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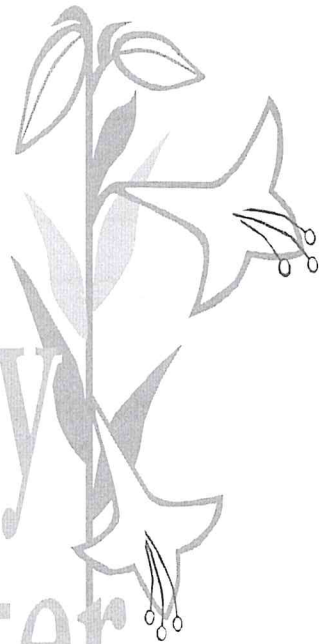
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REGISTERS FOR MARCH 2012

BRAUNSTON

Baptisms -

11th - James & Oliver Thomas

25th - Jessica Margaret Nixon

Funerals -

7th - Jessie Caw

30th - Keith Albert Blundell

***May they rest in peace and
rise in glory***

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Baptisms -

4th-Louis Goodyear,

Ruby Terry and

Oliver Colton

Funerals -

9th Wendy Roberta Collingwood

The nonsense of the Resurrection

One of my great joys (you may consider that I lead a very sad life) is standing up in church on Easter Sunday, having told the Good Friday story of Jesus' sickeningly nasty death, to announce the unbelievable, the incredible, the downright bonkers news that "The Lord is Risen". Not as in "after a heavy night Jesus rose late and ate a hearty breakfast" but From The Dead- after three days in a tomb in a very hot country. It is so obviously impossible, so clearly an implausible, ridiculous notion, so scientifically nonsensical, that it literally defies belief. And yet I devote my entire life to it. What kind of a gullible idiot would do that? My joy comes, not just from the gobsmackingness of the news itself but from the response which comes roaring back from the congregation and from millions of similarly gullible idiots all over the planet. "He is risen indeed!" and thus we begin the celebration of the most important day of the Christian year.

There are three ways to respond to such an insane story. You can dismiss it as utter tosh and marvel that such a big lie has hoodwinked billions of people over 2000 years. Or you can realise that it is so silly that nobody would try to peddle such a laughably improbable tale unless it was true, still less die defending it (nearly all the founders of the early church died martyrs deaths attesting to the truth of what they had witnessed) if indeed it is really possible that an outrageous lie could be maintained over 2000 years! The third rational response (some might say the only rational response) is to ignore the whole thing and just enjoy the choc-fest known as Easter and dreamed up by Cadburys in collaboration with Thornton's and the Were-Rabbit's Public Relations Bureau.

But suppose it is true. So what? What significance can such a supernatural event have on the lives of the average Braunstonian, the nation, the world or the supernatural spheres of good and evil?

The answers are too big for the BVN unless the editors want a bumper Easter Annual 2012 - and I'm sure they don't. I'm even surer that you don't. So for now I'll just throw freedom, power, love, peace, contentment, hope and a chance for life after death at you. Not to mention ultimate victory over evil for all time. Yes I know. Bonkers. But worth looking into. Life changing.

Enjoy the food, the chocolate, the television, the holiday. I'll be enjoying them too. But ultimately these are not what Easter is for. Take those away - take away the ceremonies and the hymns (by which I do NOT mean don't bother to come to church on Easter Sunday!) and what we are left with is the central message of our faith. A message so central that without it there would be no Christianity.

"The Lord is Risen" "He is risen indeed."

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2012

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.

23rd March - * Celebrating our Golden Wedding Anniversary. John and Barbara Burr, N.B. Barnaby

26th March - * Judith & Nigel Sykes Wedding Anniversary

27th March - * Pat and Alison's Wedding Anniversary

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

30th March - Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary Les & Joan Wootten - with love from all the family.

April's Floodlighting so far...

