



BRAUNSTON **NEWS**
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“Love where you live”

**The Annual Parish
Meeting will be held
on Monday 21st May
2012
at 8.15pm in the
Games Room at the
Village Hall**

**Braunston
Parish Council**
Daventry, Northamptonshire
Clerk: Steven Rolt
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**This meeting is open to all
parishioners.**

Agenda

Apologies for absence

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2011

Annual report of the Parish Council, Janet McCarthy

Statement of the Parish Councils Accounts to 31 March 2012

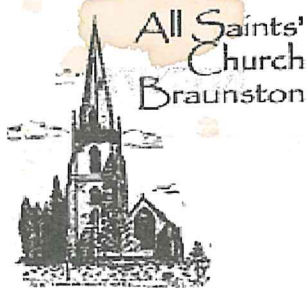
Annual report of County Councillor, Robin Brown

Annual report of District Councillor, Janet McCarthy

Reports from representatives of voluntary organisations

To consider any resolution of which written notice has been given

Steven Rolt
Clerk of Braunston Parish Council
17th April 2012



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Braunston

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Churchwardens:

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PCC Lay Chair:

Mrs Sue Brooks: 01788 890042

Secretary:

Dorothy Amos: 01788 891491

REGISTERS FOR APRIL 2012

BRAUNSTON	ASHBY
<p>Baptisms</p> <p>Weddings 2/4 - Mitchell Spearing & Susan Isherwood 21/4 - Wayne Risley & Sharon Bray</p> <p>Funerals - 30/3 Keith Albert Blundell <i>May they rest in peace and rise in glory</i></p>	<p>Baptisms -</p> <p>Funerals -</p>

Moral signposts and Peeing up a wall.

One of the charges often levelled at the Church is that it takes a moral high ground that it does not deserve. Blooming hypocrites! But what is morality anyway? The world says that we should all do what we believe to be right and not be forced to accept anyone else's views.

Yet another charge against the Church is that it does not give a strong moral lead. I wouldn't argue with that. Often as a vicar my life would be a lot easier if policy decisions were clearly communicated - but it is easy to see why. We all want a strong moral lead until it conflicts with what we like to do! So here are some questions for you. These are all things that happened to me and a friend in the last few weeks.

What do you do if you are out and about in Daventry and you see a young man peeing against a shop front in Daventry bold as you like? Do you say something? If you do you risk being sprayed with abuse (or worse). If you do not you condone the anti social behaviour.

What do you do if you see a memorial service in a park being invaded by three drunken lads who take down their pants and parade their spotty bums past the mourners? Do you say something and take the abuse? Risk being dubbed a hypocritical killjoy with no sense of humour? Or let it go as harmless? What do you do if someone in your family is behaving appallingly towards somebody else? Do you say something and risk accusations of disloyalty to your own? or point it out?

What do you do when your grandchild's funeral turns into a battleground between his divorced parents? Do you say something? Do you stand by watching the child's dignity shredded by two people who cannot come together for one day for the sake of their own child? Or do you risk being set upon by one or both parties for suggesting that they are getting it very wrong? Or do you wring your hands and lament the situation?

What do you do when you realise that pornographic images on mobile phones and memory sticks are common currency among children as young as twelve? Do you say something? Do you risk alienating your child on an issue that may affect their relationships for the rest of their lives? Or do you just say that "boys will be boys"?

So should we challenge the behaviour of others and on what grounds?? What the church should do is stand for the gospel and the Kingdom of God - a society in which a moral standard of God prevails. It is the job of the Church to put up signposts for society over big ethical issues pointing out God's way. Individuals will respond as they see fit but we will never be surprised when the response is a self righteous stream of urine up the post!

Rev. Sarah

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING 2012

Not shown in April's BVN...

24th March - In memory of Gordon, much missed father and grandpa.
From all the Browns

April's Floodlighting so far...

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

2nd April - Remembering Richard on our Wedding Anniversary - With Love from Jan.

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



May's Floodlighting so far...

1st May - * Thank you to all the volunteers living in Braunston

3rd May - * Remembering Robin

4th May - * Happy 80th birthday Sylvia from Colin and all the family.

