

there will be a display of Christmas Flower Arrangements and on December 17th, members are requested to meet on the Green at 7 p.m. for our Annual Carol Singing. If you cannot sing, we shall be glad to have collectors. Members have again been invited to the house of Mrs. Emyln Jones for supper at approximately 9.30 p.m.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS' INSTITUTE. There was an excellent attendance at our November meeting, which was a demonstration and talk on cake icing by Mrs. Briggs. We were treated to many new ideas as Mrs. Briggs completed the decoration of a Christmas cake. A produce stall raised almost £1.10s.0d. for W.I. funds. To commemorate our Golden Jubilee we have planted 500 mixed daffodil bulbs on The Green in front of the Doctor's Surgery and at the top of Butlins Hill at the entrance to the Village. We look forward to their appearance in the spring, and hope that all will enjoy the result. We also celebrated our Golden Jubilee with a dinner held at the home of Mrs. E.F. Hall and in the presence of the County Chairman and past Presidents. The cake, made by Mrs. Hall and decorated by Mrs. K. Stephenson was cut by Mrs. S.M. Capell, who has been a member of Braunston W.I. for 48 years. The very enjoyable evening concluded with conjuring and magic tricks performed by Mr. John Parker, of Burton on Trent. At our December 1st. Meeting, there will be a demonstration of sweet making by Mrs. M.K. Deacon. The competition is a necklace made from sweets.

FRIENDLY CLUB. On 9th November, we had a helpful talk from Mr. Lane of the National Westminster Bank on decimalisation and the new coinage. Our Christmas Party will be held on Monday, 14th December, and this will complete the meetings for 1970. We wish our members a very Happy Christmas and will look forward to seeing you all in 1971. (11th January).

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ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH, BRAUNSTON. Rector, The Rev. W. Bevan Griffiths.  
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#### Services for December.

- Dec. 6th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
- Dec. 13th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.
- Dec. 20th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m. Evensong 6 p.m. (Please Note)
- Dec. 20th. The Sunday School children will present at 6 p.m. a play "THIS LITTLE LIGHT". We are grateful to the producer, Mrs. Eric Hyde, to Mr. Pickering, Mrs. Waterfield, Miss Sheila Rowley, Miss Elizabeth Hughes and all the teachers for their hard work in producing the Christmas play. Do come and support the children on this day.
- Dec. 24th. CHRISTMAS EVE Holy Communion 11.30 p.m.
- Dec. 25th. CHRISTMAS DAY. Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Family Service 10.45 a.m. Come with your children.
- Dec. 27th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
- THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED AT 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1970.

750th Anniversary. Nov. 1st, All Saints' Day, 1970, marked the beginning of the celebration of the 750th Birthday of the Church. It was a pleasure to see a larger attendance than usual at the services. The Church was beautifully decorated and the Children's Exhibition was a joy to behold especially as the children were under the age of eleven. We congratulate the Headmaster, Teachers and the children on their work. On Monday morning, the whole school came to see their own work and also the parchments on which the history of Braunston was written. Few parishes can produce a record of baptisms, marriages, and deaths from 1538. We are deeply indebted to the Rev. Robert Binckes, Rector of this Parish, who copied the registers up to 1624. The Church treasures, chalices and patens dated 1570, 1657, 1720 and 1874 were on display.



Ancient manuscripts too were shown. It is interesting to read in the Churchwardens Accounts "paid to John Batman for catching two urchins (hedgehogs) - 4d!" We read in the scriptures that two sparrows were sold for a farthing but in the year 1673, 2 dozen sparrows were bought for 4d. The East Window and the Font were designed by Mr. Butterfield, named by Mr. John Betjeman as one of the leading architects of the Victorian era.

Population of Braunston.

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| 1811 - 963  | 1841 Population made up as follows:- |
| 1821 - 1236 | Males - 688                          |
| 1831 - 1380 | Females - 742                        |
| 1841 - 1479 | Boat People - 49                     |
| 1851 - 1253 | Total - 1479                         |

On March 31st, 1951 Houses inhabited - 264  
 " " " uninhabited - 62.

