

CHURCH SERVICESSunday 7th March

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Monday 8th March

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

MOTHERING SUNDAY 14th March

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service - with posies for all mums

Sunday 21st March

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong at Ashby St Legers

Monday 22nd March

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Palm Sunday 28th March

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.15 am Procession of Palms from the Village Green
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Midweek Holy Communion at Braunston - Wednesdays at 10.30 am

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

Annual General Meeting**Wednesday 10th March**

in the Parish Room. Do come along and see what has happened in the church over the past year and what plans we have for the future. This will be preceded by the annual VESTRY MEETING to elect the churchwardens for the year.

All welcome. Proceedings begin at 7.30 pm.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

is on Sunday 14th March. We shall have our usual Family Service at 10.30 am which is designed for all members of the family old and young. Come and give thanks for your mother and give her a posie to show her how special she is. The Junior Choir will also be singing a song in honour of all mums.

Church Floodlighting.....

25th Jan. On Nora Smith's birthday from brothers Mike and Bill, Pam and all the family
1st Feb. On Lucy Overton's 83rd birthday
6th Feb. On the birthday of Phyl Clarke
8th Feb. Kay and Arthur Williams' Golden Wedding Anniversary and Arthur's birthday from Paul
9th Feb. On Gill Maltby's birthday
9th Feb. Ron and Rachel May's birthday
10th Feb. In memory of Mansel Davies
11th Feb. On Samantha Jane Overton's 30th birthday from Dad, Nan and Pat
15th Feb. In memory of Duncan Gallie on his 95th birthday from Jean Hossain and also from Jean
19th Feb. Anniversary of Marjorie Gallie's birthday.
24th Feb. On the 31st Wedding Anniversary of Pam and John Thompson, from Penny
13th Feb Len Knibb's Birthday from Doreen
22nd Feb. In loving memory for George Green on his birthday - all our love, Blanche and family

MILLENNIUM EVE LIGHTING OF THE SPIRE -**31ST DECEMBER 1999.**

We are having a 'slow bid' for this once-in-a-1000 year opportunity. Bids should be sent to the Rectory, High St., Braunston by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the Braunston Village News. Bids must come with the name and address of the bidder and also with a £5 non-returnable deposit. So far Barry Thompson of 71 Church Road has bid £10. Can anyone offer a higher bid? All proceeds go to HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN. N.B. People are not limited in how many bids they can make.

MEMORABILIA. Have you got any pictures of old Braunston or old mementoes of village life which the church could borrow to display at the Flower Festival in May? If you have, Kathleen Minett (tel890908) would be glad to hear from you.

Vicar's Letter

Dear All,

Thank you to those who spoke to me regarding our Millennium Project and for suggesting other good causes. After a good deal of discussion, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) finally decided to adopt HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN as its preferred charity. I am glad to say that most people were supportive of this charity, though some did question helping a charity overseas. It is sometimes said that charity begins at home but I don't think there is anyone who would be unmoved by the video which HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN has made. Where in our own country are there children, wandering around sick and starving who have lost both parents through war and are at the peril of gunmen on the rampage? Yes, there is poverty in this country and some children do suffer as the result of neglect but nothing like on the scale that happens in some parts of the world. For those other good causes which people suggested, they will be considered amongst the other donations which the church makes to charity each year.

Now that our project has been launched, we hope to raise £10,000 as soon as possible. You can help by coming to our Lent Lunches for example, which happen on Saturdays during Lent from 12.30 am. Enjoy a bowl of soup (always tasty!) and roll of bread. Then there is the FLOWER FESTIVAL over the Boat Show weekend. This event is not only to celebrate 150 years of Braunston Church but will also be in aid of HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN. Finally, if you didn't manage to see the recent showing of "This is Your Life" which featured Colonel Mark Cook OBE, the man behind HOPE AND HOMES FOR CHILDREN, then I have a video of the charity's work which anyone is most welcome to borrow.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

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Friendly Club

Programme for March:-

8th March. Mr Wheeler from Willoughby will be talking about fuschias.

