

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.

This month TEAM EVENSONG is at Helidon, on 20th. 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.

BAPTISMS: May 2nd. Amy Lianne Bavington

May 23rd. Charlotte Rose Thickbroom

We pray that they will grow in grace in the family of the Church.

CONCERTS IN CHURCH: May 29th. Fiori Musicali play Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons'. £8 and £5.

May 30th. The Beauchamp Sinfonietta play 'A Little Summer Music' £5 (£2 for children)

June 26th. Cowbridge Male Voice Choir £5 (children £2)

July 10th. Daventry Choral Society give a programme of Operatic music £6 (concessions £5)

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

Dear Parishioners,

I have written before about the relationship between Church and State and would like to touch on the subject again. The position of the Church of England within our community has been established by Act of Parliament, so many things which may at first seem odd or a little quaint are, in fact, the law of the land. The Churchwardens are chosen by the people of the parish, so are really the village's Churchwardens with responsibility to look after Braunston' church for the future of Braunston. The Sidesmen (male and female) are elected to assist the Churchwardens in their duties and on Sunday 6th. June the Archdeacon of Northampton is coming to Evensong (6.30pm) to commission them and affirm them in their place in our community. This is no empty gesture. The Church believes that we are all made in the image of God and that the Church must exist to cater for all people and be readily available to them whenever it is needed. We find it a little sad that more people don't come to All Saints', on a regular basis, to give thanks for all God's gifts to us, but we are determined to be around for all those occasions in life when God seems to be important, whether in joy or in sorrow. God is in all our lives and the Church helps us to realise it. Whether the Church and the State should be as intertwined as they are is a political question; the Church will always serve the nation, come what may, and our Churchwardens and Sidesmen will go on being people of the village serving the village through the Church.

THANK YOU

Vicky Barnwell and Family would like to thank everyone who kindly made donations to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, in their recent bereavement. The sum total generously given was £117-08.

Michael Tompkins

Material for the July/August issue should reach Mrs. M. Foulkes by 21st June.

39, Greenway.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL committee are holding a FUN DAY during August Bank Holiday. If anyone is interested in having a stall or helping in some way please 'phone Cindy on 891511. This is intended to be a major fund raising event for you to raise money for your individual organisation or charity. It will be a week-end of fun. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE.

BRAUNSTON TODDLER GROUP meet every Thursday (during school term) in the Village Hall from 10.15-11.45am. All children under school age and their parents/minders are welcome.

2nd BRAUNSTON SCOUT GROUP - VENTURERS, SCOUTS, CUBS AND BEAVERS.

The A.G.M. was held at The Den on 4th May. Unfortunately it was impossible to form an Executive Committee due to lack of support. If you are able to offer your services as a Committee member; an Assistant Leader or in any other capacity, please contact Alan Attack (891482). A further meeting is to be held at The Den, on Tuesday June 22nd at 8.00pm. It is open to anyone interested in Scouting in Braunston, and willing to give assistance. The Leaders reported on a variety of activities, in which the boys had taken part during the year. These included camping, skating, swimming, canoeing, visits and working toward a variety of badges, including The Chief Scout Award. Any boys (and girls in Venture Scouts) interested in joining should contact -

Scott Kennedy - 890997 for Scouts (Venture Scouts) 16 yrs +
Gordon Kemp - 890478 for Scouts (11yrs - 16 yrs)
Jane Benson - 890015 for Cubs (8 yrs - 11 yrs)
Margaret Massie 890619 for Beavers (6 yrs - 8 yrs)

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE On May 4th our V.C.O. Mrs. Christine Farmer discussed this years resolutions, a lively meeting! May 19th proved a lovely day for our visit to the "Grow gather & Gain" day at Naseby. June 1st our next meeting Mr. P. Chubb will talk about catering entitled "A Cooks tour of the World".

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB An enjoyable day-out at The Merry Hill Centre was had by all last month.

June 14th Mrs. Gabbitas from the Moot Hall, Daventry

June 28th A trip to Bourton on the Water. Coach leaves the Green 10.30am Returning 3.30pm.

"DUCK NEWS" After the 'birth' of their 13 ducklings under a hedge in Archer Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. 'Drake' wishes to thank Heather and her family for rescuing and returning them to their rightful home - The Canal. Latest report - all doing well.

VILLAGE NOTES - HERITAGE by Janet McCarthy.

Those of us who were lucky enough to have a village childhood, look back with nostalgia to the sense of freedom, and the simple pleasures derived from our surroundings. Memories of playing in meadows full of lady's Smocks, Clover, Ox-Eye Laisies and Buttercups, in those seemingly endless days of early summer. Arriving home tired and happy with our shoes, socks and legs (no jeans in those days) yellow with pollen. Memories too, of the sows that roamed free in the fields, and the strange, prickly sensation, as we scratched the coarse hair on their backs as they lay grunting and sighing with pleasure in a damp shady spot. The village streets too held a fascination for us, the old houses huddled and leaned together as if to support one another. Twisting alleyways and hidden gateways opened up fantasy worlds to our fertile imaginations.

Alas, many of the meadows are now lost under estates of much needed housing. The cottages too have gone, many of them condemned in the 1950's, and modern farming techniques sentence the majority of pigs to a short and unnatural life of confinement.

We are lucky here in Braunston, we still live in a beautiful setting, what is left of the old village, the Marina, the canal and its surroundings are designated 'Conservation Areas' and the fields from the canal to the railway line are classed as 'Important Open Space'. We as villagers are the Custodians, and must all take on the responsibility of ensuring that the generations that follow us, benefit from the care we take of this heritage, so that they, do not have to look back with regret, at what has been lost.