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Church Services

Sunday 3rd May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School  
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 10th May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Family Service

Monday 11th May

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 17th May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist and Sunday School  
6.30 pm Team Evensong at Braunston

ASCENSION DAY 21st May

7.30 pm Eucharist at Ashby St. Ledgers

Sunday 24th May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
4.00 pm Songs of Praise at the Marina

Monday 25th May

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 31st May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Midweek Communion on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and Matins said daily at 9.00 am and Evensong at 6.00 pm

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

**Funeral**

24th April

Ron HEDGE

*May he rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon him*

***Vicar's Letter***

Dear All,

As some of you might already have heard, the Team Rector of Holy Cross, Daventry will shortly be leaving us. Rev. Keith Smalldon has won many friends in his four years in the team and we are going to miss him enormously. Keith leaves us to go back to the land of his fathers - Wales - where he becomes Team Rector of the benefice of Llantwit Major. We pray that Anne and his family will have a successful move and that they settle down quickly into their new life.

A consequence of Keith's departure, which has been compounded by the loss of Rev. John Hargreaves from Welton and Ashby St. Ledgers, is that the staffing in the team is now half of what it was when I arrived. This will mean that I will be taking additional services around the team until new staff are appointed. We should still manage to provide the same number of services - it's just that I will be more busy than usual for the foreseeable future. So if you see less of me around and about then you will know why.

On another note, May is with us and that of course means the Boat Show is here again. There will be concert in church on the Saturday evening and, after the popularity of last year's event, we shall be holding a Songs of Praise style service in the Marina at 4 pm on Sunday 24th. See you there!

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

**Church Floodlighting**

1st April John & Janet Caunt's  
Wedding Anniversary  
2nd April John & Hilda Bradshaw's  
Wedding Anniversary  
25th April In memory of  
Geoff Curtis on his birthday

If you would like the Church Spire lit up please fill in a form at the back of the church and put it with £5 in the Rectory letter box.



**Congratulations to Rev. Eileen Thorp** on her appointment as Assistant Priest of Holy Cross, Daventry. Her licensing will be conducted by the Bishop of Brixworth on Friday 15th May at 10.00am at Holy Cross. All welcome.

**Concerts.**

23rd May see details overleaf

Saturday 9th May 'The Sounds of Music' Midland Wind Orchestra. Conductor Colin Touchin. Popular pieces from stage & screen. £4.50 (Conc £3). Tickets from Post Office, John Caunt or at the door.

**Thanks in advance** to beavers, cubs and scouts who will be leading worship at the Family Service on Sunday 10th May. Everyone Welcome!

**BRAUNSTON BOAT SHOW EDITION**

The BVN thanks Braunston Marina for sponsoring the whole of this issue.

# BRAUNSTON BOAT SHOW



SATURDAY 23RD MAY  
TO MONDAY 25TH MAY

The Bank Holiday Weekend  
10.00am to 6.00pm (5.00pm Monday)

MORRIS DANCING - ROVING ENTERTAINERS - PUPPETS - SCOTTISH PIPE BAND  
DAILY PARADE THROUGH THE MARINA OF HISTORIC NARROWBOATS (SOME OVER 100 YEARS OLD!)

FIREWORKS ON SATURDAY AT 9.45PM

A WATERSIDE FESTIVAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND A TRADE SHOW FOR THE SERIOUS BOATER

CONCERTS - BARN DANCE - JAZZ EVENING

ART & CRAFT STALLS - ARTISTS EXHIBITS AND SALE

LOTS TO SEE - REFRESHMENTS

Admission: Adults £5, Child £3, Family £15. Three day passes for just double single entry.

## Braunston Music Festival 1998

All profits to  
the Church

present

'Opera Experience'  
in

### 'A Masque of Mozart'

A journey of his life through his music.

Directed by Norman Breedie

Venue: All Saints Parish Church, Braunston  
on Saturday, 23rd May at 7.00pm

Sponsor: Braunston Boat Show 1998

Tickets: £7 (£5 Concs) & £1 child tickets from the School

Available from: Freeman and Neale, Lawford Road, Rugby

St Giles Music, St Giles Terrace, Northampton

The Marina Shop, Braunston and from John Caunt (890776)  
or at the door.

To Stephen Baden Fuller, Musical Director, Braunston Marina,  
The Wharf, Braunston, Northants NN11 7JH with a SAE

I require \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of tickets) for this performance.