2nd April - In memory of Len Archer. We all miss you. Evelyn & Paul & Stephen &, Alan & grandson Harry

5th April - * Love to all the family, from Geoff & Jean

8th April - * In memory of Anna

9th April - In loving memory of Eric - from Joyce and all the family

10th April - * Happy Birthday Phyl - with love from Ken

26th April - * Julie's Birthday



* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

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

BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY



Nick Strivens first floated the idea of a group of volunteers getting together, to help British Waterways (Canals and River Trust) to look after the canal in our village back in the January edition of the BVN. I am very pleased to say that this project has moved forward and has become a viable unit. We have signed up in excess of 25 willing members, we are liaising with BW to see what work we can take on, and we were able to carry out our first towpath tidy on Wed. 22nd Feb. In all the excitement we didn't record the number of people who took part, but we had an excellent turn out and a very successful morning in not particularly nice weather. A large amount of rubbish was collected up and disposed of by BW. To all those who helped that morning, our grateful thanks, you have helped us prove to BW that we mean business. It is even more pleasing to see that several of our members are now making litter picking part of their daily walks, and extending the area to include some of the paths etc near to and extending from the towpath.

It is still not too late to join us, we are working towards having a working day at least once a month and there are various other possibilities where people could help in the future

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BRAUNSTON CANAL SOCIETY - UPDATE

On Friday 16th March we had a very constructive meeting with Karen Fishwick of British Waterways, to progress our group and its future. It would seem sensible for as many members as possible to sit down and discuss this and give their opinions. In order to achieve this we have booked the village hall in Braunston for an hour or so at 7.30pm on the 27th March. It would also be an opportunity to assess the capabilities of our members to ensure we do not take on tasks we are not capable of doing. It would be easier for BW, and I think for ourselves, if we came up with a work programme for either 6 or 12 months ahead. The thought is that this should be based around one workday per month. Any person who will not be able to attend the meeting but wishes to make a particular point is welcome to email or ring me before the meeting. The meeting will be open to anyone with an interest in what we are trying to do, not just those who have registered an interest. This being the case if you know of any other persons who might like to help please fetch them along.

P.T.O

Our first towpath tidy was very successful and the area looks better to this day. I know several people who are continuing to collect the odd item of rubbish and have extended out onto some of the footpaths adjoining the canal, for this we are grateful, we are trying to obtain our own basic equipment from BW so that it will be easier to do this for those that wish to in the future.

Our next event will be to complete the towpath tidy, that is from the junction, down the GU to the winding hole on the puddle banks and up the North Oxford as far as the second bridge below the church. This is to be on Sunday 1st April, meeting at the stop house at 10.00am. This, we hope, will provide an opportunity for those who cannot manage weekdays to join us. To make it a bit easier I will probably take my narrowboat up to the puddle banks, we can throw the bags on the roof to bring them back and for anyone who hasn't tried it yet there is a short boat trip on offer. Hopefully the weather will be a little kinder to us this time.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the village hall.

Chris Burton

Braunston Canal Society. - An appeal to Gardeners

Any local gardeners who are throwing out or splitting up perennial plants, digging up self seeded trees or shrubs, or have bulbs to split up. we could be very grateful for them if they are surplus to your requirements. We as a group are trying to improve the visual effect of the Grand Union Canal as it passes through our village, along with tidying etc., extending the planting in some areas would be a bonus. Please contact me if you think you can help.

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All Saints' Church Easter Services 2012

Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday 1st. April

Meeting at the WheatSheaf at 10:30am

Evening Prayer

Monday 2nd. & Tuesday 3rd. April

All Saints' Church 5:00pm

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 4th. April

All Saints' Church 9:00am

Peace at Lunchtime

Wednesday 4th. April

All Saints' Church 12:30pm

Maundy Thursday The Passover Eucharist

Thursday 5th. April

All Saints' Church 7:30pm

Good Friday – An Hour at the Cross

Friday 6th. April

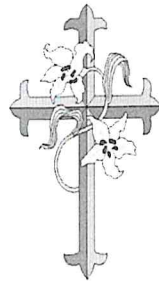
All Saints' Church 2:00pm

Easter Day

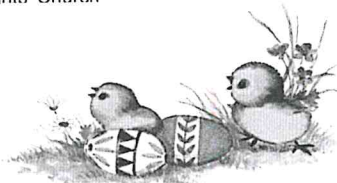
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- 5.45pm - Pre-Primary Tap (6-8yrs)
- 6.15pm - Adult Tap (no exp req)
- 7.15pm - Adult Street Dance (no exp req)
- 8.00pm - ZUMBA

