

890826

BRAUNSTON

NEWS

Village

Issue No: 467

FEBRUARY 2012

Published jointly by All Saints' Church and the Braunston Parish Council

“Love where you live”

*Sally
Curtis*

**QUIZ
?**

NIGHT

**Braunston Village Hall
Friday 10th February
7-30pm**

**Teams no more than 6
£5 per head
includes Quiz &
Winter warming soup**

Bring your own drinks

**Know
it all? ?**

**Interested?
Sign up at Church or
Phone Sheila 01788 890559**



All Saints'
Church
Braunston

allsaintsbraunston.org.uk



The Blessed Virgin Mary & St
Leodegarius, Ashby St Ledgers
ashby-st-ledgers-church.co.uk

Parish Priest:- Rev. Sarah Brown 01788 890298

email sarah@talkingdirect.plus.com

Churchwardens:

Pat Milner: 899157

Ann Parker-Tyler: 899251

Secretary: Sheila Rowley - 890559

Treasurer: John Lewis - 891149

Organist and Choirmaster:

John Viggers -024 7667 9967

Churchwardens:

Chris Levett: 891864

John Gray: 01788 890796

PCC Lay Chair:

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

REGISTERS FOR DEC 2011 / JAN 2012

BRAUNSTON

Baptisms -

11/12/11 - Amy, Charlotte &
Lily who all made their own
decision to be baptised
22/01/12 - Neve Michelle
Watts & Jonathon Ian Williams

Funerals -

29/12/11 - Betty Webster
03/01/12 - Alan Powell
12/01/12 - Gladys
Montgomery

ASHBY

Baptisms -

29/01/12 - Evie Victoria Robinson

The bottom of God and a bit on the side

The other day I had a most enjoyable conversation with - well, I'll just say "a skilled tradesman of this village". I won't mention his name because it might embarrass him (or, more likely, his wife!) but it was an interesting chat and made me realise again how much there is to be learned about God's work outside the walls of the church.

During the course of our lengthy conversation we solved most of the problems of the world (only time will tell if there will be a Nobel Peace prize in it for either of us) and then moved on to community in general and Braunston in particular.

The topic of community is always a big preoccupation of mine because at bottom (should I really be talking about The Bottom of God?) God is all about community. What I am as vicar is essentially a labourer (or on a good day, a skilled tradesperson) on the building site of a community (known in bible terms as "The Kingdom") in which should flourish the best possible relationships between human beings and other human beings and also between human beings and God.

Just before Christmas I responded to a consultation on the plans for the development of Daventry which involve doubling the population, building civic amenities and developing retail opportunities. This (vicar rant alert!) is all fine and dandy but there is more to what the council's plan optimistically calls "strong and vibrant community" than housing, shops, jobs, leisure, and tourism. A community is about people and the way they live together. What the plan calls "A place to be proud in" is not a place full of facilities (though those are nice) but a place where people work together on things that they care about. It is a place where people have a common purpose, mutually respect and look after each other and where those in need are supported and cared for within the community.

Which brings me back to my conversation with he who shall remain nameless. He said that if the church building ever needed his skills then he would be pleased to give his time. When I thanked him he came up with a wonderful (and if I may say so, very "Kingdom") idea. He suggested that all the tradespeople in the village should "do a bit on the side." Obviously I was scandalized. What a thing to say to the vicar. Was he proposing tax evasion - or worse, sexual impropriety?! But no - what he was suggesting that those with skills should give some of their time to help those who need help in the village, whether that is village organisations like church, scouts, village hall etc or individuals living in poor conditions who need a bit of help and can't afford it.

So there is a community/kingdom idea for Braunston and if anyone out there has a skill and wants to do a bit on the side let me know and we'll find a way to make it happen.

Rev. Sarah

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2011 /2012

Not shown in previous BVN...

7th December - Remembering Celestine, Eliza and Nora with love from Mike, Pam and family.

14th December - * Happy Anniversary A & T

16th December - In memory on Titina Barber who passed away on 14th December - just two days before her 89th Birthday (see details below)

22nd December - Lit for Diane Hurley - You light my life - Happy Birthday. Love Michael

25th December - * Remembered with love - Albert & Sarah Kendall, from all the family

31st December - Loving memories of Mum & Dad on their Wedding Anniversary from all the family

January's Floodlighting so far...

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

11th January - Christopher's Birthday - love Mum, Dad, Nan, Gramps, Pauline, Steve & Family

23rd January - * Lit for Beryl Sampson's 90th Birthday

23rd January - * Remembering Rodney on a very sad day

25th January - * In memory of Audrey Flower

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



February's Floodlighting so far...

3rd February - * Derek & Freda Webb. Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary. Love, David, Michael & Lisa

9th February - * In loving memory of Bill. Love Iris

10th February - * In memory of Mansel Davies

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

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

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

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

25th February - * Patricia - with love & fond affection on your Birthday. Maurice

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline - 20th January 2012

Braunston Canal Society

My initial attempt at injecting some interest in the canal in Braunston seems to have stirred up some interest concerning some sort of canal society, similar to that run at the Buckby flight of locks, being set up in the village.

A recent article in Towpath Talk, (which for those who do not frequent the canal, is a free monthly publication which caters for all canal users whether you are a boater, angler, cyclist or walker) highlighted the efforts of a couple who, fed up with the rubbish along their local canal, took it upon themselves to do something about it and embark on their own litter pick. This is very much the type of effort championed by that well-known campaigner for all things rural, Bill Bryson. Mike Davies (owner of the tug 'Vesta'), and several other individuals have approached me asking me to start up a similar type initiative running between the Tunnel at Braunston, down to the Puddle Bank moorings and possibly as far out as Willoughby. The initial suggestion is that a group of say 20 willing volunteers can be gathered to carry out a towpath tidy with the support of British Waterway and the Parish Council, on say a monthly basis, increasing in the summer to perhaps twice monthly.