5th May - * Rowena & Mark's Wedding Anniversary

6th May - * Lit by Barrie. In memory of Gillian

7th May - John & Di Berry's Golden Wedding Anniversary - with love from Graham, Karen, Janet & Dawn

28th May - * Lit by Alice to celebrate her nephew's first Birthday

* = Friends of All Saints - A huge Thank You

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

THE END OF AN ERA

A firm hand at the helm - for 35 years.

Janet McCarthy has decided to step down from her commitment and service to the village of Braunston after over a quarter of a century. What does one say next? Thanks. And thanks again. And good wishes for the future.

She has served for 35 years on the Parish Council and has been chairman for 23 of those years. That would be a great enough undertaking in itself but she has also represented the village on Daventry District Council since 1989. The combination of these two elected offices provided a strong platform from which to work in an effective and constructive way. Her time, effort and determination have always been at the disposal of all who live in Braunston.

All have benefited from a constant alertness to what has needed to be done. And there has been a vision, an attention to detail and a knowledge of how to get things done. Many have a special and individual intervention to thank her for. Those who have worked with her on the two councils can speak of unfailing courtesy, independent thinking and reliable fairness. We have responded to her skill and sure touch as chairman and leader.

Janet may object to me stealing a title from a famous play by Bertolt Brecht entitled 'Mother Courage' but she would smile at the reference. Certainly it must have taken great effort, determination and character to continue over the years in the face of, sometimes, ferocious opposition, sometimes, mind-numbing apathy. But whenever a vacancy has occurred on the Parish Council with no volunteer for nomination she has made it her duty to hunt out and persuade someone to come forward. The present parish council represents all areas of the village, all ages, all social groups, all political views and many of the volunteer activities. Our genuinely independent council embodies Janet's vision of good governance - for this is what she surely values above all.

Her last official event will be to chair the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm on Monday 21st May. Many villagers will want to attend this meeting in recognition of what has been achieved. Prior to the Annual Parish Meeting the newly elected Parish Council will hold their first meeting to elect the next chairperson and members of sub committees. A new time begins: may it be as successful as the last.

Pat Herlihy

For and on behalf of Braunston Parish Council and Braunston Residents past and present.



Diamond Jubilee Church Fair
On the Village Green 2nd. June
12:00 noon until 5:00pm

We don't want this year Diamond Jubilee to pass without Celebration. So this year we are planning a Diamond Jubilee Church Fair on the Village Green.

To achieve this we will require much more help than usual. Are you able to assist on any of the following stalls - to setup and run :-

BBQ ; Handicrafts ; Plant Stall

White Elephant ; Books ; Teas & Refreshments

Cake Stall ; Raffle ; Tombola ; Pimms Tent ;

Children Treasure Hunt ; Ice Creams ; Hoopla ;

Sales of nearly new Baby/Children's clothes ;

Face Painting ; Baking cakes ; Moving Stuff ;

Growing some plants ;

Donating items for the stalls ;

Loaning Bunting and or Flags.

If so give us a ring Peter Hobbs 899086

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello,

I find the Village News very informative and useful. However I know of several people who, on seeing the vicar's religious message on the 1st page, assume it is the church magazine and get no further with it.

Would it be possible to have the vicar's article on a different page for a change to encourage everyone to read the whole of the BVN?

Thanks,

Sue Duddington

Ed: We try to keep monthly items in the same place each month to enable people to find something they particularly wish to read. However, if the consensus is to move things about please let me know.

During my walks through Braunston I have noticed that numerous people are taking our BVN slogan 'Love where you live' to heart - so a few Thank yous' from me:

Thank you to the Scouts who have made a garden in front of 'The Den', I can't wait to see the Foxgloves in flower.

Thank you to the kind person who planted 5 white Hellebores against the tow path.

A big THANK YOU to the recently formed BCS (Braunston Canal Society) for their two litter pick days when they managed to remove a huge amount of litter.

Ed.

We were quite surprised to read the paragraph at the bottom of page 6 in April's BVN regarding dog fouling. We absolutely agree that fouling in people's gardens is unacceptable, but the inference by this (anonymous) writer is that it is OK to let your dog go wherever it likes in the fields and lanes around the village.

As residents of Dark Lane, and regular walkers in the fields, towpath and lanes would you please make clear that we do not appreciate this.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE clear up after your dog wherever you are.

Regards, Sue and Clive Goodchild

Ed: I'm sure there was no intention to suggest that dog fouling was acceptable anywhere, we all agree that dog owners must clear after their dogs no matter where they are.

Braunston Players

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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)

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- Table for 6 at Braunston Players - Promises from Local businesses

Angela Finch 1938 - 2011

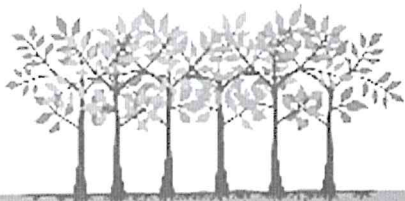
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Cake competition

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Entrance Fee: £1 or donation of entry.

Diamond Jubilee Church Fair Souvenir



Front



Back

LIMITED EDITION

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Braunston Diamond Jubilee Church Fair, a limited number of mugs will be produced and available to buy at the fair on the 2nd June.

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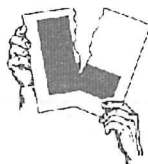
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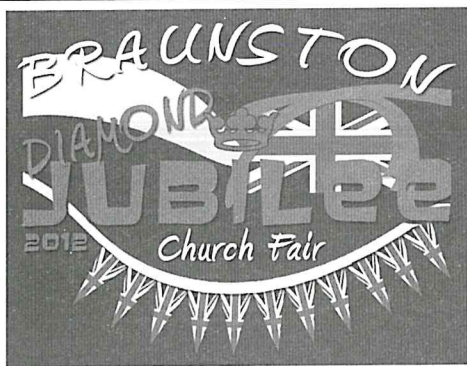
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Teas ; Cakes ; Plants ; Books ;
Children's Treasure Hunt ; Scout Stalls ;
Raffle ; Tombola ; Ice Creams ;
Children's Stalls ; White Elephant ;
Handicrafts and so much more

Braunston Village Green
12:00 noon until 5:00pm
Sat. 2nd. June
Diamond Jubilee Church Fair

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

MAY - Fridays 11th and 25th.

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**

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Braunston Parish Council Report Reported Crimes

Burglary Dwelling 3
Criminal Damage 2
Burglary non dwelling 0
Theft from a vehicle 0
Theft of a vehicle 0
Theft 3

! Burglary - 2 attempted burglary
1 Sheep - 1 sign at playing fields

1 plant pot - 1 lead from school roof - 1 from boat

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS MAY 2012

Wednesday	2 nd	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch and social time:
Thursday	3 rd	19.30 Bell Ringing
Sunday	6th	9.15 Holy Communion (A): 11.00 Holy Communion(B): 18.30 Evensong (B)
Monday	7 th	Bank Holiday
Wednesday	9th	12.30 Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch:15.30 Worship on Wednesday in School:19.45 Braunston PCC
Thursday	10 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	13th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Morning Prayer (A): 11.00 Family Service (B): 13.15 Baptism of Thomas William Hopkins
Monday	14 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Tuesday	15 th	19.30 Team Wedding Prep in Parish Room
Wednesday	16th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch
Thursday	17 th	7.00am Daventry Country Park Ascension Day Service: 19.30 Team Ascension Day Eucharist at STAVERTON: 19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	19 th	19.00 for 19.30 'Friends' Dinner & Auction of Promises in Village Hall
Sunday	20th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Holy Communion(A) 11.00 Family Communion & Kids' Club(B)
Monday	21 st	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Thursday	24 th	19.30 Bell Ringers
Sunday	27th	8.00 Holy Communion (B): 9.15 Pyjamas & Breakfast Service – Ashby Village Hall: 11.00 Family Communion & Kids' Club(B)
Monday	28 th	14.00 Little Fishers (B) : 19.30 Church Choir
Wednesday	30 th	12.30pm Peace at Lunch Time followed by a light lunch
Thursday	31 st	19.30 Bell Ringers
Saturday	2nd June	JUBILEE CHURCH FAIR onVILLAGE GREEN from 12.00 to 5.00PM
		(B) = Braunston (A) = Ashby

