

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Every Sunday:- 8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, except second Sunday which is  
Family Parade Service.

Evensong is at 6.30pm on the first Sunday in the month.

THE CHURCH FETE IS ON JULY 8th at 2.00pm.

The P.C.C. meets on the second Wednesday in the month.

July 12th - Margaret Hick's, 6, School Close at 8.00pm.

BAPTISM - June 18th Jenna Katherine Bulger.

FUNERAL - June 13th Nellie Isom aged 88 years.

We pray that she may rest in peace and we extend our sympathy to her family.

I recently had one of the classes from Braunston School to look around the church building. In my talk to them I told them something of the place of the Parish church within the English Village community and I thought that this might be a suitable topic for this month's column.

The Church building always used to be used as a part of the village 'plant'; in the time before someone invented and installed those uncomfortable pews one can imagine almost anything from a mystery play to a market taking place in the building. The pews, and a false sense of reverence for the whole of the church building, put a stop to its use for those functions which required free space. If we can get back to using the nave (the main body of the church) as a meeting room or auditorium for concerts of any kind, we will be able to regain, for the villagers, the feeling that this is their building. Of course, those who live in the village still have their rights; in being Baptised and being married in church and in being buried in the Churchyard. Naturally, rights always carry with them responsibilities. In the first case the responsibility, usually, falls on the parents to bring up the newly baptised in the Christian faith; in the second case, it is to live according to the marriage vows made before God; and in the last case the responsibility lies with the relatives of the departed to keep the Churchyard as a fitting memorial to their loved ones. To some degree the maintenance has been taken on by the Parish Council on behalf of all the Village, and for this the Church Council is most grateful. But individuals can do much to enhance the nature of our 'cemetery' by taking a little thought about their responsibilities. Grave-plots are not miniature gardens - they should be level grass that can be close mown. Some are beautifully kept and mown like bowling greens. Plastic does not enhance the beauty of natural countryside and plastic flowers are out of place in a churchyard, as are empty plastic bottles in the hedgerows and tree branches. I do ask all those who have their loved ones in our churchyard extension to help by putting rubbish in the bin, ensuring that there are no obstructions to the mowers, lowering grave mounds so that they can be mown, removing from around headstones grass that has not been strimmed and so on. The Church does not have the money or the manpower to keep the site like a municipal cemetery, but we do what we can. Please help so that we could consider entering a 'Best kept Churchyard' competition, if there was one.

I hear that former Rector Martin Hunnybun, and his wife, will be in Braunston for the weekend 15th/16th July and will be in church on Sunday morning.

SIDESMENS ROTA

	8am	10.30am	6.30pm
July 2nd	L. Thompson	F. Cox & B. Dawson	E. Clarke
9th	E. Thorp	K. Minnett & D. Turner	
16th	F. Spencer Lee	G. Powell & C. Dunn	
23rd	D. Hamer	B. Wasser & C. Wasser	
30th	D. Foulkes	E. Thorp & M. Chamberlain	
Aug. 6th	L. Thompson	F. Cox & B. Dawson	E. Clarke
13th	M. Chamberlain	K. Minnett & D. Turner	
20th	F. Spencer Lee	G. Powell & C. Dunn	
27th	D. Hamer	B. Wasser & C. Wasser	

ALTAR FLOWERS - - -see over



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July 2nd High Altar  
Mrs. J. Long  
9th Mrs. J. Waltier  
16th & 23rd Mrs. J. Bradshaw  
30th Mrs. Cooper (Ventnor Lodge)  
Aug. 6th Mrs. J. Montgomery  
13th & 20th Mrs. M. Lintern  
27th Mrs. M. Roper

St. Giles  
Mrs. P. Taylor  
Mrs. R. Taylor  
Mrs. A. Beckett  
Mrs. P. Davies  
Mrs. E. Hargraves  
Mrs. A. Beck  
Mrs. V. Worrall

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB At the last meeting which was a Tea Dance, several members joined in the dancing. Board games were provided for the less active.

Monday July 10th An outing to Stoke Bruerne has been arranged. The coach will leave The Green at 1.15pm.

Monday July 24th A cookery demonstration will be given by Mrs. Sue Jackson.  
Thursday August 10th Visit to Banbury Market, coach leaves The Green 1.0pm.  
4.30pm Tea at Kings Sutton.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At the last meeting members enjoyed a very humorous talk and demonstration by Mrs. Boon on homemade chocolates with many tips on presentation boxes as well as recipes, the evening was rounded off with a few free samples. At the July meeting Mrs. Farmer will give an illustrated talk on Denman College - which this year is offering 367 courses for W.I. members, ranging from crafts, literature, relaxation, dancing, cookery, music etc. At the August meeting Mrs. M. Pipe will be giving a talk on "Legendary Ghosts of Northants".

RED CROSS The recent collection in Braunston made £200. My grateful thanks to the people of the village, who contributed so generously, and to the ladies who gave their time and energy to do the collecting and counting.  
Rachel May.

BRAUNSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The B.F.C. require a team manager and treasurer. New members willing to assist in other club activities such as fund raising would be welcome. We would be pleased if any of the business people of the village would sponsor us. We would also be pleased to have newcomers wishing to play on Saturday afternoons next season.

S.J. Skelcey - 891220.

BRITAIN IN BLOOM Braunston has been entered in the 'Large Village' category of the Britain in Bloom competition again this year and judging will take place on July 13th. We shall be judged on Civic planting, Commercial displays and Domestic gardens, tubs and baskets. Thanks to all those who have already made our village look so colourful and attractive this year, let's hope their efforts are rewarded by Braunston having a higher placing among the prize winners in 1989.

VILLAGE NOTES When a boy saw for the first time an Aeshna Dragon Fly in full flight it was not a very fanciful description as of a miniature aeroplane. This dragon fly with a wing span of four inches and a body of a similar length is the largest of our nature insects. Each one begins life in water hatched from an egg. It soon develops into the terror of the pond. The name nymph would indicate a delicate gentle creature but it is ready to attack any other insect or even a small fish. The Aeshna is the largest dragon fly but there are the more delicate damsel flies. The bright colours of these especially of the steely blue variety are often named Darning Needles especially when only the slender body is seen flashing in the sunlight. The stouter body of the gaily coloured Libellula is that of another type of Dragon fly which is a third member of this remarkable family. They are shorter than the Aeshna but much stouter than the Damsel flies. This type of insect has been around for millions of years, fossil dragon flies have been found in deep rocks. These were mostly much larger than the present survivors of their race. May they long continue.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS Saturdays July 1st & August 5th.

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