

BRAUNSTON

NEWS

Village

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“Love where you live”

All Saints' Church, Braunston

MOTHERING SUNDAY
18th. March 2012



Family Service
with Communion

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





All Saints'
Church
Braunston

allsaintsbraunston.org.uk



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

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REGISTERS FOR FEB 2012

BRAUNSTON

Baptisms -

22/2/12 - Neve Watts &

Jonathan Williams

26/02/12 Romah George Peak

Funerals -

18/01/12 Nigel Edmund Milo

16/01/12 Joan Haynes

ASHBY

Baptisms -

On the merits of being anti-Christian

Depending on your point of view you will have cheered or wept at the news of Bideford Town Council no longer being permitted to pray. I find myself perched on the fence even though I am obviously a stout (some, including the fence, might say far too stout) supporter of the Church. My heart bleeds for that atheist councillor who found it so unbearable to sit through a few moments of prayer at a council meeting that he felt the need to go to the highest court in the land to have his view override the will of others. The poor, poor lamb. It must have been so distressing for him. But it is scary to think that people can be so intolerant that they cannot shut their ears and think about what is for lunch or muse upon the aesthetic properties of a gorgeous bird for two minutes to accommodate the beliefs or practices of others, particularly when these are part of the cultural heritage and do no harm. It used to be called respect.

On the other hand the hardcore politically correct secular agenda is at least honest in its desire to kick faith out of the public square. I'm actually more uneasy about the more moderate politicians who support "the right of the faith sector" to pray and who are happy for the national church to lead our great pageants as long as it doesn't say anything contentious or un-PC. Or talk about Jesus obviously. As long as it is prepared to compromise its message the Church is a fine thing for the nation. That is why some of you will have come to despise the Church for never seeming to take a firm moral and religious lead. Because a Church that is diluted by political integration (and I am by no means just talking about my beloved Cof E here!) is toothless - a church that threatens no vested interests and is thus letting down the poor, the oppressed, the dispossessed, the outcasts and all the people it is really there for- not to mention God. It may be that the Secularist agenda will turn out to be the biggest shot in the arm possible for a Faith that at its best acknowledges no authority over that of Christ and that believes that principles and relationships as ordained by God for the good of all are better than those invented by groups of people with a political axe to grind.

I imagine that some of you will vehemently disagree with me. If so let us agree to disagree in mutual respect and with a will for love. I thought we could take that for granted here but after hearing of the recent physical intimidation and threats inflicted upon a volunteer in the village hall earlier this month without any attempt at civilised discussion of a problem you can't be too careful.

Don't tell me we don't need a Saviour!

Rev'd. Sarah

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2012

Floodlighting 2012

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
16th February - Keren Andrews 40th birthday
22nd February - * Louise & Mark's Wedding Anniversary
23rd February - * To wish Alan Cornford a happy 70th birthday. Much love, Pauline
23rd February - * Happy birthday Zoe. Love, Mum & Dad
25th February - * Patricia - with love & fond affection on your Birthday. Maurice

March's Floodlighting so far...

- 12th March - * In loving memory of Jim Moore. From Lyn, Joanne & Sandra
15th March - * Lit for Ada Littlemore
15th March - * Happy Birthday Debs. All my love, Mart
15th March - * In memory of my friends, Violet Furber and Louise Stuart
21st March - Remembering Ann's father on what would have been his 100th birthday. Such happy memories.
26th March - * Judith & Nigel Sykes Wedding Anniversary
27th March - * Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary
28th March - * Our Wedding Anniversary. Jean & Brian Branch



* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

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



2012?

Doesn't time fly! It's March already, Spring is just around the corner and before we know it, it will be the glorious British Summer and the August Bank Holiday weekend.

With time marching on, many people, from Braunston and further afield, have asked whether the Braunston Village Weekend will be happening in 2012.

The simple answer is that we would love it to but it is all dependent on raising the money to make it happen.

2011 was a great success, partly due to the fact that it was a free event, open to all. We believe this is a key factor of its success and that this should not change.

In 2011, we were supported by a number of local businesses, Arts Council England, Braunston Parish Council and by the generosity of everyone who donated money and bought programmes.

The event in 2011 cost just under £23,000. Sadly, due to the theft of a generator onsite, we ended up making a small loss overall, meaning there is no money to carry forward to the next event. Costs this year are likely to increase, and the Arts Council has made clear that any support from them must only be spent on artistic activity, not on general infrastructure costs.

