

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd May

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 9th May

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Monday 10th May

2.15 pm Little Fishers

Ascension Day 13th May

7.30 pm Eucharist of the Day

Sunday 16th May

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong at Staverton

Sunday 23rd May

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 24th May

2.15 pm Little Fishers

FLOWER FESTIVAL SUNDAY 31st May

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
5.00 pm FESTIVAL EVENSONG

Every Wednesday

10.30 am Midweek Holy Communion



Parish Priest : Revd. James Watson 890235 (Rest Day - Tuesdays) Churchwardens: John Caunt 890776 and Trevor Minett 890908

Funeral

26th March Mary ROWLEY
May she rest in peace

Baptism

18th April Sophie WRIGHT
We welcome her into God's family

"Let everything that hath breath, Praise the Lord".

You are invited to a

FLOWER FESTIVAL

to celebrate

150 years of Braunston Church

When Rev. A.B. Clough laid the foundation stone of All Saints' Church in the 1849, little did he know how well known its spire would become to countless boatmen and women who saw its pinnacle from afar.

To mark 150 years of Christian worship, we are celebrating in flowers the theme of the Psalm 150

*"Let everything that hath breath,
Praise the Lord".*

Also,

Exhibition of the History of Braunston
plus

Craft Exhibition and Refreshments

Admission by programme on the door £1.50

Special Events -

Saturday 7 pm Northampton Concert Band

Tickets £3 available at the door

Sunday 5 pm Festival Evensong

Car Park and Church open 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday - Monday 29-31 May

Proceeds in aid of Hope and Homes for Children

**Vicar's Letter**

Dear All,

This month promises to be one of the busiest in the church's life for some time. What with the **FLOWER FESTIVAL** (29-31 May) and **BBC SONGS OF PRAISE** (6th June), this is not the time to have booked your two weeks in Majorca! We hope to have a truly great celebration for the church's 150th anniversary. With a wide range of people from the village involved, we hope that the Flower Festival will reflect the diverse life that has typified our village over the years.

And what better way to celebrate Christ's 2000 birthday than by giving all the proceeds of the festival to build a home for starving and orphaned children in the Sudan. Our target is £10,000 and so far we have raised over £1,000 in the first month! Keep it coming. I am sure we shall soon make our target.

See you at the festival.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

**NOTICES**

Sorry to say but there has been a bit of mischief-making in the cemetery with flowers being mysteriously moved about. It scarcely needs to be said that the cemetery is consecrated ground, sacred to the memory of loved ones. Please respect its dignity.

BRAUNSTON TO STAR ON TELEVISION!

The **BBC** will be recording **SONGS OF PRAISE**

from Braunston Marina on

Sunday June 6th from 2 pm to 5 pm.

- **Pam Rhodes** will be presenting the programme.

- Entry is free but will be strictly limited to ticket-holders.

If you would like a ticket, please contact the vicar (Tel 890235)

Friendly Club

Programme for May

10th May. Visit to Stratford upon Avon stopping at Marton for lunch.

24th May. There will be a coffee morning at Janet's (weather permitting) plus a Bring & Buy stall. If wet it will be held in the Village Hall from 10.00am

Newcomers to the Village - in case you didn't know - the Friendly Club is for the over 60's. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in the Village Hall usually at 2.30 pm.

The Women's Institute meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm, also in the Village Hall.

(This is just an example of the information you can find in the recently published Village Directory)

Another useful source of information is Braunston's web site <http://www.braunston.net>



Braunston Womens' Institute.

Tuesday 4th May 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

RESOLUTIONS by VCO

Braunston Village Gardens Association

We hope you didn't miss the Plant Sale on the Village Green at 10 am on Saturday 1st May.

The next event to get ready for is the Gardens Open Day on 6th June. Phone Jean Dibben to enter your garden.



After the Plant Sale you can go to the Village Hall Library to hear Poem Reading at 11.00 am on 1st May

Braunston Twinning Association

the trip to Quincy-Voisins 28th -31st May. £60 adults £30 children.

There may still be spaces available
Call Beverley Hankinson 891221

SPORT IN BRAUNSTON

The BVN would like to give news about football, cricket, tennis, fishing or any other sporting activity associated with the Village. Please just drop a note in to the Post Office.



MILLENNIUM EVE FLOODLIGHTING



AUCTION FOR 31st DECEMBER 1999

Highest bid still stands at £15

for this once-in-a-1000 year opportunity. If you wish to top this bid, please send your bid to the Rectory, High St., Braunston. Bids must come with the name and address of the bidder and also with a £5 non-returnable deposit. All proceeds go to HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN. N.B. People are not limited in how many bids they can make. (To book floodlighting on any other day please use the form in the back of the Church)



Church Floodlighting.....

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| 31st March | For the joy of living - Anne Milo |
| 1st April | Mr. and Mrs. Klan visiting from Germany |
| 3rd April | Alan Atack on his 50th birthday |
| 3rd April | John and Hilda Bradshaw's Golden Wedding Anniversary |
| 4th April | EASTER DAY |
| 4th April | Doreen and Leonard Knibbs 50th Wedding Anniversary |
| 9th April | For the birthday of David Warner from Phyllis Clarke |
| 12th April | 85th birthday of Mrs. Thurza Pittam with love from all her family |
| 22nd April | For the people of all countries who are oppressed and unhappy |
| 23rd April | On Rebecca Watson's birthday from James |
| 25th April | In memory of Geoff Curtis on his birthday |

SITUATION VACANT

Seasonal Retail Information Assistant

British Waterways at its waterways office in Braunston is seeking an enthusiastic individual to assist in the staffing of the information and exhibition room at the Stop House.

