

ISSUE NO. 277
BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins, The Rectory,
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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 1st Sunday in the month
March 10th. is MOTHERING SUNDAY, there will be a special Family Service
at 10.30am.

March 22nd. Annual Church Meeting at 7.30 in the Parish Room (in church)

HOLY WEEK starts on Palm Sunday, 24th March; there will be a Procession
of Palms to Church at 10.30am (weather permitting)

Monday to Thursday there will be Holy Communion at 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY, 29th. An hours devotion on The Crucifixion from 2.00 to 3pm
EASTER DAY, 31st. 8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Festal Eucharist

The decoration of the Church for Easter will take place on Saturday 30th
March from 10.00am onwards. Offers of help and donations of flowers will
be most welcome. If anyone wishes to contribute towards the cost of
Easter Lilies, in memory of a loved one, please hand donations to Janet
Cox or to the Rectory.

I wrote recently about the difficulty of writing this sort of letter when
events are moving as rapidly as they are in the Persian Gulf. The so-
called 'Land War' has just started and may well be finished by the time
you read this. On the other hand, it might be continuing in all its fury.
Last month I asked you to pray for the world and for peace; I ask you to
continue praying, not just for the situation in general, but for
individuals by name and for the families in our village who have loved
ones on active service.

It is not essential to be in church to pray, but most people find the
atmosphere helpful in trying to find an inner peace. We are fortunate in
Braunston that the congregation insist that the church remain open - in
spite of vandalism and theft; it is a drop-in centre for those who want
a bit of time and space to get close to God and to share with him their
hopes and their fears. It surprises some people how many do call into
church for a moment's spiritual refreshment, but we all need that, church-
goer or not. And praying isn't complicated, one doesn't need lists or
books, one only needs a willingness to be still and talk to God in one's
own words, or just to be still.

Whatever the progress of the War, at the end of the month we celebrate
Easter, that assurance that death is not the end of everything and that
Jesus Christ is no dusty mythical figure, but a living presence in our
community. His death and resurrection gives us hope that any situation
is capable of redemption and new growth into goodness in the world.
Pray for good to come to the Middle East.

Michael Tompkins.

SIDEMENS ROTA	8am	10.30am	6.30pm
March 3rd	L. Thompson	D. Turner & B. Dawson	B. Dawson
10th	E. Thorp	G. Powell & C. Dunn	
17th	F. Spencer Lee	D. Foulkes & J. Reed	
24th	D. Hamer	B. Wasser & C. Wasser	
31st	B. Dawson	K. French & M. Chamberlain	

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge £2 donation from Braunston Utd. F.C.
towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

MR. GEORGE GREEN

On 19th February Mr. George Green completed 43 years as one of the
Braunston Charities Trustees. Sadly, he felt that he should retire and
hand over to a younger person. He gave the meeting a short history of
the Braunston Charities and told of the part he had played in making the
Charities meet current needs. The Trustees presented him with a Ship's
Decanter in recognition of his long service*****
Cancer Research Concert: A cheque has been sent to Churchill Hospital for
£156 towards the new Cancer Unit. Thanks to everyone for donations and
Pauline Gurney for Raffle Prize.

THE FRIENDS OF BRAUNSTON SCHOOL will be holding a FASHION SHOW, given by Wanda Fashions of Dunchurch, in the School Hall on Friday 15th March at 8.00pm. Admissions will be \$1 for adults and 50p for children. Tickets available from school or members of the committee. The fashions displayed will be for ladies and gentlemen, as well as for boys and girls.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB The meeting scheduled for Feb. 11th had to be cancelled because of severe weather. Fortunately our entertainers Greta Raftery and Audrey Burton were able to come on Feb. 18th instead. They gave us a splendid entertainment of musical requests to which we all sang-a-long. Thank you Greta and Audrey!
Monday March 11th A Tea Dance plus table games in the games room for those who do not enjoy dancing.
Monday March 25th A slide show with commentary from "Country Eye Slides".

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Feb. 5th was our first meeting in 1991. After much reminiscence over our Christmas party and the excellent Pantomime we enjoyed in January, the evening took on a more serious note. This was invoked by Mrs. J. Bowers who talked about the "Crossroads Care Attendance Scheme". Money collected from our Bring & Buy stall was then donated to this cause.

Saturday March 9th 2.00pm in the Village Hall heralds our first Jumble Sale this year. Please 'phone 890763 if you have any jumble for collection. Our next meeting is March 5th 7.30pm with Mrs. J. Latham talking about "Bees and Bee Keeping".

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION SECRETARY REQUIRED
Are you an organised and motivated person with spare time to devote to co-ordinating the daily business of these two organisations. If so please contact Martin Bond on 890083. THIS IS A DESPERATE PLEA!!
Nottingham Playhouse Roundabout Company will present 'Its a Girl' a dynamic comedy on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 available from the library or contact committee members.

COACH TRIP TO WISLEY The Gardens Association will be running a trip to the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley one Sunday in May. Would anyone interested please contact Frank Cox on 890142 - in addition, FERTILIZER SALES will recommence in April, as usual, 11-12 on Sundays at the Village Centre. Renewable Peat alternatives will be available (eg bark chippings).
BRAUNSTON UTD. F.C. There will be a Quiz Night with more emphasis on General Knowledge in the Wheatshaf on Friday March 15th at 8.00pm
As usual Teams of Four, to book contact R. Appleby 890227.

BRAUNSTON ANGLING CLUB Dont forget Car Boot and Stall Sale, Inside & Outside Braunston Village Centre Saturday 16th March 9am - 2pm.
Auction at 1pm. Anyone interested in hiring a pitch ring Julie 817470.

Village Notes by Mr. Dick Herne.

The present road into the village makes a right angle turn by Westfield Farm House. This was built about 1815 on a new site purchased from the lord of the manor. It passed through several hands before it was bought in 1853 by Mrs. Eliza Butlin, widow of a cavalry officer stationed at Weedon. She already owned the cottage lower down the hill now known by her name. She settled both houses on her son's wife and children who occupied Westfield until it was sold to pay debts and came into the possession of Mr. Joseph Green in 1911.

At the entrance to the village the Church faces the Old Rectory, or Merry Hill House as it is now called. Both buildings are monuments to the vision and energy of Rev. A.B. Clough, Rector of Braunston 1838-70. He was a Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford, the patrons of the living.

Soon after his arrival he married the daughter of Mr. R.H. Lamb of Bragborough Hall, a house built in 1820 in the classical style. Clough paid for a new Rectory constructed on similar lines to receive his bride. It had a handsome facade and at the back an imposing colonnade overlooking the spacious garden and the valley below. The entrance hall and the main rooms were lofty and well lighted, and there were extensive servants' quarters. The Rector employed a considerable staff, including resident cook, maids and nursemaids.