

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES each Sunday, at 8.00am - Holy Communion

at 10.30am the Parish Eucharist
except 2nd Sunday in the month when we have a FAMILY
SERVICE.

at 6.30pm EVENSONG, only on the first
Sunday in the month.

On October 6th there will be a Harvest Evensong.

The seven Parishes of the Daventry Team share Evensong on the third Sunday
in the month, this month Team Evensong will be on 20th October at
Ashby-St-Ledgers.

Services on Saints' Days are published in the weekly Bulletin.
The Sunday School, known as The Adventurers, meets at 10.15am in church
each Sunday; all children are welcome.

WEDDING: August 31st. Stuart Ian Wright and Jennifer Ann Clarke.

We wish them a long and joyous married life.

FUNERAL: September 25th. Charles Fenn, aged 87 years.

We pray that his soul may find rest and extend our sympathy to his family.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the renovation of the 1849
stained-glass window. £1565.00 was raised and the Appeal is now closed.

Thank you.

There is much talk about the Health Service, of late, about its changes,
its perceived deficiencies and how it can, or will, be improved, but it is
still a Service which is the envy of the world. I do not wish to enter the
political arena, but we are fortunate still to have a Health Service which
for the most part is freely available and free at the point of delivery.
Having worked with the Health Service all my life up to three years before
coming to Braunston, I have witnessed the many advances made since 1948
at close quarters. Perhaps our trouble now is that medical advances and
improvements in treatment are outstripping a willingness to implement them.
But illness is something which happens to individuals and that fact can be
forgotten in a deluge of statistics or election promises.
At meetings of the Braunston Charities we are constantly reminded of the
suffering of individuals in our community, and of the difficulties which
families have to endure. In Jesus' earthly ministry he had a care for
individuals, he healed the sick as each was brought to him, or as he
encountered them on his travels. In our prayers we ask that he continue
that work as we name before him those who are sick today; we are pleased
to be given the names of those who are ill, to add to our daily prayers.
And I am always ready to visit the sick on His behalf and to take Communion
to them.

As many of you know, I broke my collar bone in June; it healed, but left
some problem with my shoulder which physiotherapy is putting right. I
appreciated the care I received from hospital, and am still receiving, and
I appreciated the care and concern of others in the village. That word and
that helping hand can be so important when one is incapacitated. Is there
someone near you who needs help or encouragement?

And, of course, in our prayers we give God thanks for those who help and
care for the sick.

Michael Tompkins.

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 13th
" 27th
November 3rd
" 17th
" 24th

HIGH ALTAR

Mrs. G. Powell
Mrs. J. Cooper
Mrs. G. Brinkman
Mrs. A. Herne
Mrs. J. Reed

ST. GILES

Mrs. J. Seeney
Mrs. P. Davies
Mrs. L. Masters
Mrs. M. Roper
Mrs. L. Kibblewhite

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge an anonymous donation of £5 towards
the cost of producing the B.V.N.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB held their Harvest Festival on Sep. 9th. Eileen Thorp very kindly came to talk to us during the short service, which was followed by a sale of harvest produce. We had a delicious tea provided by Mrs. M. Turner. On Sep. 23rd the club was told of Mrs. Turner's retirement as treasurer after 27 years. In recognition of her long service a small gift was presented to her from all the members, and a photograph was taken by the Daventry Weekly Express. Our speaker was Pauline Rumbold who showed slides about her recent trip to America and examples of patchwork & other crafts. Altogether a very enjoyable afternoon.

Monday Oct. 14th. The Birthday Lunch will be held at Stoneythorpe Hotel - Southam. Coach will pick up from The Wharf at 11.0am at The Green 11.05 approx. Cost £4 per head. If you haven't given your name in please contact Alison or Janet immediately.

Monday Oct. 28th A talk by Mr. Jerome, our Village Vet.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Never a dull moment at the Braunston W.I. Not only do we meet friends and chat over a nice cup of tea, there is a genuine working together to help raise money for charities and a powerful concern for the environment of the country. In fact, we instigate to get things done. Over the past months we have had excellent speakers & September's meeting was no exception, when a talk on "Hand painting on Silk" by Janika Designs left many of us eager to try our hand at this fascinating Art. October 1st heralds our Annual Meeting followed by a Beetle Drive.

BRAUNSTON CONSERVATION GROUP Visitors to the village fete saw a presentation by a new village group. It will work to help preserve what is valuable today for tomorrow's children. The group's first project involves the clearing and replanting of the top area of Jetty Field (where the path leads towards the canal from the village green), by courtesy of National Adhesives. Nearly 500 young plants have been ordered for hedge and woodland planting and clearing is under way. * We are building our membership and would welcome enquiries to assist in planning and organization as well as for the simple task of putting 500 plants into the ground. Please give a ring to Pat Herlily on 890590.

*Our thanks to all those who offered sponsorship for trees or hedge plants at the fete.

BRAUNSTON FLOWER CLUB A number of ladies have expressed interest in starting a Flower Club. It is hoped to hold meetings in the new Parish Room on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month, commencing in October. Would all ladies interested please contact Mrs. E. Hargraves on 890958.

VILLAGE NOTES

GARDENING THOUGHTS IN AUTUMN by Mr. Frank Cox.

As the days shorten and the weather deteriorates it is important to make the most of the fine, dry days to dig and fertilize the soil as soon as ground becomes vacant. One increasingly popular way of improving the soil's fertility is by sowing one of the many "green manure" crops now available in the Autumn. These stay in the ground through the winter and rot down or are dug-in, in the Spring.

This is the best time of year to lay a lawn using turf. Established lawns should be raked through and treated for weeds and moss where necessary. Compacted areas should be aerated using the tines of a fork. Overcrowded clumps of herbaceous perennials can now be divided once they have finished flowering but fleshy-rooted plants such as hostas should be left till the Spring.

Early this month finish off planting biennials such as wallflowers and sweet Williams to add further colour to the Springtime display of bulbs.

It was good to see such a large attendance to view the exhibits at the Fruit, Flower & Vegetable Show & Fete staged by the Village Gardens Assn., on Sep. 14th. It seemed generally agreed that this previously annual event, which had lapsed last year due to lack of support, had proved a highly successful venture. Special thanks are due to the Show Secretary, Viv Hall and to all the other members of the Associations Committee who gave so freely of their time and energy.

B.V.G.A. are running a coach trip to WESTONBIRT ARBORETUM (Tetbury Glos.) on Sunday 20th October - the best time to see the famous autumnal colours. Coach leaves Braunston at 8am returning approx. 6pm. Coach tkts. £7 /person available from Frank Cox, 88 Church Road. 890142. Price excludes admission to Westonbirt (£2 std. £1 snr.cit.) Everybody welcome.

MATERIAL FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE SHOULD REACH MRS. FOULKES BY 21ST OCTOBER.