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS MAY 2012

Tuesday	1 st	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group :
Wednesday	2 nd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	3 rd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Monday	7 th	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	8 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group : 20.00 Royal British Legion George Hotel Kilsby
Wednesday	9 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	10 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	11 th	19.00 Braunston Youth Club
Monday	14 th	Explorer Scouts :
Tuesday	15 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group : 12.00 Royal British Legion Sporting Club Barby : 13.30 Friendly Club Mystery Trip The Green : 19.30 History Society
Wednesday	16 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	17 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	19 th	19.30 Dinner with Auction of Promises
Monday	21 st	Explorer Scouts : 20.15 Annual Parish Meeting – Village Hall
Tuesday	22 nd	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	23 rd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	24 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Friday	25 th	19.00 Braunston Youth Club
Sunday	27 th	19.30 Braunston Cinema Club
Monday	28 th	Explorer Scouts : 14.30 Friendly Club Jubilee Tea Village Hall
Tuesday	29 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group
Wednesday	30 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga
Thursday	31 st	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo
Saturday	2 nd	Diamond Jubilee Church Fair



Walk the Walk

**Avril will be walking in the 26 mile
London Moon Walk on May 12th
Please show your support against Breast cancer by
Sponsoring her on
www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/avril.j.emery
Why not leave her an encouraging message, she
needs them.
A big Thank you xx**

Any One for Tennis?

Now that the warm weather is upon us (!) are you interested in forming a Tennis Club?

There is an offer of a Tennis Court within the Parish. If you are interested in starting a club please contact the Parish Clerk on 01788 174294 or via Email at clerk@braunstonpc.org

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

JUBILEE WOOD

The Woodland Trust is compiling record of all trees planted in celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

If you planted a tree(s) at the playing field on Sunday 25th March and would like your involvement recorded for posterity please log in to www.woodlandtrust.org.uk for further information

BRAUNSTON PADDIX CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES FOR MAY / JUNE

Date	1 st XI		2 nd XI		Wednesday XI		Friendlies
2 nd May					Walcote	A	
5 th May	Marston	A	Flecknoe	H			
9 th May					Badby	A	
12 th May	Bodicote	H	Silverstone	A			
16 th May					Wolston	A	
18 th May					Cup		
19th May	Sibford	H	Thornborough	A			
23 rd May					Dunchurch	H	
26 th May	Gayton	A	Middleton Cheyney	H			
27 th May							Bishops Tachsbrook
30 th May					Stretton	H	
2 nd June	Gawcott	H	Brackley	A			
6 th June					Oakfield	A	

200 Club Winners latest results 2012

Date	Number	Winner	Prize
01.03.12	125	S Dawson	£50
08.03.12	34	Michael Francis	£10
08.03.12	115	S Brierley	£5
15.03.12	188	J. Beattie	£10
15.03.12	47	P. Morgan	£5
22.03.12	82	J. Jarrett	£10
22.03.12	140	R. Barnwell	£5

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Sheila Beckett

Never a day seems to go by without another circular landing on the door step or article on the news, imploring us to do more to save the planet and recycle our waste, be it plastic's, glass, compost and now food waste. This craze however is nothing new and anyone of a certain age will recall recycling was just known as make do and mend. Contrary to popular belief Kirsty Alsop has not invented this, Sheila Beckett of Braunston is living proof that recycling doesn't stop at the Brown Bin.

Sheila is well known to many residents and boaters in Braunston and not many people would have missed her adverts in the village shop inviting people to take part in anything from Hedgerow foraging to paper making. I met her recently to discover more about her lifestyle and ethos.

Sheila bought the old Champion Pub (long since defunct since the 1800's) after a family member moved out, and she couldn't face the cottage moving out of the Nurser family. Her Great Grandfather was William Nurser and her Grandfather, Walter Nurser. Her links with that family could fill a small book in itself.

Since childhood, as with many 'war babies', Sheila has continued to practice what she preaches, in her words carrying on the culture of Make do and Mend. Her fondest memories go back to the May Day school celebrations wearing a dress made by an Aunt from off cuts. To this day she believes in the principal of the Ghia theory, which in a nut shell believes that the earth is always trying to regulate itself and that mankind is doing its best to upset things. By following the recycling principal and her other passion, Yoga, mankind can try to redress the balance.

Sheila runs classes covering everything from making paper and candles, using pulped shredded paper and used candle wax to mosaics using broken china and glass. In addition she encourages people to gather natural ingredients from the local Hedgerow, undertaking guided walks in season, and makes Jams and preserves from the fruits. She also makes and teaches people to use plants and flowers to produce natural remedies for conditions such as Arthritis and skin ailments. There is nothing that Sheila won't re-use and she isn't adverse to picking up scraps of material from paths be it glass, metal or anything that she can re-use. She states that you don't have to go to Hobby Craft or buy a kit to create something. In essence give it a go and surprise yourself.

The council and Sheila don't always agree on the rights and wrongs of recycling in the county. She was a staunch supporter of the tip shop when it was at the tip, but believes since its demise most of what ends up in the skips themselves ends in landfill. She hopes by encouraging others through crafts she can do something to help. Give it a go!

Sheila can be contacted on 01788 891831

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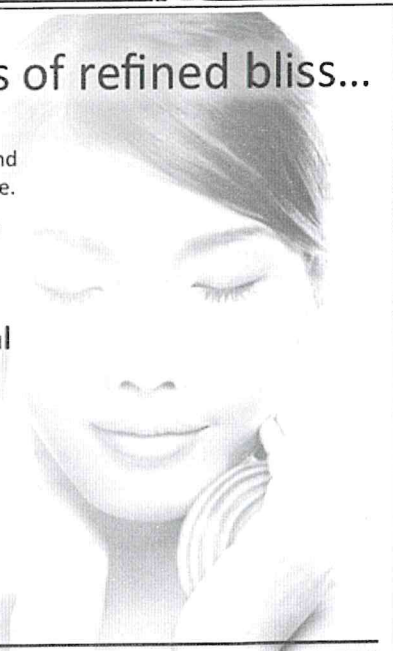
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For the time being the QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS continue to receive our parcels. A letter from Major Wildman of the Q.R.H's arrived recently in which he thanks everyone for the support the parcels have shown his men during their deployment. Every single parcel has been appreciated and the contents enjoyed or used.

So it just remains for me as well, to thank you for your continued support.

Thank you!

Val Worrall

All Saints' Church, Braunston

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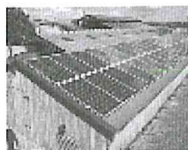
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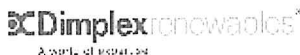
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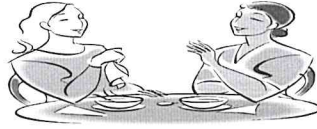
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Daventry Health Walk Scheme

a 30 to 40min HEALTH WALK will take place on the following Fridays in May, leaving from outside

Poppies Tea Rooms at 2pm. All are welcome. Just turn up - no charge but please wear suitable footwear.

4th, 18th, and 25th. There will not be a Walk on the 11th

Leader Rosemary Kendall (01788 890543)

Braunston Pre-school Easter Coffee Morning

The pre-school would like to thank all of the individuals who contributed their time, money or donations in relation to the Easter Coffee morning. The event was a great success with the welcome attendance of the reception children, Mrs Rigby and the Reverend who were able to judge the endeavors of both children and parents in relation to their Easter bonnet competition. The pre-school teaching staff were again able to demonstrate their enthusiasm as the children sang some songs together and enjoyed the morning.

Events forthcoming in May include a Table-Top/Bric-a-Brac sale on Saturday 19th with the hire of each table being £5. Please contact Dawn Loughnane (Chair) or other committee members for more details. All booking fees will help pay for the hire of the hall.

The Royal British Legion Braunston and District



Our monthly meetings continue to be well supported with an average attendance of over 20. But we could still do with more members. Everyone is eligible to join, men and women. Just come along to any of our monthly meetings or informal luncheons.

The Branch has raised funds to purchase a greenhouse and shed for use by the inmates of the Legion retirement home at Galanos House at Southam. Installation was carried out by members of the Branch. At the time of writing, it was intended to hand them over at the Spring fare on 21 April. This is the second greenhouse provided by the Branch.

Armed Forces Day this year will be on 30th June. At the moment it is proposed to hold the service at Kilsby Church on 23rd June. Final details will be advised in the June issue of the BVN.

