

Braunston Village News

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EASTER 2000

Sunday 23rd April - St George's Day

A message from the Vicar:

Easter is without doubt the most important festival in the Church's year with a special message for us all:

God's love is Everlasting
It will never be taken Away.
He sent his Son to Suffer for our sins
So that we could have a new Tomorrow
With the promise of Eternal life because
On Easter Day he Rose from death to be with us always.

Enjoy your Easter eggs, enjoy the Bank Holiday, and enjoy celebrating this great Christian Festival at All Saints' where a welcome is assured.

.....Rev. James Watson



France comes to Braunston

Yes, visitors from our twin village Quincy-Voisins are in Braunston for the May Day Bank Holiday weekend.

They will arrive on Saturday 29th April and leave again on Monday 1st May.

Come and join in the fun !

For more information call Beverley Hankinson on 891221

The **next meeting** will be on Wednesday 5th April at 8pm in the Old Library, Village Hall

nb. Raymond

The story so far:

Raymond is the last wooden working narrowboat to be built for commercial carrying. She was built by the Samuel Barlow Coal Company and was launched at **Braunston** in 1958. During the *Raymond's* life, Arthur and Rose Bray worked the butty (an unpowered boat) along with son, Ernie Kendall, who steered the motor boat.

The Bray's mainly worked the canal system between Baddesley Colliery, at Atherstone to the north of Coventry, and the Kearley and Tonge jam factory at Southall, known as the "Jam 'Ole" to

boatmen.

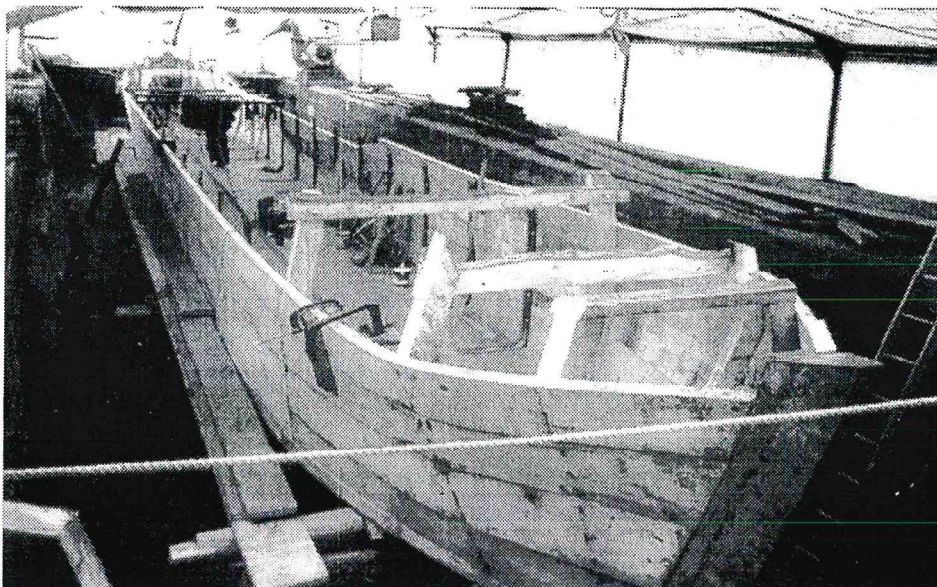
After trade ceased in 1970 the Bray family continued to live aboard *Raymond*, moored outside the BW Stop House at Braunston, for many years. *Raymond* was then sold and used as a floating home, whilst still moored at Braunston, until she fell into disrepair.

In 1993 *Raymond* was taken to be restored, but for various reasons was never started and spent many months under water. *Raymond* was then anonymously donated to a group of enthusiasts who formed a Registered Charity called the "Friends of

Raymond". The members have been raising money since 1997 to have her restored; their hope being that *Raymond* can be afloat again, so helping to keep our waterway heritage alive for future generations.

To date, with the generous help of companies associated with the Inland Waterways, well-wishers, the public and the manual work of some of our members, we have managed to raise most of the money needed to complete the restoration.

