

Braunston Village News

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH BRAUNSTON

"The Cathedral of the Canals"

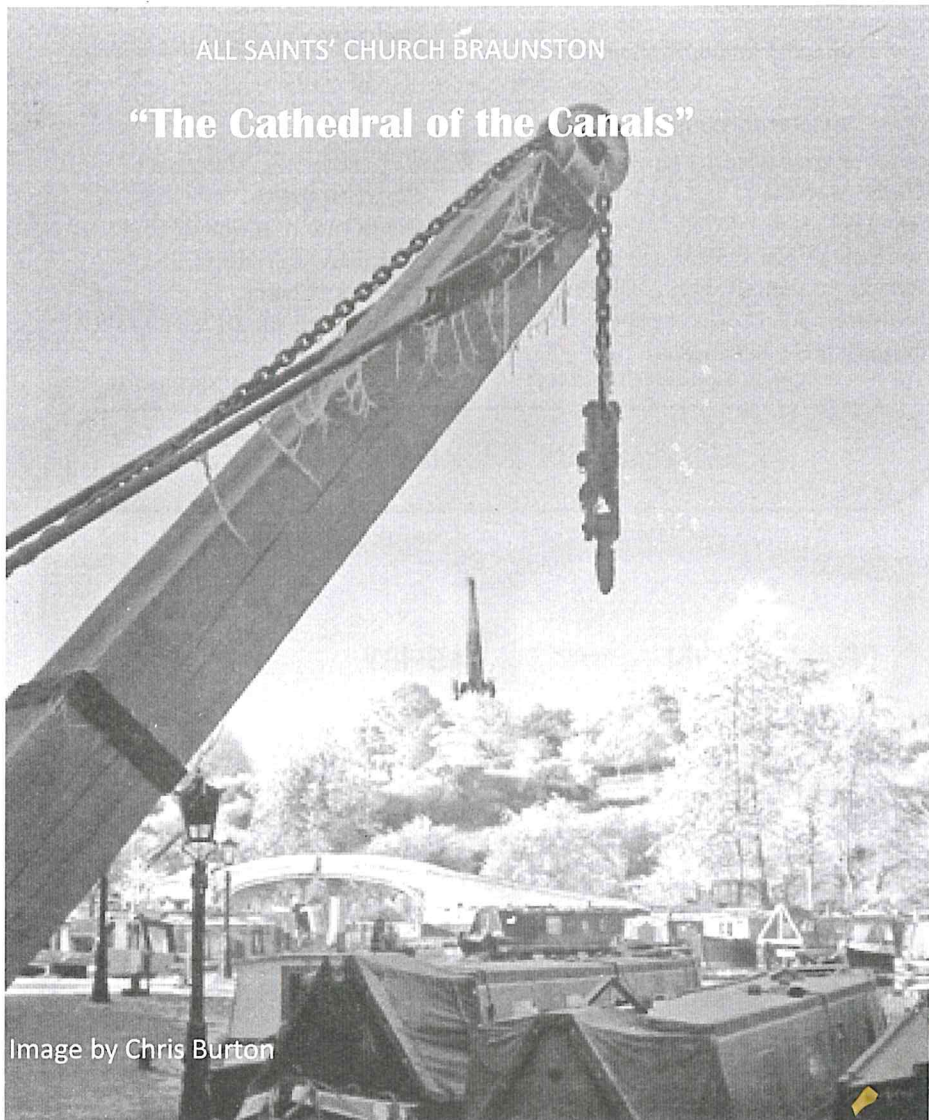


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REGISTERS IN JANUARY 2011

BRAUNSTON

Funerals

Thirza Pittam on 5/01/2011

Clifford Allcot 21/01/2011

Colin Lister 25/01/2011

ASHBY

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2011

Wednesday	2 nd	No services
Thursday	3 rd	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	6th	9.15 Holy Communion (A) : 11.00 Holy Communion & Kids Club & Baptism (B) : 12.30 Baptism (B) : 18.30 Evensong (B)
Monday	7 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	9 th	No services: 19.45 PCC
Thursday	10 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	13th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Morning Prayer (A): 11.00 Family Service (B)
Monday	14 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	16 th	No services
Thursday	17 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	20th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Holy Communion (A) : 11.00 Holy Communion & Kids' Club(B)
Monday	21 st	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	22 nd	19.30 Braunston History Society
Wednesday	23 rd	No services
Thursday	24 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	27th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 11.00 Family Communion (B)
Monday	28 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

our Christingle at All Saints in December £86 was raised for the Childrens' Society.