I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to 'Braunston Music  
Festival'

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For further information phone 01455 552009

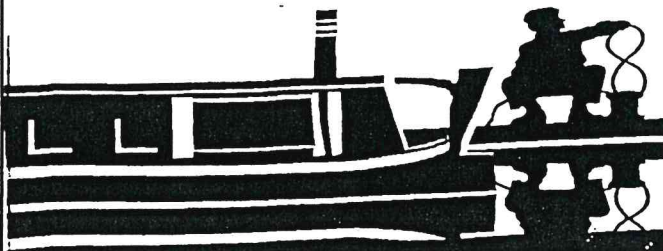
This is now the eighth Braunston Boat Show - ninth if you include the Oxford canal Bicentennial Rally in 1990. "No one is more surprised than me at its success" says Marina owner Tim Coghlan.

More than 18,500 people flocked to last year's show with an increasing number of enthusiasts coming from overseas. The exhibitors are enthusiastic too- with all space sold out by March.

Jointly hosted by British Waterways and Braunston Marina - and this year organised by British Waterways, the event has become the shop window of the narrowboat building industry. With both floating and land based exhibitors there will be over 140 exhibitors.

Once again all profits from the Boat Show will be given to canal and local causes. (Last year Braunston societies received substantial sums.)

Historic boats will include *President* with her butty *Kildaire*. The sight of the pair negotiating the tight bend in the Marina before a cast of a thousand *gongoozlers* is awesome. Bring plenty of film!



## **Braunston succeeds but more help needed**

The message at the annual parish meeting on 22nd April was upbeat. There was lots of good news but a worrying theme - unless more volunteers come forward many activities that contribute to the life of the village will not continue. Brownies and Guides are in the worst position. They will close down in the autumn without some new adult helpers. (If interested call Jean Dibben 890515). The School governors reported that there had been a helpful and generally good Ofsted inspection. The Friends of Braunston School reported a good year but would like to see more parents as members. Funds generated would purchase new play equipment. The Pre school is now operating 5 days a week and has a satisfactory inspection record.

The Daventry District Council will be organising a major survey in the summer to find out what villagers want in the development of their villages. It was said that the parish is now secure from any sand/gravel quarrying operations but we are likely to hear a new proposal to reinstate the Great Central Railway.

The Dog Warden gave an entertaining talk but she is faced with the task of enforcing new laws that levy a £25 fine on anyone not clearing up their dog mess in a public place. Dog walkers really should carry plastic bags with them and drop the wrapped mess in a dust bin.

Footpaths in the parish are in a generally good state as is the pocket park at Jetty Fields. The Playing Fields Association have done a magnificent job fund raising and Braunston has the prospect of very good facilities in the future. Again, people are needed to come forward to organise activities. The Church continues to raise enough money to cover its own costs and still gives £1800 to charity but pressures are building up and more regular giving would be welcome. Floodlighting of the spire was applauded. Membership of the WI had increased but more younger women would be welcome. The WI was prepared to adapt its programme to meet their needs. The short mat bowls club was flourishing although not winning many matches!

The cups that Braunston had won in the Village of the Year competition were on display. As a 1997 winner we will be handicapped this year so we must try even harder.

Scouts and Cubs are doing well but more adult helpers are needed. Their meetings will soon return to their old Den which they have owned for 40 years - Scouts would like to meet anyone having old pictures of the building in any of its former uses so that copies can be made.

The work of Thomas Birdsall in cleaning the streets was praised. The Green was being improved by putting electricity lines underground. New street lamps in a traditional design to reflect Braunston's status as a conservation area would be installed there.

Helpers to produce a "Design Statement" for the village under the guidance of a DDC planning officer would be

sought for one weekend this summer.

A financial statement was presented - audited accounts will be issued late summer. Roddy Grant is resigning as Parish Clerk after 10 years in the post and was thanked for his loyal service.

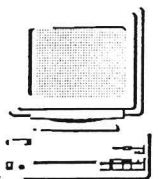
**Millenium celebrations in Braunston** Analysis of the recent questionnaire had shown strong support for revamping the Village Hall and for a stained glass window in the Church. As voting was so close it was decided to proceed with both. Tree planting was some distance behind in third place. The Village Hall project is complex in terms of defining precisely what should be done and raising the necessary finance. Proposals to the Millenium Fund need to be drawn up and volunteers for a group to do this will soon be sought. The meeting closed at 9pm with a vote of thanks to Janet McCarthy.