Raymond is at present being restored at Tardebigge and is almost ready to return to Braunston. The last plank has been steamed and placed into the hull, and after the rest of the work has been completed, she will be floated in advance of the cabin being fitted. Once finished *Raymond* will be moored at Braunston, and it is hoped that she will be available for accompanied viewing, educational purposes and visiting some waterway events and rallies.



Closing date for the May edition is noon Saturday 22nd April
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or e-mail jrwwb@globalnet.co.uk

LAND NEEDED

For more than a year the Parish Council has been working with Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association (NRHA) to try to provide *affordable housing* in Braunston. We know from the housing needs survey which was carried out in 1998 that eight dwellings of various types are needed.

There is a danger that the project may not be able to go ahead because it has not been possible to find anyone to sell land for the purpose.

Are there any suggestions of a plot which may be suitable or do you own such a plot. Even if the land would not obtain planning permission for housing in the normal way it may get permission for *affordable housing*. The price paid would not be as much as that for housing land but it would be substantially above agricultural prices. The size should ideally be sufficient for eight dwellings.

If you have any ideas please let us know. NRHA will then talk to the owners and take matters from there.

WARM RECEPTION FOR OWNERSHIP WINTER BOAT SHOW BRAUNSTON MARINA

OwnerShips - the largest shared ownership fleet of narrowboats on the canals - were again delighted by the success of their second official winter boat show, hosted by Braunston Marina. Some two thousand visitors braved the February winter weekend to come and see the 14 narrowboats on display - including an example of their newly launched wide beam Dutch Barge, which OwnerShips will be operating on the Thames, and the canals of France and Ireland. There were also 24 exhibitors in the large heated marquee. Other visitor attractions a social bar, Irish folk music, fast food and an entertaining performance of *The Water Flow On* by the Day-Star Theatre Company - sponsored by Braunston Marina.

It was also commercially successful. Managing Director Allen Matthews reported sales of 25 shares in new and exciting boats -nearly double that achieved at last year's show. 'The results were most encouraging. It will mean new orders for our new hull builders Reeves and boat fitters Milburn Boats - both based at Stockton near Rugby.'

The reason for a boat show in February is that this is when many of the OwnerShips fleet are having



their winter refits in Braunston Marina's dry docks. Boats with owners' shares for sale can be put on display. Managing Director Allen Matthews said, 'Buyers wishing to purchase shares in one of a range of new or secondhand narrowboats can sign up knowing exactly what they are going to get and meet the people who will be running them.'

With over 50 boats and 500 owners, OwnerShips has steamed ahead since 1990, when Allen Matthews founded the business single handed and with only one boat - at Braunston Marina.

OPERATION SPRINGCLEAN

Each year the Parish Council in common with many other villages around the country makes a special effort in April to tidy the village and free it from litter. We have been grateful in the past for the help of those who have volunteered to put on their gloves, pick up their plastic bag and litter pick. Last year's pickings included a three metre road barrier and numerous cones.

More volunteers would be warmly welcomed.

This year's event will take place on Sunday 16 April from 10-00am to noon, meeting on the village green. The date has been chosen to try to get the village tidy for Easter the following week.

Please come along and help. You may even get your picture in the newspaper (although that's not compulsory!)

News from the BVGA

Don't forget the **Garden Shop** is open every Sunday from 11 till 12 at the Village Hall for the sale of composts, fertilizers and other sundries. It's been a good start to the season - thanks to all who have bought from us, and to the weather!

We hope to see many more of you as the season goes on. If you can't make Sunday mornings, (and you want more than a tin of slug pellets) you can telephone your orders to David, on 890865, who will deliver to your home at a convenient time.

Village Hall news

The bring and buy book sale early in March made just over £70 for the new hall project, and we believe we ended up with more books than we started with!

It was such a pleasant morning, made more enjoyable by Cindy, Gill and Kelly's BOOK CAFÉ, we might make it a regular monthly event - although perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. Watch this space!

Next fund raising event:

A Cheese & Wine evening on Friday 14th April at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall is our next fund raising event, and will include a raffle and a bring and buy table. Tickets, priced at £2.50 each, are available at the Post Office.