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)

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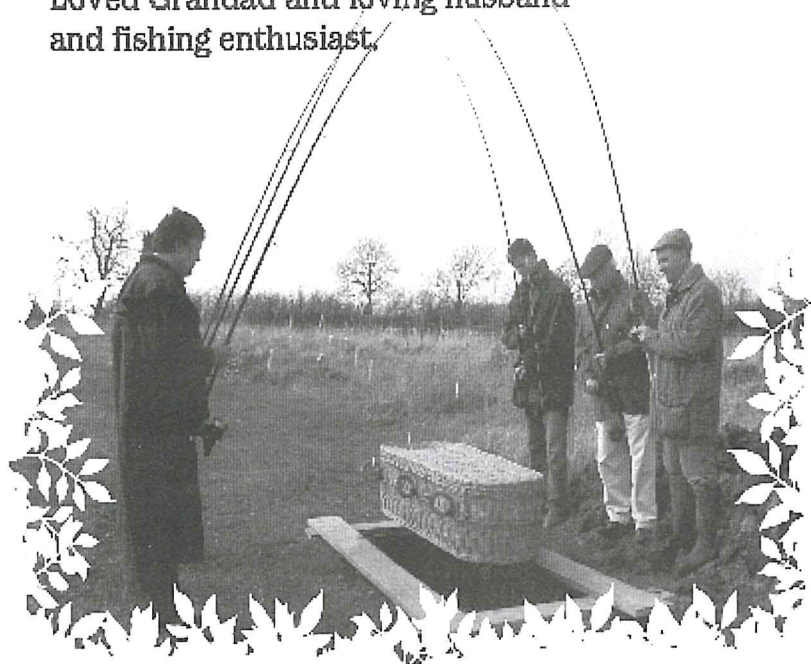
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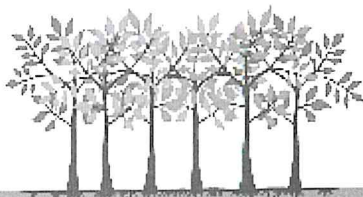
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The Green day report.

On Friday 9th March Braunston School Eco-committee and School Council organised a Green Day where all the children were asked to walk to school and wear something green. Children were asked to bring their lunch in re-useable containers so at lunchtime the amount of food waste from the children's lunches was weighed and compared to a normal day.

" Friday 2nd March - rubbish 14lb, food waste 10lb

" Friday 9th March - rubbish 8lb, food waste 8lb

On the 9th over 80% of children walked to school compared to the usual 44%. By walking to school they helped to reduce CO₂; it is a layer of gas around the earth and is made by burning material containing carbon.

We raised money to build energy saving stoves in Africa; in total we raised £95.05.

Here are some of the comments children posted:

" "I nearly had a waste free lunch" - Lucy Pryce year 4

" "I am going to have a packed lunch and not throw any away" -Isabel Warner
year 4

