

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins,
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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 (with Hymns and sermon on the first Sunday of the
month only.)
Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am & 6.00pm.
The seven Parishes of the Daventry Team usually share Evensong on the
third Sunday in the month, this month the Team Evensong will be at
6.30pm on 17th May at Ashby.

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

BAPTISM: March 29th. Louise Kirsty, daughter of Osmond and Pamela
Williams.

We welcome her into the family of the Church.

FUNERALS: April 6th. Arundle Charles Ede, aged 70 years
April 16th. Leslie John Pittam, aged 83 years.

We pray for rest for their souls and remember their families in our
prayers.

On May 23rd. there will be a concert in Church by the Beauchamp Sinfonietta
at 7.30pm. The cost is £3.00 (£2.00 for children and OAPs) and tickets
are available from the Churchwardens, the Marina Shop and The Rectory.
Further details on posters in the Village and on the church notice board.

Dear Parishioners,

Rumour comes in at least three different forms; the humorous, the
uninformed and the malicious, or evil. I am sure we are all aware of
this and even go so far as to help rumour along in some cases. But I
wonder how often we stop to think what we are doing.

We are all amused by funny gossip, such as we see Les Dawson exploiting
in the Post Office advertisements on television - by and large this gives
us a laugh and nothing worse. The uninformed gossip is generally silly,
often untrue, or only partly true, and is easily proved (or disproved)
by directly asking the persons involved. The wicked rumour is one which
is wounding and often not capable of being denied or explained.
What is common to all rumour is that no-one owns up as being responsible
for it.

In my time I have been subjected to all three forms of rumour, and can
vouch for the destructive effect that evil gossip can bring.

The silly, ill-informed rumour reaches me, occasionally, about what the
Parish Council will or won't do, or how the Rector stops parishioners
from exercising their 'rights' - it would take only five minutes to get
hold of the truth, but that would spoil the fun of gossiping.

As far as the amusing gossip goes, I have heard several times over the
last couple of months that I will be leaving in April. I am still here
with no plans to move, but I would be glad to hear where I am due to be
going - is there anywhere worth going to after Braunston?

When you feel like having a good gossip, remember the Ninth Commandment -
'You shall not give false evidence against your neighbour' - you might
be the next neighbour to be hurt.

Michael Tompkins.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB Congratulations to Ray Hollis and Mrs. Allworthy on winning the Easter Bonnet Parade Competition.

Monday May 11th Sue Jackson will be giving us a Cookery Demonstration.
Tuesday May 19th Trip to Moreton in Marsh. The coach will leave The Green at 10.00am returning by 3.30pm.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE In April Steve Parish treated us to a journey back to the time of the Civil Wars; Dressed in period costume he demonstrated firing a tinder box, and also the way to fire a musket. His talk was packed with historical interest and anecdotes.

We all enjoyed the visit of the 18 Ladies, who came from Hollandward W.I., the day went as planned (we were only sorry that the walk round Braunston Marina and the Vine Yard had to be in the rain!
On May 5th we are looking forward to a return visit of Mrs. Cobbald who will talk this time on "A New Life over 50".

2ND BRAUNSTON SCOUT GROUP Ian Ashbridge and George Vedmore were invested on Friday 27th March, as the latest recruits to Braunston's Scout Group. Both boys moved on to Scouts from the Village Cub Scout Pack, which Ian had attended for 3 years, and are in their final year at Braunston School. Ian lives at Onley, and George lives in Braunston.
Daniel Daymond, William Farquarson and Alex Tibbles were recently invested into the 2nd Braunston Cub Pack - they all live in Braunston, and attend the Village School. William was a member of the Beaver Colony, and now joins his brother Freddy, who has been a Cub Scout for 2 years.
Braunston's Beaver Colony is temporarily operating under the wing of the Cub Scout Pack, and the Group Scout Leader, Peter Hick, would be happy to hear from anyone willing to become the Beaver's Leader, so the group can be re-formed. His telephone number is 890780.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION would like to thank those people who responded to the notice in the March newsletter concerning the Horse Chestnut tree currently in the centre of the BVGA shrub bed. In the light of this and further consideration, it has been decided that the tree be removed, to be replaced as soon as possible with an ornamental tree more suited to the location.

THE DATE HAS BEEN SET! for the ANNUAL FRUIT, FLOWER, VEGETABLE AND HOME PRODUCE SHOW - Saturday 5th September 1992 - so start planning those entries of prize vegetables, flowers, handicrafts, wine, chutney, jam etc.

GARDENING NOTES by Frank Cox

May is the month when growth accelerates and gives us all much work to be done in flower borders, vegetable plots and greenhouses.

Much of our time during the summer will be spent in tending our lawns. They are suffering more than usual this year from moss, due to the mild winter. It will be necessary in many cases to apply a moss-killer and then rake hard to remove the dead moss. Remember too, to keep the lawn mower going weekly, as regular light mowings will keep your lawn in far better condition than will be obtained by infrequent drastic cuts.

Most of us use peat in one form or another in the garden or greenhouse. This is because of its excellent blend of qualities which allow it, among other things, both to retain moisture and also to remain well aerated.

A great deal of concern has been voiced recently by environmental groups in an effort to protect wild-life habitats which they say are being threatened by the large scale peat extraction now taking place.

The arguments between those for and against the continued use of peat products have raged fast and furious. As a result of this many non-peat alternatives are now being offered to the public.

In order to give an opportunity to those who so wish to try one such alternative the Village Gardens Association has ordered a quantity of a product from U.F. Horticulture. This is made from renewable U.K.

sources, contains no peat, coco fibre, coir or sewage waste, and can be used for growing from seed, propagating or general garden use. It can be purchased from the Garden Shop on Sunday mornings, either by the bucket-ful priced £1 or the 80 litre bag at £6.50.

Material for the June Issue should reach Mrs. M. Foulkes by 21st May.