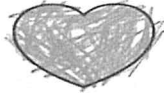
There are area's, generally around about the points of road access that are pretty grim with everything from discarded TV's, batteries, dog mess bags, cans etc, all of which spoil most peoples enjoyment of a good walk, boat trip or cycle.

The fact is, that there are some people who find it acceptable to pick up their dogs mess, bag it and then throw it into the nearest hedge, sometimes within yards of the actual bin, where it stays forever. No one else is going to pick it up so its down to those who do care to take 1st hand action. The area round the steps leading off the road bridge by Willoughby cottages is particularly bad and will require more of an effort but again with a few willing volunteers and support from those in power it can be cleaned up in a few hours. If you fancy getting involved, even if it means carrying a waste bag and picking up the odd tin can, crisp packet etc on your walk, contact Mike or myself. If enough people show an interest then perhaps a more structured canal society such as at Buckby can develop, which, as BW become more and more strapped for funds can help out with things such as Lock gate painting and grass cutting etc. Just an idea! It works in Jetty Field, why not the canal.

Nick Strivens contact : allison.strivens@btinternet.com - 01788 890764

Mike Davies contact: daviesmc@btinternet.com

Nick Strivens



Hope & Homes f

Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised since last published in BVN in November

Money raised from Penny Pots was	£ 290.77
Sale of Unwanted gifts stall at All Saints Autumn Fair	£ 94.50
All Saints Community Carol Singing (50% of Donations)	£ 34.00
Donation	£ 20.00

This makes to total raised since the 1st. March 2011 £1507.32

Many thanks to all of you that have contributed to any of the above.
More details of Hope and Homes can be found on their website
www.hopeandhomes.org

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

Notes from the Parish Clerk

Street Light Faults

To report a defective street light please ring the Parish Clerk on 07788 174294 or Email clerk@braunstonpc.org, with the location and lamp number (each street light should have a number on it) and fault being reported (not working, partially working or damage to column)

Parish Profile

Figures as at January 2012
Adult Population 1463
Addresses in Parish 752
Listed Buildings 46 entries on English Heritage (images of England list)

Reported Crimes

Burglary Dwelling 0, Criminal Damage 0, Burglary - Non Dwelling 1,
Theft from a vehicle 0, Theft of a vehicle 0, Thef 2 (small trailer/Cable) Other 0

All Saints' Church, Braunston

Kids Club (Sunday School)



Will be on the
5th . 19th . & 26th . February
at 11:00am this month.

At All Saints' Church Kids Club a warm welcome and fun await children from 0 upwards. Mums and Dads can stay and enjoy the services, or be with the youngsters while they have fun.

Why not give it a go, just turn up at 11:00am; we would love to meet you.

All Saints Church Calendar 2012

NOW AVAILABLE

Price £6



The church calendar for 2012 is now available and can be purchased from the following locations:

- Poppies
- Braunston Marina
- Braunston Garage
- Or at the Church.

Copies are limited so please do not delay!

January

Photo John Lewis

If you purchase your calendar at the church please give your money to one of the church wardens, or duty side persons so that the cash can be identified. All proceeds from the calendar is used to support All Saints Braunston

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Thank you for an opportunity to say thank you to all supporters of Macmillan Cancer Support in Braunston. To Betty Hargraves for hosting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning with such great success for so many years; to the Old Plough for substantial donations; to Avril at Gongoozler's Rest - how can so much charity money be raised in such a small space?! Thank you to everyone who supports the Braunston Open Gardens Day that raises such large amounts every year and to everyone else for individual donations and for those received in memoriam. As a result of book sales our Daventry voluntary group recently received a huge donation of £1215 from The Boat Shop at the Bottom Lock. - We have a great appeal going on in the Northampton area raising money to refurbish the Haematology Suite at Northampton General Hospital and we continue to pay out for patient grants and provide services like our benefits advice at the local Citizens Advice bureaux across Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. On behalf of people affected by cancer thank you one and all. A Happy New Year!

Bernadette Halton, Area Fundraising Manager

How the Internet Got Started

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began



Peace at Lunch

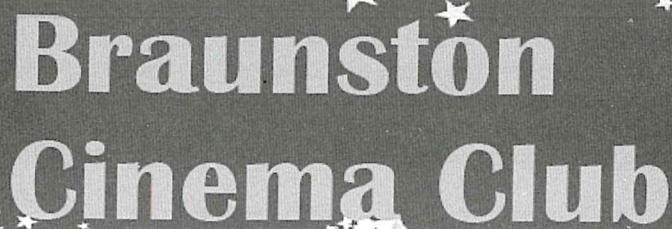
The First one will be on
Wednesday 1st. February

At 12:30

All Saints Church

A Short Service followed by
Light Lunch

Come and Have a Chat



Braunston Cinema Club

Braunston Village Hall

Saturday 25 February 7.30pm

The King's Speech

2010, (12A)

Doors open 7pm. Light refreshments and soft drinks available; bring your own wine/beer.

**Tickets £4 members/£6 non-members in advance from 07989 421836/
braunstoncinemaclub@gmail.com/on door**

Centre Screen (Big Country Rural Cinema Network)

BRAUNSTON PRE - SCHOOL

Braunston Pre-School would like to welcome any new residents to the village and make them aware of some limited places that are currently available. The pre-school is dedicated to developing and educating children within a nurturing and progressive environment. There has been a recent extension of the building to incorporate new facilities including an ICT suite. The ofsted report has acknowledged the excellent standards of the school which is a testament to the dedication and leadership of the pre-school staff www.ofsted.gov.uk/filedownloading/?id=1738087&type=1...0. If you are interested in accessing single or multiple sessions please contact the school directly on 07950246130.

