

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

Church Wardens: Mr. Brian Dawson 890609. Miss Sheila Rowley 890559.  
 Church Services

5th June 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist  
 6.30pm Royal British Legion Evensong for L Day.  
 12th June 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service  
 19th June 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist  
 6.30pm Team Evensong at Helliidon  
 26th June 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist

The Sunday School meets at 10.15 every Sunday; all children of Primary

School age are welcome.

Morning & Evening Prayer are said every weekday & Saturday at 9am & 6pm.  
 There is a quiet service on Wednesday evening usually at 7.30pm.

Services for Saints' Days are published in the weekly bulletin which  
 is available on the table at the back of the church.

BAPTISMS

29th May Lee David Childs and Daniel Lee Childs

We welcome them into the Lord's family and ask you to hold them and  
 their family in your prayers.

CREMATION

24th May Bob Waite

We pray that his soul may rest in peace and send our sympathy to his  
 family especially Josie and Ann.

CHRISTIAN AID Thank you to everyone who gave to the work of this  
 organisation last month and thank you to everyone who made the collection.  
 The amount collected will be reported next month.

CHURCH FETE is at 2pm on 18th JUNE in the RECTORY GARDEN. Dunchurch

Silver Band are coming and we will have all of the usual attractions -  
 Please come along and make it a happy village occasion.

COWBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR in CONCERT in CHURCH at 7.30pm on 18th JUNE-

We had a memorable concert in church last year with this choir from  
 South Wales- they are coming again - Do come if you can, you will have a  
 thoroughly enjoyable evening and an opportunity to relax after an  
 afternoon at the Church Fete!

DONATIONS TOWARDS CHURCH FETE - We would be very pleased to receive cakes,  
 books, handicrafts, plants, tombola prizes, white elephants etc. Either  
 of the Church Wardens would be pleased to arrange to have your donations  
 collected if you let us know.

Dear fellow parishioners,

As I write this short letter it is pouring with rain and I am hoping  
 for great improvements in the weather before the Bank Holiday with the  
 Braunston Boatshow & Music Festival and the Church Fete & Concert on  
 18th June. Whatever the weather I hope that we will all join in and  
 enjoy the fellowship and fun of these occasions. Sheila.

Editorial Comment. The Braunston Village News is published by All Saints'  
 Church for the whole village of Braunston and is typed, printed and  
 distributed by a team of volunteers to every home in the village. We use  
 an old Roneo machine which produces a rather old fashioned look but it is  
 cheap! We have looked into other methods of printing that would allow us  
 to try clever desk top publishing effects. The best prices we can get for  
 a double sided sheet this size is 6 pence a copy which compares with a  
 little over 1 penny at present. This is too expensive to make this  
 change. We would be very pleased to hear from any of our readers who  
 might be able to help to find some other means to modernise our  
 appearance. Please contact, in the first instance, Marguerite or Denis  
 Foulkes on 890965.

BRAUNSTON SCHOOL is going to become the village correspondent for the  
 Daventry Express newspaper starting in June but we need some news to  
 write about from all the village organisations. Please could you get  
 any items for inclusion to the school by Friday mornings so that we can  
 compile our column. We do want this to be successful so please help us.

COFFEE MORNING Thursday June 9th 10-120. To be held at 32, High Street  
 in aid of Crossroads Care Scheme. Please come along and support this  
 valuable service within the community. Bring & Buy Stall & Raffle.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB had a trip to Leamington Spa on May 9th. The coach driver dropped us off at the top end of town and arranged to collect us again down by the park. This proved very satisfactory as everyone could call in the shops and at the same time make their way slowly downhill. The sun shone for us and the park was looking beautiful with masses of tulips and other spring flowers. On May 23rd we were visited by Pete Chadbund, folk singer and raconteur who entertained us with songs from the canals and folk tunes played on guitar melodean and concertina. A very enjoyable afternoon with every one joining in the choruses. Next months meetings are on 13th June when Hilda Martin will demonstrate Flower Arranging. 27th June Coach trip to Matlock Bath. Meet at the Green 9.30am. Leaving Matlock at 5.00pm. Cost £5 approx. BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE On May 3rd our visiting V.C.O. Mrs. S. Robinson discussed and explained this years resolutions.

June 7th our next meeting, we will have a Bring & Buy also the draw for the Denman Bursary. Our speaker will be Mrs. L. McAlwane subject "Canopy of Care". The outings to Boots of Nottingham and Everdon "Grow Gather and Gain" Day were a great success. More Outings planned for 94.

British Red Cross collection - May 94. The Collection made £325 this year, which was £25 more than in 1993. My grateful thanks to all the collectors for giving their time and to the people of Braunston for contributing so generously. Rachael May.

WOLFHAMPSCOTE CHURCH "Music for a Summer Evening" with Boromimi Quartet. A concert to be held at Wolthampcote Church Sunday June 26th 5pm - approx. 1 hour. Admission free. Collection for redundant churches.

THE B.V.G.A. is arranging a Braunston Gardens Open Day on Sunday June 26th from 2pm to 5pm where between 8 and 10 Braunston Gardens will be open for viewing in aid of charity - the MacMillan Nurse Appeal. The entrance fee to cover all the gardens will be £1.00. (20p for children). There will be refreshments in the Village Hall. If you think you would also like to open your garden on this day, then please contact David White on 890865 for more details.

GUIDES AND BROWNIES For the Village Appraisal, I am writing a short piece on the history of Guiding in Braunston. If anyone has a photo or anecdote of when they were in the Brownies or Guides in Braunston and would be willing for it to be used in the Village Appraisal, please let me know on 890515. Jean Dibben.

VILLAGE NOTES by Pat Herlihy  
Jetty Field: Braunston Conservation Group stands  
There is a field on the South of our village that/at the crossing point of many pathways used by our people. From the houses on the crest of the ridge it sweeps down towards the canal and contains shapes on its surface that speak of hundreds of years of history. We can trace the old edge of the house gardens and the start of the open field of early Mediaeval times in a small bank and ditch below the spinney and allotments. Beyond this we can see the roll of ridge and furrow thrown up by the plough over the centuries as each strip of land was cultivated and the earth thrown towards the centre of each strip.

Changes in the Eighteenth Century consolidated the many strips of land owned by each farmer throughout the parish into the pattern of fields that we see enclosed by the present parish hedges and fences. The hedges of Jetty Field look as though they date from this time and the huge old tree likely stood on the earlier garden-edge boundary.

The other remarkable feature of Jetty Field reflects its name and is the triumphal avenue of Lime Trees that leads from the jetty on the canal to a merchant's house in the village. The small area of woodland at the top of the field is part of the old garden of this house and the older trees are mainly ornamental; the new plantings are of native trees. But the most precious heritage of this field lies in the very grass sward beneath our feet. For this meadow is rich in a great variety of grasses. The field has always been farmed in the best of traditional ways and the plants have not been thinned out by chemical weedkillers or fertilizers. Its appearance now must be the same as it has been over the centuries.

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