

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Feb. 2nd 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Parade Service 3.0 p.m. Holy Communion  
9th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Communion  
12th Ash Wednesday - 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion  
16th 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Service 3.00 p.m. Evensong  
23rd 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Communion

FEBRUARY Already we start to see signs of Spring - there are some lambs in the fields and slowly but surely the days are lengthening.

The shortest month of the year brings several important dates - 14th St. Valentines Day, when traditionally unsigned cards are received by some from unknown admirers. ... 11th - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day, when glutinous yellow concoctions mysteriously adhere to ceiling instead of pan. 12th - Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent - a time of sack cloth and ashes (or these days giving up some of life's little luxuries? (It also serves to remind us that Easter is only six weeks away.)

This year, of course, we are without a Rector and your Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council are endeavouring to maintain the continuity of Church life in the village. The Annual General Meeting will be held during early March. If you would like to assist in a practical way with this work then why not join us on the P.C.C. Please contact the Churchwardens or any member of the Council if you would like to be proposed for election.

We look forward to seeing you at our services both before and during Lent.

BRIAN THOMAS who passed away suddenly on Tuesday January 21st 1986 will be sadly missed both in Braunston and Willoughby.

1 across - PERSON OF CHIVALROUS MANNERS (9) The answer to this crossword clue (which Brian enjoyed so much) i.e. "GENTLEMAN" perfectly applies to the late Brian Thomas. He will be remembered by everyone whom he had contact with as an outstanding example of this very rare type of person. Always willing to help with the work of the Church in a quiet practical way, he could also when required produce a lively discourse on many subjects including music and cricket.

The village and the world are poorer places for his passing.

SIDESMENS POTA

Feb. 2nd	8 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	3 p.m.
9th	W.Woodall	D.Hamer	B.Dawson
16th	L.Thompson	P.Surman/D.Morgan	J.Rowley
23rd	E.Thorp	C.Dobbs/S.White	
	B.Dawson	C.Dunn/R.Chaplin	

ALTAR FLOWERS

	High Altar	St. Giles
Feb. 2nd & 9th	Mrs. C. Middleton	Mrs. M. Hick
16th & 23rd	Mrs. A. Herne	Mrs. D. Thompson

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB

At the last meeting members enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mr. & Mrs. W. Cook of Willoughby. Many colourful slides were shown of their holiday on the Scilly Isles. A vote of thanks was given by Mr. Bert Horwood.

Two generous gifts of £25 have been received by the Club; one from the Braunston Fishing Club, and the other from Mrs. Ann Baker and friends. Grateful thanks are extended to the donors of these gifts.

Monday February 10th Holiday Slides will be shown by Mr. Frank Cox and Mr. Walter Beckett. There will be no meeting on Monday February 24th owing to the Pantomime being held in the Village Centre.

PANTO GROUP

The Group is proud to present "SNOW WHITE" in the Village Hall from Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th February and Saturday 1st March. On Wednesday to Friday the performances will start at 7.30 p.m., on Saturday at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale at Gear Change from Wednesday 12th February, usual opening times 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. NO tickets will be put aside before then, so everyone has the same chance of getting them. Saturday tickets usually sell out the first day of sale.

BRAUNSTON CRICKET CLUB

U R G E N T A P P E A L

At the recent Annual General Meeting it was decided that a plea for help be inserted in the Village Newsletter.

Although Braunston have a considerable number of exceptionally good young cricketers, there is a desperate need for mature cricketers and other interested people to assist as cricketers and more importantly Committee Men. If these volunteers are not forthcoming, the Club is in real danger of folding. Anybody who is willing to help in any way please contact Derek Webb Tel.No. 890432 or Andy Clarke Tel.No. 390333.

BRAUNSTON BROWNIES AND GIRL GUIDES request your support at a JUMBLE SALE to be held on Saturday, 8th March at 10.30 a.m. in the Village Centre in aid of funds.

VILLAGE NOTES

Among the most attractive wild animals in the British Isles are the squirrels. The native Red Squirrel was distributed through the country but now seems to have been banished to the more remote areas of Scotland and Wales by the stronger Grey Squirrels introduced some decades ago from America.

To see these acrobats run with agility across the treetops without ever descending to earth is a thrilling sight.

(In a recent T.V. programme a speaker said that at one time when Britain was covered with forest a squirrel would travel from the English Channel to the north of Scotland without setting foot on the ground.)

This rodent does not completely hibernate in winter but spends much time asleep, waking up from time to time to satisfy his need for food.

Several people wonder whether animals have a sense of humour. In Kensington Gardens a large hound chased a grey squirrel which scrambled up a tree, ran along a branch 20 feet from the ground and sat there in full view of the dog and the bystanders.

Furious at being baulked of its intended prey, the hound leaped several times as high as he could. His intended victim looked down at these vain efforts enjoying the hound's discomfiture.

The squirrel must have relished the funny side and in his own home told his friends.

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