Kind regards,

Jason Pritchard (Vice-Chair Braunston Pre-School Committee)
01788 891833

THE VILLAGE BELLS.

The sound of bells has long been associated with Christmas celebrations. Additional to the regular services, this Christmastide we rang for the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, also for Midnight Mass.

Another ancient custom, to ring out the Old Year and ring in the New, is celebrated in Braunston by ringing out the Old Year with "Diminishing Rounds". Just before midnight, the bells stop one at a time from six to five, to four and so on down to a single bell, indicative of the dying year. This is a moment to recall the immortal words of Tennyson:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,

The flying cloud, the frosty light:

The year is dying in the night;

Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Midnight is struck on the tenor bell and immediately all the other bells join in, welcoming the New Year. Long may these ancient customs continue.

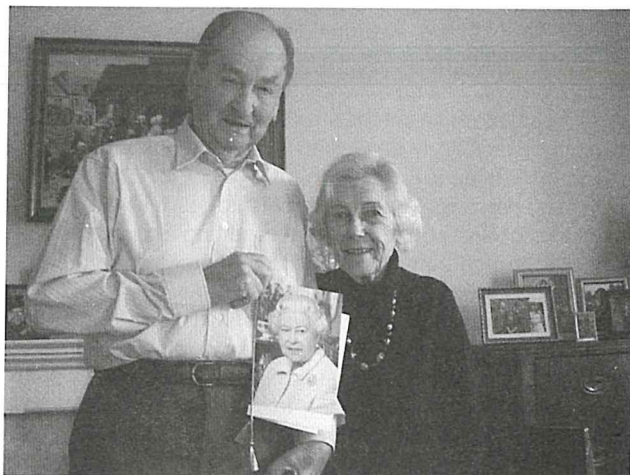
The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

Last February, our speaker was forced to cancel her visit due to ill health. So, we are delighted to be able to welcome Ann Luntley on Tuesday 21st February to give her talk The Basic Family Tree Part 2

Ann assures us that it does not matter if you missed Part 1, so come to the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 February. We will all be glad to see you, although there will be an admission charge of £1.50 for non members

davani@tiscali.co.uk

Queen's Congratulations



Well known local residents Prim and Aubrey Berriman were surprised and delighted to receive a card of congratulations from HM the Queen on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary to add to the many received from family, friends and neighbours. Aubrey was particularly intrigued by the instruction from the Palace to deliver the card by 9.30am or else! The card was delivered on time so the 'else' remains a mystery! We all wish Prim and Aubrey many more happy years together.

Floodlighting message missed from last BVN publication

Regarding floodlighting for Titina Barber on 16/12/11

"Ya Ya" I pray your soul wakes up in Heaven on your Birthday - 16th December - we loved you so much and are grateful for your life. God Bless you in Eternity.

Granddaughter, Tanamera Barber & Kippie Tomkin deeply loved you.

Post script:

Titina Barber adored her granddaughter Tananmera. Tana's grandfather dedicated his book 'Tanamera' to his granddaughter. Noel Barber passed away many years ago. His book was made into a film.

Titina was a great friend to Tana's mother, Kippie Tomkin. They live in North Carolina, USA and were unable to be with her as she departed life on earth.

With the floodlighting at All Saints', Braunston on 16th December, they wish to illuminate the memory of Titina Barber's life and pray for her soul to be blessed by God and accepted into Heaven.

From Chris Utley

Braunston Walkers

Christmas Walk Saturday 17/12/2011 and 2011 Review

Yet another great year for the group. In January we went to Grandborough and had a good lunch at the Shoulder of Mutton, February found the group at Kilsby and the excellent George pub. Superb!!! In March we went a little further afield and had a great walk around Maidford and Litchborough, having a wonderful lunch at the lovely old Bartholomew Arms in Blakesley. April found us on an interesting walk around Fosters Booth and a great lunch at the Red Lion pub there. In May we walked in the fabulous Cotswolds at Great Tew and took in the legendary Falklands Arms, probably the finest pub in England (well I think so anyway) In June who can forget our memorable Long Mynd adventure and the superb Crown pub with pints of Shropshire Lad, not forgetting Bharat's suggestion to stop in a tea shop in Church Stretton before the long drive home. July took us to Frankton and Princethorpe a fantastic walk topped by the Friendly Inn. Superb!! August saw us returning to Bradgate Park and the Griffin Inn in Swithland another great pub and walk. We had our second Braunston Walkers weekend away in Swaledale in the Yorkshire Dales in September, a triumph, staying in the splendid Kings Arms in Reeth and having our annual dinner, after a twelve and half mile grueller, in the splendid Bridge Inn in Grinton (At our recent Xmas lunch this Keld -Crackpot hall- Gunnerside walk was voted as the best walk of the year) In October we did a great walk to Badby Woods and lunch was taken at the fantastic Windmill in Badby whilst November saw us around Welton and Ashby St Ledgers taking our lunch at the super, White Horse. Some great memories and reviewing the year, I can see we are doing our bit to keep the old pubs going. Are you doing all you can? So what about December? A fantastic turn out!!! 20 of us met up at the village hall and set off down through Jetty Fields on a cold icy December morning. Slipping and sliding, the sun shone brightly as we made our way along the tow path and over the footbridge past the marina and the delicious smells emanating from the Gongoozler's Rest. Where breakfast was obviously in full swing. I could feel my arteries hardening!! We continued over the A45 and along the Wofhamcote track and at the old church we turned right over the humps and bumps that make up the site of the medieval village of Wofhamcote to reach a gate and pass under the old aquaduct which takes the Oxford Canal over the low lying land. We turned sharp left up the new, beautifully constructed, steps to meet the towpath. Turning right we followed the canal on to reach Nethercote and Flecknoe.

Our path then took us left off the road, over two slippery stiles and across two increasingly muddy fields to get back to the old Wolfhamcote track. Cleaning our boots of the cloying mud we paused to enjoy Nigel and Terry's sweets before walking back to the A45 and then Nigel allowed us to walk through his field and past his Jacob sheep into his garden at the back of Checkley Close to reach the High street and the Old Plough for an excellent lunch and super pints of Doombar ale. The Old Plough, now under new management, was excellent and is highly recommended for good, wholesome, home cooked, food. An excellent end to an excellent walk!! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our walkers. Please come and join us. The next 6 walks in 2012, meet at the village hall at 10, on most, are as follows:

- 21st Jan Staverton (c.8 miles)
- 18th Feb Around Wlloughby (c. 9 miles)
- 17th Mar* TBA either Dorset weekend or Stanton Hall (c.10 miles)
- 21st April Chipping Warden (c.10 miles) Braunston Walkers
- 19th May The Malvern Hills (c.11 miles)
- 16th June "Ellastone and the River Dove" (c.11 miles)

SONGS OF PRAISE
All Saints Church
Braunston



11:00 Sunday

29th January

(This Month's 5th Sunday Service)

Everyone Welcome

Come & Join us

and pick your favorite Hymn

Make a difference - become a councillor

Do you want to represent your community and shape and improve local services?
Then maybe you should consider standing for election as a Daventry District Councillor.

Come along to our open evening

**On Tuesday, 21st February at 6pm
In the Council Chamber, Daventry District Council,
Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP**

Find out more about:

the role of Councillors
how to become a candidate
support and training available for councillors

There will also be a chance to speak to current District Councillors.
Open to everyone, individuals and partners welcome.

For more information email swhyte@daventrydc.gov.uk or call 01327 302413.
Alternatively you can visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/elections-nominations



News From The Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is made up of villagers representing their Clubs and societies. They meet monthly and examine ideas and suggestions. With their careful planning and budgeting the development of the Hall moves forward. They represent your needs and ideas.

Over the last few weeks uplighters, connected to a dimmer system have been installed in the Main Hall. This means that the ceiling fluorescents can be switched off if one wishes for a more relaxed or intimate atmosphere. This has particularly welcomed by the Cinema Club and the Players drama group as it gives them greater control of the lighting.

The entrance hall area has been plastered and the new skirting boards fitted. A work party of volunteers will be seeing to the re-painting as soon as the plaster has finished drying. We wish to make you feel very welcome.

A contract has been signed for the replacement of the windows in the Main Hall, particularly at the front of the building. The new windows will be double glazed to a high level of insulation. They are being specially constructed from hard wood, not plastic, in order to retain the historic appearance of the Hall. Work has already started and will be completed by the end of February. The windows will then be fitted one by one in order not to disrupt any of the many activities hosted by our Hall every week.

New windows make us think of new curtains. The Committee is in discussions with several specialist Stage Curtain specialists. It is planned to replace the existing window curtains with attractive, thicker ones to ensure the Main Hall is completely 'blacked-out' as an added benefit for the Cinema Club shows. These curtains will of course co-ordinate with new 'Front Tabs' (Stage Curtains) on improved runners. Our Main Hall is really getting a face lift.

Looking forward to the the summer holidays, discussions are taking place to set up a 'Holiday Club' run by professionals to help the many busy mums and dads over the long summer school break. We will let you know more details in good time. Your Village Hall is there for You.

Everything to do with developing and running the Village Hall costs money! We owe a great debt of gratitude to our Caretaker, Gill Brewster. Like all the Brewster family Gill has devoted a tremendous amount of time and effort to supporting the Village Hall. Quite apart from her responsibilities as Caretaker, Gill has voluntarily given hours and hours to organising the collection for the Odds 100 Club; the lottery that helps finance the Village Hall. She has been the driving force that has produced thousands of pounds over the years. Thank you Gill.

Gill is relinquishing her leadership of the collectors. We will miss her. Thankfully she continues to support the Hall as Caretaker. In the meantime the treasurer, Ron Hunt will be taking over responsibility for this important role. It will make Ron's life so much easier if our supporters are able to sign up to our Standing Order collection system. You will be hearing more about this. Your support is deeply appreciated.

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FEB 2012

Sunday	29th Jan	11.00 Joint Ashby/Braunston – Morning Songs of Praise and Worship in Braunston
Thursday	2 nd	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	5th	9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Holy Communion & Kids Club (B): 18.30 Evensong (B)
Monday	6 th	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	8 th	1.00pm: Worship on Wednesdays in school: 19.45 PCC (B)
Thursday	9 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Friday	10 th	19.30 Quiz Night at the Village Hall
Sunday	12th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Morning Prayer (A) 11.00 Family Service (B)
Monday	13 th	No Little Fishers – Half Term : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	15 th	12.30 Peace at Lunchtime followed by a light lunch at 1.00pm
Thursday	16 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	19th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion (A) 11.00 Holy Communion & Kids Club(B)
Monday	20 th	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Choir Practice
Wednesday	22 nd	12.30 Peace at Lunchtime followed by a light lunch at 1.00pm: Worship on Wednesdays in school 19.30 TEAM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – venue to be notified
Thursday	23 rd	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	26th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) 11.00 Holy Communion & Kids Club(B)
Monday	27 th	14.00 Little Fishers: 19.30 Choir Practice
Wednesday	29 th	12.30 Peace at Lunchtime followed by a light lunch at 1.00pm
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FEB 2012

Wednesday	1 st	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga 12.30 Peace at lunch in the Church
Thursday	2 nd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	3 rd	19.00 Youth Club: 14.00 Daventry Health Walk
Monday	6 th	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	7 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	8 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	9 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	10 th	19.30 Quiz Night at Village Hall: 14.00 Daventry Health Walk
Monday	13 th	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	14 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group : 20.00 Royal British Legion – George Hotel, Kilsby
Wednesday	15 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	16 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	17 th	19.00 Youth Club: 14.00 Daventry Health Walk
Monday	20 th	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	21 st	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	22 nd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	23 rd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	24 th	14.00 Daventry Health Walk
Saturday	25 th	19.30 Braunston Cinema Club – Kings Speech
Monday	27 th	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	28 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	29 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga

Braunston Youth Club

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

Entrance fee is **still only £1.00**

Members starting age is 9 years old - 16.