" "Green day was amazing and so fun!!!!!!" - Sophie Fitzhugh year 6

" "It was ace and epic, so cool" - Ben M year 6

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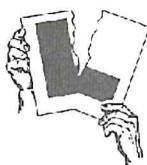
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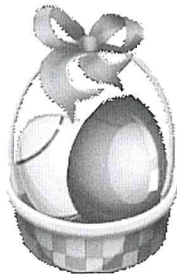
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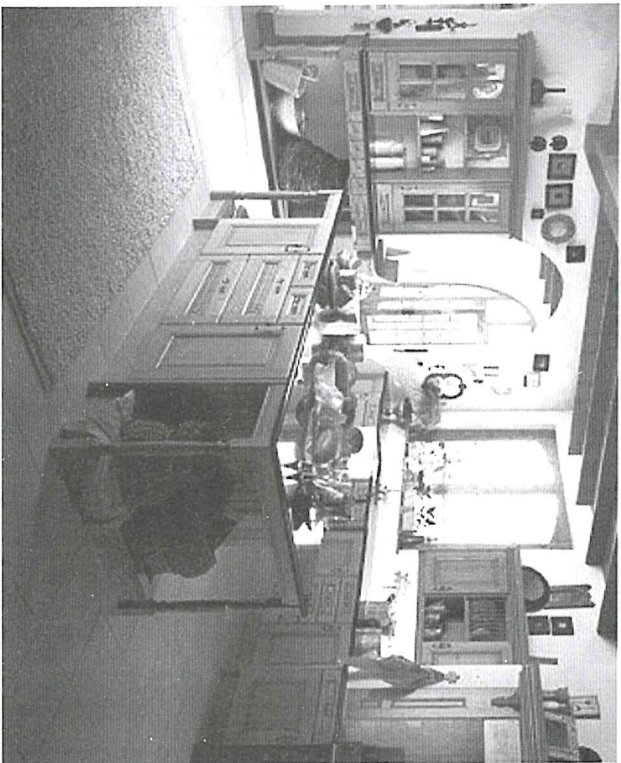
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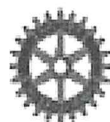
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We appreciate that we all have many commitments and not a lot of spare time. However, we would be very grateful if anyone could spare a couple of hours a fortnight to come along and help us. If we had enough volunteers we could even prepare a rota!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

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Tina Parsons **07812538193**

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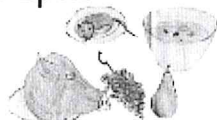
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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS APRIL 2012

Sunday	1st	9.15 Holy Communion (A) : 10.40 Procession from Village Green: Holy Communion & Kids Club (B) : 18.30 Evensong (B)
Monday	2nd	13.30 Wedding of Sue Isherwood & Mitchell Spearing: No Little Fishers (B) : 17.00 Said Evensong – Rev. Sarah (B) 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	3rd	17.00 Said Evensong – Marion
Wednesday	4th	9.00 Said Morning Prayer – Rev. Sarah: 12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch and social time: 19.30 Fete Planning Meeting
Thursday	5th	19.30 The Passover Eucharist
Friday	6th	9.30am Worship on Wednesdays Good Friday Service with Hot Cross Buns
Saturday	7th	No service in Braunston but service at Holy Cross Daventry
Sunday	8th	8.00 Holy Communion (B) : 9.15 Family Service with Communion (A): 11.00 Family Service with Communion(B)
Monday	9th	No Little Fishers (B) : No Church Choir
Wednesday	11th	No Peace at Lunch Time Service
Thursday	12th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	15th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Family Communion (A): 11.00 Holy Communion & Kids' Club
Monday	16th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	18th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch
Thursday	19th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	21st	Marriage of Sharon Bray & Wayne Ridley
Sunday	22nd	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion(A) 11.00 Family Communion & Kids' Club(B)
Monday	23rd	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	25th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch at 1.00
Thursday	26th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Friday	27th	19.30 Lent Course final session
Saturday	28th	19.30 Rotary Concert in aid of The Stroke Association
Sunday	29th	11.00 Joint Ashby / Braunston Service – True Stories & Songs of Praise (B)
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS APRIL 2012

Monday	2 nd	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	3 rd	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group : W.I. Puddles of Colour
Wednesday	4 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: L Mobile Library at Village Hall
Thursday	5 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	9 th	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	10 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	11 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga: 10.00 Friendly Club
Thursday	12 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	13 th	Youth Club
Saturday	14 th	Super Spring Quiz – Braunston Village Hall
Tuesday	17 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: Dick Herne History Society
Wednesday	18 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	19 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: Royal British Legion – George Hotel, Kilsby
Monday	23 rd	Explorer Scouts : Friendly Club
Tuesday	24 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
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Thursday	26 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	27 th	Youth Club
Saturday	28 th	Spring Concert – All saints' Church: Music & Film at Wolfampcote Church: Braunston Cinema Club
Monday	30 th	Explorer Scouts :