We believe the key is to find one (or two) large organisations that can provide the bulk of the funding required, and raise the remainder from smaller sources. We are currently investigating options and hope to have positive news over the coming weeks and months. Watch this space!

If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Braunston Village Weekend 2012 or knows anyone who may, please contact Pete Blunt.

(pete@braunstonvillageweekend.co.uk).

Many thanks

Pete

BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are trying to form a group of like minded individuals who would be able to help us maintain the Canal towpaths and locks in the Braunston Area. Whilst the group will be independent, we will be doing this with the help and support of British Waterways/The Canals and Rivers Trust and they will supply equipment, supervision as required and the benefits of insurance cover. We are also likely to receive support from the local Parish Council.

In the beginning it is likely that the bulk of our input will be litter picking and minor pruning of overhanging branches etc. Assuming we have the persons available we would also like to undertake the removal of rubbish from the canal, minor repairs to the infrastructure, and similar things. Improvements to the lock landings and lock areas, which could involve additional seating etc, are all possibilities.

The canal presents a valuable asset to the village and it is sometimes spoilt by the selfish actions of a minority, a few hours a month of your time could make all the difference and possibly even embarrass some of the other people to mend their ways. We will also present a visible presence on the canal, both to help those using it and to discourage those abusing it. Anybody who has any interest at all in this is welcome to contact any of the organisers as listed below.

Nick Strivens - 01788890764 - allison.strivens@btinternet.com

Mike Davies -- 01788899103 -- daviesmc@btinternet.com

Chris Burton -- 01788891546 - chris.burton7@btinternet.com



Hope & Homes for Children

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

BRAUNSTON'S ANNUAL FAIR RETURNS TO ITS ROOTS



Image of an early Braunston Fair

Planning is in hand to hold All Saints' annual Church Fete on the Green on the 2nd June, the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend and to rename the event The Braunston Jubilee Church Fair reminiscent of the traditional event that used to take place back in the early 1800s. The original event was held in early November, set up on the Green with stalls lining the High Street. There was music and dancing by lamplight until late with much alcohol being consumed. The modern event will be more family orientated and will feature an historic fairground organ, and a childrens' roundabout. Other ideas being considered are a BBQ/pig roast, a childrens' fancy dress competition, traditional maypole dancing, stalls and much more.

We are looking for ideas and support to make this event a real Braunston celebration. If you can help or have any ideas of what you would like to see, Please contact Peter Hobbs 01788 899086.

This a start to a truly momentous weekend for the nation, and, therefore, what a wonderful place to be from the outset





BVGA
Braunston Village Gardens Association
Welcomes all Braunston residents and their
friends to take part in the
Braunston Show
Saturday 8th September 2012

Celebrate 45
years of the
reinstated show
together

45

Start getting ready now...

Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Home Produce, Handicrafts

Photograph titles for 2012 are

Out and about in Braunston

Gardening

The magic of sky

Animal close up

Let's party

Sporting action

Handicraft changes for 2012 are

A homemade Halloween decoration,
any medium

An Olympic collage – glued or sewn.

Max size 40cm x 40cm

We are dividing the patchwork,
quilting and appliqué into two classes.

One for quilts and a separate one for
items with a maximum size of 18" x

18" or 46cm x 46cm.

Novelty will include

A flower arrangement for the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Remember that this is an open class, so talk to your
friends and see if they would like to enter this class and
fill the Village Hall with diamonds!

Flowers have a new class for 2012

A collection of seed heads, so
gathering can start now.

The children only classes will be published in the BVN in May and the complete show schedule will be
delivered to homes in July. So make this a bumper year for entries and join together

TO SHOW WHAT VILLAGERS CAN DO

BRAUNSTON W.I.

We have sent over 300 helmet liners to the Queen's Royal Hussars in Afghanistan and the following message was put in each one:-

'On behalf of Braunston W.I., Barby W.I. and the many relatives and friends who have been busy knitting these helmet liners over the last few months, we send our best wishes and hope that the liners will provide a bit of comfort when cold and difficult conditions prevail. We want you to know that all your efforts in Afghanistan are appreciated and many thoughts and prayers go out for an end to the conflict and your safe return.'

A sincere THANK YOU, therefore, to all who have contributed in any way to this effort, including the Braunston Post office staff who has patiently dealt with all the parcels. Well done everyone!!