Why not come along
and make new friends,
have a laugh and try
something different
on a Friday night?

Meeting on

FEBRUARY - Friday 3rd. and Friday 17th.

MARCH - Friday 2nd. and Friday 16th

We are concerned that we do not have more adult helpers. If one or more of the volunteers are unable to attend because of illness, work commitments or any other reason, then we may have to cancel Youth Club. This has happened in the past – usually at short notice – and is disappointing for the youngsters.

We appreciate that we all have many commitments and not a lot of spare time. However, we would be very grateful if anyone could spare a couple of hours a fortnight to come along and help us. If we had enough volunteers we could even prepare a rota! This would make the difference between opening the Youth Club and cancelling it.

If you can help or have Any queries ring

Tina Parsons 07812538193

or Peter Hobbs 01788 899086

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

Gongoozlers Rest



Happy New Year

We would like to thank you for all your support and custom over the past year, also for your patience during our refit. The cafe will be reopening on Monday the 6th of February and we look forward to welcoming you back on board.

Our opening hours are:

9am-2pm Mon-Wed

8am-2pm Thur-Fri

8am-3pm Sat-Sun

For any enquiries or to place an order please phone us on 07940937529

200 Club Winners latest results 2011

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
10.11.11	64	R Cluett	£50
17.11.11	141	A Billingham	£10
17.11.11	103	A Batchelor	£5
24.11.11	53	K Kendall	£10
24.11.11	44	D White	£5
01.12.11	80	C Cooper	£10
01.12.11	85	A Cunningham	£5
08.12.11	66	S Batchlor	£50
15.12.11	28	D Jones	£10
15.12.11	56	G Brewster	£5
22.12.11	14	R Dibben	£10
22.12.11	4	J Blackestaff	£5
29.12.11	84	B Cook	£10
29.12.11	9	J Reid	£5

The Royal British Legion Braunston and District



Poppy Appeal. We are very pleased to report another bumper collection comparable with 2010. The Braunston collection amounted to £2233 and Ashby £197. For the whole district, which also includes Barby, Welton and Kilsby, the amount was £6849. This money goes into Legion central funds to support the welfare work of the Legion. Again many thanks to those who donated and carried out door to door collection. We thank, also, the many businesses who have supported us including those who have all year round collection boxes.

Christmas Band Concert. Once again this proved to be very popular and was very much enjoyed by all. We were honoured this year by the presence of Lord Tim Boswell and our MP Chris Heaton-Harris. The profits from the concert were shared by the Legion and by Daventry Brass, (which now has an up and coming Junior section).

Galanos House. The Legion's Poppy Home at Southam last year opened a new dementia care unit to house 30 residents. The Braunston Branch has been pleased to be able to provide some additional facilities by way of a greenhouse and shed for use by all of the homes residents.

The Bernard Rushall Cup. This year the cup has been presented to Bill Musgrove in recognition of his 12 years as secretary of the Branch.

Membership. Membership has held up well and we now have several lady members. Membership is open to all and there is no need to have had a services association. At one time there was a separate Ladies Branch and we are still trying to locate the Standard which someone kept for "safe keeping" and may still be in their loft. Does anyone have any clues as to where it may be now?

Next Meeting. Will be held on Tuesday February 14th at The George Hotel, Kilsby, at 8.00 pm.

Submitted by
Tony Saunderson
01788 890797

BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the November Parish Council Precept meeting the councillors voted for no increase in the Parish portion of the council tax. Full details of the council budget can be seen at www.braunstonpc.org

BRAUNSTON PARCELS

It is extremely pleasing to report that **989** parcels have now been sent out to our troops serving in Afghanistan since April 2007. This is all due to the overwhelming generosity of those of you who have, and continue to donate to this very worthy cause. My sincere thanks go out to you for your continued support and also to everyone at the village shop and Post Office who ensure that this project works so efficiently. Thank You!

The current recipients of our parcels are members of the Queen's Royal Hussars and we wish them a safe and successful deployment.

Val Worrall

Daventry Health Walk Scheme

A 30 min HEALTH WALK will take place every Friday during February, leaving from outside Poppies Tea Rooms at 2pm. All are welcome. Just turn up - no charge but please wear suitable footwear.
Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)



News from the Scouts

We are now enjoying the benefits of having a heating system fully working and once again would like to thank all those that helped.

Cake Stall - Saturday 10th March

The Group will again be running their cake stall on Saturday 10th March starting at 9.00am opposite the Village Store.

Chief Scouts Awards (the highest award in each Age Section)

Congratulations to Evie Law and Katie Payne for reaching the Bronze Award (Beavers) and Harry Thomas for reaching the Gold Award (Scouts)

Leadership Awards

Congratulations to Joan Bishop for being awarded her Medal of Merit, to Stuart Muddiman, Steve Irwin and Rob Waugh for their Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service and finally to Steve Rolt for receiving his 25 years service award.

