

# Braunston Village News

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## Rev'd James Watson to leave Braunston

It is time to say goodbye to our Vicar. After five years in Braunston, James and Rebecca are moving on - they arrived here from Newcastle in September 1995.

James has been appointed as Vicar of Saint Anne's, Woodplumpton, in the Diocese of Blackburn. Woodplumpton lies just north of Preston (close to the M55 to Blackpool). The parish consists of Woodplumpton village, a couple of hamlets and a sizeable new housing estate on the borders of Preston. Woodplumpton is similar to Braunston in that it has the Lancaster Canal running through it, otherwise it is quite different; the church is a comparatively low-rise building and has no spire or steeple!

James' last service in Braunston will be on 17th September at 10.30 am when he will celebrate the Eucharist for the last time as Team Vicar. Later that same day, at 6.30 pm at Holy Cross, Daventry he will make his farewell to the Daventry Team at the Songs of Praise service. All are welcome to attend these services.

Woodplumpton has made a general invitation to Braunston to attend James' Institution and Induction there on Thursday 12th October. Those making the 150 mile journey are assured of a warm welcome.

Rebecca has been appointed as Lecturer in Biblical Studies at St. Martin's College, Lancaster, a post held in conjunction with that of Senior Tutor on the Carlisle and Blackburn Diocesan Training Institute. Her duties begin on 1st October when she will be teaching undergraduates (at St. Martin's) and candidates for ordination (at the Training Institute). She has always enjoyed the teaching opportunities that arose while living in Braunston and looks forward to teaching on a full-time basis. At the same time Rebecca hopes to achieve her doctorate when she submits her thesis in the near future.

It may be several months before a new Vicar is appointed to Braunston and the Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council will have a heavy burden to carry. Fortunately, we are one of the seven parishes of the Daventry team ministry and so can look forward to support from the other priests.

*Thank you James and Rebecca for all you have done in Braunston and best wishes for your future success and happiness in Woodplumpton!*

## Crick keeps the 'Braunston' Boat Show

Hopes that the end of May Boat Show, that grew up over eight years in Braunston, would return after this year's 'temporary' relocation to Crick have been dashed as British Waterways recently announced a five year deal with Crick Marina to hold the annual show there.


**Don't Forget!**

## The Annual Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show in the Village Hall 2pm Saturday 9th September

Teas & cakes, tombola, raffle and book sale

AUCTION OF DONATED PRODUCE FOLLOWS PRIZE-GIVING AT 4.15PM

Entrance 20p. Children free. More details on Page 2.



All Saints' Church  
Braunston

Parish Priest :  
Rev'd. James Watson  
890235  
(Rest Day - Tuesdays)

Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776  
Charles Dunn 812143

### CHURCH SERVICES

#### Sunday 3rd September Trinity 11

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST  
6.30 pm EVENSONG

#### Sunday 10th September Trinity 12

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE  
6.30 pm BATTLE OF BRITAIN  
SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

#### Monday 11th September

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

#### Sunday 17th September Trinity 13

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST  
- last service conducted by  
Rev'd James Watson  
6.30 pm TEAM SONGS OF PRAISE  
at Holy Cross, Daventry

#### Sunday 24th September Trinity 14

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

#### Monday 25th September

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

#### Sunday 1st October

##### HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE  
6.30 pm HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

### A45 SAFETY WORK

This month the Highways Agency will start a two week programme of putting up new warning signs and changing the road markings in an effort to reduce accidents in the Old Road/Marina area.

## Paid I.T. Volunteer

The Parish Council has received outside funding and is looking for a person to work three hours per week in the Village Hall Library. The contract will last six months (but can possibly be extended to one year).

We need someone keen to help villagers and village organisations use the available IT equipment, to promote its use and to be of assistance to anyone who needs information on village and local matters. Are you flexible, friendly and able to work independently for £5-00 an hour? If you are, please contact Pat Herlihy on 01788 890590 for an informal chat.

## Christmas decorations

After further consideration, the Parish Council believes that the best form of Christmas decoration for the village would be trees and lights displayed on brackets held on various buildings in the High Street and Green area. The council hopes that as well as being on commercial premises a number of householders will agree to have them.