Thank You

Gill Powell and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their generous donations to the Heart Foundation in memory of Alan Powell. The sum of £187 was contributed. Many thanks to you all.

Village Hall

Following a recent event, everyone commented on what a fantastic venue the Village Hall now is and with excellent facilities.

We are getting there!! - Alan Dent

A DINNER WITH AN
AUCTION OF PROMISES.

(IN AID OF THE RESTORATION OF ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH, BRAUNSTON.)

**MANY FABULOUS LOTS TO BE
AUCTIONED, AFTER THE DINNER!**

SATURDAY, 19TH MAY (7.00 FOR 7.30P.M.)

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL.

**TICKET:- £5 (DINNER INCLUDED
BUT PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
DRINKS.)**

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED, IN
ADVANCE, FROM ANDREW 890826 OR
SHEILA 890559, THE POST OFFICE OR
AT CHURCH ON A SUNDAY.(LIMITED TO
70 TICKETS!)**

*******LIVE MUSIC DURING THE
EVENING FROM:-**

PRESERVATION ORDER. *****

BVGA

The Braunston Gardeners will be opening the Garden Store at the Village hall (Ashby Road side) from March 18th, 2012 and each following Sunday to the end of May from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

If you have never used the store please come and see what we have on offer. Any queries please speak to Chris on 890491.

All Saints' Church
Braunston

1st April 2012

Palm Sunday Procession

*Starts outside
The WheatSheaf Pub at
10:30am*

Short Service 11am



Come & Join Us!

Braunston Cinema Club

Braunston Village Hall

Saturday 31 March 7.30pm

The Commitments

1991, (15)

Bafta-winning comedy drama about a group of unemployed Dubliners who form a soul band.

Doors open 7pm. Home-made refreshments & soft drinks available. Bring your own wine/guinness...

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

**with Centre Screen
(Big Country Rural Cinema Network)**

**BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD
ASSOCIATION**

Registered Charity 274911

Plant a Tree for the Jubilee!

Come and help us plant 100 trees in the
Playing Field on 25th March from 11am.

Bring a spade. Bring the family!



Refreshments available



The Cathedral of the Canals

Friends of All Saints' Braunston

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21st March

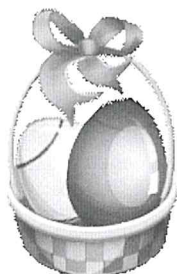
At 8 pm in the Parish Room in the Church

Come and give your ideas and hear what is planned

Light refreshments

All Saints' Church, Braunston

EASTER EGG HAMPER RAFFLE



Full of Chocolate Delights

Tickets on sale at Braunston Store on

Saturday morning

31st. March and 7th. April.

Also after Sunday Services

Contact Brenda Hobbs on 899086

BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Walk Saturday 21st January 2012

Staverton (10 miles ish)

In 2012 I am following the old adage of "eat Less and move more" This ten miler starts the "move more" bit and next year I will follow with the "eat less bit". Eighteen brave walkers set off for Staverton which lies just South East of Braunston but as is our want, we set off in the opposite, North westerly, direction along the canal and up to the tunnel entrance. We then cut along the edge of a field and emerged behind the warehouses in Daventry in pouring rain before turning South to reach the A45 which we crossed (at this point Daxa was offered a lift home but spurned the offer to continue in the wet. What a hero!) We took the path through Kentle Woods. In clear weather there are magnificent views from this small path behind a huge warehouse, which was run by Green Shield and then Argos but I am giving away my age now. The view extends to Staverton on the left then Shuckborough, Flecknoe, Grandborough, Willoughby and, of course, Braunston. Fantastic but today just endless rain and cloud!

We left Kentle Woods and crossed a field on a path clearly marked by a considerate farmer with sticks with bottles on top, to reach the bridle way between Braunston and Staverton. We ignored this and continued along field edges to reach an old stone barn before turning right through the hedge and crossing another field. We then hit Staverton hill and climbed up steeply pausing to admire the views and to dig out the old defibrillator. Reaching the old gate at the top we walked past a lovely old house to reach the old, stone, Staverton Manor. It really could star in a BBC costume drama. A lovely old stone house with old stone mullions and a timeless feel. We then walked through the old village to reach our lunch time goal, The Countryman where we were soon ensconced over foaming pints of Fuller's London Pride and ciabatta sandwiches. Superb and, of course, highly recommended. Our path back took us along the old bridle way, before turning left just before Berryfields Farm and following the path back over increasingly muddy fields to Braunston. This really is a great walk and right on our doorstep. You would be hard pressed to beat the views!!