The Carol Singing in Greenway and the surrounding streets on Tuesday before Christmas raised £159 for Hope & Homes for children.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2011

Floodlighting requests not shown in the December BVN

12th December - Happy 20th Wedding Anniversary. All my love, Linda

18th December - * Gordon, the brightest star, also remembering Dad & Mick

23rd December - Happy Birthday Mum (Marion Pateman) - lots of love from Alison, Mike & Kurt

24th December - Carl Grant - Birthday memories for your 50th Birthday. Always in our thoughts. Sharon Kyle Siann Lisa & family

24th December - For Mum & Dad on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. With love, Angela, Steve and Grace.

25th December - Remembering Albert & Sarah Kendall with love from all the family

31st December - lit by Val Worrall with Cherished memories of our loving and devoted parents on their wedding anniversary

January's Floodlighting so far...

1st January - Janey Smith- Happy 40th Birthday - love from Aunties Sylvia, Jeanie & Karen & Uncles Terry, George & Dave xx

8th January - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan

15th January - * Celebration of Shelley's birthday from Mum, Dad, Craig, Laura & Hollie

25th January - * In memory of Audrey Flower

29th January - * Alan & Pauline's Wedding Anniversary

February's Floodlighting so far...

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

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

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



* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

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

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS - FEB 2011

Tuesday	1 st	19.30 WI
Friday	4 th	19.00 Youth Club
Tuesday	8 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 20.00 British Legion
Wednesday	9 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	10 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	12 th	Scouts Cake Stall from 9.30am
Monday	14 th	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	15 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group : 19.45 History Society
Wednesday	16 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
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BRAUNSTON OPEN GARDENS

The Braunston Village Gardens Association will once again be organising an Open Gardens in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support this summer. For those new to the village, we usually open approximately 12 gardens on a Sunday afternoon. This year it will probably be at the end of May or the beginning of June. The gardens vary in size and character, which makes it an enjoyable experience for the many visitors, who tour the gardens. I will be contacting the gardeners, who have opened in the past, but if any other garden owner is interested in joining in, please contact Jean Dibben on 890515 or e-mail dibben@btinternet.com for more **details**.

COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy for a Community Governor at Braunston School. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like more information, please contact the school on 01788 890494

Friends of All Saints Braunston

Floodlighting the Church Spire


Whilst we have no Vicar in residence at the Rectory, please continue to leave your requests there but allow at least one week for us to process your requirement. Please keep dedications to no more than 12 words.

For clarification you can still arrange for the floodlighting of the Church Spire for a donation of £6. Due to the rise in the cost of electricity over the last 10 years since we started doing this, the PCC has found it necessary to raise the charge from £5 to £6. Should you wish to donate £20 to the "Friends of All Saints Braunston" for floodlighting the spire, you would automatically become a "Friend" and you would go into our annual draw.

The Editor would like to offer his apologies to the Grant family for wrongly dating the Floodlighting request for Carl Grant which should have been the 24th December.

Results of the Friends Annual Draw

1st Prize - No 87 - Charles Dunn
2nd Prize - No 24 - R & J Dibben
3rd Prize - No 75 - J Burton

Northamptonshire Healthcare 

NHS Foundation Trust

"She remembers everything she did years ago but not what she did yesterday"

"He doesn't seem to know his own daughter"

Does this sound familiar?

If so, why not get in touch with someone from the Dementia Care Advisor team?

We will provide support and information on dementia, local services and how to access them, benefits, legal aspects and other helpful information. We aim to provide a countywide service to enable people living with dementia, their families and carers to maintain the best quality of life.