Jubilee Garden

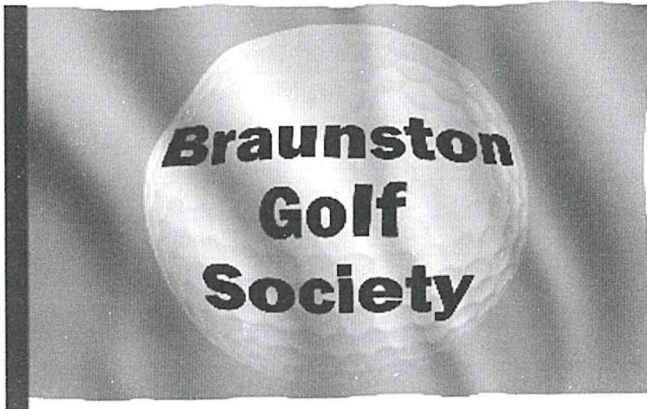
In 1977, to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee, the Braunston Village Gardens Association (BVGA) landscaped and planted a garden at the Village Hall. Although we maintained it over the years, it had become very tired.

Last year, when extending the Hall for the pre-school, the builders had to flatten most of the garden to get access for their machinery etc. On completion of the project, they rebuilt the wall and partially reinstated the area. Last autumn, with the help of money from the builders and the Parish Council, the BVGA members re-landscaped the area and started re-planting.

This year, to Commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Royal Horticultural Society is launching an 'In Bloom' celebration by distributing wild flower seeds to registered groups. As an Affiliated Society, the BVGA has registered and we will be sowing the seeds on Sunday 15th April starting at 10am. We hope that villagers will come along to the Village Hall to help sow the seeds.

We are hoping that the flowers will provide a good display in the summer and will attract plenty of insects - butterflies, bees and hoverflies. We will be recording which insect visit and would appreciate help with this too.

Jean Dibben BVGA



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BRAUNSTON TWINNERS



The Admiral Nelson to re-open!!!!

Anyone connected in any way with the canal and its history in Braunston, can not have been dismayed at the state of affairs concerning the Admiral Nelson Pub in Dark Lane. Over the past 4 years it has had as many landlords. The pattern has been a regular depressing tale of opening just before Easter and closing 8-12 months later. On the face of it the location has everything going for it. Rural setting, canal side with no through road, plenty of parking and outside seating with a large restaurant but sadly no one seems to have been able to make a go of it, that is hopefully until now. A recent spate of activity with what appears to be more than a spring clean means that all being well the new Licensee's, Mark and Pam Davis together with their chef trained son, Liam, will be reopening in time for Easter. Having met Mark and Liam this afternoon it is clear that they are passionate about turning this historical canal side pub into a success.

The formula that they hope to be a winner is a simple one, catering for those who enjoy fresh well-cooked food but at a price that won't hurt the wallet. They plan 2 menus and this will reflect Liam's passion for food. For those who don't want a full meal, lighter options will be available I am told and the beer selection, Mark assured me will not disappoint! As Mark pointed out, they are intending to be in the Nelson for the long haul and he and his family look forward to welcoming villagers and visitors alike.

The canal needs this pub to succeed and in what promises to be a very challenging year ahead with the locks shut between 4pm and 9am lets hope they can succeed where other's have not. As with most village services the pub is still an important hub of the community, it's a case of use it or lose it. The exact date for the Admiral Nelson to reopen has yet to be determined but all being well the opportunity to partake in a pint and pie will not be far off.

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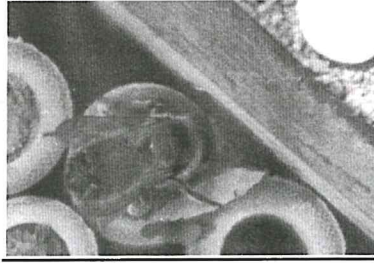
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These bees are not adapted to hives or groups, they never therefore swarm or sting people. All their production comes from pollinating plants and is to feed next years young. They are very industrious and are very important to our lives and our food chain. The Masonry Bees are usually the first about, late April into May.

It is easy to create a suitable nesting site using bamboo canes, this will give you the opportunity to watch the bees at work. They are totally safe for children and older people to watch up close. The Leaf Cutters which come later are particularly interesting to watch as they separate each egg with a section of leaf that you can watch them trim to shape.

Two boxes for Solitary Bees have been installed in the Jetty Fields garden at the top of the site on the left, Hopefully the bees will be active soon and people will be able to watch the process.

Chris Burton

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The total number of parcels sent out to our troops serving in Afghanistan now stands at 1016. Incredible and it's all due to the generosity of those people who continue to contribute to "The box" and to those at the shop who man it. Thank you all so very, very much!

During the past month we have received four "thank you" letters from members of the Queens' Royal Hussars who are currently receiving our parcels. Evert single letter thanks us for supporting them during the "ups and downs" of their deployment and how much the contents of each parcel are enjoyed and appreciated by everyone in their troop. The Queens' Royal Hussars are nearing the end of their tour of duty but contact has already been made with the regiment taking over from them. The next deployment will be during the summer so I think that we ought to resist sending any chocolate!!

My thanks to you all once again for your support because without it it wouldn't be the success it has become.

Val Worrall

The logo for LibraryPlus, featuring the word "Library" in a bold, sans-serif font and "Plus" in a lighter, italicized sans-serif font, both in white on a dark grey background.

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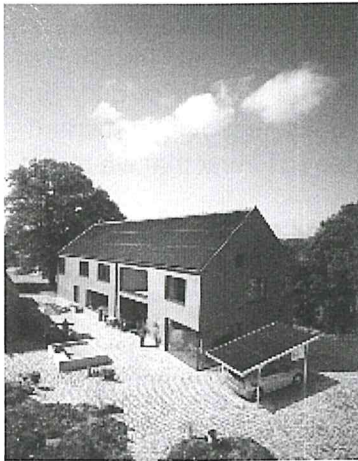
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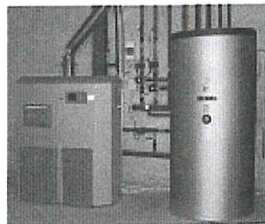
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The Royal British Legion Braunston and District



The monthly luncheons continue to be popular and well supported and it is now intended that they be held regularly during the week following the monthly meetings. They will be held at different venues within the Legion district on a midweek day. They will be informal and there will be no need to pre-book. Just turn up between 12.00 and 12.30 and select from the normal restaurant menus. Please note that the next lunch will be held at the George Hotel, Kilsby, on Thursday 19th April. We hope that as many members and friends as possible will attend.

The next meeting will be held at The Sporting Club Barby on Tuesday 10th April at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by refreshments and new or prospective members will be very welcome.

Submitted by
Tony Saunderson
01788 890797

200 Club Winners latest results 2012

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
02.02.12	114	C Grossart	£50
09.02.12	03	P Furniss	£10
09.02.12	32	A Wren	£5
16.02.12	148	J Capel	£10
16.02.12	203	J Nellist	£5
23.02.12	153	P Edwards	£10
23.02.12	29	M Franklin	£5

The 200 Club organisers have tried without success to locate a 200 Club prize winner. Only his forenames appear on the Village Hall Bank Statement.

Would Michael Francis ?????? who paid his subscription by Bank Giro Credit on 5 Oct 2011 please contact 01788 890709 in order to arrange collection of his 200 Club prize."

THE VILLAGE BELLS.

Bells have rung in Braunston for a long time. A survey of 1552 states that there were four bells in the tower and a sanctus bell; the latter, usually a small bell, was sounded during the Communion Service.

In 1672 these four bells were recast into a ring of six by a Woodstock bellfounder. This recasting cannot have been very satisfactory because the third bell was later recast, probably by one of the Bagley family of bellfounders at Chacombe. Then in 1811(not a long time for bells) the entire ring was again recast by John Bryant of Hertford, a founder of considerable repute, and these still serve us today, 200 years later.

It is probable that these bells were transported by canal from Hertford; if so, the last half mile must have been the hardest part of the journey!

In 1849 the bells were rehung in the new church, apparently using the same wooden frame (which had cost us £60) and remained so until 1922 when they were returned and rehung in an all metal frame with modern fittings, notably ball bearings which greatly reduced the effort of ringing. The total cost of this operation was £484; one wonders whether today this would have covered the cost of transport to and from Loughborough! The kneeling stool, made from the timber of the old bell frame is the only reminder we have of the earlier installation. (Thanks to John Caunt for this information.)

