

CHURCH SERVICESSunday 5th May

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

Sunday 12th May

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Family Service

Thursday 16th May - Ascension Day

7.30 pm at St Martin's, Welton

Sunday 19th May

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
6.00 pm Team Choral Evensong at Holy Cross,
Daventry.

Whit Sunday 26th May

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

1st April Reginald DODD
2nd April Ernest KENDALL
11th April Walter VEDMORE

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

Sunday School meets in the Parish Room every Sunday at 10.15 am. All children of primary school age are welcome.

Morning Prayer is said on weekdays (including Saturdays) at 9.00 am and Evening Prayer most weekdays and every Saturday at 6.00 pm. There is Holy Communion on Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Other services and alterations are published in the Weekly Bulletin available in the Church

THANKS to the Braunston Parish Council for a donation of £20 towards the cost of producing the BVN and also thanks for an anonymous donation of £5.

Vicar's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Spring seems eventually to have arrived though it seems terribly late. The daffodils have finally decided to bloom and the grass has resumed its growth.

Newness and freshness are the order of the day. This is also the message of Easter. Jesus who rose from the dead brings new life where previously there was sorrow. Traditionally Easter has been the time for baptism. How appropriate, therefore, that we shall begin the month by celebrating the new birth of some of the younger members of the parish into the fellowship of Christ's Church.

We look forward to welcoming them and their families to All Saints.

With best wishes,
Revd. James Watson

BRAUNSTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Music Festival coincides with the Braunston Boat Show over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, 24th-27th May. The major concerts will be held in All Saints' Church and will feature the Northampton Concert Band on Friday evening 24th May and the Beauchamp Sinfonietta and Beauchamp Singers on Saturday evening 25th May. There are also day time recitals in Church and at the Marina. Full details are available at the Church and tickets may be bought from John Caunt, Fawcliff, Cross Lane. (Phone 890776)

Friendly Club. The Tea Dance was a great success. Our May trip has been changed - on Monday 13th May we will be visiting Banbury. The coach will leave 'The Green' at 11.30 am and depart from Banbury at 4.00 pm. The cost is £3. There are spare seats for anyone wishing to join us - phone Gill on 890763 or Janet on 890336. On Monday 20th May a Ploughman's Lunch will be provided. Cost approx. £2. Time 12.30 for lunch at 12.45. Book on the trip or phone as above

Braunston's Bells

Our 6 bells were first hung in 1812 in the tower of the old building that preceded the present church. They have formed part of the worship of the parish and contributed to our village life ever since (apart from the silence of the World War years).

More bell ringers are needed to make a full team every Sunday. Bell ringing is suitable both for adults and youngsters (10+). It's healthy exercise, there's more to it than you might think, and we have sessions specially for learners. If you would like to know more about ringing, which for over 350 years has been part of our English heritage, come and see what it is all about on Thursdays at 7.30pm - or phone Peter Wenham on 891935.

Braunston Twinning Association

Our friends from Quincy-Voisins arrive in Braunston on Thursday 16th May, departing on Sunday afternoon 19th May. **HELPI** We desperately need **host families** for French families coming to Braunston for the first time. It can be fun! If you think you might be able to help please ring Beverley Hankinson (891221) or Elizabeth Gwynne (891331) to discuss what is involved.

If the BVN arrives early please note that the next meeting is on Wednesday 1st May at 8pm at 38 Greenway.

Tickets for the **Spring Draw** are still on sale - many prizes must be won. Get your tickets from Chris Parkinson on 891131.

Braunston Womens' Institute Food has been "in the air" lately for Braunston W.I. members. A small party went to Guilsborough School to hear about life in various South American countries and to sample their food which everyone enjoyed. A week later we were all watching a demonstration of microwave cookery at our April meeting. The mouth watering results were raffled and the lucky winners took them home. On April 3rd there was a visit to the Bicester Shopping Village - an interesting experience. On the 24th we are off again, this time to join other Northamptonshire W.I.'s on an outing to the National Trust village of Lacock in Wiltshire to visit the Abbey and the Fox Talbot Photography Museum. - Phone Beryl Sampson (891046) for information about future events.

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Our store in the Village Hall is open again every Sunday at 11.00 am for one hour and will be open until the end of June. We look forward to welcoming customers old and new. Once again we can arrange for home deliveries if you cannot make it to the shop - place orders with David White on 890865. Please come and buy your fertilizers and composts here and let the profit help us with projects around the village. Last year we financed the planting of shrubs around the Playing Field building. Membership is still only 20 p.

The Show date has been set for Saturday 7th September. As usual schedules will be delivered to you in August but now is the time to start planting for vegetable, fruit and flower sections. New to the schedule this year will be a class for home - brewed beer.

Thanks to all who opened their gardens last year. We think this ought to be an event for every other year so there will not be an Open Day in 1996 but plan your garden now for showing in 1997 so that we can have some new entrants and interesting different gardens to see.

Braunston Scout Group

Have your cake and eat it!

We are holding a **Cake Stall**, in order to raise funds to repair and improve the Scout Den, on **Saturday 4 May**, outside Louis and Isobel Prat's house (opposite Gurneys) between 10.00 and 11.00 am. Bake, buy and eat to support our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Village Notes by Dick Herne

The Isham family owned the Braunston manor estate from 1554 until it was bought by Sir John Webb in 1687. Gregory, brother of John who bought an estate at Lamport, made his money as a cloth merchant belonging to the Mercer Company in London. He invested in land, buying up the manor estate and the land held by Nuneaton & Delapre Abbeys in Braunston. His will describes the house where he stored wool for sale. The list of rooms corresponds to those in Tudor House.

His son Griseby inherited from his father and in 1585 he was in dispute with the copyholders, ie tenants whose title deeds were copied from the manor court rolls. The case went to the Court of Chancery which ruled that a copyholder was entitled, on payment of a year's rent, to sell his wife's copyhold and to lease his own for not more than twenty-one years. A widow was allowed to succeed her husband if she paid four pence! and attended meetings of the manor court to give evidence in local disputes.

Material for June Edition to Owen Davies, 63 High Street by 23rd May please.