If you, or someone you know, has a diagnosis of dementia or are experiencing short term memory loss and confusion and would like to talk about this please contact:

Fiona Lockhart

07773 364 580



The Friends of All Saints Braunston

Is £250,000 attainable?

A quarter of a million pounds is a lot of money by anyone's reckoning! You may think trying to raise this amount of money for preserving our church building is out of reach but it isn't. In the first place this is a long term task, perhaps a 10 year project. Much of the repairs and renovation to the masonry can wait that long. The really urgent task is the first phase, repairing the roof. Until work starts and the lead and tiles removed we cannot be sure just how much will have to be replaced. At the moment we assume that a complete renewal will be necessary and that would cost about £100,000.

We hope for substantial grants from bodies such as the Heritage Lottery Fund but we need to show evidence of extensive local fundraising before they will consider making a grant. That is why it is vital that you support the Friends in whatever way you can. During the coming year there will be fundraising events such a barn dance and concerts. We will also seek support from businesses, various charitable foundations and the boating community. We hope to have your support to ensure the preservation of Braunston's landmark building.



Here's something you can do to help and it wont cost you anything!

It's very easy - when you shop online - use easyfundraising to shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay, John Lewis and many more and whenever you buy something, the retailer donates money to All Saints'. Yes - it really is that simple. It's completely free and your shopping won't cost you a penny more. Just click on :

www.easyfunding.org.uk/causes/allsaintsbraunston



Hope & Homes for Children

Hope and Homes for Children

All Saints' Christmas Carol Singing

A huge thank you to all who took part in, or donate to the All Saints' Carol Singing this year. All Saints donated the takings to Hope and Homes, a fantastic total of £159.05. Thank you to all who took part, supported, or donated, on such a bitterly cold night.

Donate your Old Mobile Phone



Help Orphaned / Abandoned children by donating your old Mobile Phone.
Contact Brenda Hobbs - 01788 899086

Funds Raised since shown in the December's BVN

Money raised from Penny Pots was	£ 274.68
Money raised from the Carol Singing	£ 159.06
Money Donated	£ 20.00
Making the money raised since the 1 March last year	£ 1671.78

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

BRAUNSTON PARCELS

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of so many people 771 parcels have now been sent to our troops in Afghanistan.

We received a letter from the O.C. of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment just before Christmas. He thanked everyone for the support we have given the Viking group since April 2007. Major Cameron also said that his squadron's Viking vehicles are now being superseded by new vehicles called Warthogs and that everyone in the squadron are pleased with their performance and capabilities. (His letter is on display at the village shop.)

It is very satisfying to know that our parcels are appreciated by all those who receive them. Therefore, my thanks once again for your continuing support and everyone at the shop and Post Office who undertake the packing, weighing and posting of the parcels.
Thank You all!

Val Worrall

LENT LUNCH



Saturday 12th March
Braunston Village
Hall

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Come and enjoy a chat and
some sumptuous soup

200 Club Winners latest results 2010

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
14.10.10	110	E Reader	£50
21.10.10	55	B Oliver	£10
21.10.10	72	B Hobbs	£5
28.10.10	96	N Berrill	£10
28.10.10	79	P Dunkley	£5
04.11.10	162	C Ashley	£10
04.11.10	198	R May	£5
11.11.10	124	L Masters	£50
18.11.10	9	J Reid	£10
18.11.10	184	T Waddleton	£5
25.11.10	71	J Berry	£10
25.11.10	24	S Last	£5
02.12.10	82	J Jarrett	£10
02.12.10	102	A Montgomery	£5
09.12.10	154	A Manning	£50
16.12.10	167	T Thompson	£10
16.12.10	131	J Cox	£5
23.12.10	140	R Barnwell	£10
23.12.10	191	K King	£5
30.12.10	170	P Grossart	£10
30.12.10	153	D Edwards	£5

Daventry District Council

Residents are set to be consulted on whether to adopt new powers that would affect dog owners throughout the Daventry District.

If adopted, the new powers could require dog owners to:

- " Clean up when a dog has fouled;
- " Keep dogs on a lead in some areas, such as a car park or sports pitches;
- " Keep dogs out of some areas, such as children's play areas;
- " Put a dog on a lead when directed by a Council officer;
- " Specify a maximum number of dogs that an owner may take onto land at any one time.