Walk Saturday 17/2/2012 Willoughby (11 miles)

Willoughby lies to the west of Braunston but, as usual, twelve of us set off in an easterly direction through Jetty Fields to bottom lock and then on steeply uphill to reach the Jurassic Way passing a new build on top of the hill next to a huge, industrial, barn. We turned right, crossed the A45, and followed the path which drops down to the, always muddy, Braunston Covert. We continued along the path behind Berryfields Farm and then turned right to reach the Miry Bridge over the River Leam. This is the boundary of three parishes (Braunston, Staverton and Willoughby) as well as two counties, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. With rain in the forecast we hurried along the footpath and turned right to reach Wolfhamcote. We then joined the path over to Sawbridge with the rain starting and still several miles to the pub, we decided on a revised, shorter, walk and turned right to follow a track alongside the River Leam to reach the road then took the field path that goes to Willoughby House before crossing fields to reach The Rose in Willoughby. The rain was now really set in but we were ensconced around a blazing fire tucking in to excellent baguettes, great chips and of course foaming pints of delicious Doombur beer. Superb and highly recommended.

After an all too short lunch we donned soggy coats and boots and set off but soon got back to the pub as I had forgotten my stick! Duh!! The path goes behind the pub and then reaches the A45

which we crossed. It is a good thing that everybody only goes at 50 mph along there or we could never have crossed. We crossed another wet field and reached the Longdown Lane over the canal at the Navigation which used to be a pub and on up the steep hill. The views from here are fantastic but we were facing the wrong way. The rain had stopped and the sun was shining as we turned right and joined the path back to Braunston sucking on sweets kindly supplied by Terry. This is yet another excellent walk on our doorstep.

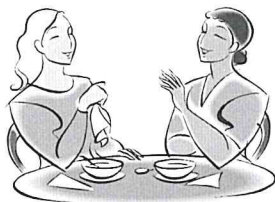
Our next walks are as follows please feel free to join us. We normally meet at 10 at the village hall on the third Saturday in the month:

17th Mar Around 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 m)



Peace at Lunch

Wednesdays

At 12:30

All Saints Church

A Short Service followed by Light Lunch

Come and Have a Chat

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

MARCH - Fridays 2nd, 16th and 30th.

APRIL - Fridays 13th and 27th.

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**

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

LENT LUNCH



Saturday 3rd. March

Braunston Village

Hall

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Come and enjoy a chat and
some sumptuous soup

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS MAR 2012

Sunday	4 th	9.15 Holy Communion (A) : 11.00 Holy Communion & Kids Club (B) : 18.30 Evensong (B)
Monday	5 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	7 th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch and social time: 15.30 Worship on Wednesdays in School
Thursday	8 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Friday	9 th	19.30 Lent Course continues
Sunday	11th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Morning Prayer (A): 11.00 Family Service (B): 13.30 Baptism of James & Oliver Thomas
Monday	12 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	14 th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch and social time: 19.30 Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Thursday	15 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Friday	16 th	19.30 Lent Course continues
Sunday	18th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Family Communion for Mothering Sunday(A) : 11.00 Family Service with Holy Communion
Monday	19 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	20 th	19.30 Braunston History Society
Wednesday	21 st	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch and social time: 15.30 Worship on Wednesdays in School: 20.00 Friends' of All saints' Church Annual Meeting
Thursday	22 nd	19.30 Bell Ringers
Friday	23 rd	19.30 Lent Course continues
Sunday	25th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 A new service for Ashby – Pyjamas and Breakfast Family Worship Details TBC (A): 11.00 Family Communion & Kids' Club(B) Baptism of Jessica Nixon TBC
Monday	26 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	28 th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch at 1.00
Thursday	29 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Friday	30 th	19.30 Lent Course final session
Sunday	1st	Palm Sunday Procession
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS MAR 2012

Thursday	1 st	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	2 nd	19.00 Youth Club
Tuesday	6 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group : 19.30 W.I
Wednesday	7 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	8 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	10 th	Scout Cake Stall
Monday	12 th	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club
Tuesday	13 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Royal British Legion
Wednesday	14 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	15 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	16 th	19.00 Youth Club
Sunday	18 th	Mothering Sunday
Tuesday	20 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 History Society
Wednesday	21 st	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: 20.00 AGM Friends of All Saints' Parish Room
Thursday	22 nd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Sunday	25 th	11.00 am Tree Planting – Braunston Playing Field
Monday	26 th	Explorer Scouts : 12.00 Friendly Club Lunch
Tuesday	27 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	28 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	29 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	30 th	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	31 st	19.30 Braunston Cinema Club

Braunston Pre-School

would like to thank all those who supported the campaign to obtain sports equipment from the recent 'Haven' initiative. The pre-school reached the 100% target and will now receive a sports kit and extra bonus item(s).