The council will pay the cost of the brackets needed for fixing. In order to ensure the benefits of bulk purchase the council will buy the trees and lights passing them on to property owners at cost price. It would be very helpful if at this stage anyone who is interested would let the council know (with no commitment at this stage). Please speak with a Parish Councillor or ring 01788 890698 or e-mail jrwwb@globalnet.co.uk

## Braunston Village Show – your chance to show off!

The schedules are out, and we hope that many people who have never entered a Show before will have a try this year. Whilst the Braunston Show is judged to RHS standards, it is staged for fun, and to encourage those amongst us who can cook or sew a bit, or who enjoy gardening, and it gives a little competitive edge. If you think you might like to have a go, but are not quite sure what to do then this next bit is for you.

First, study the schedule and decide which classes you will enter and complete the entry form including name and address. This has to be taken to the Post Office or 29 Spinney Hill by **6.00 pm on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**, with the entry fees (10p per class for adults). There should only be one name per form. Further entry forms can be obtained from Braunston Post Office.

Most of the entries will need to be fresh, so Friday and early Saturday morning are normally quite hectic as you try and assemble your exhibits. Stick rigidly to the instructions for each class. From 8.30 a.m. on the morning of the show, the hall is open for entrants. You arrive and obtain your class numbers from the Show Secretary, and then find the correct tables on which to display your exhibits. You have until 10.30 a.m. to arrive, at which time the doors are closed. Staging must be completed by 11.00, when judging commences. Judging takes about two hours.

At 2.00 the public is admitted, and you can then look to see whether or not you have been successful, and collect any winnings. The best entry in each section is awarded a special prize. There are also three cups awarded for competitors with the most points. Don't think that, as you have never entered before, you'll stand no chance of winning. You would be surprised at the number of 'first-timers' who get first places. Have a go, and Good Luck.



WEA



## Our autumn course 'A History of Hostelries'

commences Thursday 14th September at Braunston School, 7-45pm - 9-15pm.

Ten meetings fee: £25.

The course looks at the origin of our inns and other public houses and gives you a thirst to find out more! We also examine the stories behind pub names, changing laws and drinking habits.

All welcome.

For more details contact JS Green tel: 01788 890145

## Village History

With the passing of Dick Herne, Braunston lost someone who took the history of our village very much to heart. Many of us have been fascinated by his footnotes in the B.V.N. and attended his informative lectures.

His family has given most of his archives into my custody on the understanding that they remain in, and are made available to, the village.

In order to comply with this, I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in deciding how best to use this legacy.

Please contact Sue Burge, 890310.

## Speedwatch

### What is it?

It is a community anti-speeding initiative set up by Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and Northamptonshire County Council's Road Safety Unit and supported by Braunston Parish Council.

### Why do it?

Speed checks show that often the majority of people caught are local to the village or surrounding areas. Some do not realise that they are speeding. Speedwatch is about changing peoples views on speeding in much the same way that drink driving is no longer socially acceptable.

### How to do it?

Members of the community are asked to Commit to stick to the speed limit  
Sign an anti-speeding pledge  
Display a Speedwatch sticker in their vehicle

Encourage others to do the same.

**The Parish Council is currently discussing whether or not a Speedwatch campaign in Braunston would be of value. If you would support such a campaign and sign an anti-speeding pledge please let us know by contacting any Parish Councillor or ringing 01788 890698 or e-mailing jrwwb@globalnet.co.uk**

## Gardens Competition results.

The judging took place on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> prize and the cup has been awarded to **9 Cross Lane.**

2<sup>nd</sup> place was **2 Field View.**

3<sup>rd</sup> was **48 Ashby Road.**

In the hanging baskets, tubs and containers section,

1<sup>st</sup> prize went to **27 The Green.**

**30 Archer Avenue** was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**84 High Street** was in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The new section of best floral display on a business property in the High Street or The Green has been awarded to

**Bric-a-brac**, who will receive our newly donated trophy, The Millennium Bowl.

Congratulations to the owners of these lovely gardens. Cups and vouchers will be awarded to all these winners at the **Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show prize-giving on September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

The full list of results, including the other commended gardens, is in the window of Braunston Village Stores.

## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

Most of you by now will have heard the news about my being appointed as Vicar of Saint Anne's Woodplumpton in the Diocese of Blackburn. This follows the appointment of Rebecca to a lecturing post in Lancaster. We are both sorry to be leaving Braunston as we have much enjoyed living in this wonderful part of the country and have made many friendships which, of course, we are determined to maintain.

I shall be taking with me many happy memories of my time here. Chief amongst them are *BBC Songs of Praise* and the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the church. I am also particularly pleased that we managed to raise £15,000 for our Millennium Project to build an orphanage in the Sudan. But above all I shall take with me the memory of leading worship in church on Sundays. It really has been an immense privilege to be your vicar and I hope that I have been able to help some of you along your Christian journey.

Woodplumpton is in a part of the country which neither of us are familiar with so it will be a learning experience for us both. The parish itself is semi-rural and takes in part of the Lancashire town of Preston. The church itself dates from the 17<sup>th</sup> century and has neither spire nor steeple and therefore no ring of bells. In other ways the parish is quite similar to Braunston; it even has a canal, the Lancaster canal, running through part of it.

Though 150 miles away, it would be lovely if people were able to come to my induction on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm at Woodplumpton. My final service as Team Vicar of Braunston will be the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am.

Yours sincerely,

*Rev'd. James Watson*

## NOTICES ...

### BATTLE OF BRITAIN

60th Anniversary

#### Service of Commemoration

**In Church 10th Sept. at 6.30 pm.**

As well as traditional hymns and appropriate readings, there will also be an act of remembrance for those who lost their lives. All are welcome.

### ALPHA COURSE

#### Come and find out more about it!

There will be a Celebration Supper at the home of Mike and Beryl Wilkinson (22 The Green) on:

**Friday 1st September at 7.30 pm.**

Those who went on Alpha last time will be there to answer any questions about the course and a light supper will be provided. If you would like to go and find out more about this introductory course to the Christian faith then please telephone Beryl on 890814

### Historic Churches Cycle Ride

**Saturday 9th September.**

If you would like to take part, sponsorship forms are available from John Caunt (tel:890776). Also needed are volunteers to man the church on the day – please put your name on the timesheet at the back of church if you can spare an hour.

### If not cycling how about walking?

**The Bishop of Peterborough**, the Rt. Rev'd Ian Cundy will be walking through Braunston as part of his **Millennium Walk**

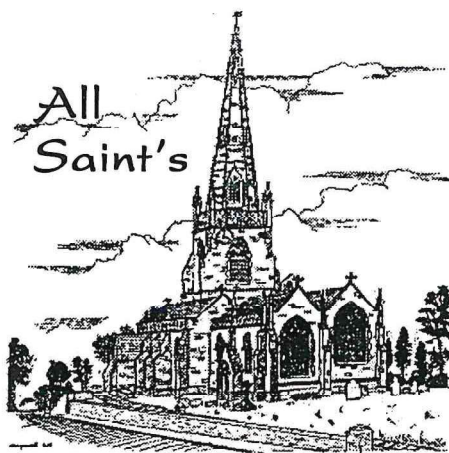
of the diocese. He will be passing through the village on

**Wednesday 20th September**

on his way from Staverton to Ashby St. Ledgers. People are invited to join him at any stage of his walk. He will be leaving Staverton after lunch at about 2 pm and hopes to arrive at Ashby by 5.30 pm. If you would like to join him, the route he will be taking is the Jurassic Way.

### BVN DEADLINE

The closing date for the October edition is noon on Saturday 23rd September. Leave your copy at the Post Office or e-mail jrwgwb@globalnet.co.uk



## FROM THE REGISTERS...

### Holy Baptism

6th Aug. Logan George WHITMORE

27th Aug. Alexandra Jane BACH

*It is with great delight that we welcome these two new members of the Lord's family.*