The six-week consultation period will run from January 17 until February 28 for people to register their comments.

A consultation questionnaire, the proposed orders, an advice leaflet and frequently asked questions may be viewed at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/consultation or by requesting a copies over the phone on 01327 871100.

Village Barn Dance

With Live Band



Saturday 19th 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

Local Volunteering Opportunity



Do you have a couple of hours free once a fortnight to become a home visitor/befriender for Northamptonshire Association for the Blind in your local area. This small time commitment will make a huge difference to a visually impaired person's life. People with a sight impairment often become isolated and lose confidence. A volunteer role within our visiting service will help them regain and retain their independence and well-being.

Volunteers can help with tasks such as;

- Fortnightly home visits
- Assistance with reading mail, newspapers and correspondence
- Accompanying clients on short walks, visits to the doctor or hospital
- Occasional shopping trips
- Assist with labelling food and household items to increase safety

Please note, this is not a domestic or personal care role

Training

All volunteers will be offered ongoing support and specialist training courses will be available

Personal Attributes

Caring and supportive with a willingness to understand visual impairment, you are able to make a commitment on a regular basis.

Expenses

Mileage and telephone calls will be reimbursed at the current rate.

CRB

A CRB check is required

**Contact Rachel Cave, Volunteer Co-ordinator on
01604 719193 or 07889 411274**

Nab, Wardington Court,
Welford Road, Kingsthorpe,
Northampton, NN2 8AG

MEMORIES OF A BRAUNSTON BOATBUILDER- AUBREY BERRIMAN

It all started in 1957 with an advertisement in the Weston Morning News. A young man, Aubrey Berriman from Bideford in Devon saw the advert and applied for the job of Shipwright in Braunston. He got the job with Nurser's Yard for a 5/- an hour for a 45 hour week - a huge increase on the 3/- an hour he was getting working on the naval vessels after the war. The yard, which Frank Nurser managed until his death in 1952 was owned by Samuel Barlows. The job came with a cottage in Nibbetts Lane and Aubrey came up first to make the cottage ready for his wife Prim and two small children. David Campbell was the chief engineer at the time. He had lost a hand in the war and had a hook fitted instead. He drove down to Bideford in his jeep to pick up Prim and the two children. Prim remembers a terrifying journey trying to hold onto her small daughter and her son in his carrycot. There was a fleet of 20 working pairs taking mainly coal from Coventry to the 'Jam 'ole' - a famous run which has just been celebrated lately by local working boats.

Each year a boat would come into the yard for 'docking'. The boating family would move onto another boat whilst repairs etc were carried out. Most of the boat families kept their boats very clean but what with the cramped space, warmth from the stove and the close proximity of many bodies, it was almost impossible to avoid fleas and bed bugs. One of the jobs to be done was to light a sulphur candle and shut the doors for two days, then to sweep up all the dead bugs!!! Many of the boaters, though hardworking were illiterate, but had an excellent grasp of maths and could value a load easily. The office was where the fabric shop in the Marina is today. Aubrey remembers one of the boatmen coming into the office resplendent in black trilby and white silk scarf.

About this time Samuel Barlow had a fleet of coal Lorries and the boat building trade started to decline. When Aubrey arrived in Braunston he worked on Hazel and then built Raymond. In those days there were no plans or drawings but just measurements in a small notebook. What a testament to the boat builders craft that many of these old working boats survive to this day. The yard again changed hands in early 1962, it was purchased by Michael Streat who, whilst continuing to operate 6 pairs of working boats and also the repair of these and others, was also looking to diversify. This included camping boats, hotel boats, conversions of working boats, and the building of small leisure boats. During the hard winter of 1962/63 the reservoir (now the marina basin) was frozen over to a depth of 18''. No boats could move and the boatmen were paid off. Aubrey remembers walking across this ice to get to the workshop when he heard a loud noise; the ice had cracked right across the reservoir with the movement of the water underneath. Luckily he and his companion were able to continue their journey. That bad winter was the final straw for most of the commercial working boats.

