

CHURCH SERVICESSunday 6th April

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

Sunday 20th April

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
 6.30 pm Team Choral Evensong  
 at Ashby St. Legers

Sunday 13th April

8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.30 am Family Service

Sunday 27th April

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**

6th March Gladys Ellen LAW  
 19th March Margaret CLEAR  
*May they rest in peace and rise in the glory  
 of the risen Christ*

*Did you know?*

The Braunston Church gave away £1,850 of its annual income to 28 local and national charities in 1996.

**Holy Baptism**

2nd March Jake Terence FULLER  
*It is with great pleasure that we welcome  
 Jake into the Lord's family*

*Grazing*

The Church field is now available for grazing.

Details from the Rectory, High Street, Braunston  
 Tel: 890235

**Vicar's Letter**

Dear Parishioners,

On March 19th, the Church held its Annual General Meeting. John Caunt and Trevor Minett were elected to serve as churchwardens for the coming year. We looked back over a year which saw the start of our Little Fishers' toddlers service and the creation of the Junior Choir. The Lent course, "Your Life in their Hands" was an exciting event which saw visits from some outstanding speakers. The programme finished on Friday 21st March with the prospective parliamentary candidates taking questions from the audience. It was good to have a civilised forum for debate without the wrangling usually associated with politics.

We noted that the Stewardship Campaign, "All Saints' Alive" was highly successful and helped to involve many people in the life of the Church. Our thanks go to all who helped in the planning and execution of the campaign.

This year, in addition to the usual round of services and events we are planning a 'Songs of Praise' service at the Braunston Boat Show and a Barn Dance on May 10th in the school - and of course, summer wouldn't be summer without the Church Fête which, this year, will be held on Saturday 21st June.

With best wishes,

Rev'd James Watson

Braunston Friendly Club met on March 10th for a very enjoyable lunch prepared by members of the committee. This month we meet on April 14th for a musical quiz prepared by Greta Raftery and John Bradshaw.

On April 28th there will be a Tea Dance with dominoes or board games for the non-dancers. Enquiries about the Friendly Club to Gill Powell on 890763

### Neighbourhood Watch

*Hi Folks!* You haven't heard much about us recently but we're still here!

The problems are still here too! There were four burglaries in Braunston over the last 3 months. Do be vigilant. Lock up outbuildings as well as the house. Don't keep lots of cash at home- there is a Post Office in Braunston even if you can't get to a bank. Do remember it isn't rude to ask callers for identification before you let them in your home. If you see something suspicious call the Police straightaway on 01327-300300 ( and ask for the Daventry Control Room ). Use 999 for real emergencies.

Street organisers needed to help. It's very little work - please contact Beryl Wilkinson on 890814. If you would like a Neighbourhood Watch sticker for your window please contact Beryl.

### Sainsbury Shoppers

Please ask for the School Vouchers at the check out. If you don't have children to take them directly to school please put vouchers in the collecting box at the back of the Church so that Braunston's school benefits.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Braunston Womens' Institute Jumble Sale last month.

The talk at our meeting on April 1st is "From Ballet to Braille". On the following day, Wednesday 2nd April five other WI's are joining us to present an Exhibition of Crafts in the Village Hall 3.30-8.0 pm Admission 50p will include tea or coffee with home made biscuits. **Do come!**

### Braunston Playing Field Association

Sunday 6th April

#### Car Boot Sale

Set up from 8.am - Boot £5.00. Sale 9. am to noon  
Entrance 20p. Refreshments available.  
Details from John Daymond (891325) or David Catchpole (891012) In aid of children's play area.

Tuesday 8th April - Village Hall - 8pm

#### Public Meeting about Development Plans

and forming sporting clubs to use the new facilities to be built with funds from the National Lottery. This is a great opportunity! Come and hear the ideas and give your views.

**Braunston Fun Day '97** will be held on Sunday 31st August 11 am to early evening



#### Braunston & District

**Royal British Legion** next meeting at the George Hotel, Kilsby at 2000hrs on Tuesday 8th April.

Last month we welcomed two new members at our meeting at the Stags Head, Watford. ( We return in June, Sept & Dec.)  
A warm welcome to newcomers over 18. For details and help with transport phone the Secretary on 891124.

#### Village Notes - From our Archives

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"Some years ago readers of the 'Sunday Times' were asked to say what they considered the most beautiful sight in the English countryside. One suggested 'an elm against a winter sky in Northamptonshire'. This is of interest to us in Braunston as we have so many of these trees, many planted about 100 years ago - a beautiful legacy. The fine lacelike branches give an air of delicacy but are strong enough to make a nesting place for a variety of birds like rooks, crows and magpies. We hope Dutch elm disease killing trees elsewhere in England dies out before reaching our neighbourhood"

*Were that it were so.*

#### S.S. Braunston

The S.S. Braunston has been launched! The first meeting was held at the Mill House on 25th March. Plans are being put in place for outings to theatres, rambles, music evenings and dinner parties. New members welcome. Contact Ann on 891561. Regular meetings on last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm