

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 (with Hymns & sermon on the first Sunday of the month only
This month TEAM EVENSONG is at Welton 6.30pm on 15th November.
Morning & Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am & 6.00pm.
The Sunday School, known as Adventurers, meets at 10.15am in church each
Sunday; all children of Primary School age are welcome. The Lazars (11 years)
meet at 7.00pm.
Nov. 1st. All Saints' Day. 6.30pm Special Evensong, Revd. Graham Johnson will
preach.
Nov. 8th. Service of Remembrance at 3.00pm.
Nov. 29th. Advent Carol Service, 6.00pm at Holy Cross, Daventry.
Nov. 21st. 2.00pm CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE.

From the successful Harvest Celebrations another £240 was sent to the
Africa in Crisis Appeal, making a total of £396.50 from the Church.

Dear Parishioners,

November is a time of solemn remembrance. We, in the Church, remember the
people in the past who have had an influence for good upon the world - the
people we like to call The Saints. On 1st we celebrate our Patronal Festival,
calling on all the saints to help us in our present struggle on Earth. And
a struggle it can be; for some more than for others. On All Saints Day it
has been my custom to invite a special preacher to our service; this year I
have invited the Team Rector, Graham Johnson, to give us what might be his
farewell message as he leaves on 31st. December to take up a new post in
Leicestershire. Graham's leaving will mean that the remaining clergy will
have to undertake more work in Daventry, but I hope to retain 'normal' service
in Braunston as far as I can. But I stray from my theme. The week after
our celebration of the Saints, it has long been traditional to remember all
who have died, especially our friends and relations, and those who have passed
on in the last year; perhaps the best known of which were Reg Hargrave and
Walter Beckett. Walter had for a long time been associated with the
Annual Service of Remembrance, and this year's service on 8th will be the
first without him. I am sure that we will remember Walter on that day, as
well as recalling the members of our community who went to serve their
country and did not return. Let us pray that we may achieve the peace for
which they died.

Michael Tompkins.
THE BELLS! Many readers will have heard the bells ringing for our Harvest
Festival Evensong, and some people have been kind enough to comment that it
was nice to hear all six bells ringing again. It was only by help from four
other ringers, two from Weedon, one from Long Buckby and one from Daventry,
that we could ring Braunston bells in the traditional English change ringing
style, an art that goes back at least 350 years and could even, in an earlier
form, have signalled our victory over the Spanish Armada. Braunston lacks
ringers at present. Whilst the main purpose is to ring the bells for services,
ringing is also an excellent form of exercise, physical and mental, and has
a social side in the form of local ringers' meetings and ringing outings.
(And the cost is minimal!) Skill is more important than strength and age is
no barrier - there are ringers of nine to ninety years old, though normally
round about twelve years is usually reckoned a minimum age to start.
If you would like to know more or borrow a video that tells you more about
bellringing, contact Peter Wenham on 891935 or Sheila Rowley on 890559. We
have a couple of learners at present; with only a few more Braunston could
once again have a band of ringers!

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION - A.G.M. Will be held at 8.00pm on
Thursday 19th Nov. in the lounge bar of the Wheatsheaf Pub. All those
with an interest in gardening would be very welcome.

Material for the December Issue should reach Mrs. M. Foulkes by 21st November.

A reminder that the January Issue will not be published until the first
week in January, so any notices for the beginning of January should be
included in the December Issue.

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BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Sep. 28th celebrated their Harvest Festival with Harvest hymns accompanied by John Bradshaw, readings by Janet McCarthy & Gill Powell. Visiting speaker Revd. Molcher from Daventry Methodist Church, managed to talk to us despite a sore throat with reminiscences from harvests past; some funny stories & a reminder that we should all treat one another with loving friendship. The produce on the Stall was then sold raising \$41.00 which will be sent to the "Save the Children Fund" in Somalia. Oct. 12th The Club celebrated it's Birthday with a trip to Stratford on Avon.

Monday Nov. 9th Brian Dawson will be showing holiday travel slides.

Monday Nov. 23rd Pam Giles will demonstrate making table decorations.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE Held its Annual Meeting in October, followed by entertainment from Audrey Burton & Greta Raftery. The Barn Dance was a great success & enjoyed by all.

Tuesday Nov. 3rd Mrs. Twigger will give a talk with slides on Strawcraft and Nature through the seasons.

BRAUNSTON C.E. SCHOOL Summer holidays soon pass and a new school year has begun. Children who left at the end of the summer term, quickly settled down to their new routine. Several days were spent at William Parker school during July, so that their first days of the new term were not so daunting, we had a new intake of 4 year olds to take their place. These children also quickly settled down and were soon making new friends. Most of the children had used the swimming pool during the summer and had spent an afternoon in July with the Reception Class.

This term is also the time when the older children make fresh contacts by letter with new and old friends from the school at Quincy Voisins. Many children met their pen friends either during their visit to Quincy Voisins in May or in June when the French children spent a week in Braunston. Harvest Festival will take place before Half Term - this year children have been asked to bring gifts of tinned or dried foods for the Cyrenians, who help the homeless. Work on the adaptatation of the old kitchen area was completed in July. The main room in this area is called the Makepeace Room. William Makepeace made a bequest in 1733, leaving the rents from a field to be used towards the education of children in the village. Since that date, 'the school' has received money from the ^{Beaver} ~~school~~ that in 1983, we celebrated 250 years of the Makepeace Charity. Our library was built to commemorate this event, and it was opened by the Bishop of Peterborough on May 5th 1983.

2ND BRAUNSTON SCOUT GROUP - BEAVER SCOUT COLONY The Beaver Colony restarted in September. There are vacancies for boys aged between 6-8 years. If you would like to know more - the Colony meets on Monday evenings, between 6-7pm, at The Den, Cross Lane - come along on a Monday, and see what we do. Cub Scout Pack meets at The Den, on Wednesday evenings from 6-7.30pm. Cubs would also welcome new members between the ages of 8 and 10½. Phillip Hutchinson has recently joined us, from Beavers, and was invested as a Cub Scout at the beginning of October. Adam Benson and Dominic Prat left Cubs during the summer, and are now invested Scouts.

Both the Beaver Colony and Cub Scout Pack need Assistant Leaders. If you are aged between 18-65 years, and feel you could give an hour or so a week to either group, come to a meeting and find out what is involved, or ring Peter Hick (Group Scout Leader) on 890780.

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Herne The modernised frontage of No. 37 High Street gives no indication of its age and varied history. A plaque on the gable end gives the year 1734 - and the initials F.J.E. probably marking the date when it was acquired by a new owner. A blocked opening on the roof ridge indicates the original position of a fireplace. Sometime in the last century the house was divided into two dwellings. In one of them Timothy Atkins kept a school that flourished in addition to the National School on the Green. Later part of the house became a general shop that sold candles and other necessities. It was typical of the many small businesses that served the village. The shop window lies behind the wide modern porch of the present house. Next to it is a modern postwar house that is set well back behind the historic building line. An earlier house on the site, Marlborough Cottage, stood not parallel but at right angles to the road with the main door opening west. The main door of the adjoining house also faces west, perhaps originally to get away from the mud thrown up by vehicles passing along the unmade village street.