So, when you hear the bells ring, reflect that this same metal, with some extra metal added, has been sounding out over the village for several hundred years.
P.D.W.

BRAUNSTON SINGERS

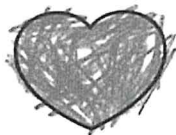
Braunston Singers are an informal singing group that sing all genres of music. We have been a social group for nearly 12 months. We meet every two weeks and if we have a performance we will hold extra rehearsals. We have performed at the Braunston Festival twice, Wolfhamcote church Christmas concert and at the Braunston Players annual show. Our main aim is to enjoy our singing and if anyone would like to join us, please contact Jacqui Lancaster 891018 for more information.

We are also looking for a pianist for our rehearsals and if anyone can help us will they please contact Jacqui at the above number.

Please add the contact details to the list of clubs and societies.

Braunston Singers
Every 2 weeks
Jacqui Lancaster 01788 891018

April 2012



Hope & Homes f



Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised in Febraury 2012

Money raised from Penny Pots was	£ 157.91
Donation	£ 55.00
Total raised from 1 st . March 2011 to 1 st . March 2012	£1720.23

Funds Raised in March 2012

Money raised from Penny Pots was	£ 15.04
All Saints' Lent Lunch Donations	£ 180.00
Total raised since 1 st . March 2012	£ 195.04

Many thanks to those who attended the Lent Lunch at the Village Hall for their donations towards Hope & Homes.

Peter and I have been Braunston and Ashby St Ledgers fundraiser for Hope and Homes since 2004. You have raised £22,388.23 during this time.

You have all been extremely supportive and we thank you very much. The children are now able to look forward to a loving and happy future.

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

Clubs and Society Events

Braunston Women's Institute



Next Meeting - April 3rd. 7.30 in the Village Hall. We shall be having a water colour demonstration called **Puddles of Colour**

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**Next Meeting - Wednesday 11th
Coffee Morning in Village Hall 10.00
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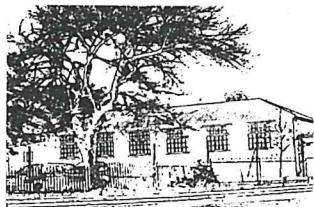
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Village Clubs, Charities and Association

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For further information contact Alan 01788 890291

BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Walk Saturday 1703012

Around Stanford Hall c.10.5 miles

This walk is packed with historical interest, crosses three major roads, two counties and follows Shakespeare's River Avon. We visit two Motte and Baileys or should it be two Mottes and Baileys? Also we pass by the beautiful old stately home, one of two stately homes called Stanford, the ancestral home of the Cave family built in the 1690s, a wonderful example of William and Mary period architecture. Fifteen of us set off to drive to Catthorpe with rain that was forecasted not materializing. Really good news for our group as this would have been our 3rd walk in 2012 with rain!! We started off with a fascinating walk through the church yard and spotted many east European names on the old gravestones. Our path out of the village went over wet fields of evil school dinner cabbage smelling Rape, across a disused railway and over the River Avon to reach the church at Lillbourne with an impressive double Motte and Bailey in the adjoining field. We had a quick walk over the old fortification speculating as to why there were two Mottes, sucked on boiled sweets supplied by Nigel and Terry and then followed the road under the roaring M1 along a bridle way and over fields until we again reached the old dismantled railway. We turned left on a tree lined path alongside the busy A14 to reach the bridge where the Avon flows under the road. Our path followed the river and then branched right over lush sheep field meadows before regaining the dismantled railway embankment which we followed. There are a number of small brick railway buildings along the track including one with the remains of an old cast iron stove. Leaving the railway our track passed by a farm with original railway station platform and canopy to emerge on a small road which winds past some fabulous thatched houses which were built on estate land in 1929. This is Stanford on Avon and the road continues up to the magnificent church which has a square tower with four imposing pinnacles. It also houses an organ with some of the oldest pipes in England but by now there was an irresistible, gravitational, pull of the pub stop. We passed a memorial in a field opposite the hall to Percy Pilcher who died in a gliding accident in 1899. He had built a powered aircraft but had broken the crankshaft on the day he died and had reverted to his Hawk glider. It has since been proven that his powered machine was capable of flight and would have predated those pesky, American, Wright Brothers by 4 years with the first powered flight. Drat! We crossed the Avon on a bridge marking the county boundary of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire then turned left on a bridle way leading around the hall grounds. We wearily climbed a stile on the left and followed field paths back to Swinford and our lunch stop at The Chequers. The Adnams beer and proper, thick cut, ham sandwiches (none of that wafer thin rubbish that they advertise as if it's a virtue!!!) with tasty chips went down really well and is highly recommended.