Explorer Scouts

If you are aged between 14 and 18 and would like to join our Explorer Unit please contact John Driver on 07798 645581

The Explorers Scouts meet on alternate weeks and undertake lots of activities and being a member also enables you to take part in the DofE scheme

If your son or daughter is interested in joining the Scout Group please do not hesitate to contact me on 01788 890241 or Joan Bishop on 01327 878178

Steve Rolt Assistant Group Scout Leader 2nd Braunston Scout Group



“Our telephone number is changing – and our website is better than ever”

Northamptonshire County Council’s number for general enquiries changes to **0300 126 1000** from today, **Thursday 1st December 2011**.

It replaces the 01604 236236 number and means that everyone in the county calling from a landline will be charged at a local rate, regardless of their own area code. Customers are being urged to update their current contact details for the county council to make sure they can get through if they do need to call.

Anyone calling the council will now access an automated call-handling system, which requires callers to press a number to choose the council service they want to contact.

The council’s most popular and frequently requested services will be at the top of the list to ensure getting through to the right department will be as quick and easy as possible.

However telephoning is not the only way to access council information and services. The county council’s website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk is constantly being developed and updated to improve the range of features it offers.

The new phone number comes just a few months after the introduction of an award winning iPhone app, Android app and mobile web browser which have been developed to make it easier for people to access the county council’s website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk whilst out and about, rather than making a telephone call.

Customers can now contact the council by:

- Visiting our website – www.northamptonshire.gov.uk
- Downloading our iPhone or Android app
- Finding us on Facebook
- Following us on Twitter - @MyCountyCouncil
- Browsing our website from their mobile phone
- If customers need help using our website, they can get this from their local library

And if they need to speak to someone they can:

- Call us on 0300 126 1000 – our new number has a local rate for all landlines



Carbon Legacy

Harnessing nature's energy to create a better future

Experts in designing and installing low and zero carbon energy systems in any type of building

NOW is still a great time to invest in **Solar PV**

Great returns of 8-11% on investment

FIT - Feed in Tariff offers tax free cash-back on all generated electricity and is **Guaranteed for 25 years** index linked to RPI

Installing Solar panels will significantly reduce your electricity bill



Carbon Legacy offer highly competitive prices on both commercial and domestic installations



Using Oil? Reduce your heating costs by up to 40%

with **Biomass Boilers and Stoves**, benefits include:

Up to 20% Return (commercial usage) index linked

RHI - Renewable Heat Incentive - Government

subsidy offering cash-back for each kWh generated

for commercial usage - **Guaranteed for 20 years**

Domestic installations are eligible for a **Renewable**

Heat Premium Payment of £950

Carbon Legacy provide honest advice and the highest quality equipment to give you the best return

Call us for friendly, no-obligation guidance on how you can save money

0800 644 1712

www.carbonlegacy.co.uk





All Property Maintenance & Home Improvements

GARY CAPELL

LOCAL BRAUNSTON CARPENTER AND JOINER

MOST WORK CATERED FOR INCLUDING:

Making and fitting wooden and UPVC Windows – Doors – Kitchens – Tiling – Decking – Fencing – Alteration Work – Laminate Flooring – UPVC Facia Boards – Guttering – Painting

FREE COMPETITIVE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE



Telephone anytime on: 01788 891120 or mobile: 07717804378



Tap & Street & ZUMBA

Tuesday Evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



5.15pm - Little Tappers (3-5yrs)
5.45pm - Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)
6.15pm - Adult Tap (no exp req)
7.15pm - Adult Street Dance (no exp req)
8.00pm - ZUMBA

Dance & Gym

Friday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



5.00pm - Funky Dance (4-6yrs)
5.30pm - Gymnastics 1 (4 - 7 yrs)
6.00pm - Gymnastics 2 (8yrs+)
6.30pm - Street Dance / Jazz (8yrs+)

Ballet Lessons

Monday evenings, Nene Hall, The Grange



4.00pm - Prima Ballerinas 1 (3-5yrs)
4.30pm - Prima Ballerinas 2 (3-5yrs)
5.00pm - Pre-Syllabus Ballet (5-6yrs)
5.45pm - Pre-Primary Ballet (7-8yrs)
6.30pm - Primary Ballet (8-9yrs)
7.15pm - Grade 1 Ballet (10yrs+)
7.45pm - Grade 2 Ballet (12yrs+)
8.15pm - 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)

Limited places available - FREE TRIAL CLASS

Call Lorraine 07711 010404 - www.loveballet.co.uk - lorraine@loveballet.co.uk

COMING SOON

ZUMBA!

The Latin-inspired, easy to follow,
calorie burning, dance fitness-party
Feel the music and let loose!

Starting Monday 10th October 2011

Braunston Village Hall, The Green, Braunston, Daventry
7.00pm – 8.00pm
£4 per class

or further details contact your licensed Zumba instructor
Nicki James

Tel: 01327 877415, Mob: 07887 553886
Email: nickijames1@02.co.uk

Kitchen Design studio

Bespoke Kitchens, Bedrooms & Bathrooms.



- ✓ No obligation design.
- ✓ Family run Business.
- ✓ Over 30 years experience.
- ✓ Full professional installation service.
- ✓ Individually project managed.
- ✓ Plumbing, electrics, plastering, tiling.
- ✓ Corgi registered gas installation.
- ✓ Soft close Drawers & Doors as standard.
- ✓ Extensive range of the latest, top quality Door styles and colours to choose from.
- ✓ Colour co-ordinated carcasses .
- ✓ Wide range of Laminate, timber, Granite & Quartz worktops.
- ✓ Top quality accessories
- ✓ Sinks, taps
- ✓ All leading makes of appliances available