Michael Street, who traded as Blue Line Cruisers, was moving towards the leisure business and Aubrey became involved in the new marine ply cruisers, which were followed by Fibre glass versions. He fitted out 2 Norfolk Broad beam boats which were destined for France. Aubrey and Michael Streat the owner flew to France to meet the boats from the transporter to crew them up the De Mid to Toulouse. In Aubrey's words 'an excellent journey with a lovely meal and a dance with a pretty

girl at the end of it!!! Most of the locks had stalls selling home made wine so a good time was had by all!!! They also fitted out boats for another local builder, Hancock and Lane, but these were for leisure use and made of steel.

Ladyline took over the boatyard and it was the end on an era. Aubrey's final job there was selling engine spares and sadly after 25yrs his employment was terminated.

His final job was working for a builder and when asked to put a roof on a house in Daventry Aubrey replied that he could do it as long as it was boat-shaped! He managed the job by drawing the plan of the roof on the concrete floor of his garage.

Audrey and prim lived for many happy years at the bottom of Cross lane until they moved to near the Church two years ago.



The Royal British Legion Braunston and District New Royal British Legion Standard Dedication

At a special service held at All Saints' Church on Sunday 28th November, 2010, The Braunston and District Branch of the Royal British Legion had its old Standard laid up and its new Standard dedicated. The old Standard has been in use since 1928 and was showing sign of wear and tear.

The service was arranged by the Branch Padre, The Reverend Clive Cooper T.D, who also officiated. The reverend Canon Michael Cooper, Rector of Daventry received the old Standard from Alan Kirton, Branch Chairman, and dedicated the new Standard. He also gave the address.

The old and new Standards were carried by Jack Edwards, Branch Standard Bearer, assisted by John Berry, previous Standard Bearer, and were supported by 12 visiting Standards from the Midlands area.

Approximately 100 people attended the service including the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Dr. Ahmed Mukhar DL, with various local Council Dignitaries, Mr. M.G. Shipton, the Legion County Chairman, recited The Exhortation. The County Marshall directed the Standards, which assembled at the Old Plough and marched to the Church led by Piper Alan Robertshaw of Bugbrooke.

Miss Sheila Rowley arranged and provided refreshments in memory of her father, Harry Rowley, who was Branch Standard Bearer before John Berry.



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2.

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THE DICK HERNE HISTORY SOCIETY

At our February meeting Ann Luntley will be returning for a follow up of her very successful and entertaining presentation "Introduction to Family History", part 2. Don't worry if you missed part 1, come along to the Parish Room within the church at 7.45 on Tuesday 15th February and join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

More speakers are included in our programme this year with "John Ashby, Life of a Victorian Lad" on 15th March. In the autumn we also hope to have talks on the Home Guard and a Canal subject, both to be confirmed. Visitors to all these talks will be very welcome, although there is a charge of £1.50 to non-members

tudorchimneys@btinternet.com

The Cathedral of the Canals

Where did the title come from?

The connection of All Saints Church and the canals goes back a long, long way. For over 200 years the life of the village of Braunston has been influenced by the arrival of the canal.

The Church records are of particular interest, dating back to 1538. They record the Baptism of "Francis, son of Francis Hollinshead, 'Navigator' (later shortened to 'Navy') and Catherine his wife in 20th July 1774. Also recording the first coal brought to Braunston by water in November 1774

Braunston's location is at the Heart of the Waterways and the village grew quickly during the "Golden Years" of the Canals 1800 - 1838. Most carrying companies based their operations here with most boats passing through en route to London and the industrial Midlands. Braunston was also home to many people working in related industries, boatbuilders, blacksmiths, harness makers, rope and twine makers, tailors, shoe makers and the unusual trade of "leggers". Boating families based themselves here and many had cottages particularly in Cross Lane.

