

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWSBRAUNSTON 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 (with Hymns and sermon on the first Sunday of the month, only) at 6.30pm.

This month TEAM EVENSONG is at Welton on 21st. at 6.30pm.  
 Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily in church at 9.00am and 6.00pm.  
 Services for Saints' Days are published in the weekly Bulletin.  
 The Sunday School meets at 10.15am in church each Sunday; all children of Primary School age are welcome.

WEDDING: October 15th. David and Jane Snelson  
 We wish them every happiness in their new life together.

FUNERAL October 14th. James Edward McArthur, aged 81 years  
 We pray for his soul and extend our condolences to his family.

The collections at the 'Sounds Choral' concert and at our HARVEST FESTIVAL together with the proceeds from the Harvest Supper raised £305.00, which has been sent to the Indian Earthquake Appeal.

November 1st. All Saints' Day, Festal Eucharist at 7.30pm.  
 This year our Church's Patronal Festival will be a happy occasion tinged with sadness. Happy because it is our special celebration, and always is joyful - sad because it is Michael's last service before he goes to serve as Rector of Paston, in Peterborough. We feel proud that the Bishop has chosen Michael to do this special job, but sad that it means that he and Wendy must leave Braunston. It has been a great privilege to have them serve amongst and with us during the last six years. Please come along and share in the Eucharist at 7.30pm, stay on afterwards for cheese and wine and make it an occasion to remember.  
 Sheila Rowley.

November 20th. CHRISTMAS FAIR, 2.00pm. in the Village Centre. Please come along and do a bit of early Christmas shopping, and relax over a cup of tea with your friends.

November 28th. Daventry Deanery Advent Carol Service at Holy Cross, Daventry, at 6.00pm.

Dear Parishioners,

So, after six happy years in Braunston, Wendy and I are leaving. It was always intended, by the Bishop, that our stay was not to be 'permanent' - I have only a short term contract - but the end has come suddenly, with something of a shock. We leave with many happy memories and leave behind countless friends in all parts of the village. Braunston is a warm-hearted village and made us welcome as members of the community from the very first, for that we are most grateful. It was never hard to get to know you and that makes the wrench of leaving all the more painful. For townspeople, it has been a real privilege to share in village life, not only from a Church point of view (with baptisms, marriages and funerals) but in all the other things which make up a living community. I know that I have no worries about All Saints' maintaining its Services and its service to the community, it is a strong Church; and one of the advantages of being in a Team is that there will always be a minister available for the parish, even if The Rectory is empty for a while. On a practical level, any local Church matters will be handled by the Churchwardens or the Reader (phone numbers at top of page).

Wendy and I cannot possibly get round to say goodbye to everyone, we wish we could, but we will never ever forget Braunston, its setting, its people, its warmth and you will always be in our prayers. God bless you all.  
 Michael Tompkins

Late item

FUNERAL: October 28th. Margaret Allworthy, aged 74 years.  
 We send our deepest sympathy to John, Mary and Family.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. The Birthday Lunch held at the Blue Boar, Chipping Norton was voted a great success. After a damp start the weather brightened up enabling most of the members to enjoy a stroll around the town before returning home. Monday Nov. 8th We are expecting a visit from the Rugby Theatre singers. Monday Nov. 22nd We hope to have a slide show. Braunston Friendly Club meets 1 the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. New members of 60 yrs plus are always welcome.

MRS. GWEN COLE, 72 Church Road would like to thank all friends who have sent cards and get well messages to her since her recent accident.

BRAUNSTON CONSERVATION GROUP A warm welcome is extended to an open committee meeting and the A.G.M. of the group on Thursday Nov. 18th 8.0pm in the Library. We need to consolidate progress, plan maintenance of the area in Jetty Field and consider a possible extension of activities with the formation of a society to promote conservation considerations in the village. New volunteers are always welcome to plunge about in the mud or for the more cerebral administrative tasks. Those who give support and encouragement from the sidelines help as well. Any enquiries to Pat Herlihy 890590.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION AGM will be held in the Library on Thursday 2nd December 8pm. All gardeners are invited, whether you are a seasoned old hand or a complete novice (like me) We are a non-profit making organisation which aims to benefit the village by holding sales of garden products (compost, fertilizer etc.); holding competitions and an Annual Fruit, Flower, Vegetable & Home Produce Show. If you enjoy gardening come along and see what we have planned for 1994!

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE The Annual Meeting held in October was followed by a very interesting competition - won by Mrs. Muriel Addington - well done! Tuesday Nov. 2nd Mrs. Ferryhough will give a talk on "Home crafted Christmas Cards", Nov. 1st sees the farewell service for the Rev. Michael Tompkins and Wendy, we have enjoyed Wendy's company in our W.I. and our very best wishes go with them for the future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL A group of youngsters from All Saints recently enjoyed a superb day on a 9 to 13 yr olds Pilgrimage at Bilton Grange, with Captain Mike Gardner, C.A. our Diocesan Youth Officer. They learned about icons, each making one themselves, about Mr. Pugin's architecture at the school, and also how to play an ocarina. As a result of this we are hoping to start an ocarina group for youngsters of 9 years of age and over, learning to play these fascinating musical instruments. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Marilyn Brinkman on 890032.

#### VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Heme

The Green is not a traditional village green, a focal meeting place and recreational centre - it was waste land. Before the old school was built it extended to the fields and the village pound where stray animals were kept. It owes its open aspect to the disappearance of old cottages. On the north side the present wide grass verge was the site of a mud and brick cottage with an enclosed garden occupied by James Hall.

The houses along the pavement between Berry's shop and the Wheatsharf have seen many changes. The first building contained the house and barber's shop belonging to Vic Hall where much village gossip was exchanged. The first house in the row of early nineteenth century dwellings has a cement nameplate which still shows traces of the surname of the owner, -PEBODY- who kept a chemists shop. The middle house with a shopfront window was once a butchers and later became a surgery until the village centre provided rooms for the visiting doctor. The cottage next to the public house was occupied for a time by the village schoolmistress. The Wheatsharf is built of stone and was thatched; brick courses were added when the thatch was replaced by slates.

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