

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH The Revd. Michael Tompkins. The Rectory, High St. Tel. 890235

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) This month TEAM EVENSONG is here in Braunston on 18th. 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: June 26th. Jeffrey Peter Haynes and Sally Jane Emma Timms. We wish them a long and happy marriage.

The Church SUMMER FETE will be on the Rectory Lawn on July 3rd. at 2.00pm.

CONCERT IN CHURCH: July 10th. Daventry Choral Society give an OPERA GALA CONCERT. A selection of Arias and Choruses from a wide range of popular Operas. £6 (concessions £5)

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Dear Parishioners,

The weather may not have been very good, so far, this Summer, but we have had a feast of music in church, with another concert to come. The Combridge Male Voice Choir, last Saturday, showed off the wonderful acoustics of All Saints' to the full; everyone was delighted with the performance, and it would be no surprise if they returned. The Choir tried out the acoustics at the Wheatsheaf, as well, and their view is that it needs further investigation! I am looking forward to the Daventry Choral Society's evening of Operatic excerpts on th 10th. July; by all accounts the Choir, under its newish conductor, is at its performing peak. I have been asked, "What is it all in aid of?" and the answer is simply to have some good entertainment in the village. These sorts of concerts are putting your church building to good use and it would be foolish to ignore such a good auditorium in our midst. There is the possibility of concerts of almost any type of music, as long as there is a demand - a suggestion has already been made that we might consider a Jazz Concert (traditional is my preference). Naturally, over the whole series of concerts it is hoped that we will make some money for the Church, and we will, thanks to the generous sponsorship of the last two concerts by Braunston Marina and Morrisflex Limited.

One drizzling Wednesday evening in early June a couple of enthusiasts joined me, trying out a bit of floodlighting on the church spire. The lights were on for about half an hour, enough time for us to see what the effect was like from the A45 near Daventry. The illumination was really superb and I have been amazed at the number of people who saw the lighted spire in that short space of time. This was, of course, only experimental. I have always wanted to light the spire, but we are only in the very earliest stages of investigation. The reasoning behind this venture is twofold; civic pride in letting the world know that Braunston is here, and worth visiting, and a witness to the world that God is with His people. God promised Israel that they would be 'as a beacon on a hill' and the Church is the New Israel. These two points are worth making; we are His creation and should be proud of our existence here in this place and the Church is His body on earth through which we acknowledge His goodness.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB June 14th Mrs. Gabbitas from the Moot Hall Museum gave an interesting and informative talk about the various exhibitions planned for the near future and also about some local historical events. June 28th was a glorious sunny day for our trip to Bourton on the Water. After a pleasant country drive members had plenty of time for lunch, shopping, sightseeing or just sitting by the river. July 12th A Ploughmans lunch in the Rectory Gardens 12.30pm, bring a garden chair if possible. If wet or too cold lunch will be in the Village Hall. July 26th Scones & Jam Tea in Janet's Garden with a Bring & Buy Stall, bring garden chairs if possible. Meet in Village Hall if wet.

9th August Outing to Peterborough will leave the Green 9.30am returning 3.30pm.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated gifts for the tombola held at the Boat Show in May, a grand total of £157.00 was made. The next meeting to organise the August Bank Holiday Fun Day will be held at the Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 8th July.

RED CROSS COLLECTION - May '93 This year's collection made £300, which was a considerable increase on last year. My grateful thanks to all of you who contributed so generously and to the collectors for giving their time. Rachel May.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK The amount collected was £390.35. Many thanks to all who distributed and collected envelopes and to all who gave so generously.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE On June 1st we enjoyed a "Cook's tour of the World" with Mr. P. Chubb. Next meeting July 6th the subject is "Hearing dogs for the Deaf" with Mrs. Shirley Cooper and her canine companion. August 3rd - A humorous history of the Privy by Mr. B. Giggins.

July 2nd we have an outing to our friends in Hulland Ward, Derbyshire 8.30am from The Green. Celebrations marking 75 yrs of County W.I.'s will be held in Pitsford July 18th-19th. The two day party will feature a host of summer events, including a celebrity cricket match between Anglia & Central T.V.

BRAUNSTON BROWNIES joined the other packs in their District on Tuesday 15th June for Brownie Revels. We all enjoyed our evening, the theme was "Outer Space" and there was a prize for the best hat in-keeping with this theme, all the games had this "Outer Space" theme and the cakes were a rocket which was a chocolate cake and the moon which was a lemon sponge, the drink was "Cool it Man Punch". We shall soon be having our Pack Revels at the Home of "Barn Owl" with a barbeque. Any girl who is between the ages of 7 to 10 years and interested in Brownies would be welcome to join us. We meet at 5.15pm to 6.30pm every Monday in Term-time at Braunston School. Kathleen A. Minnett known to the Brownies as Barn Owl. 890908.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION NEWS The 1993 Fruit, Flower Vegetable and Home Produce Show takes place on Saturday 4th September, at the Village Centre. Entry schedules with full details will be distributed towards the end of August. The B.V.G.A. Gardens competition results will be displayed in the window of 30 High Street, and published in the next newsletter. Due to popular request, the B.V.G.A. Shop (selling garden compost, fertilizers, slug pellets etc.) will be open until the end of July. (11-12 Sundays).

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Herné
Eastfield House, the last house before Dark Lane, is one of the larger houses in the village. It belonged in the 19th century to Col. Lowndes, a veteran of the Crimean War. The family sold it in 1917 to Mr. Alderson Smith, a Leicester manufacturer. When he was unable to expand his works there he moved his business to Braunston. The firm was subsequently sold to National Adhesives who use the premises as their offices. The house is similar to other 17th century houses in the village, but attached to the east end is a later wing with unusual traceried windows. Beyond Dark Lane leading to Little Braunston is the beginning of the East Field with the ridge and Furrow of the mediaeval arable field still visible in the grassland. At the bottom of the hill in the far corner are the remains of the enclosure which contained the village 'pest-house'. Here those suffering from the recurrent plague were isolated during their illness.

Material for the September Issue should reach Mrs. M. Foulkes by 21st August.