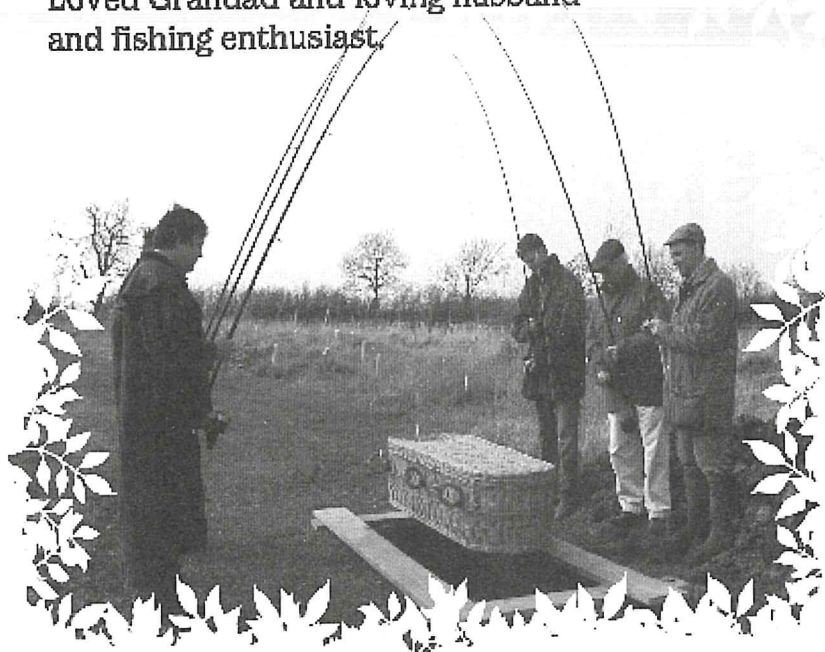
For sales, help & advice Phone 01327 872111 mob 07853172699

Showroom at 5 Bowen Square, Daventry NN11 4DR

YES GRANITE FITTED FROM £1,199 + VAT
YES QUARTZ FITTED FROM £1,499 + VAT

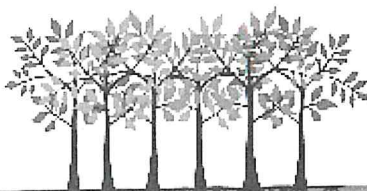


Dave Peters 1942 - 2011
Loved Grandad and loving husband
and fishing enthusiast.



One of the many wonderful things about Greenhaven is that you can be buried however you wish. We think burial is about celebrating the life someone has had and the things they enjoyed.

You can have the burial you want, but at a fraction of the cost of a conventional one. And for those left behind – a beautiful woodland sanctuary where life goes on and memories linger.



Visit us at: www.greenhaven.org.uk
email on: nichargreaves@hotmail.com
Or call Nick on: 01788 860 604

Greenhaven
woodland burial ground
A little piece of heaven on earth



Mike Fiddes
Your Local
Handyman

**For all Your Home & Garden
 Needs**

Fencing, Patios, Paths & Walls
 Pergolas/Arbours ~ made to measure

Home Maintenance, Guttering,
 Re-Pointing Shelving Flat-Pack
 Assembly & *all those little odd jobs!*

For a no obligation quote ring
01788 891847 or
078808 78835 (mobile)

DO YOU NEED A CLEANER?

WEEKLY, FORTNIGHTLY, OR
 ONE OFF CLEANS AVAILABLE.
 CONTACT TARA HANCOCK AT
 CLEANINGANGELS
 07706 176051

**Braunston Fishing Club
 BINGO**

**Every Thursday throughout
 the year
 8.00pm in the Village Hall**

G Donald 891264



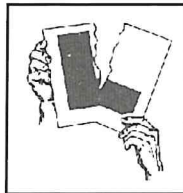
Repairs To Windows & Doors

- ✓ **New Double Glazed Units**
- ✓ **Reduce Condensation**
- ✓ **Any Conservatory Repair**
- ✓ **Self Cleaning Glass**
- ✓ **Burglar Proof Locks**

Call 01933 677 444
Or

0800 622716 (24hrs)

Trusted For Over 30 Years



**BRAUNSTON
 SCHOOL of
 MOTORING**

Est. 1993

- Professional, Patient Tuition
- Excellent Pass Rate
- Student & Block Booking
 Discounts
- Free Learner Support Pack
- Motorway Tuition & Pass Plus
- Refresher & Lapsed Pupils

*Phone Martin Scott, DSA A.D.I., I.A.M.,
 F.C.I.B.*

Telephone:
01788 890751
07889 709948

Braunston garage

Est. 1991

Cross Lane, Braunston, Nr.Daventry

Northamptonshire NN11 7HH

Tel: (01788) 891977

Fax: (01788) 891977

- Servicing to all makes of vehicles - either using our own unique service program, or to manufactures service schedules including those still under warranty.
- All diagnostic work under taken - using the latest diagnostic equipment in our fully equipped workshop.
- M.O.T's arranged - all repairs available on site.
- Tyres/puncture repairs/wheel balancing - excellent prices on new tyres fitted on site.
- Wheel alignment
- Clutches supplied and fitted
- Exhausts
- Batteries
- Welding

Opening times

Mon - Fri 8.00 to 6.00

Saturday 8.00 to 12.00

Fully qualified technicians, professional and friendly service. No job too small.

To book an appointment call :01788 891977

MBLH

Oil Boiler Services

Martin Hooker

Tel: 01788 812989

Mob: 07761 114 043



- ✓ Boiler Servicing
- ✓ Prompt Service
- ✓ Boiler Breakdowns
- ✓ Fully Insured
- ✓ Competitive Prices

Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



**Next meeting - Tuesday 7th
February.**

Nigel Roder will give a fascinating talk on "The History of Juggling". Please look out your oldest toy for our challenge. Visitors always welcome, we start at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Contact Barbara on 01788 890452

Friendly Club

Next Meeting Dates:-

Monday 13th February at 2.30 in the Village Hall and Monday 27th February - same time & place.