All Saints Church, built at the end of a ridge is visible from miles away as you approach Braunston by canal and its Iconic design became a Landmark for boaters. The Church was used by the boating community for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and many famous boating families have ancestors buried in the churchyard. One suspects the Boat People were 'God Fearing' rather than religious. There is evidence of the Church ministering to the Boat People, records show the Curate Mr Jenkins went among the sick in the Cholera epidemic of 1834, comforting the sick and catching the disease himself. Fortunately he recovered. There were some clerics who took a particular interest in boaters and their spiritual welfare one such being the Rector of All Saints, Rev. A B Clough, Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford. The current Church erected in 1848-9 is largely as a result of his efforts.

The Parish of Braunston was at the time in the hands of the old Oxford College. The Oxford thinkers wished to see the Church recover its connection with art and beauty among other things. William Nurser, the boatbuilder, was churchwarden at the time and David Blagrove, the author, wonders whether there is a link between the Oxford Movement and the sudden appearance (c1845-55) of flowers and landscape on boats. All the earliest mentions of what we now call roses and castles are connected to the Oxford Canal. An interesting proposition.

It is a romantic notion that the early boating families coined the title the 'Cathedral of the Canals' but sadly there is no documentary evidence to support this. One has to conclude that whilst the connection of All Saints and the canals goes back centuries, the title "Cathedral" is a modern fancy. Can anyone add to this?

With the second "Golden Years" era happening now and leisure boaters filling the canals, Braunston is becoming a mini tourist attraction and All Saints Church very much on the tourist route. Still visible from miles away as you cruise towards the town the Landmark feature is the Church, the Boaters Church. We have to ensure the fabric of the church is maintained for future generations to enjoy. The Friends of All Saints would once more like to thank everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts thus far and hope we can count on your support for our future activities.



Boatman's Funeral procession in Cross Lane. Early 19th Century.

A recent boatmans' wedding

Photo by Dave Rogers



Special Constables



Our Special Constables play an important role towards the success of Northamptonshire Police Force, offering their valuable free time to help keep our communities safe.

To learn more about a day in the life of a Special Constable, please visit www.neenor.co.uk

To learn how to join, visit www.northants.police.uk/careers

In an emergency always call 999
For non emergencies call 03000 111 222
www.northants.police.uk



LETTERS

'Whilst it is lovely to see adverts put up around the village advertising forthcoming events, could I please remind those who put them up of their responsibility to remove them once the event has passed. The biggest offender (literally) is a large banner up on the A45 road bridge advertising the Braunston Festival last August. There are also signs still up for a garage sale last October, a Remembrance Service last November and a sign advertising the times of Christmas services at the Church. There are also numerous old rusty drawing pins and plastic ties attached to telegraph poles and lamp posts which should have been removed along with the sign they were holding up. These out of date signs detract from the appearance of the village and also deter people from looking at current adverts for future events. A little thought will make things better for everyone. Many thanks.

Marian Douglas
Mill Close

A note from Pat Herlihy about the Jetty Field

Sheep surprise

The recommended regime to produce the best surface in the field for all users is to have a period of winter grazing for animals to crop the grasses closely and press flower seeds into the soil, followed by mowing for a hay crop in mid-summer. This best keeps grass at a reasonable level and allows wild flowers to grow in the spring period. We have been trying to organise this for some time.

This year we have been able to arrange for a small flock of sheep to graze the field from January to the end of March. We hope that there will be a noticeable change for the better by the end of the year and ask for the cooperation of all those who use the pocket park. We do have to ask that dogs be kept under control by being kept on a lead during this period and apologise for the inconvenience. We will arrange for an exchange of observations towards the end of the year to calculate benefits. As always, we welcome and can respond to comments at any time through committee members or at our committee meetings.

Sheep watch

We invite all field users to help with the care of the animals and to phone the farmer, Richard, on 01788 890256, if they see any problems. You could also have a word with Carol in the Boatshop. Thanks for helping with the care of animals in Jetty Field.

A Magic Moment

At the top of the field, everything quiet, no one else about for a moment, we became aware of birds singing in a variety and depth of sound sweeping in from the Spinney and Wildlife area.

Free Trees

We have been offered 100 small trees [20 - 40cm] for planting throughout the parish. Silver birch, cherry, ash and rowan with spiral guards and canes. They have arrived - please leave your name and wishes with Carol Barnes at the Boatshop if you would like some, as soon as possible.