Pre-School Easter coffee morning will take place on Monday 26th March and all are welcome to attend. The morning will begin at 10.30 am and will include a presentation by the children, the sale of tea, coffee and homemade cakes and a raffle and tombola. This morning will assist in raising money for the Pre-school, which is a registered charity, and your continued support is much appreciated.

The Pre-School would like to ask if any gardeners would be willing to help, give advice, or make donations of equipment, materials etc as we are undertaking a make-over of the playground area with a particular focus upon the border areas.

'Cummins' are kindly providing the personnel if we can provide the materials, ideas and vision. Please contact Dawn, Co-Chair on Braunston 891110.

There is a 'Literacy meeting' on Tuesday 28th February and is open to parents of children hoping to enter reception year, at Braunston Primary School, this September."

Braunston Parish Council Report

Reported Crimes

Burglary Dwelling - 1 Commercial premises

Criminal Damage - 2 1 - Dwelling, 1 - Motor Vehicle

Burglary Non Dwelling - Commercial Premises

Theft from Vehicle - 1

Theft of a vehicle - 1

Theft - 0

Other - 0

200 Club Winners latest results 2012

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
05.01.12	15	P Wenhan	£50
12.01.12	100	R Kendall	£10
12.01.12	83	F Ford	£5
19.01.12	95	S Rolt	£10
19.01.12	54	J Midson	£5
26.01.12	111	S Hiscock	£10
26.01.12	25	S Cleaver	£5

HURRAH

BRAUNSTON PARCELS

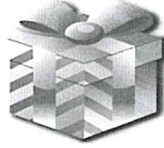
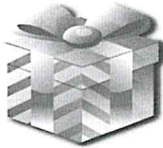
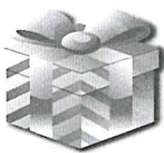
On February 8th, Cay and Caroline (at the Post Office) despatched the 1000th parcel of 'goodies' to our troops serving in Afghanistan.

This remarkable achievement is all due to the overwhelming generosity of the kind people of, and visitors to, Braunston who continue to donate to 'the box'. Thank you very much indeed. At the time of writing 1001 Parcels have been sent.

The current recipients of our parcels are members of the QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS and we wish them a safe and successful tour of duty.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Val Worrall



Thank you

As usual Val thanks everyone else for their support but we would like to thank her for without her none of the above would have happened.

Alan & Jenni BVN Editors

The Royal British Legion Braunston and District



The next meeting will be held at The Old Plough, Braunston on Tuesday March 13th.

All are welcome

Submitted by
Tony Saunderson
01788 890797

Daventry Health Walk Scheme



A 30/40min HEALTH WALK will take place on the following Fridays in March, leaving from outside Poppies Tea Rooms at 2pm. All are welcome. Just turn up - no charge but please wear suitable footwear. 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. There will not be a Walk on the 9th. Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

News from the Scouts

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.

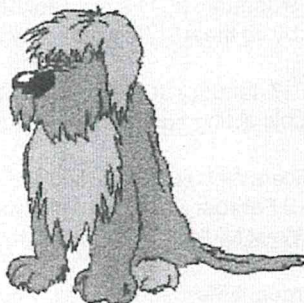
If your son or daughter is interested in joining the Scout Group please do not hesitate to contact me on 01788 890241 or Joan Bishop on 01327 878178

Steve Rolt Assistant Group Scout Leader 2nd Braunston Scout Group

The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

Tuesday 20th March will find us delving into our archives while we outline our plans for the next few months. Everyone is welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Library for what should be an interesting evening.

If you can't be bothered to clear up, then don't be bothered to have a dog.



Can you Help?



Do you have a couple of hours free once a fortnight to become a Home Visitor/Befriender for Northamptonshire Association for the Blind?

