

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

Each Sunday:- 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Parish Eucharist, except second Sunday (14th
Jan.) which is a Family Parade Service.

First Sunday in the month (7th Jan.) Evensong at 6.30pm.

Holy Days, as announced in the weekly Bulletin.

BAPTISM: Sally Jane Ronch was welcomed into the Church on December 10th.

FUNERALS: 16th December Alec Bryson, in Scotland
22nd December Gertrude Rose Spray

We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

Such is the nature of this Newsletter that I am writing this piece before Christmas. So far, we have had happy and joyful preparations for the Festival itself. The Christingle Service, the School Carol Service and our own Service of Lessons and Carols were very well attended and the Christingle collection raised £141.20 (down on last year, but I know there are still some envelopes to come in.)

Now we turn to the new year and all that it has to offer. Like a clean sheet of paper we can mark it and make of it what we will. I hope that our Village community will go from strength to strength in 1990, working together in love and peace for a stable and happy Village that is distinctly Braunston. We will be able to gauge the social health of the Village when we see and hear what the Panto has to say about us all!

On the last Sunday in the month the Archdeacon of Northampton has been invited to come to dedicate our new 'facilities' in church and to give thanks to God for all the efforts that have gone into the project over the last several years. We now have twentieth century facilities which match so well that they look as though they were a part of the original design. My thanks to all concerned.

Wendy and I wish all the people of Braunston a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Michael Tompkins.

SIDESMENS ROTA

January 7th	8.0am	10.30am	6.30pm
14th	L. Thompson	F. Cox & K. Minnett	E. Clarke
21st	E. Thorp	D. Turner & B. Dawson	
28th	F. Spencer Lee	G. Powell & C. Dunn	
	D. Hamer	B. Wasser & C. Wasser	

WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS

Collections of waste paper will continue throughout Braunston on the first Saturday in each month. Computer waste is particularly valuable for recycling and if kept separately will be collected along with your bundled waste newspapers, magazines and cardboard.

Whilst collections usually take place approximately between 8.30am and 9.30am, the skip remains in the Old Plough Car Park until about 10.15am for those able to transport their bundles.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Next collections *6th January and *3rd February*..

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Members enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch in the Village Centre. Wine served with the meal was kindly given by Mrs. Pauline Gurney and crackers by Mrs. K. Coles. Each member received a free draw ticket for which there were many prizes. The draw for the lovely doll was won by Mrs. Holder of The Green. Carols were sung, with Mr. John Bradshaw at the piano. Mr. Frank Cox gave the vote of thanks. In spite of the dreadful weather, the Mince Pie Tea was well supported. The Bring & Buy Stall, Entrance fees and draw realized the sum of £48 for Club Funds.

Monday Jan. 8th A Slide Show will be given. More particulars later.
Monday Jan. 22nd Mrs. Sylvia Tatham will give a talk.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The food superb, the wine flowed free. As well as orange juice and tea, Fun and games and country dancing, You should have seen us all a-prancing We even had a Fairy - bold, She wouldn't tell us quite how old, And F/C too, seemed full of glee, With G/R sitting on his knee. You missed the fun? Don't sit and sigh, Just join the Braunston W.I. An enjoyable time was had by all at the W.I. Christmas party on Tuesday 5th December. The Program for 1990 has promise of an exciting year ahead.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL Our next meeting is on January 9th at 8.0pm in the Library. We are a lively committee full of enthusiasm and would like like minded others to join us. Our next fund raising ventures are to be for heating and insulation of the Hall. Please come and join us. Without you we have no Hall so please help.

BRAUNSTON TWINNING ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th January, in the lounge of the Wheatshaf, commencing at 8.0pm. Braunston will be hosting the visit of Quincy-Voisins in the spring of 1990. It is hoped to compile a list of people willing to host a French family. Please come along and give your support and any suggestions. Thank you for your support in 1989 and a Happy New Year to you all.
Terry Tatham, 68 Church Road.

VILLAGE NOTES Most insects at this time of year have settled in their winter quarters. Some like the lady birds prefer to gather in large numbers.

Ladybirds belong to the Beetle family, but unlike most insects they stand as being conspicuous by their bright colours against their background, but any sparrow trying to make a tasty meal of the lady-bird will find that it has a most unpleasant taste, so the bird will in future leave alone what may seem an attractive titbit. There are over 40 varieties of these friends of the gardener who devour large quantities of greenfly, and their larvae even more. In my area the 2 spot and 7 spot varieties are more numerous. The brighter outer wing cases carry black spots though these may exchange colours. Another variety less common in our neighbourhood is the 22 spot ladybird. It is a bright yellow with the 22 black spots. Altogether there are over 40 varieties of this insect in Britain. In the Middle Ages this insect was associated with the Virgin Mary so was known as the Beetle of our Lady and hence it became known as the LadyBird.

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