Population Males 521, Females 559, Total 1080.

The Remembrance Day Service was well attended. Cardinal Heenan writes that the youth of today should see the horrors of Belsen to be reminded of what men can do to their fellows. Lest we forget.

We welcome Mrs. Berry (Westfield) home from Hospital, and are pleased to report that she is making good progress.

A Bring and Buy Sale will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 3rd December, at 3 p.m. in aid of the Family and Social Welfare Society. Please come in crowds.

Cremation at Milton. Nov. 2nd, Mary Jane (Polly) Berry, aged 95. The oldest inhabitant of Braunston. When able, she worshipped regularly at the Church; taking a great interest in the Village. To her family we tender our condolences.

Burial of Ashes - Nov. 8th. Brian Michael Hancock, aged 25 years. To Mrs. Hancock of Birchington and to Mr. & Mrs. I Merchant (Grandparents) we extend our sincere sympathy in the death of Michael.

"Love does not cease when we die. Thoughts do not perish, Growth does not come to an end. Beauty does not vanish away". If God be all that we believe Him to be then lives are bound to be richer and happier. These thoughts of "To those who mourn" are very true as we look in sympathy with the bereaved. May the souls of Gods faithful servants Rest in Peace.

Altar Flowers, Christmas Day. High Altar. St. Giles.  
 Lady McGowan. Mrs. E. F. Hall.

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION. At our November meeting, Canon S.F.W. Powell shewed excellent slides of Peterborough Cathedral and talked on the history of this very ancient and beautiful edifice. May we remind Villagers that we are holding a sale of work at the Rectory on Thursday, December 3rd, at 3 p.m. in aid of the Family and Social Welfare Society. This is an open invitation to all to support a very worthy cause and enjoy a social gathering.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH. Services for December.

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| Dec. 6th. | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. W. Rushall. | 6.15 p.m. | Film Service.   |
| " 13th.   | 10.45 a.m. | Rev. E. Holme.  | 6.15 p.m. | Mrs. A. York.   |
| " 20th.   | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. Cook.       | 6.15 p.m. | Mr. P. Everett. |
| " 27th.   | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. R. Wright.  | 6.15 p.m. | Rev. E. Holme.  |

2nd BRAUNSTON SCOUT TROOP. This troop will be holding a sponsored Table Tennis Marathon of 36 hours duration. This will take place in the Scout Headquarters, Cross Lane, Braunston, starting at 10 p.m. on Friday, 11th December, until 10 a.m. Sunday, 13th December. Half the proceeds will go to the over 60's Club. Please give your support.

BRAUNSTON BROWNIE, GUIDE & RANGERS PACKS are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday, 5th December at 2 p.m. in the New Village Hall. Attractions will include Handicrafts & Christmas Decorations, Grocery Tombola, Plant, Cake, 2nd hand Toy and Book Stalls, Refreshments and Raffles. All donations will be gratefully received by Mrs. E. Buse, 15, The Green. Please give us your support. Proceeds towards funds.

BRAUNSTON C. of E. SCHOOL. The final result of the Sponsored Swim held on 21st June, 1970, was £188.15s. 4d. This wonderful effort has enabled the School to benefit by the purchase of books for the Reference Library, a television trolley, and the payment of the T.V. rental among other things. The grateful thanks of the School Staff are extended to all swimmers, sponsors and helpers. The cup was awarded to Gary Horton, who swam 104 lengths and raised £21.12s. 11d. Howard Taylor, who swam 60 lengths and raised £8.10s.0d., won the Infant Prize.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES. Bugbrooke Parents Club was invited to OUR Social on 12th November. A Gown Display by Admitts of Northampton, enabled members to act as models. A tin of biscuits was raffled and won by Mrs. Burditt of Dugbrooke. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs. P. Back. On 10th December,