

CHURCH SERVICES

Harvest Festival Sunday 5th October

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Sunday School
 10.30 am **Parish Eucharist and Gift Service**
 6.30 pm **Songs of Praise for Harvest**

Sunday 12th October

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am **The Family Service**

Monday 13th October

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Sunday 19th October

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist (No Sunday School -half-term)
 6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong at Ashby St. Ledgers

Sunday 26th October

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Sunday School
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 27th October

2.15 pm The Little Fishers

Midweek communion: Wednesday at 10.30 am.
 Mattins is said daily at 9.00 am and Evensong at 6 pm

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

Funeral

12th Sept Michael John KENNEY

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

Harvest Festival

Church Decoration Saturday from 10 am. Offers of flowers/produce needed. Children invited to bring produce to altar at 10.30 Service.

HARVEST SUPPER - MONDAY 6th Sept
 in School at 7.30 pm. Tickets £3 (Child £1) from Post Office/Rectory/Church. All produce will be auctioned for Christian Aid.

*All Saints' Day - Our patronal festival.
 Saturday 1st November at 7.30 pm
 Everyone invited.
 Refreshments after the service*

Church Floodlighting

10 Sept 10th Birthday of Phillip Monk
 12 Sept Wedding of Mafra Waddleton and Paul Paterson
 21 Sept Birthday of Susan Monk
 24 Sept Birthday of Elisabeth Davies
 (Lighting request forms at back of Church.)

John Bradshaw writes to thank all church members who contributed to the presentation made on his retirement as Church Organist. "It has given me much pleasure to have been involved with the music in church and it gives me even greater pleasure to know that my efforts have been so much appreciated."

The BVN thanks the Northamptonshire Police for printing this edition for us.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

No-one could have been prepared for the tragic news that greeted the country on the morning of Sunday 31st August. In Princess Diana, we have all lost a charitable and loving person, a figurehead of international importance. Not only did she occupy a central position in the nation's life by reason of her being the mother of the future king, but she occupied a special place in the hearts of millions of people through her loving concern for the unloved and disadvantaged.

As it happened, quite fortuitously, one of the readings for the Sunday after her funeral was the parable of the Good Samaritan. In that story, Jesus spoke of the priest and the Levite who ignored the man who lay injured by the side of the road after the robbers had attacked him. In Diana, it is hard to escape the remarkable parallel that whereas the establishment, the media and politicians quite often seem to "walk by on the other side" when confronted with human misery, Diana was the one who went to the rescue of those in despair and distress. She did not just "walk by on the other side".

The Dean of Lichfield Cathedral in his sermon on the same day, retold the parable like this:

"Once upon a time a young boy was walking in a field, and tripped over a sharp object. It exploded and blew off his leg. A politician saw him and walked on, keeping his upper lip stiff. A press photographer saw him, and took pictures of him from every angle. But a young and beautiful girl came and took her in her arms, and bound up his wounds. And she went to the innkeepers, and said: Look after him; and don't put those things in your fields again."

Jesus concluded his parable with the words "Go, and do likewise". We have every reason to be grateful that Diana did just that and the implication for the rest of us is surely obvious. May she rest in peace.

Yours sincerely,
 Rev. James Watson

REDUCING CRIME

	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
Total crimes per 1000 population	90.1	97.2	96.1
Violent crimes per 1000 population	5.87	5.9	5.5
Burglaries per 1000 dwellings	24.2	29.7	29.3

RESOURCES/COSTS

			1994/95
Number of officers available for ordinary duty per 1000 population	1.96	1.93	1.96
Time spent by uniformed constables outside the station and in the public eye	51.1%	48.2%	48.4%
Net expenditure on police per head of population	£98.74	£97.04	N/A

COMPLAINTS

			1994/95
Complaints against the police by members of the public	294	177	160
Complaints satisfied	9	7	2
Complaints resolved informally	79	37	35

RESPONDING TO CALLS

	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
Answering 999 calls (Target: 10 seconds)	97%	95%	92.7%
Answering telephone calls from the public (Target: 30 seconds)	94%	92%	92.7%
Responding to immediate incidents (Target: Urban areas within 10 mins Rural areas within 18 mins)	91%	88%	82.1%
Responding to letters from the public (Target: 95% within 12 days)	98%	99%	97.2%



“We are committed to listening.”