The successful applicant will work with a permanent British Waterways employee and will help to provide local and canal related information, assist customers and sell a range of gift items.

The person will be required to work Sundays between 12 noon and 4 pm during June, July and August.

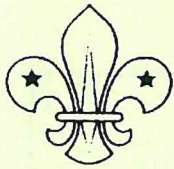
The ideal candidate should have experience of dealing with customers, handling cash and till operation.

Pay - £5.50 per hour

Please apply in writing to Martin Cooke, Development Manager, The Stop House, Braunston,

Northants NN11 7JQ

Closing date - 7th May 1999



2nd Braunston Scouts

Braunston Scouts wish to thank everyone who either gave, or bought, cakes at their Cake Stall. £65 was raised for our repair fund.

The next Cake Stall will be on Saturday 29th May.

We are running a campaign to raise the awareness of Scouting in Braunston. On 19th April Shirley Higginbottom spoke to the children at the Village School and on 27th April there was a Social Evening at the Den for children and parents wishing to know more about Scouting.

For more information call Margaret Massie 890619



The BVN thanks British Waterways and the Boat Show for their sponsorship thus making this larger edition possible.

FRIENDS OF RAYMOND



Raymond is the name of the last wooden working narrow boat to be built at Braunston in June 1958. "Friends of Raymond" is a registered charity formed to restore nb Raymond. There will be a stand at the Braunston Boat Show on 29 - 31 May. Why not pay a visit to the stand to see what is being done to restore a part of Braunston's boating history?



Here's something you didn't know!

**Sunday 23rd May
is
International
Dawn Chorus Day**

If you can't sleep go to Daventry Country Park Visitor Centre at 5.00 am for a chance to hear our feathered friends get started. Warm clothing and something to sit on essential. Bring something for the breakfast BBQ.

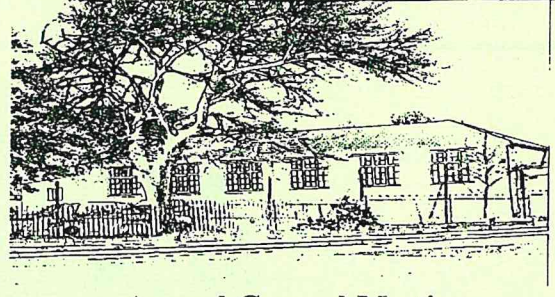
Leader - Tony Newby

Village Notes.....from a traveller.....

In the forests and lakes 350 miles north of New York city a reminder of Braunston! Stopping at a rural hotel we found a leaflet describing how the property had been developed by a Colonel Duryea. Nothing to connect with Braunston until one read that "he was a hard driving man who became a millionaire as president of the National Starch Company in 1890. His tough determination and his brilliant son, Chester, were the elements for his success in the starch industry. Chester discovered new uses for Corn Starch, and the shrewd business sense of the Colonel parlayed his son's ideas into millions of dollars. Ironically, Colonel Duryea was shot to death by Chester in May 1914. He was shot seven times in the head while sleeping in his Brooklyn mansion. Chester told the police that angels had commanded him to do it."

National Starch acquired the glue works in Braunston that had been founded by Mr Alderson Smith after World War I (described in Village Notes in July 1993) The National Starch company was itself acquired by Unilever who sold it to ICI speciality chemicals recently.

BRAUNSTON MEMORIAL HALL FOUNDATION



**Annual General Meeting
Monday 24th May at 8.00 pm at the Hall
in the old Library.**

Come along and support this valuable village amenity, hear a review of the past year and look at the exciting plans for the future.

- The committee thanks Mrs J. Beattie and the Braunston School of Dance for kindly donating half the proceeds of the March Dance Show towards the planned improvements of the Hall.
- Also many thanks to Mrs Kath Spendley for all her work as collector and co-ordinator of the 200 Club as she stands down this month. We are now looking for a voluntary collector to join the team. Contact the Hall Secretary, Clare Ashley, on 891580 for details.

Something else about the Millenium.....

From Northamptonshire Trading Standards circular:

31st December 1999 isn't just the end of the millenium; it's also the end of pounds and ounces for most areas of the retail trade.

Traders such as greengrocers and butchers have been allowed to use the Imperial System of Weights and Measures for sales by weight loose from bulk since the start of metrication. From 1st January 2000 all retail sales must use the metric system. However, there are just a few exceptions; the two common ones are beer and cider by the pint in pubs and milk in returnable glass bottles.

If you have problems with shoddy goods or dubious doorstep salesmen call Northamptonshire Trading Standards on 01604 707909 to ask for advice.



Saturday 29th to Monday 31st May 1999
(Bank Holiday weekend)

10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday
10am to 5pm Monday

EVENTS WILL INCLUDE

- Daily historic narrowboat parade
- Fireworks display
- Morris Dancers
- Jazz Band
- Scottish Pipe Band
- Live Theatre
- Folk Groups
- Children's Entertainments
- Licensed Bar

TICKETS

Adults £5 Children/Concessions £3 Family Ticket £15

Exhibitor and visitor information:

The Stop House, Braunston, Northants NN11 7JQ

Tel: (01788) 891555 Fax: (01788) 890222

<http://www.braunston-boatshow.com>

email jan@soog.globalnet.co.uk

Part of the Braunston Boat Show site has an uneven, gravelled surface, narrow walkways and limited seating