

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 2nd August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Thursday 6th August

7.30 pm The Transfiguration
- Eucharist at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 9th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Sunday 16th August

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

Sunday 23rd and 30th August

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Midweek communion on Wednesdays at 10.30 am. Matins is said daily at 9.00 am and Evensong at 6.00 pm.

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

Funeral

21st July Laura ALLEN
*May she rest in peace and may light
perpetual shine upon her.*

Church Floodlighting

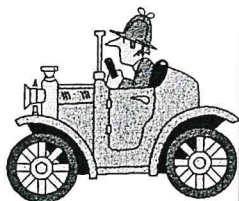
- 27th June For Carmen Davies on her birthday
- 14th July For John Andrews on his birthday
- 17 July Mark and Julie Trillo's 5th Wedding Anniversary
- 26th July On Barrie and Gillian Thompson's Ruby Wedding Anniversary



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.

The annual parish **Treasure Hunt** takes place on **Thursday 13th August.**

Cars leave the church from 6 pm onwards and return in time for supper in the Parish Room. If you would like to come please put your name on a list at the back of church



Vicar's Letter

Dear All,

Now that the schools have broken up and our thoughts have turned to the summer holidays, it's appropriate to remember the patron saint of travellers, St. Christopher, whose saint's day is the 25th July. St Christopher's great ambition in life was to find and serve the greatest king on earth. No one could tell him where to look, but a Christian hermit told him to go to a place by a river where many met their death by drowning in attempting to cross a dangerous ford.

Tall and strong, Christopher was able to help travellers by carrying them over the river. One night, as he slept, he heard the voice of a child calling outside his door and asking for help to cross the river. Christopher got up and went outside to look and saw a child standing beside the water's edge. The child repeated the request, and Christopher took him up and entered the water. As he did so the water seemed to flow more strongly, and as he made his way the child seem to grow more heavy. Christopher began to fear that he would not reach the opposite bank, but eventually he did so. He set the child down wondering who he was. The child told him: he was Jesus the Christ, bearing upon himself the sins of the world.

Because of this strange experience, Christopher received his name. Formerly it had been Retrobus, from now on it was to be Christopher, which in Latin means Christ-bearer. The story serves to remind us of the weight of sin that Christ has lifted from our shoulders. As Jesus offers: "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest".

It was a common medieval belief that anyone who looked on the image of Saint Christopher would suffer no harm that day, which led to the painting of large pictures of him on church walls. One such picture has recently been uncovered in the church at Ashby St. Ledgers. Why not make it part of your holiday to visit this inspiring work of art?

Yours sincerely,
Rev. James Watson



To Mr & Mrs Barnwell for a donation towards printing costs

Braunston Friendly Club.

Only one meeting this month - on 10th August
Coach Trip to Sea Life Aquarium Birmingham
The coach will leave the Green at 1.00pm and leave Birmingham at 5.00pm. Cost £8.50 which includes coach fare and admission. There are still a number of spare seats. Anyone interested please phone Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has a superb location at the Village Centre and provides a valued amenity - but could it be better? The AGM on 29th June agreed that an architect should be invited to put forward some imaginative ideas for development and that these should be presented at a public meeting yet to be arranged.

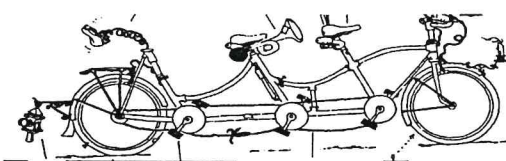
If we want something special to commemorate the new millenium it must be something that the village really wants. It is hoped to win substantial grants but a lot of money would have to be raised by the village itself. What do we want? **Think about it!**



Daventry District Community Safety Group at its open quarterly meeting on 9th July heard that burglary is down 12% on the same quarter last year. However the overall figure of recorded crimes is up largely due to the new rules which links crimes with victims;

for instance, stealing a cheque book with intent to defraud used to be one crime now it could be as many as 25 as each cheque is used to defraud somebody. We'll reduce crime further by being careful with our property and making it difficult for the criminals- use your eyes too - .

Don't forget, keep them peeled!



**Enjoy the Holidays
- but be careful!**

Especially in Harrow Lane where cyclists, roller bladers, skate boarders have been going down the wrong way and shooting out in front of traffic in the High Street.

VILLAGE NOTES

Readers enjoy the occasional story about Braunston past and present, people, places, events and natural history too, but we need new contributions - verses, narratives or sketches gratefully received. Just leave them at the Post Office - anonymously if you like.



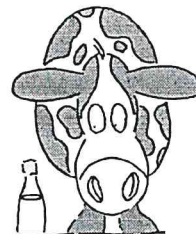
Braunston Women's Institute

4th August. There will be a talk about Parkinson's Disease.

19th August. We entertain our W.I. friends fom Hullandward again. In the morning we take them to visit the

Windmill Vineyard near Hellidon. After lunch in the Village Hall they go off to explore Northampton. We hope for good weather - it poured with rain when we visited them last year!

Vicky and Richard Barnwell would like to thank everyone for their very kind good wishes on their retirement. It has been a privilege to serve you all not just as customers but also as friends. We also wish Shirley and Stephen every success for the future



2nd Braunston Scout Group

The Scout Group would like to thank all those in the village for their generosity in providing us with many bags of jumble for our Jumble Sale in June. Our thanks too, go to the the people who came along to buy. We raised £114. This money will be put towards the refurbishing of the Den which will ensure that Scouting in Braunston will continue. Lastly, a reminder to the Scouts - the Troop is meeting every week.

Advice from NCC Trading Standards

• There have been many complaints about work done by travelling traders offering cheap tarmac, roof repairs, garden work, etc. Before you agree to work make sure you check the satisfaction of previous customers and get a written estimate.

• Be careful before agreeing to a homeworking job that you really understand what you will get and be very careful about schemes that require you to put up money in advance.

••Trading Standards can be contacted on 01604-761123••



Braunston & District

Royal British Legion

Visit to Eden Camp on Saturday 5th September. There are still 6 vacancies. Any members and family wishing to go please contact the Secretary.

Next Meetings:

11th August The George Hotel, Kilsby
8th September The Stags Head, Watford

DO IT NOW!

The District Council will only spend money to improve the village if they receive sufficient replies to their recent letter to all households. Yours could swing the balance. Post it to-day and help Braunston!

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