Right now we have blind and partially sighted people in your area who urgently need support to overcome isolation and regain their confidence. Our Volunteer roles vary to suit your skills and preferences. Volunteers can help with tasks such as:

- assistance with reading mail, newspapers
- occasional shopping trips
- accompanying clients on short walks, visits to the doctor or hospital

By giving up just a little of your time to become a volunteer will make a huge difference on someone's life.

To volunteer or find out more, contact Rachel Cave Volunteer Co-ordinator:

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Supporting people with sight loss



The public are being urged to report suspicious activity as the force continues to clamp down on metal theft.

On 9 January 2011 a member of the public rang 101 to report that a Citroen van was in a lay by on the A5 at long Buckby and people within it were acting suspiciously.

On 17 January 2012 another member of the public rang 101 to report a similar van and people acting suspiciously in Kettering.

Officers then put an alert on the Police National Computer in connection with the vehicle. On 9 February 2012 the vehicle believed to be the same vehicle was stopped on the M6 by West Midlands Police and the driver arrested.

Sergeant Mark McDonnell, who is leading the operation against metal theft, said: "We know from speaking to business groups and individuals that people sometimes think it is not worth phoning the police with details of suspicious incidents, wrongly believing that nothing will happen. This shows that we do take these calls seriously and do take action.

"We would urge anybody who sees vehicles in any suspicious circumstances such as unsolicited 'touting' for scrap, to call the police on 101 immediately."

DAVENTRY LIBRARY

The Libraries Strategy was approved by Northamptonshire County Council cabinet in October 2011 and within it was a commitment to Sunday opening for as many of our libraries as possible. Having our libraries open on Sundays will improve customer's access to the wider council's self service and online services, for example Blue Badge applications and bus passes. They will also provide great venues for contact time for families, Sundays being a key family time for those who work at other times.

Library	Hrs Now	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Hrs	Hrs Diff
Daventry	58	9-7	9-7	9-7	9-7	9-7	9-5		61	
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SUCH A BUSY DAY

Thank goodness there is a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better even though I have it!

Recently I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests itself!

I decide to water the garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I head towards the garage, I notice the post on the porch table that I picked up from the postman earlier. I decide to go through it before I wash the car.

I put my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the recycling box under the table and notice that the box is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the recycling first, but then I think, as I am going to be near the post box when I take the recycling paper anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table and notice there is only one cheque left. My extra cheque book is in the desk in my study. So, I go to the study where I find my unfinished cup of coffee. As I look for my cheque book I push aside the coffee so that I don't knock it over.

The coffee is getting cold so I decide to make another. As I head towards the kitchen with the cold coffee, a vase of flowers catches my eye - the flowers need water.

I put the coffee on the worktop with the flowers and find my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

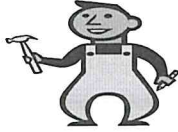
I decide to put them on my desk but first I am going to water the flowers. I fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote control. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realise that tonight when we go to watch TV I'll be looking for the remote but won't remember it is on the kitchen table. So, I decide to put it back where it belongs but first water the flowers. I pour some water into the vase but quite a lot spills on the floor. So, I put the remote back on the table, get some kitchen roll and wipe up the spills.

Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a cold cup of coffee on the work top, the flowers still don't have enough water, there is still only one cheque left in my cheque book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I have been busy all day and I'm really tired. I realise this is a serious problem and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my Emails Don't laugh - if this isn't you yet, your day is coming !!!!!!!



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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



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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)
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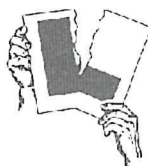
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The challenge is to make a Get Well card and the tea hostesses will be Janet Cox and Betty Dex.

Contact Barbara on 890452

Friendly Club

Next meeting - Monday 12th March. A chance to make Easter cards with help and advice from Joan Wood. Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.30

Monday 26th March. We are hoping to go out to lunch, meeting at 12.00 noon. More details of venue and cost at the next club meeting. Transport provided for anyone who needs it.

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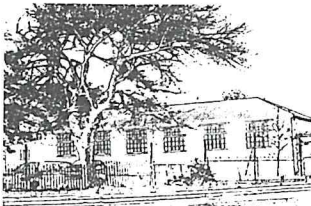
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Air Training Corps	Stuart Chadwick	078844 02797	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Monday & Thursday
Army Cadet Force	David A Hurley	890095	Boys & Girls 13-18yrs Every Tuesday event
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday Evenings 7.30pm-9pm
Braunston Players	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	R. Undy r.undy@hotmail .co.uk	07814695 160	
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

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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 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	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
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