

CHURCH SERVICESSunday 1st June

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 8th June

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Monday 9th June

2.15 pm The Little Fishers (Toddlers' Service)

Sunday 15th June

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

Sunday 22nd June

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 23rd June

2.15 pm The Little Fishers (Toddlers' Service)

Sunday 30th June

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist

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

Funerals

8th May Ethel SLADE
21st May William Robin HEWITT

*May they rest in peace and may light
perpetual shine on them*

Thanks John Bradshaw

Over the years, Braunston has been fortunate in having in John Bradshaw a very dedicated and loyal organist.

John first started helping out on a temporary basis many years ago but soon found that his skills were needed over the long term. We are very grateful for his contribution. John will still continue to help out with the music in Church and we look forward to hearing him play for many years to come.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

When I go about the village visiting some of our more mature residents, I often hear stories about the times when they went along to Church for Sunday School or Choir. Their recollections invariably show that these were happy times which they look back on with affection.

Well, to-day, children can still come to Church and enjoy Sunday School or join the Choir. We now have a new Organist and Choirmaster, David Noble, who joins us this month. David is currently teaching at Bilton Grange. He was formerly an organist in Tyneside but more recently he has moved to Rugby from Tewkesbury where he sang in the Abbey Choir.

David is going to take over the running of the music in Church and I look forward to working with him.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. James Watson

CHURCH FÊTE**Saturday 21st June**

The fun starts at 2 pm when Tim Coghlan of Braunston Marina opens the event and judges the "Novel Hat" competition. There will be an adult as well as children's section so think of a good idea and come along wearing your hat on the day.

**Cake Stall, Raffle, Tombola, Games,
Plants, Books, Handicrafts, White Elephants
.....and a Bouncy Castle.....!**

Wedding

26th April

Catherine LOVELL and Dominic BUSE

*We wish them every blessing in their
life together.*

Braunston Friendly Club

Meetings will be on June 9th when we look forward to a visit from Eileen Thorp, who will tell us about her recent visit to South Africa, and June 23rd, when we hope to have a garden party at Jenny Oxborough's house - weather permitting. If wet, we will meet in the Village Hall.

Braunston Womens' Institute

The subject for our meeting this month, June 3rd, is "Kate Greenaway Rag Dolls". The speaker will be Mrs Joyce Eaton, and anyone interested will be welcome.

Our representative at the Triennial General Meeting at the NEC, Birmingham, on Tuesday June 3rd, will be Mrs Pam Price, and on June 4th Mrs Gill Powell.

Interesting Evening Classes

The WEA is willing to run a 10 week course in Braunston for approx. £22 on subjects such as local history, literature, architecture, languages or almost anything wanted! If you might be interested contact Owen Davies on 890076.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CRIME WAVE Braunston has been hit by somewhat of a mini crime wave this month. Property has been stolen from homes in the village where doors and windows have been left insecure. Canal boats and private houses have been targets of the raids.

It has become vitally important for anyone who sees anything suspicious to telephone the police immediately on **01327 300 300**, or Beryl Wilkinson on **890814** (the principal Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator). Detectives stress that owners of valuable property or antiques should have them photographed for circulation in the event of theft, or videod. Property can also be postcoded with an ultra violet pen - markings being invisible to the naked eye.

Braunston CE Primary School

are holding their Summer Fete on
Saturday 14th June 1997

from 11.00 am until 2.00 pm

Come and enjoy the Crowning of the Rose Queen Ceremony, plus children's dancing display, Prize Draw and many stalls and attractions.

All welcome!

Braunston Twinning Association

Find out more about twinning in Braunston and Quincy-Voisins

Join us in the Library at the Village Hall for our
Annual Meeting on

Wednesday 11th June at 8 pm

We expect to be looking for new officers

Perhaps YOU would like to join these ranks!?!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Braunston and District

Our next meeting is to be held at the Stags Head, Watford, on Tuesday 10th June 1997 at 20.00 hrs.

Membership now exceeds 80, and we are keen for the number to grow. Transport to various venues is not a problem-please telephone the Secretary on 891124, or Treasurer on 890390.

Village Notes - by Dick Herne

1838 was an important year in the history of Braunston. Jesus College, Oxford, the patrons of the living, appointed one of the Fellows, Rev'd A.B.Clough, as Rector. His predecessor, the Rev'd Corbet Hue, had spent his latter years as the resident Dean of Jersey, leaving Braunston in charge of a curate. The Rev'd A.B.Clough devoted his energies to the improvement of Braunston - he paid for the blue brick pavement from the Green to the Church. He was responsible for three major buildings, the Rectory, the Church and the School (now the village library).

The old Rectory, now Merry Hill House, was built for his marriage to the daughter of Mr R.H.Lamb of Bragborough Hall, in a style similar to her family home. The Church was falling down and the Rector launched a public subscription to rebuild it at a cost of £6,800! It was built in the original sand stone, plus some grey Weldon and brown Duston stone and incorporated the clock, bells, font and chancel arches from the old church.

The School was too small for a growing population and a new rear extension was built. Unfortunately by the time it was finished numbers had dropped with the reduction in canal traffic and the closure of Pickfords boat repair works. Road traffic declined with the development of the railway system but Braunston did not acquire its own station on the LNWR Weedon to Leamington branch and another near Willoughby on the Great Central Rugby to Marylebone line until the end of the century.

Contributors please note!

In future leave material for the BVN at the Post Office. (Thanks Ronnie & Shereel) We hope you will find this more convenient.

Next closing date **23rd June**