22nd March. A Ploughman's Lunch in the Village Hall at 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Book at next meeting or phone Gill on 890763



Braunston Womens' Institute.
Tuesday 2nd March at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall The speaker will be
Mr F.C. Millington on
"Discovering Combe"

New members and guests will be made very welcome

ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 6th March in the Village Hall
starts 2 pm. Admission 20p

Cake stall, raffle and refreshments

BRAUNSTON BOWLS CLUB

The club intends to arrange a Beginners Session of short mat bowls in the near future. All "Over 50's" are invited to come along to the Village Hall to try their hand at this relaxing sport.

Anyone interested should telephone the Secretary, Gill, on 890763 for further details.



THE AGM will be held in the 'Old Library' in the Village Hall on Thursday 18th March at 7.00 pm.

HAVE YOU GOT ANY STORIES OF

BRAUNSTON LIFE?

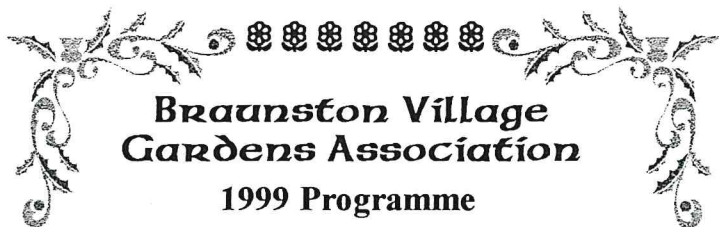
Something that we could use in the occasional Village Notes? If so please drop it into the Post Office - we'll keep it anonymous if you prefer.



Braunston Neighbourhood Watch has a new leader in Len Archer. Thank you Beryl Wilkinson for all you did. More news in a later edition.

Village Notes.....from our archives.....written by Dick Herne for the February 1993 issue

On the south side of High St. between Cross Lane and the Green the tall stuccoed house with the slate roof has a varied history. In the early 19th century before the 1834 Poor Law set up District Workhouses - so called because the inmates had to work for their keep - it housed the homeless poor. Then it became a coffee house. More recently it was a general shop and is now a private residence. Next door the Old Forge is unusual in two respects. It was built of brick and the west end was a smithy belonging to Sam Cowley, the village blacksmith. The blocked up coal chute is still visible in the wall. Beyond the adjoining bungalows is a row of stone cottages; the first one bearing the plaque marked "R.E.M. 1742" was once a village inn. Next to the row is footpath, Burden Lane, leading to the Archer Avenue estate. This had replaced a huddle of old cottages which housed many canal workers and brickyard labourers



Braunston Village Gardens Association

1999 Programme

Sunday 7th March - Fertiliser shop reopens at 11 am at the Village Hall. Wide range of composts and other gardening items at very competitive prices.

Open every Sunday until end June. Telephone orders to David White on 890865 if you can't get to the shop.

Saturday 1st May - Plant Sale on the Village Green 10 am 12 noon. Bring your excess plants for sale and buy bedding plants, shrubs and perennials you need.

Gardens Open Day - In June. Date to be fixed. If you are interested in opening your garden this year in aid of charity please phone Jean Dibben on 890515

Village Show - Will be on Saturday 4th September



TO NOTE FOR APRIL

National Spring Clean

Braunston's event will take place on 24 April 1999. Meet on the Village Green at 10-00am.

Village Initiative Scheme

Plans arising out of the two public meetings, will be on display in the Village Hall former library from 6-30pm on 12 April 1999. Everyone will be welcome to come and look at them and comment.

Parish Meeting

This year's Parish Meeting will be at 7-00pm on Wednesday 14 April 1999 in the Village Hall.

Braunston Twinning Association

Don't Forget!

BARN DANCE

Saturday 6th March at 8pm in the School Hall
Tickets - £5 including supper - from the Post Office or
Elizabeth Gwynne on 891331