● Pictured The Chief Constable, Chris Fox and Chair of Northamptonshire Police Authority Councillor, Dr Marie Dickie

With Public

We're getting better...

...at providing the level of policing service expected by the people of Northamptonshire. That's the picture emerging from these performance measures collected from the Audit Commission and presented for public scrutiny in this important publication.

We've put more police officers into operational roles; we've responded to your demands for more officers on the beat; we've fought hard to bring down the crime rate and to detect more offences, and we're trying, with sector policing, to get closer to the community.

Against competing demands and an ever-increasing call for the huge variety of services we provide, it's not easy to get it right every time, but we are keeping our 'Making the Difference' statement in our sights and are trying to carry out our policing role with both professionalism and integrity.

● We're getting substantially better at answering your calls and in responding to incidents - indeed the figures reported here mask the fact that the average time taken to reach incidents in urban areas is six minutes against the target time of 10 minutes and in rural areas is nine minutes against the 18 minute target.

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How we measure our performance

Every year the Force collects an enormous amount of data so it can account to the Police Authority, the Home Office, the Audit Commission and other bodies for the level of service provided. Many of the figures result from the routine collection of figures such as crimes recorded and detected and incidents dealt with, but other means are also used. For example:

- Telephone calls - both quantity and the time taken to answer them - are measured with an automatic call logger.
- The speed at which we respond to letters is

monitored through a manual system.

● The percentage of time constables spend in the public eye is measured by activity sampling on electronic devices. Officers record what they are doing and how long they spend on it.

● The satisfaction index is measured by contacting a random sample of people when they leave a police station.

What's happening in your area

Braunston is part of the Crick Sector in the Western Area of Northamptonshire. In 1996/97, a total of 5,577 offences were generated at every level between the police and the public.

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How to reach us

The Police Authority has a key role in consulting the community and we would be delighted to learn your views on the policing standards set out in this publication.

If you would like to contact us or would like us to send you a copy of our Policing Plan or our Annual Report, please write to:

Mr David Ryan
Secretary
Northamptonshire
Police Authority
Freepost NH0558
NN1 1BR



PUBLIC SATISFACTION

	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
Percentage of people satisfied with police action in response to 999 calls	95.3%	88.8%	96.6%
Percentage of people satisfied with service at police station enquiry counters	92.1%	92.4%	89.4%
Percentage of victims satisfied with police initial response to a report of a household burglary	94.8%	95.9%	91.7%
Percentage of victims satisfied with police response to a report of a violent crime	89.4%	90.3%	88.2%
Percentage of victims of road accidents satisfied with police service at the scene of an accident	96.3%	96.5%	92.7%
Percentage of people satisfied with perceived level of foot and mobile patrol	58.6%	50.5%	53.7%

TRAFFIC

	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
Road accidents involving death or personal injury	2071	2032	2085
Accidents where at least one driver tested positive for drinking	3.7%	3.9%	4.5%

DETECTING CRIME

	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
All crimes by primary means <small>(As a result of investigative action taken immediately or subsequently)</small>	28.4%	25.1%	26.1%
All crimes by other means <small>(Such as admissions by offenders already sentenced for other offences)</small>	6.8%	5.2%	3.8%
Violent crimes by primary means	84.4%	81.7%	81.8%
Violent crimes by other means	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
Burglaries of households by primary means	14.7%	14.9%	19.7%
Burglaries of households by other means	16.5%	11.3%	6.6%
Crimes detected per officer by primary means	12.9%	12.6%	12.8%

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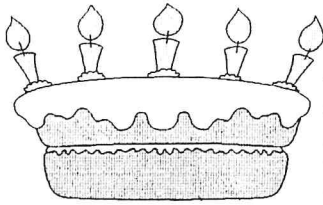
tonshire Police. Crime in the Western Area has fallen by 12% (757 crimes) in the last two years to 0%. The Area Commander Superintendent Phil Vickers said this success is a direct result of the partnership

Friendly Club

Birthday Lunch

Monday 13th October

at the "Queen's Head", Bretford.



Coach leaves the Green at 11.30 am.

Cost £5 per head.

This outing is for club members only. If you haven't put your name down already please contact Janet on 890336 or Gill on 890763 as soon as possible.

On Monday 27th October we hope to have a music event but the speaker is not yet arranged.

Braunston Twinning Association

Find out more about twinning in Braunston and Quincy-Voisins.

Join us at the **Wheatsheaf** on Tuesday
7th October at 8.30 pm

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE & TIME



The Royal British Legion Braunston & District Branch

Next meeting on Tuesday 14th
October 1997 at the White Horse,
Welton commencing 2000hrs.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due and the membership cards for the next twelve months will be distributed shortly.

Our annual service of Remembrance will be held at St Martin's Church, Welton on Sunday 9th November at 1045 hrs. We hope for a good attendance from both members and non members alike.

Village Notes by "Hedgie"

Braunston is not greatly bothered by assault and battery these days but it was the scene of at least one brutal murder early in Victoria's

reign. At that time, Ann Chown, a spinster in her 40's kept a small grocers shop on the Green. On a Wednesday morning in April 1838 an early morning caller, a would be purchaser of a bucket of rainwater of all things, found her on the floor. She had been battered to death. There was some circumstantial evidence pointing to 8 to 9 pm on Tuesday night as the probable time of death. About £100 was found on the premises which had not been taken. A baker named Feavers from Staverton fell under suspicion but had an alibi - from Tuesday morning until 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning he had been with another female grocer in Daventry! A William Green, a distant relative, was also suspected but his alibi (based on the Shio Inn) was sound and no arrest was ever made.



Braunston Womens' Institute.

Apologies to the visitors who came to our Open Evening on September 2nd expecting to hear all about Northamptonshire. The programme was not what we expected but we hope you were not too disappointed and found the evening convivial.

This month, on October 7th, we have our

Annual General Meeting

which will be followed by a programme of "Slides with Music". This time the subject has not been revealed!

BRAUNSTON PRE-SCHOOL

WE WELCOME THE NEW SUPERVISORS, CAROL DICKINSON AND JAYNE MILLER. OUR NUMBERS ARE HIGH FOR THE NEW TERM AND SO WE ARE LOOKING FOR EXTRA STAFF MEMBERS AND POSSIBLE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON A ROTA. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN, ALISON COLEMAN ON 891096

WEA Classes begin in the School

Thursday 2nd October @ 8.00pm

A 10 week course on

Old Crafts and Industries

featuring the Braunston area and taught by
Geoffrey Starmer.

Cost £22 per person. All welcome.

This is the first course of the newly formed
branch of the WEA.

Details from Richard Dibben 890515 and
Amanda Hatheson 890706

THE VILLAGE BELLS

If you heard the bells ringing on the Sunday when the news broke of the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, you might have noticed the 'echo' effect. For such occasions the bells are 'half muffled' by putting leather pads on the clappers so that they strike 'open' on the one side and 'muffled' on the other. We also rang with the bells half muffled for thirty minutes before the funeral as a mark of respect. Muffling the bells for funerals is one of the old traditions of English change ringing, a part of our heritage that goes back more than 350 years.

Perhaps you would like to know more about these old traditions; if so come along any Thursday to our practice night and see what is involved or ring Peter Wenham on 891935