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CHURCH SERVICESSunday 2nd March

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist & Holy Baptism
 6.00pm "Your Life in Their Hands", Holy Cross, Daventry
 (No Evensong in Braunston)

Sunday 9th March

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am **Mothering Sunday** Family Service
 6.00pm "Your Life in Their Hands", Holy Cross, Daventry

Monday 10th March

2.15 pm The Little Fishers (Toddlers' Service)

Sunday 16th March

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist
 6.00 pm "Your Life in their Hands", Holy Cross, Daventry

Palm Sunday, 23rd March

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Monday 24th March

2.15 pm The Little Fishers (Toddlers' Service)

Maunday Thursday, 27th March

7.30 pm Eucharist followed by the Watch

Good Friday, 28th March

10.30 am Children's Good Friday Service
 2.00 pm An hour at the Cross

Easter Saturday, 29th March

8.00 pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Day, 30th March

8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Festival Eucharist and Lighting of the
 Paschal Candle
 6.30 pm Easter Day Evensong at St. John the
 Baptist, Hellidon

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

Funerals

10th February Tom WEBB
 28th February Dorothy HOPE
*May they rest in peace and may
 light perpetual shine on them*

Holy Baptism

2 nd February
 Matthew David COLEMAN
*It is with great pleasure that we
 welcome Matthew into the Lord's
 family*

CONFIRMATION. Those who would like to explore the possibility of confirmation are invited to come to a meeting in Church on Sunday 2nd March at 3pm. There will be **junior and adult** groups.

Gwen Hodge Memorial Concert

8 pm Saturday 8th March

in All Saints' Church

Takings will be split between Danetre Hospital and the local MacMillan Nurses. Please support generously and make it even more successful than last year. There will be a *very full programme of enthusiastic music making* including the Braunston Singers and free refreshments!

Please note: During Lent the Midweek Communion service is held at 10.30 am and not 7.30 pm. Why not make it part of your preparation for Easter?

"Your Life in Their Hands" continues into March with exhibitions during the day and open forums in the evenings on Wednesdays at the Daventry Leisure Centre. (except for final week when they will be on Friday, 21st March.)

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

At last, the long-awaited **Church floodlights** will soon be ready to illuminate the spire. Do come to the switching-on ceremony on **Easter Saturday at 7 pm** if you can.

I am sure many people will look forward to seeing our lovely church illuminated for all to see from miles around. It will certainly make a new night-time feature on the landscape and will serve to put Braunston well and truly on the map!

On the subject of light, though a light of a different kind, Easter will soon be here and with it we are reminded how Christ rose from the dead to scatter the darkness from our lives. Do try and come to the services as printed above and make Easter a time of double celebration - of our new lights and of **Christ the Light of the World**.

A happy and joyful Easter to you all.

Rev'd James Watson

Braunston Friendly Club

The Club will meet for a lunch on 10 March in the Village Hall at 12.30 for a 12.45 meal. Please bring own cutlery - knife, fork and dessert spoon.

On 24 March we are hoping that children from the School will be able to entertain us.

Braunston Memorial Hall

We are holding another **INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE** on Sunday 2 March. Set up from 7.30 am, doors open to public 9.00 - 12.00. £5.00 per pitch. Admission to public free. Pitch bookings:- Shirley (891012) or Clare (891580).

Bacon rolls, cakes, teas for sale. **BARGAINS GALORE!**



Royal British Legion Braunston & District

It has come to the attention of the Branch that there are a number of eligible people who are either unaware of our existence or think we are affiliated to our colleagues in Daventry. Our membership actually comes from the villages of Ashby, Barby, Kilsby and Welton as well as Braunston and we have in excess of 70 members. The Branch meets every second Tuesday in the month with an average attendance of around 25.

We would like to see both the membership and attendance at meetings increase. A warm welcome awaits anyone over the age of eighteen if he or she has served in the forces of the crown or has served or is serving in civilian organisations such as Fire, Police, Ambulance etc.

If you would like to join us or require more information please contact any member of the RBL or tel. Richard Bowgett 01788 891124

The S.S. Braunston

What is missing in Braunston?

There are so many activities and events held in our village that some single people miss because they do not have a friend to go with. I know because I am one and I believe there are many others in Braunston.

So help me launch the S.S. Braunston (Singles Social)

ready for the summer evenings and sunny weekends. We can have a social event calendar that would enable us to have somewhere to go each week and someone to go with - theatre, meals out, walks, music evenings, cards or going to a village event. It won't matter how young or old you are. If you are disabled or don't drive there will be friends to pick you up.

Ring Ann on 891561



W.I. News

At our February Open Meeting Mr Colin Mills gave an illustrated account of his life after redundancy when he

decided to go into the production of hand-made long-case clocks. The problems he encountered in making and marketing made an interesting story.

This month, on 4 March, we shall have a fashion show of "Weekenders" by Mrs Denise Elliott and on Saturday 8 March we are holding our annual Jumble Sale in the Village hall at 2.00 pm. There will be the usual Cake Stall and Raffle. Refreshments will be available.

Village Notes by Dick Herne

After the Grand Junction Canal opened in 1805 Braunston became an important distribution centre. Goods were transferred from larger vessels into warehouses before going forward in narrow boats on the midland canals or by horse and cart. This commercial activity led to a great increase in the working population. Many small houses and a tower mill were built of local brick. A new brick village school - now part of the Village Centre - was financed by the National Society and local subscription.

The census of population held every ten years from 1801 onwards showed a steady increase while the canal was the dominant form of goods transport. The working population included those employed as boatmen or labourers on the canal, carters, cloth makers, tailors and bootmakers. Numerous building craftsmen were required for new cottages on the Green and in Cross Lane which then extended to the canal.

Braunston's prosperity was bound up with the canals which were moving the materials and goods needed by an expanding industrial society. It was adversely affected by the opening of the London and Birmingham Railway in 1838 and the subsequent growth of the railway network.