The April Luncheon at the George Hotel Kilsby was well supported by members and partners. The May luncheon will be held at The Sporting Club Barby on Tuesday 15th at 12.00 midday onwards. Open to all, no pre-booking needed.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the George Hotel Kilsby on Tuesday 8th May at 8.00 pm. It will be followed by the usual refreshments.

Submitted by Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797

Reminder

Churchyard clearance June 2012

Just a reminder that artificial flowers, toys, balloons and statues not integral to a tombstone will be removed at the end of June 2012. If you wish to retain items of sentimental value we would be grateful if you could collect them before the end of June or if you cannot do so yourself please let me know and I will arrange collection for you. Similarly, if you need help in planting bulbs or other plants on graves please ask. Many thanks for your cooperation

British Gas Scheme - Free External Wall Insulation

Funding may be considered for homes that meet the following five criteria:

1. Privately owned and privately rented.
2. Solid walls or built from pre-fabricated materials and defined as 'hard to treat' (subject to meeting certain criteria).
3. Have an electric heating system.
4. Are located in the district of Daventry.
5. Have a member of the household in receipt of means tested benefits or allowances - see attached information for further details.

Surprisingly, we have had limited uptake so far, so please could you help to promote the scheme amongst your residents, through local newsletters and meetings. The funding can provide up to 20 properties with free external wall insulation on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The Council's press release can also be viewed online at: www.daventrydc.gov.uk/your-council/news/free-external-wall-insulation-offer/

May 2012



Hope & Homes for Chil

Hope and Homes for Children

Funds Raised

Money raised from Penny Pots in April	£ 91.21
Total raised since 1 st . March 2012	£ 286.25

Tombola at Church Fair 2nd. June 2012

Any donations of Toiletries would be gratefully received.
Tel Brenda on 899086

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

The Braunston Show Saturday 8th September

Start to get you and your children ready now and join in with the 45th anniversary of the reinstated show. Help make The Show bigger and better than ever this year.

We are pleased to announce that we have increased the number of classes for children to enter and improved the categories. So why not start by spending some time this May half term getting your children or grandchildren started with the following classes.

Under 5s on 8/9/12

An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15cm with the title "My favourite ..."

Age 11 to 14 on 8/9/12 (Yes, if you are 11 you will be enter both categories).

A plate of fruit and/or vegetables that you have grown yourself - so get planting.

AND

An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15cm with the title "Summer time"

AND

An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15cm with the title "Unbelievable"

Age 5 to 11 years on 8/8/12

A plate of fruit and/or vegetables that you have grown yourself - so get planting.

AND

An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15cm with the title "Day out"

AND

An unframed photograph max size 20cm x 15cm with the title "Amazing"

AND

A collection displayed in a seed type tray of paper or card. Max size 37cm x 24cm - so get collecting

Other classes will be available in the schedule, issued in July, that children can complete in the summer holidays.

A reminder about the classes that all residents and members of Braunston organisations may like to prepare for now.

(We welcome children to enter the adult classes too)

Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers - plant those seeds now!

Novelty - something new made from recycled materials. List items used.

Home Produce - fruit jelly preserve, jam, marmalade, chutney, pickles.

Handicraft - An Olympic Collage - glued not sewn - this is also an Open Class. Homemade Halloween decoration. Plus all the other classes of previous years.

Photographs - Titles are - Out and about in Braunston, Gardening, The magic of sky, Animal close up, Let's party, Sporting action.

The schedule will be sent to all homes in the village during July.
With 130 different classes to enter - there is something for everyone
We look forward to seeing you at The Show.

Clubs and Society Events

**Braunston
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**Braunston Fishing Club
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Every Thursday throughout
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Friendly Club

Tues. May 15th - Mystery Trip
Coach trip stopping for tea at about
3pm. Coach will pick up at 1.30pm
on 'The Green' returning at approx.
5pm

All visitors welcome

More information

Gill on 890763

Janet on 890336

Mon May 28th

A 'Jubilee Tea' in the Village Hall at
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donations are encouraged.