After a walk around Swinford churchyard with graves dating back to 1698, lots of dreadful consumption deaths, we left the village on the road towards Shawell and then took a field path off right over a sloping meadow, past a spring and the imposing Swinford Lodge to reach a path running alongside the busy M1. We crossed the motorway on a footbridge bridleway and then turned right over fields to reach Shawell. Leicestershire County Council had been busily painting the footpath posts in a lairy, Del Boy, yellow which we kept getting on our hands. We expected to catch up the mystery painter as they had only just been freshly painted. We walked through Shawell with its old hall and church pausing by another old motte and bailey then followed the path to reach the road back to Catthorpe and crossing below the busy M6 before branching right over a steeply rising meadow to get back to the cars and home for a welcome cuppa! An excellent and historical walk.

Why not come and join us on our future walks normally meeting at 10 at the village hall on the third Saturday in the month:

21st April Chipping Warden (c.10 miles)

19th May The Malvern Hills (c.11 miles)

16th June Ellastone and the River Dove (c.11 m)

Advance notice of a big graveyard clean-up! (June 2012)

I have received various complaints that the cemetery is looking scruffy and disrespectful. Several people have suggested that rather than being a beautiful, sacred and peaceful place for Braunston's dead it is messy and grubby-looking. Some of this is, of course, about maintenance and the church council (PCC) will be working out how to get rid of the huge mound of clay soil near the gate and dispose of fallen and cut foliage, currently in piles after a recent pruning exercise.

However some of the problem relates to the decoration of graves. Artificial flowers very quickly become grubby and grotty - which is why diocesan regulations specifically prohibit them in churchyards. I know that this has not been well publicised by the church in recent years and I apologise for that - we'll get a clear notice up in due course. There are also some items such as, toys, statues, balloons and so on which may help mourners just after a funeral but which rapidly become tatty and inappropriate.

The churchwardens and I would like to tidy up and restore the cemetery to a sacred, respectful place of rest for all our loved ones. Realising that some items on graves may be of real sentimental importance we are giving two full months notice so that families can have a chance to collect them before a churchyard working party clears them away in June. If you are unable to get there to remove them yourself but want the items back please let me know and we can retrieve them for you.

Nothing looks as beautiful and natural on a grave than real plants and flowers and some families have done a beautiful job of planting bulbs and shrubs. If you would like help in doing this then please ask. Bulbs, bedding plants, dwarf roses, small shrubs and the like are inexpensive and can be a stunning tribute to the deceased.

I look forward to working with you to making our church burial ground as beautiful as it can be.

Rev. Sarah

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY

During our meeting on Tuesday 17th April we will be seeing a video about Northamptonshire. This will be followed by refreshments and the Annual General Meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Villager hall library for what should be an interesting evening.

Chris Pardoe

BRAUNSTON SCOUTS

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped us raise £338 at our latest cake stall. Congratulations to **Rosie Britten-Austin** in passing her Chief Scouts Award

NEW DAVENTRY EXPRESS VILLAGE CORRESPONDENT

I have taken on the role of Daventry Express village correspondent and would be pleased to include anything your group wishes to publicise. I need to know what you would like printed by the end of the Friday before the Thursday paper in which it should appear. You need to take care when considering the date of your event. I am quite happy for you to get it to me well in advance and I will try to get it in the appropriate edition. The Express does not guarantee to print everything I submit and will edit anything too lengthy. Phone me on 01788890491 or put it through my door at 36 Welton Road. Chris Grossart.

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