meadow land with strange humps and bumps and full of bleating sheep and newborn lambs always a lovely sight but improved with the sunshine. After crossing the Litchborough road again our footpath traversed several fields and on the left an old track leading up to disused quarries according to the OS map. We reached a narrow meandering river and the site of an old Fulling Mill mentioned on the map. Fulling also called Tucking was apparently a process of cleaning wool of oil and dirt to make it thicker as part of the cloth making process. Before the fulling mill medieval people used to do this using their feet. Not unlike wine making but without the resultant product! The mill was where wool was stretched on frames called tenters and then pounded. That's where the phrase "on tenter hooks" originates. Fullers Earth which you may of heard of, comes from the vale of the white horse in Oxfordshire, and was a soft clay used to absorb lanolin and oils in clothmaking. This is turning into an episode of Stephen Fry's QI isn't it?

Back to the walk we crossed a road and followed the path over a disused railway which used to be the Stratford on Avon and Midland Junction railway. Philip selected a hazel stick and using Alan's hastily produced penknife created a great walking stick for Jane. Our path lead to the hamlet of Woodend and we turned left here to walk along the road and down into Blakesley. The road soon reached a bridge over the old railway and on our right the old station. Over to our left is parkland that was once Blakesley Hall, then home of Charles Bartholemew who was lucky enough to have a miniature railway (now sadly, and like the main railway, no longer there) to take him from the station to his house (now sadly demolished) and to have a pub "The Bartholemew Arms" named after him, where we had an excellent, great value lunch. As the pub was not officially opened till 26/3 we had been a little concerned that it would not meet our standards but it was super and highly recommended!! The Brakespear Ale was one of the very best.

After lunch we walked through the quaint old stone village and our path turned right off

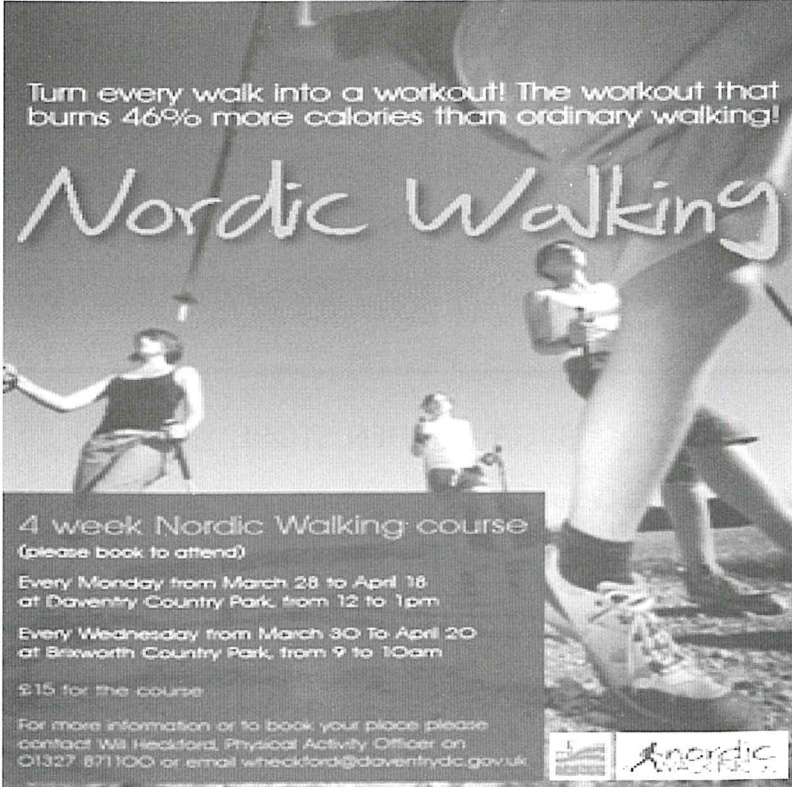


the road shortly after the church and crossed two fields then in the third field we branched off left and soon reached the Banbury Lane. Crossing this road our path followed a river behind Seawell Valley House on our left then past Tivy Farm to again reach the Litchborough Road which we crossed before coming back into Litchborough along a magnificent avenue of trees which leads to Litchborough House, still bathed in sunshine, and the village where we had left the cars for the drive back. A great walk through some of our lesser known Northants villages.

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:

- 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)



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# Nordic Walking

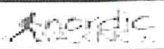

**4 week Nordic Walking course**  
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Every Wednesday from March 30 To April 20  
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# The Royal British Legion Braunston and District.



## Legion Anniversary

The RBL was formed in November 1921 and, hence, this year is it's 90th Anniversary. It is hoped to celebrate this event and details will be advised later.

## Branch Luncheon

The Branch will be holding an informal luncheon for all members and friends at The Old Plough, Braunston on Tuesday 17th May. Just turn up anytime between 12.00 - 12.30. There will be no set menu, just order from the pub menu as much or as little as you want. We look forward to receiving good support for this event and would particularly like to see anyone who is contemplating joining the Legion.

## Band Concerts.

A date for your diaries - the annual concert given by the Black Dyke will be held on 29th October at the Derngate Northampton. Also, Daventry Branch of the RBL will be holding a concert in Daventry in conjunction with Daventry Brass on 16th April.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Sporting Club, Barby on Tuesday April 12th at 8.00pm

Tony Saunderson  
Tel: 01788 8900787

## BVGA GARDEN STORE

The Garden Store will be opening this year on Sunday April 3rd. We open each Sunday from then until June 12th from 11 am-12 noon.  
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## Clubs and Society Events

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



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Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm.

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Challenge - Something Recycled or Renewed.

Contact - Barbara Bury 890452

### **Friendly Club**

Monday April 11th

Why not join us for a game of "Beetle" followed as always by sandwiches, cake and tea. New "Friends" always welcome.

2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Wednesday April 27th

An afternoon with tea and scones plus a Bring & Buy Stall. Come and join us at 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Gill Powell  
890763

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For further information contact **Alan 01788 890291**

## 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

# Braunston Youth Club

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APRIL - Friday 1<sup>st</sup>., Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. and Friday 29<sup>th</sup>.

MAY - Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Any queries ring Tina Parsons **07812538193**

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