

CHURCH SERVICESSunday 4th May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist & Holy Baptism  
6.30 pm Evensong

Thursday 8th May *Ascension Day*

7.30 pm Festal Eucharist

Sunday 11th May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Family Service

Sunday 18th May

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

Sunday 25th May

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
4.15 pm Songs of Praise at the Marina (informal)

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

**Holy Baptism**

20th April Thomas WRIGHT

*It is with great pleasure that we welcome  
Thomas into the Lord's family*

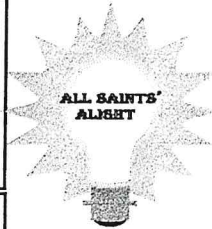
**Vicar's Letter**

Dear Parishioners,  
The Whitsun Bank Holiday brings to Braunston many visitors who come to share their enthusiasm for the waterways. On the programme this year will be a "Songs of Praise" to be held in the main entertainment tent at 4.15pm on Sunday 25th May. This service will feature our adult and junior choirs. Do come and support this event.

Also in Church we look forward to some exciting concerts. The performers are keen to encourage young listeners and so tickets for children will be priced at £1 and are available through the school.

Yours sincerely,

Rev'd James Watson



Have you seen the spire floodlit? It looks magnificent and gives a wonderful approach to the village! The Church will switch it on for festivals but for a donation of £5 to church funds you can have it lit up for your own special occasion from dusk to midnight. To fix it contact one of the churchwardens. (See phone numbers above.)

**Barn Dance**

7.30 pm Saturday 10th May at the School  
Tickets £5 and £1 for accompanied children  
Price includes supper and a glass of cider. Tickets from the Post Office, Rectory and back of Church on Sundays

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Don't miss out! Come and listen and sing and do activities to learn about God and Jesus. Each Sunday in term time from 10.15 in Church

***Thank you!***

- To Neighbourhood Watch for a donation of £15 to the cost of producing the BVN.
- To Janet McCarthy who saw that many people were thanked at the Parish Meeting (reported in the Daventry Express) but we forgot to thank her for all she does in the village.

Motor Neurone Disease Association is looking for volunteers to train to work on their telephone helpline. To find out more phone 01604-250505

Grazing available - Details from Rectory 890235

**BVN Publication Policy**

Recently the PCC held its annual review of the BVN. It was agreed that the Church would continue to underwrite the cost of producing a newsletter to go to every home in Braunston but looks for help in reducing the burden on Church funds. (Printing costs £30 a month.) The emphasis would be on letting people know what is going to happen rather than recording what has happened. Funds permitting we hope to produce a folded double size (A3) edition for the combined December/January issue.

**Boat Show concerts in Church**  
**Friday 23rd May at 7.30pm**

'Marriage of Figaro'

Performed by 'Opera Experience'

Tickets £7 (Concessions £5)

**Saturday 24th May**

at 12 noon Organ Recital (Tickets £2)

at 7.00pm Beauchamp Sinfonietta

Haydn and Schubert

(Tickets £5 concessions £3)

**Sunday 25th May at 3pm**

Piano Recital (Tickets £2)

Tickets from John Caunt or Marina Shop

More details in leaflets in Church

## Braunston Friendly Club

Last month we had a very enjoyable 'Musical Quiz'. On Monday 12th May we have a trip to Stratford. The coach will leave the Green at 10.30 and leave Stratford at 4.30 and costs £4. There are a few spare seats - phone Gill (890763) or call at 4 Church Road if you would like to join us. On Thursday 29th May there will be a coffee morning, 10 am - noon, at Janet McCarthy's if fine otherwise in the Village Hall.



Reported crime is down almost everywhere and this is no small measure due to Neighbourhood Watch. In Braunston there were 39 crimes over the last 12 months having fallen from 79 a year. Although Neighbourhood

Watch was formed some time ago in Braunston it has had a few hiccups. It is now being revitalised. We want to make it more effective and need some help. Co-ordinators at present are:- Ben Berry, John Caunt, Audrey Cole, Roy Harper, Pauline Ferrie, Pam & Roy Taylor, Len Archer and Beryl Wilkinson.

An open meeting for the village is being planned for September.- Details later - but if you can spare a little time to co-ordinate the area close to your home please contact one of the above or phone Beryl on 890814 to find out what is involved.

## Braunston Guides & Brownies

Lots of things are happening! We raised £105 for the leprosy appeal. We've had a thank you party for Kathleen Minett. Future plans include a fashion show, bird watching, a walking weekend in Derbyshire ready for camp in July. Adult help needed - for Brownies contact Alison Dyke on 815675 and for Guides, Jean Dibben on 890515



## Braunston Womens' Institute

Members arriving to hear about Ballet and Braille at our April meeting were surprised to learn instead about Coppicing and its crafts. After all it was April Fool's Day! Mr Robert Manton, Head of Rural Crafts Studies at Danetree School was most entertaining.

This month, on May 6th, our local V.C.O., Mrs Christine Nelson, will be coming to talk about this year's "Resolutions".

## Braunston Village Gardens Association

### Visit Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Saturday 7th June

Coach leaves at 11 am back about 5pm  
Only £6.50 (Pensioners & children £5)  
Inclusive of fare & entrance fee  
Phone Lynne Whyte (890865) to book.

### Garden Open Day

Sunday 6th July 2.00 - 5.30 pm

At least eight Braunston Gardens will be open in aid of the MacMillan Nurse Appeal.  
Teas in Village Hall, Raffle & Plant Stall  
Offers of help please to Jan on 890826

## Braunston & District Royal British Legion



At our April meeting we were happy to welcome two further new members. We are one of the fastest growing branches in the County! We'd like to hear from anyone who would like to join us. Next meeting Tuesday 13th May at 2000hrs at the White Horse, Welton. Transport can

be arranged - contact the Secretary on 891124.

## 2nd Braunston Scouts.

BVN is sorry to have omitted your news last month but congratulations to Dominic Pratt, Dexter Hubbard and Adam Benson who were awarded their Chief Scouts Challenge Badge.

If anyone would like to join the scout troop or help out on the odd occasion please contact John Daymond (89132) or Nathan Kemp (890478)

## Village Notes - by Dick Herne

Braunston's Annual Wake, a traditional fair, used to be held in the week following All Saints' Day in November. In 1834 the celebrations were cut short by an outbreak of cholera which had come from northern England via several midland towns. The first two cases attracted little notice, but at the beginning of Wakes Week the disease spread among the boatmen and labourers living in Cross Lane. The number of deaths led to the calling of a parish meeting on 18th November. This decided to close down the fair and the public houses and forbade gatherings of people, even for funerals.

A board of health composed of doctors, overseers of the poor and the curate set to work to counter the spread of the disease. Piles of refuse suspected of causing the outbreak were cleared and all the bedding and clothing of victims was destroyed. New cases were isolated in empty parish cottages fumigated with burning lime and pitch. As a result the outbreak was halted, only one more person died, making a total of nineteen. The outbreak cost the parish £460 - a considerable sum in those days.