For further information contact Alan 01788 890291

BRAUNSTON WALKERS

Walk Saturday 21/04/2012

Chipping Warden (c.8.53 miles)

This walk takes in the beautiful rolling country all around Chipping Warden north of Banbury. The weather forecast showed heavy showers just about anywhere so we were not hopeful as 13 of us set out to drive to the Trafford Bridge, a famous site of the English civil war. We were far more peaceful as we donned our boots and took a footpath off to the right for a delightful walk alongside the babbling River Cherwell in brilliant sunshine. Just opposite Culworth Mill we crossed the river and continued to follow the path past Mire Spinney and the Wadground Barn and continuing alongside the river to reach a B road which runs into Culworth. It was still sunny as we reached the village when we turned right onto a disused railway track. Another great path although not strictly a footpath it leads us to reach an old railway bridge under which our footpath set off in Westerly direction to hit the first of many long steep 160 metre hills. Fortunately we brought Terry along and paused to catch breath while he handed out boiled sweets. The rest and the sweets were truly welcome.

We dropped steeply downhill with fantastic views all round but no sooner had we caught our breath when there was yet another steep hill to negotiate and, just like a roller coaster there was a third hill after that leading up across Danes Moor to reach Edgecote Lodge Farm which takes full advantage of its high position overlooking fantastic rolling fields. We dropped downhill away from the farm house and after several fields we came to a fence enclosing a long strip of land used to exercise race horses. Being a lot less fit than race horses we ducked under the fence, crossed a field and reached a B road where we turned left along the road that passes Edgecote Church where there are prominent graves of the Courage family of brewers that once owned the magnificent Edgecote House next to the church. It was just spitting with rain as the path goes left, crosses the River Cherwell and reaches our lunch stop in the lovely old stone village of Chipping Warden. Just before the village we came across a small stone obelisk put up to commemorate a Wellington bomber that crashed here in April 1945 and the five crew members who tragically died on a training sortie when their aircraft had an engine problem and crashed just short of the airfield. The oldest was 24 and the youngest who survived, was only 19.

We reached the old stone, Griffin Inn and ordered our pints of Pedigree before tucking into delicious baguettes and great chips (I was very good and didn't have any but the others said they were excellent) It was sunny again as we pulled on our gear and set off along the road to reach a path over a football field, not currently in use, over another field and into a small wood called Calves Close Spinney. This wood is full of world war 2 bunkers although many are now overgrown with trees and bushes. Our path emerged from the strange little wood and dropped down to eventually reach a road. We crossed the road and our path set off steeply uphill which was a bit of a shock after lunch!! This is called Job's hill and it was job I can tell you. At the top we branched off the path right passing Wardenhill Farm and then dropping downhill before turning right and making our way over fields to reach Trafford House. On the way the rain started in earnest but we donned wet gear and sheltered for a few minutes when it stopped and the sun shone as we crossed fields back to the cars and home for a cuppa!! As we reached the cars the next heavy shower arrived but we didn't care as we were in the dry. An excellent walk and we were very lucky with the weather.

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:

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

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

The Dick Herne Braunston History Society

The History Society was originally formed to organise and maintain extensive historical records that were left to the village by 'Dick' Herne. We also feel that it is important to make these archives easily available to anyone with an interest in the village and its history, and to extend them for future generations -what happens now makes the history of the future. So, if you are interested in the Braunston of the past and how the current century will affect Braunston in the years ahead come and join us.

Following on from the AGM on 17th April, the Society plans are already under-way for later in the year. By the time you read this we will have visited the Bell Foundry in Loughborough. Stretton History Society will be visiting for a guided walk around the village in July and we have booked two interesting speakers for September and October.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, in the Village Hall Library, at 7.30pm except for July, August and December. The next one is Tuesday 15th May.

Our Archivist has retired, we need someone to fill this important post - are there any volunteers?

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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 evenin
Bell Ringers	Peter Wenham	891935	Thursday Evenings 7.30pm-9pm
Braunston Players	Chris Grossart	890491	Annual Show plus informal get togethe
Braunston Singers	Jacqui Lancaster	891018	Alternate Weeks
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			No Kids Club at the moment
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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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	Joan Bishop	01327 878178	Every Wednesday
Asst. Group Scout Leader	Steve Rolt	07956 682733	
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
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