TO BOOK THE VILLAGE HALL CALL -

ALAN DENT

07724123363

01788 891366

or Email

a.dent725@btinternet.com



BVN Advertising Rates

Size	¼ Page	½ Page	Full Page
Ad Hoc Rates :	£15	£25	£40
Three Consecutive Issues:	£40	£65	£100
Contract Full Year Rate:	£100	£200	£400

Village Clubs, Charities and Association

In principle reasonable insertions for the above are free but donations are encouraged.

For further information contact Alan 01788 890291

CARE VISITS AT HOME

Good old fashioned service

A comprehensive
care at home service



Contact us

Call our professional team

01327 227084

01604 212476

Alternative

We offer a realistic cost effective alternative to residential care. With familiar friends, relatives and possessions Bluebird Care easily fits in around you - whatever your needs.

Our staff

Our staff are dedicated, caring and trained to give medication. All our carers are police checked for your peace of mind.

What we offer

From personal care to shopping and cleaning or just to come and chat with you in the comfort of your own home. Just tell us what you want.



www.bluebirdcare.co.uk

daxa
health and beauty

an oasis of refined bliss...

Daxa Health & Beauty provide soothing holistic and beauty treatments to relax, refresh and rejuvenate.

Take time to pamper yourself with our luxurious treatments and breathe vitality into your life.

Featuring the **NEW**

Lava Shell Thermal Massage/Facial

As seen on The Apprentice

- Holistic Therapies • Massage •
- Beauty Treatments • Gift Vouchers •

Full details can be found on

www.daxahealthandbeauty.co.uk

Call now on **07773 795 267**

Hillside, The Wharf, Daventry, NN11 7JQ

Exclusive Offer: **10% off** first treatment

(subject to conditions)

find us on **facebook**

- ◆ **Cold house last winter?**
- ◆ **Increasing heating costs?**
- ◆ **Fed up with oil deliveries?**



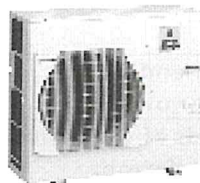
Have you considered installing a Heat Pump?

In order to keep up with demand for our range of Renewable Heating Systems, EcoWarm Installations has relocated to the award winning iCon Environmental Innovation Centre in Daventry and now trades as

Bright Green Renewables Ltd

As well as installing Heat Pumps we can now offer Solar PV and Solar Thermal Systems, which are eligible for substantial government grants

- * **Heat Pumps convert solar energy for heating & hot water**
- * **Proven Technology**
- * **Cost savings of up to 55%**
- * **CO2 reductions of up to 60%**
- * **Heat Pump unit stands outside**
- * **Connects to existing radiators**
- * **No need for an internal boiler or oil tank**
- * **Government approved Renewable Technology**
- * **Government Grants of up to £1250 available**



Bright Green Renewables Ltd specialise in the design, specification and installation of Renewable Heating and Energy Systems into a wide range of domestic and commercial properties.

***Be warmer for less next winter!
Call now for a no-obligation consultation.***

Tel 01327 304944
 Email enquiries@brightgreenrenewables.co.uk
 Web www.brightgreenrenewables.co.uk



Bright Green, Bright Future

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
<i>Angling Club</i>	<i>Chris Miller</i>	891938	
Air Training Corps	Stuart Chadwick	078844 02797	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 togethe
Braunston Walkers	Phillip Ray	891437 891384	Walks of 7-10 miles around the area
Church Choir	John Viggars	0247667 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 kids from 0 upwards
Gardens Assn.	Chris Grossart	890491	
The Dick Herne Braunston History Soc.	Annie Rogers	891179	Meetings 3 rd 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	Kathleen Mynett	890908	Under 5's with paren Mondays 2pm All Saints' Church
Pre-School	Braunstonpresc hool@googlema il.com	07950 246130	Mon – Fri am during term time in village hall

Club	Contact	Phone (01788)	Meetings
Royal British Legion	Colin D White	890390	2 nd Tuesday of month At 8pm
2 nd 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 ¼ - 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	Alan & Mavis Eley	890011	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 villagehall@braunston.net
Women's Institute	Pat Steeton Gill Powell	890753 890763	1 st 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



The Wheatsheaf
Braunston, Daventry

**WHATS ON AT THE WHEATSHEAF INN,
10 THE GREEN, BRAUNSTON.
01788 890748**

SAT Feb 4th Nov - Live music performed by "BIG WEDNESDAY" - A varied mix of 70's, 80's, punk, rock and indie classics.

SAT 28th Nov - Live music performed by "A TRIP TO THE SUN" - A varied mix of rock and Indie classics from the 60's to present day.

KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR MORE LIVE MUSIC AT "THE SHEAF" IN MARCH

BIG SCREEN SKY SPORTS SHOWN EVERY DAY, FOOTBALL, RUGBY ETC

TRADITIONAL HOME COOKED FOOD SERVED ALL DAY SATURDAY
12 NOON - 8PM

TRADITIONAL HOME COOKED SUNDAY LUNCH WITH VARIED SELECTION OF LOCALLY SOURCED MEATS, SERVED EVERY SUNDAY
12NOON - 4PM
1 COURSE £5.75
2 COURSE £7.95

BVN Deadline March EDITION

The next Newsletter will be published on 1st . March 2012 Please leave material at the Post Office before noon 20th February 2012 or by email to the Editor mail@alancornford.plus.com 01788 890291 or Asst. Editor burton_jenni@yahoo.co.uk or Steve Rolt clerk@braunstonpc.com

The inclusion of advertisements does not imply any form of endorsement by the Parish Council or All Saints' Church and any views expressed in the BVN are not necessarily those of either All Saints Church or Braunston Parish Council.

Printed by **Design to Print Ltd**, 46 Daventry Road, Norton, NN11 2ND.
Logo design by **Ripple Creative** - 07881 504757