2nd Braunston Scout Group

Our popular

Cake Stall

will be back on

Saturday 12th. February 2011

From 9.30


Opposite Londis Braunston

Please support a village organisation

Bring a cake and/or buy a cake!!!

2nd Braunston Scout Group







HEL..LOOO?!

Give your brain
a **SPRING CLEAN**
at our

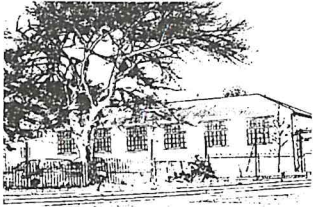
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Over £900 Contribution to the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee wish to congratulate 'The Players' on yet another successful show. Apart from a few seats on Wednesday the whole run was a sell out. Every year you need to book early to obtain a seat!

The Village Hall exists for the benefit of ALL the community and gratefully acknowledges the £900 plus donated by 'The Players'

Appointment of a new Trustee

The Village Hall Committee is delighted to announce the appointment of a new Trustee. Carol Barnes joins as Representative of the Youth Club in place of Gloria Oliver who has decided that her foreign travels are taking more of her time.

Carol is well known and involved with many village activities in addition to her and Fred's business at Bottom lock 'The Boat Shop' Carol is a member of 'The Players' as well as participating in the Gardens Association and all the work in Jetty Fields. Her wide experience will be a benefit to the whole community who use the Village Hall, not just to the Youth Club.

JUST FOR A LAUGH!!!! - From Church Bulletins

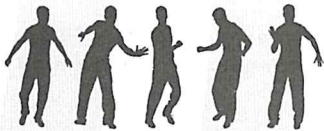
The Fasting & Prayer Conference - includes meals

The Associate Minister unveiled the Church's new campaign slogan last Sunday. - I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours



Tap & Street

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)**

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**

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Monday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



- 4.00pm - Prima Ballerinas 1 (3-5yrs)**
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- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)**
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Braunston Walkers - Walk Saturday 15th Jan - Granborough c.8miles

Before I describe this jaunt to Grandborough I thought we could have a quick look back at last year starting with our walk around Ashby St Ledgers in January with a roaring wood fire at the Old Coach House for lunch. Then in February it was magnificent views from Newnham Hill and The Plough at Everdon. March saw us do Hellidon, Catesby and lunch at the Holly Bush Priors Marston, always excellent, and then in April, Fawsley, with lunch at Red Lion in Hellidon, fantastic countryside views and pub. In May we ventured further and did The Roaches in the Peak District which recently appeared on Countryfile on TV as the whole area is up for sale. This had to be one of the best walks we have done and the scenery in that area including the brooding old Lud's Church gorge, is out of this world. The chips at the Ship Inn in Wincle are still the best we have ever tasted!! June saw us retracing Flora Thompson's Larkrise to Candleford and lunching at Fringfords Butcher's Arms. A long walk full of interest. In July we walked to Flecknoe and Staverton closer to home and had Old Hookey beer at the Countryman, super! We did Shutford near Banbury in August another great area and the Chandlers Arms at Epwell, the kind of pub you might dream about. Well I do anyway. In September we did some of the Blue Lias Ring, a fantastic walk with lunch taken in the garden of The Shakespeare Inn in Harbury. Another great walk in October was Brill Hill in beautiful Buckinghamshire with our lunch stop at Red Lion in Brill wonderful. Who could forget Bradgate Park in November when the swirling mists made the place so atmospheric and The Griffin Inn in Swithland right up there in our top five pubs. So good we are planning a return trip later in the year. Finally in December we did Barby and Onley in the snow and then back to The Old Plough, a superb pub right on our doorstep! What a great walking year and let's hope 2011 is equally fantastic!