Watch out! Don't be taken in by someone calling at your door offering to do work for a super bargain price. Fraudsters have been active in our area. Always make sure that you have work carried out by approved tradesmen or someone who has been recommended by a friend or relative. Don't be shy to ask for names of previous customers and check their opinion. Make sure you get a quote before work starts and never pay before the work is done!

*Keep them peeled!*

**U**grading your PC? The Vicar needs a PC to operate a worship software package which his Mac can't deal with. Anything from a 286 upwards with Word 3.0 would be gratefully received. Phone 890908



## **Braunston Memorial Hall**

EARLY WARNING

The Annual General Meeting will take place on

**Monday 29th June 1998 at 8.00 pm**  
in the Library Room.

Please come along and support your local Village Hall. For further information contact Clare Ashley on 891580



Many thanks to Sheila Parr, to all our collectors and everyone who gave so generously in the house-to-house collection for **The Children's Society**. £355.61 has been sent to the Society.

## Friendly Club

The next meeting is on Tuesday 12th May when we are having a coach trip to Moreton in Marsh. The coach leaves The Green at 9.30 am and departs from Moreton at 2.30pm. Cost approximately £5. Non members and friends are welcome. Please contact Janet on 890336 if you are interested.

On Tuesday 28th May, from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon, there will be a coffee morning and a *Bring and Buy stall* in Janet's garden at 45 High Street if the weather is fine or in the Village Centre if it is wet.



### **Braunston Women's Institute**

At our meeting last month the colourful village map made by Dawn Quinn and Betty May was on display. A competition for the best Easter Bonnet was won by June Arrowsmith. Rosemary Harding came second and the judge highly commended all entries. This month, on 5th May, we shall have a visit from our V.C.O. who will brief us on this year's resolutions.

### **Vacancy Clerk to Braunston Parish Council**

This is a responsible, part time position working with a busy Parish Council. The successful applicant will be required to take minutes at Parish Council meetings, produce letters and documents on the computer to a high standard, keep files and have a good working knowledge of book keeping. For further details please contact: Janet McCarthy, telephone 890336

## **Village Notes by 'Hedgie'**

*Due to lack of space we have not been able to print 'Village Notes' in recent issues. Ron Hedge who sadly died last month was an occasional contributor and we are proud to be able to print one of his unpublished offerings.*

Was Braunston parish once the scene of an incident altering British history? Probably not, but there could have been only a mile or two in it! The time was April 1660 and England was in crisis. In March General Monk with the backing of London had forced the Long Parliament to dissolve and new elections were being held. A free parliament would almost certainly opt for the return of the Stuarts. Monk, holding the immediate power seemed cautiously favourable but in early April General Lambert a leading republican escaped from custody, raised the standard of revolt at Edgehill with the nucleus of his old regiment and the likelihood of wider support. His plans called for a rendez-vous firstly at Daventry and then at Oxford. He soon occupied Daventry with about 1000 troops. Monk ordered Colonel Ingoldsby with his horse regiment to suppress the revolt as fast as possible. Ingoldsby came via Northampton where he picked up some reinforcements. Apparently undetected, Ingoldsby appeared before Daventry in the early morning of Easter Day only to find that Lambert, following his own plans, had just marched out. Following the tracks, Ingoldsby caught up within a mile or so and the two sides "in open field near Daventry faced each other across a stream". What followed was a scuffle rather than a skirmish. Some of Lambert's officers had been "got at" and refused to fight. After a single discharge of pistols damaging a few horses and much hectoring the rest were scattered and Lambert captured. A few weeks later Charles II was on the throne. Unfortunately we do not know in what direction Lambert was proceeding when attacked but there are indications that it would have been somewhere between Badby and Dunchurch.



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*From Jane Benson to the Cubs & 2nd Braunston Scouts Committee..  
Thank you for the recent presentation of a specially commissioned picture. Special thanks to Jennifer Randall who organised it all - as a complete surprise and to Margaret Birdsall for a brilliant painting of cats.  
I enjoyed my 9+ years as Shere Khan, firstly with James and then with Jennifer and I have loads of memories!  
CUBS - DO YOUR BEST!*

**MATERIAL FOR THE JUNE ISSUE TO THE POST OFFICE BY 23RD MAY PLEASE**