Wanted - new activities

As part of our lottery and grant applications to support the extensions and improvements to the Village Hall, it would be useful to know if there are any people in the village who may want to start a new group or activity, which could be accommodated in the newly-styled hall. There will be a further library sized room available for hire, plus the new facilities in the larger hall, including staging and lighting. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear from you - call Lynne on 890865.

Thanks are due to Cindy Brewster for promoting the Village Hall to her employers, which has led to three day-time bookings for the library, and may lead to many more. The library is under-utilised during the day, but is an ideal, *and cheap*, venue for small business meetings. The more use we can make of the hall, then the longer we can hold the hire rates down for village users.

BRAUNSTON WEBSITE

There are now two addresses for access to this site.

www.braunston.org.uk
www.braunston.net

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

On the evening of April 29th, we shall be welcoming to Braunston Mark Cook, the of Hope and Homes for Children, who will be receiving our cheque. As I write, it looks as though the amount will be closer to £11,000 than our £10,00 target as there are still a couple of fund-raising events to go.

The reason why we decided to support Hope and Homes was so that we could celebrate the millennium by doing something to help others. But closer to home there are also other responsibilities we need to face – particularly with the fabric of the church. That is why we are running again our popular and highly successful Become a Friend of All Saints' Braunston campaign. I hope you will be able to take time to read through the enclosed orange brochure and will want to take part. This time the prize money has been increased from £100 to £150 and is now a cash prize rather than tokens from Marks and Spencer. Since the cost of becoming a friend has only increased by £1 to £11, this represents a considerable increase in value!

With what looks like a being yet another busy month, we remember above all the Christian importance of this time of year, namely Easter. Without Easter, there would be no church, no millennium - and no Hope and Homes appeal! And more importantly, without Easter, our faith would be pointless. This year, Easter Day will be especially important for the five young people who are going to be baptised at the main 10.30 am service. The families and godparents will be there as they commit themselves to the faith. Will you be there to join them as we celebrate together the resurrection of our Lord? I hope so.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

From the registers...

Holy Baptism

5th March Brandon Thomas Childs

We welcome him into the Lord's family with great joy.

Funerals

3rd March William Horace Hall

7th March Cyril Leonard Turner

May they rest in peace and let light perpetual shine upon them

Charles Dunn - New Churchwarden

At the annual Vestry meeting on 15th March Charles Dunn was elected Churchwarden to succeed Trevor Minett

Confirmation classes

Classes begin after Easter. Adults or children who would like to be confirmed at the Confirmation Service on 5th July are asked to speak to the Vicar, Rev'd James Watson on 890235.

Celebration Concert 7.30 pm

Saturday 29th April in the Church

This is when we present Mark Cook, the founder of the Hope and Homes for Children with a cheque in excess of our £1 0,000 target.

Sunday 9th April

Sponsored walk and fun-day

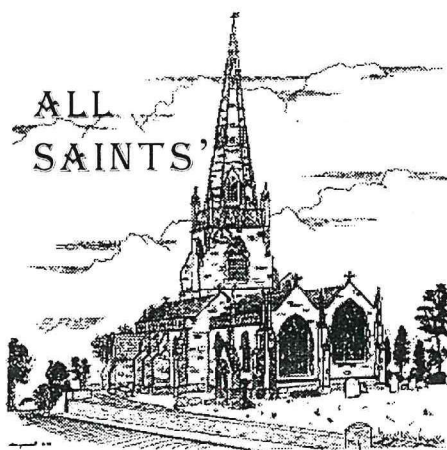
for all the family- meet at the School. Adults start at 1pm Children at 2.30 and Toddlers 3.30pm To get your sponsor forms and make your offers to help in anyway please contact:

Rev. James Watson	890235
Janet McCarthy	890336
John Caunt	890776
Sheila Rowley	890559
Annette Iles	891712
Barrie & Gillian Thompson	890091

Church Floodlighting

28th February	Dorothy's Birthday, from Rob Whittington
3rd March	In loving memory of Betty May from all her friends in the Singles' Social Club.
6th March	On the birthday of Simon Knibbs
7th March	In memory of George Aldridge on his birthday
8th March	On the birthday of Claire Knibbs
15th March	On the birthday of Andrew Knibbs
15th March	Birthday memories of my husband Ernest Clarke from Phyl.
17th March	William Knibbs' 8th birthday
22nd March	On the birthday of Mick Kenney, from Pat and Dave.
23rd March	For Margery and Bill Cook, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, from Barbara, Richard and Marian.
25th March	The feast of the Annunciation
26th March	Rebecca Knibbs, on her 21st birthday

If you would like the spire lit to mark your special event please fill in a form to be found at the back of the church and leave it at the Rectory with a £5 donation.



Parish Priest:

Rev. James Watson 890235
(Rest Day - Tuesdays)

Churchwardens:

John Caunt 890776 & Charles Dunn 812143

Church Services

Sunday 2nd April MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE

– posies for all mothers

6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 9th April

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 10th April

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 16th April PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.15 am Procession of Palms

starting from the Village Green

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

6.30 pm Music and Readings for Lent

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th April

7.30 pm Eucharist and Stations of the Cross

Thursday 20th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 pm Eucharist and Vigil

Friday 21st April GOODFRIDAY

10.00 am Children's Service

2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross

Sunday 23rd April EASTER DAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Festival Eucharist and Holy Baptism

Monday 24th April

2.15 pm The Little Fishers – cancelled

Sunday 30th April

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Friendly Club

Monday 10 April

Ploughman's Lunch at 12-45 for 1-00pm

Wednesday 26 April (note change of day due to Easter)

Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy
10-00am to 11-45am approx. (Visitors welcome.)

A45 Safety

If anyone has any point which they would like raised or a question asked when Parish Councillors discuss this matter with the Highways Agency please tell a councillor or the clerk before 6 April.

Braunston Parish Council

Next Meeting
Monday 3 April 2000
7-30pm
Village Hall Library

Braunston Paddock Cricket Club

Summer is fast approaching and the cricket season will soon be here. Braunston Paddock cricket team would like to welcome any new players to the club. We play regularly on Saturdays and Wednesday evenings at the playing field and are always on the lookout for new members, young or old. If you would like to be involved or just find out any more information phone Richard Stapley (890475), Peter Helliwell (891278).

We also need some help with preparing Saturday Teas, so if there is anybody who would like to earn a few pounds a week during the summer, please phone Bob Moore (891328).



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Thanks to the Village Gardens Association for the gift of £60 towards the costs of production of the BVN

How about a

Village Summer Fête

in August?

But we need help!

Groups willing to provide a stall and individuals prepared to organise and generally help to make this a successful event are asked to contact

Lynne Whyte 890865

This could be a major fundraiser!

Dog faeces

We make no apology for returning to this subject, as there still appear to be a few people who are unwilling to clear up their dog's mess in spite of the fact that this is a legal requirement and the Parish Council provides free Whoopsie bags.

There are a number of reasons for not leaving dog faeces in public places

- *It is nauseating and unsightly*
- *It is bad for the environment*
- *It is a threat to health*
- *It is antisocial and unneighbourly*
- *It is illegal with a fine of up to £1000.*

There is only one reason for allowing dogs to foul the village

- *You care nothing for your neighbours, their health, the environment or the law.*

Which group do you belong to?

**Free Whoopsie bags are available from Braunston Butchers
Braunston Post Office
Braunston Village Stores.**



Braunston Women's Institute

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7-30pm in Braunston Village Hall. New members are very welcome.

Tuesday 4 April

Well known author and cross-stitcher Jo Verso will talk to us about cross-stitch and judge our card competition.

This will be an open evening. Everyone welcome.

Children's Clothes Sale and Fashion Show At Braunston School

Tuesday 11 April 2000
6-30pm to 8-30pm

Admission
Adults £1-00. Children FREE.

Top High Street and sports brands for children up to 10 years
50 to 75% off retail prices
(All major credit cards accepted)

Organised by Friends of Braunston CE School