It was mild, cloudy and windy and dry but it had been extremely wet over the last week as 12 of us set off down Jetty Fields and along the canal to reach the Wofhamcote track. Fighting our way along in a strong headwind we soon reached Wofhamcote or Ovencote as the locals call it. Following the path we crossed the lakes and took the right hand fork to arrive at a bridge over the murky and uninviting canal. Our path continued over the route of the old canal and on towards Sawbridge where we turned left over fields behind the old houses to reach the bridleway coming in from Flecknoe. We turned right and then right again along the road through Sawbridge then right on the road to Willoughby. Fortified by Nigel's pear drops, which he said tasted of nail varnish, we continued over the fast flowing River Leam and then left along a bridleway for a mile or so before reaching a road. We turned left and then left again to walk into Grandborough with it's distinctive church set between two huge wellingtonia trees and, more importantly it's pub the Shoulder of Mutton. We were soon ensconced over pints of foaming Black Sheep Ale and wonderful food. It is a great pub and good prices! Once again we had to curtail the fun, reboot, and set off along the Sawbridge road out of the village then left on the Willoughby road before turning right on a footpath that follows the swollen River Leam. Eventually we reached a bridge where we had once all stood to have a picture taken just before an ominous crack. This time we would probably be washed downstream if the bridge collapsed so we went across quickly to

reach a frothing waterfall that looks like the site of an old mill. Our path lead on over a field of newborn lambs to a road then off again on the right following field paths past the imposing buildings of Willoughby House which on Philip's 1820 map was shown as the Bath Hotel, a spa hotel and with our tired legs we could have done with that! We crossed several fields and a lake to reach the A 45 before wending our way home for a cuppa! A great local walk.

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 6 walks are as follows:

- 19/2 Kilsby (c.10 miles)
 - 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)
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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 Heckford, Physical Activity Officer on 01527 502301 or email wheckford@barnetbydc.gov.uk



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Poppy Day Collections

The collection in 2010 beat all previous records.

Within the District the total amount collected was £7015. Of this in Braunston £2371, and in Ashby £242 was collected. Our thanks to all our collectors and those people and businesses who so generously gave their support.

A special mention is made of our collector Aileen Trathan. Aileen has been collecting for an unbroken 55 years having started with her mother as a teenager. Her collection always far outweighs that of anyone else. During refreshments at the end of the Dedication Service the RBL Count Chairman presented Aileen with a further bar to her Long Service Brooch in recognition of her magnificent record. Very well done Aileen.

Annual Band Concert

The concert on 11th December in Daventry, given by RBLGroup 4 in conjunction with Daventry Brass was a great success, the hall being virtually full. This year we had two concerts in one as the junior band also performed. This was their first outing and their performance was greeted with rapturous applause and it is clear that they have a great future.

Thank you to those who worked hard to put this concert on and to those who donated raffle prizes. The proceeds of almost £1000 benefited both the band and RBL.

Ladies Section of the RBL

Apparently this was disbanded over 40 years ago and its records and Standard appear to have been mislaid or lost. Does anyone in the village have any knowledge as to what happened to them. Maybe they are in someone's loft. We would very much like to locate them if they are still in existence.

Next meeting

Will be held on 11th February, 2011 at 8.00pm at the George Hotel at Kilsby. New or prospective members are welcome. Note that membership is open to all and is not necessary to have any connection with the service

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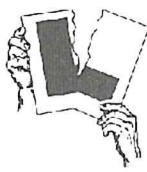
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Friendly Club

Monday 14th February

Joan Wood and Pat Streeton will join us in making Easter Cards

Monday 28th February

We hope to enjoy a game of Bingo

The Friendly Club were all very sad to hear of the death of Thirza Pittam. She was one of our longest serving members. The club is very grateful to her family for a generous bequest of £135 which we are saving to use for a special occasion.

Gill Powell
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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
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Church Choir	John Viggars	024766 7 9967	Mondays 7.30-9pm
Conservation Group	Pat Herlihy	890590	
Cricket Club	Simon Stapley	890475	
Fishing Club	G Donald	891264	Bingo every Thursday evening 8pm village Hall
Friendly Club (for over 60's)	Gill Powell	890763	
Friends of Braunston School	A Thomas	890494	
All Saints' Kids Club Sunday School	Alison Fiddes	891847	Sunday School for 5+ years
Gardens Assn.	Chris Grossart	890491	
The Dick Herne Braunston History Soc.	David Walters		Meetings 3 rd Tuesday of the Month
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