

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES

1st May - 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30 Parish Eucharist. 6.30 Evensong.
 8th May - 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30 Family Service
 15th May - 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30 Parish Eucharist. 6.30 Team
 22nd May - 8.00am Holy Communion) Whit Sunday. Evensong here.

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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 every Wednesday usually at 7.30pm.

Services for Saints' Days are published in the weekly bulletin.

BAPTISM: 24th April 1994. Sophie Victoria Tibbles

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

Liary Dates this month

22nd May - Shared Parish Lunch after the Whit Sunday Parish Eucharist hopefully in the Rectory garden but in the Parish Room if the weather is unkind. All you need to do is to bring enough food for your party and your own crockery and cutlery. The food will all be put together for everyone to share and we'll have wine and juice and glasses available. Please come and enjoy a meal among friends.

27th May at 7.30pm Fiori Musicali in concert in church.

28th May at noon Organ recital by Stephen Baden-Fuller in church.

28th May at 7.00pm Beauchamp Sinfonietta in concert in church.

All of these three events form part of the Braunston Boatshow weekend celebrations. Wine will be available at the concerts and coffee at the Organ Recital. Please see posters in the village for further details and come along to enjoy some really good music in a building with very good acoustics.

18th June at 2.00pm CHURCH FETE in Rectory Garden with Daventry Silver

7.30pm Cowbridge Welsh Male Voice Choir in Concert in church. /Band.

I am pleased to say that this year we do not clash with the

Wimbledon Finals!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK falls this year in the period from 16th to 21st May.

Lear fellow parishioners,

You gave very generously to the work of Christian Aid at our Lent

Lunches in March. May I please ask you to respond generously when

Christian Aid envelopes arrive through your letter boxes this month.

Their posters say 'We believe in life before death - do you?' - A five

minute look at the 10 o'clock news shows us how fortunate we are when

compared with people in many parts of the world.

As I write this letter it still feels very cold for Spring but I hope

that things will warm up ready for us to enjoy our Parish lunch outside

and for us all to give a Braunston Welcome the following weekend, to

our visitors who will come to Braunston Boatshow over the Spring Bank

Holiday.

Sheila.

We would be grateful for any donations which you would like to make for

the Church Fete eg. Cakes, books, handicrafts, plants, tombola prizes,

white elephants. Either of the Church Wardens would be pleased to call

and collect your donations if you let us know.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB held a Tea Dance on April 11th. The music was

provided by Mrs. Doris Hall and the dancing led by Doris and friends.

Thank you all for a very entertaining afternoon. The non-dancers

enjoyed a game of dominoes or just a good chat.

Monday May 9th will be an outing to Leamington Spa by coach leaving

The Green at 1.00pm.

Monday May 23rd Pete Chadbund a visiting Folk Singer talks about the

canals and sings for our entertainment.

BRAUNSTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION are holding their Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall on 24th May at 8.00pm.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE APPRAISAL The questionnaire form for the village survey has now been finalised and will soon be distributed to every home. The returns are completely confidential, no names or addresses are required and all the forms will be destroyed after use, so we hope that everyone will want to help us by completing the details for their household. This will enable us to form a snapshot of life in Braunston as it is in 1994 and the results will be published in the appraisal report in the Autumn.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE At our April meeting Mrs. Twigger gave us an inspiring talk on Swiss Straw Lace. Next meeting May 3rd we shall welcome VCO Mrs. Robinson who will be talking on this years resolutions. We enjoyed the outing to the Nickelodium on April 13th. May 11th we shall visit Boots in Nottingham, followed on May 18th with Northamptonshires annual "Grow Gather & Gain" day at Everdon. (Next year May 17th the event will be here in Braunston.)

2ND BRAUNSTONSCOUTS - BEAVER COLONY

The Beavers have been living up to their motto - "Fun and Friends". During the last term they had visits from a Veterinary Assistant, P.C. Clive Appleton and P.C. Dickenson, and Barbara Johnson, who told them about 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'. Many of the Beavers took part in a sponsored 'Finger spell' raising £62 to help train a Hearing Dog. Several Beavers entered the District Cub & Beaver Handicrafts Exhibition. Ben Catchpole had the best Easter Card and Alaister Johnson best decorated Easter Egg, in the 6 year old class. James Daymond, Thomas Williams, Lewis Scott, Matthew Burge and Simon Millar 'swam up' to Cubs, just before Easter, we hope they will continue to have fun. There are 1 or 2 vacancies in the Colony - you must be 6 years old (or nearly). We meet Thursday evenings at Braunston Primary School, from 6pm-7pm. Ring 890619 if you would like to know more. Squirrel.

2nd BRAUNSTON CUBS Just before Easter, when Margaret Hick came to help the boys make Easter cards and chocolate nests, we invested Damien Hegarty and Gavin Randell as Cub Scouts. Nicholas Keen has joined us for the last few Cub sessions, and is keen to become invested as soon as possible.

We were sorry recently to lose William Farguharson, who has now joined Scouts, but at our first meeting after Easter, we were delighted to welcome James Daymond, Simon Miller, Matthew Burge, Thomas Williams and Lewis Scott, who had all 'swum up' from Beavers. During the next few weeks we hope to go to Rugby Swimming Pool, Daventry Country Park, and go on a hike, amongst other things. We are always pleased to welcome new Cubs - if you are between 7½ & 10, come and see what goes on at the Den at the bottom of Cross Lane on Wednesday nights 6-7.30pm. For further information, please ring Jane or James Benson, Cub Scout Leaders, on 890015.

VILLAGE NOTES by Dick Herne

I am grateful to a resident who has lived for many years in the village for pointing out errors in last month's Notes. The shop on the north side of the Green was not a butcher's but a draper's shop. The occupant of the cottage on the Green was James Wood (not Hall).

The row of houses beyond Berry's shop was built on the site of a small claypit which provided material for brick-making. The passage between High Street and Church Road, is bounded on one side by a low wall made of burnt bricks, perhaps 'rejects' unsuitable for building houses. On the other side where a modern bungalow stands was the site of the first village hall, a wooden structure erected as a First World War Memorial. Further on a house named Weavers recalls the time when handlooms could be found in many cottages. Then follows a line of typical Northants stone cottages, one of which encloses an older 'cruck' framework, a wooden arch which supported the original thatched roof.

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