

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1st September

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Evensong

Sunday 8th September

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Monday 9th September

2.15 pm The Little Fishers (Toddlers' Service)

Sunday 15th September

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm Songs of Praise at Holy Cross, Daventry

Sunday 22nd September

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Monday 23rd September

2.15 pm The Little Fishers (Toddlers' Service)

Sunday 29th September

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

Funeral

31st July

Lillian Ruth GRIFFITHS

*May she rest in peace and may light
perpetual shine upon her.*

Holy Baptism

4th August

Jack David Thomas OVERTON

*It is with great joy that we welcome
Jack into the Lord's family.*

THANK YOU

•Thomas Birdsall. You do a superb job of keeping the village tidy. It is much appreciated.

•Mrs Thirza Clarke for early copies of the BVN. Does anyone have copies earlier than issue 40 ?

It is hoped to print a list of contact names and phone numbers of village organisations in the Spring - space permitting. We would use information from recent issues. If you would like your name withheld or want to add more names let us know. - Editor.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Life will soon be getting back to normal after the summer break. Children will be back with their teachers and classmates. Parents will (doubtless reluctantly) relinquish their role as full time entertainment providers.

Sometimes it even seems that our church's life revolves around the school year. Soon the Little Fishers service will be starting up again. We look forward to seeing them again in church, playing their toy musical instruments for all they are worth.

The Junior Choir again resumes with its usual pattern of practices after school on Wednesdays at 3.45 pm. The last session before the end of term was a particularly joyful occasion for the choir members as it was here that they received their first choir pay!

Again, Sunday School starts again on the first Sunday of term. We are fortunate enough now to have a full band of parents who help and lead this important work with children. If you think your child would like to join Sunday School, then please inform one of the team or simply bring your child along at 10.15 am.

Finally for the energetic, there is the Historic Churches Cycle Ride on 14th September. Participants ride or walk around the churches in our area and raise money to restore some of the churches in the County. I hope that people will support the work of this charity in preserving our beautiful ecclesiastical heritage. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of the church.

On that exhausting note, I wish you well in the month ahead.

Rev'd James Watson

Friendly Club.

Once again we arranged to choose a fine day ! This time for our coach trip to Shipston on Stour on August 12th. Members had plenty of choice between pubs and cafés for lunch and the outing was well supported by both members and friends.

September 9th will be our "Harvest Festival" with a "Bring & Buy" stall. We will be joined by the Rev'd James Watson on that occasion.

September 23rd will be a Tea Dance with, as usual, dominoes and other games for the non-dancers. A date for your diaries is November 11th when we are planning an Xmas shopping trip to Leicester. Details later.



Appeal to Braunston Artists

Can anyone do some line drawings of local scenes, local characters, etc that we could use to liven up corners of the BVN when there is space?

1st Braunston Guides

We had a very successful year. Last autumn two teams took part in the county youth teams Suntrek Incident Hike, with one team coming third in the mixed age group. We also held an international evening and a fancy dress party. In the spring, we made a Chinese dragon and performed a Chinese dragon dance at the division concert. All girls gained or renewed their first aid badges. During the summer, we enjoyed a walking weekend in Derbyshire and a weekend camp in Castle Ashby, with the opportunity to take part in horse riding or canoeing.

We are looking forward to another busy year ahead, but would welcome some extra adult help on Monday evenings. If you are interested, please contact Jean Dibben on 890515 or Gill Maltby on 890708

Braunston Women's Institute

At our August meeting, Mr Coulson gave us a most amusing account illustrated with some very interesting and unusual slides of the four years he spent back-packing from China to Egypt. His wanderings took him through seventeen countries and some very primitive living conditions.

On September 3rd we shall have a talk about "Remedial Massage Therapy"

FLOWER, FRUIT & VEGETABLE SHOW

• Saturday 7th September

Please do not forget to take your entry forms for the Show to the Post Office or to Viv Hall at 29 Spinney Hill by Wednesday 4th September. If you need advice on your entry you can phone Viv on 891127.

We hope to see you all at the Show which opens at 2.00 pm. There will be teas & cakes as usual plus stalls and the grand auction of donated produce after prize giving at 4.30 pm.

Gardens competition results:

Best kept garden	Floral Display
1st: 16, The Green	1st: 10, Cross Lane
=2nd: 6, Thompson Close	2nd: 24, Ashby Rd
=2nd: 1, Mill Close	3rd: 27, Archer Av
4th: 62, High Street	

'New Body' Workout

Braunston Village Hall. Mondays 8.15 - 9.15 pm.

Starts 9th September

Suitable for all levels of fitness.

For details phone Mary Dury 890614

Village Notes by Dick Herne

For centuries Braunston farmland was divided into large open fields which were cropped in rotation e.g. wheat - barley - and fallow every third year. Each field was divided into strips giving the plough a long run before the oxen had to turn. The average villager rented several strips in each field and some had small "closes" i.e. hedged areas. This system gave everyone a share of good and poor land but the better farmers were at the mercy of their less capable neighbours. It was necessary to obtain a private Act of Parliament to alter the system. In 1774 the progressive farmers succeeded in gaining the right to enclose land. Some was reserved for the Rector in lieu of tithe and a token amount for the relief of the poor. The local landscape took on its familiar pattern of hedged fields which farmers cultivated according to their own needs and the demands of the markets.

Braunston Twinning Association

Next meeting. Wednesday 11th September in the Wheatsheaf at 8pm. All welcome.

Why not join the visit to Quincy-Voisins next May Day Bank holiday?. Details from Beverley Hankinson 891221