### Holy Matrimony

13th Aug. Lee TERRY and Sonya CURTIS

### Blessing of Civil Marriage

25th Aug. Geoffrey and Denise LLOYD

### Renewal of Marriage Vows

26th Aug. Clive and Sue GOODCHILD

### Funeral

29th Aug. Phyl TURNER

*May she rest in peace and rise in the glory of the risen Christ*

## Church Floodlighting

8th Aug. The O'Reilly Family visiting from USA, from the Parr family

9th Aug. Sylvia and Colin White's Ruby Wedding Anniversary

11th Aug. Pamela Price – on her 70th birthday

19th Aug. Margaret and Cyril Hughes' Golden Wedding Anniversary

21st Aug. In memory of Sylvia Tatham, from Terry Tatham

23rd Aug. For Ricia Blagbrough's birthday

26th Aug. Sue and Clive Goodchild's

30th Wedding Anniversary

**Lighting Certificates**, showing the church lit at night, are now available for those who would like to send them to relatives and friends, or buy them for their own use. They can be bought from Sheila Rowley at 5 Dane Court (tel: 890559), or from the Rectory, High Street (tel: 890235). The price is £1 each.

*If you would like the Church Spire lit up for your celebration or special event, then please fill in a form at the back of church and post it through the Rectory letter box with £5.*

## Friendly Club

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month at 2-30pm in the Village Hall.

**Next meeting:-**

**Monday September 11th:** No speaker at present but come along for a chat with friends.

**Monday September 25th** is our Harvest Festival with Rev. Ann Slater Vicar of Welton. There will be a Bring and Buy sale of harvest produce.

*New members are always welcome.*



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### Braunston Junior Football Club

Training for the under 9's & 8's will start again on Saturday September 9th at 10-30am.

We are still looking for more boys and girls from school years 3 & 4 to join the football club.

Both the under 13's & 11's started their pre season matches with wins, The 13's won 5-1 against Admirals and the under 11's with a great team effort to beat Rugby Town 6-3.

#### Braunston Parish Council

Next Meeting

Monday 4 September 2000

7-30pm

Village Hall Library

Wanted for the BVN

### Newshound and Advertising/Sponsorship Charmer

Our aim is that the BVN should be attractive and interesting to the majority of Braunston residents.

We print news and notices that come to us but feel that we could find much more interesting news and print better features if there was someone to ferret out the stories. Many more things happen in Braunston than find their way into the BVN.

Also, if we are to continue with the present standard of production we need to increase income. The Church, and to a greater extent the Parish Council, currently subsidise production costs. The BVN should aim to be self financing by increasing advertising and sponsorship income.

We believe one person could help with both these tasks. If you think you would like to join the BVN 'team' to help in this way please phone:

Geoff Waghorn 890698 or

Owen Davies 890076.

Word processing skills would be useful but by no means essential - we can handle this! If lots of people volunteer we can divide up the tasks and produce a really vibrant community newspaper.



### Braunston WI

**Tuesday September 5th, 7-30pm**  
in the Village Hall 80th birthday party

'DON'T FORGET YOUR HATS'.

**Tuesday September 19th**  
80th birthday celebration dinner at the Old Dairy Farm Upper Stowe.  
Coach leaves The Green at 6-00pm.

### Macmillan Nurses

At a fund raising day on behalf of Macmillan Nurses held on Saturday 5 August at Grayswood House, Braunston, a total sum of £1597-00 was collected.

The sun shone brightly as visitors walked round the garden where there were bric a brac stalls, tombola, fortune telling and raffle tickets being sold. Lunches, tea, coffee and cakes were served on the terrace. Rodney and Mary Badham would like to thank everyone who contributed towards making the event such a great success.

### THE BRAUNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

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### Braunston Twinning Association

Challenge the current champions to be this year's

### BRAINS of BRAUNSTON !

Our fun quiz is back on Saturday 18th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Full details next month. To register your team now, call Elizabeth Gwynne on 891331.

### Calling all Youngsters

It is possible that Daventry District Council may spend some money on play equipment for the Barby Road Playing Field. Any money spent would be from the WASP ( Ward Action Service Plan) Scheme.

The Parish Council would like to know what sort of thing youngsters would like.

Do you have any ideas?

What would you think of a skateboard rink?

Or a cycle track?

Are there other suggestions?

Tell us know what you think. Either ring 890698, write to 73 High Street, or e-mail jrwwgbw@globalnet.co.uk

You could ask your Morn or Dad to speak to us but we'd much rather hear direct from you.