

VILLAGE NOTES. The appearance of a Kingfisher on the canal is worthy of note. They appear as a brilliant flash of cobalt blue, skimming low over the water or diving to seize small fish. Wagtails are now haunting the gardens, and the robins have staked out their territorial claims, each jealously watching his special patch which he regards his own private estate.

Almost all our summer visitors, swallows and martins, have departed, though one martin was still here on the 20th October. He must have an affection for our village. A sparrow was examining a deserted nest, expecting to have vacant possession. In crevices, in sheds or trees we can find two interesting and useful insects - the Ladybirds (2 or 7 spot are commonest, though there are other varieties) are pretty and useful as larvae consume large quantities of greenfly, to which they are very welcome.

We may also find the skin of a caterpillar surrounded by a dozen or more tiny lemon yellow cocoons of the Ichneumon Fly. The eggs from which they have developed were injected into the body of the caterpillar while the pest was active. The eggs hatched to release grubs which fed on the unwilling host, and we now see the pupae. These will open next year, releasing the adults, and continue to prey on the caterpillars. May they long continue their good work.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAUNSTON. Rector, The Rev. W. Bevan Griffiths.  
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#### SERVICES IN NOVEMBER.

November 7. H.C. 8 a.m., Matins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
" 14. Remembrance Day. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m. Sunday  
School 10.45 a.m., Remembrance Service 3 p.m.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
" 21) H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.,  
28) Evensong 6.30 p.m.

#### CHURCH DECORATION - Volunteers required.

We anticipate that the decoration of the Church will begin on Nov. 8th. Some inconvenience will be caused for about three weeks while the task is completed and consequently, voluntary help to clean the Church on Saturdays Nov. 13th, 20th and 27th will be gratefully accepted.

The Second Braunston Brownie Pack have kindly given £1 towards the re-decoration, and for this effort, and the kind thought of the need of the Church, this is much appreciated.

TALENTS The parable of the talents has been quoted in many contexts. Are there any families who would take or give £1, which could be augmented to £10 towards the cost of the decorations - A Coffee Morning, or Evening Party is a possibility - Every little helps, and we can all make the load easier by our personal efforts.  
THE CHRISTMAS CARD. The Film Company kindly gave us the negative of the photograph of the Church taken from the top of the Old Mill, and we are indebted to them for permission to use it as a Christmas Card. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will be used to pay for Church Decoration. The price is 10p. each, and can be obtained from the Rector.

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS. On Sunday, December 19th, at 6 p.m. we hold our Annual Carol Service, when children present toys for others less fortunate than themselves. We will be grateful to receive gifts similar to those collected last year which gave great pleasure to the recipients.

THANKS. To Mr. Frank Pickering, who has been our Organist for some years we owe a debt of gratitude. It is with regret that ill health has caused his resignation. We welcome Mr. Tony Allen, of Daventry, who succeeds Mr. Pickering, and hope that he will enjoy taking charge of the music in our Church.

C.E.M.S. The next meeting will be on Monday, 15th November, at 8 p.m. when all men of the parish are welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION. The next meeting will be held in the Rectory on Thursday, 4th November, when the speaker will be the Rev. W.A. Barham, Vicar of Willoughby.

HOLY MATRIMONY. October 2nd. Richard Harvey Brown and Christine Ann Wood.

We wish Richard and Christine every happiness in their married lives.

HOLY BAPTISM.

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| Sept. 19th. | Paul Colin BEAUCHAMP.    |
| Oct. 3rd.   | Susan Emma Jayne COLLETT |
| Oct. 10th.  | Stuart Mathew BRIERLEY   |
| " "         | Stephanie Jane ISOM      |
| " "         | Antony Samuel HICK       |
| Oct. 17th.  | Samantha Jane OWEN.      |
| " "         | Spencer COOPER           |

BURIAL. October 9th. Rose BRAY - aged 73 years. To her husband Arthur, and her son Ernie, we extend our sympathy. Mrs. Bray was known to all who walked along the canal tow path, and indeed, to many Inland Waterway enthusiasts. May the souls of God's faithful servants Rest in Peace.

ALTAR FLOWERS. High Altar. St. Giles.  
November 7th & 14th. Mrs. R.H. Hargrave. Miss Susan Davidson.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH.

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| November 7. | 10.45 a.m. | Rev. E. Holme. |
| 14.         | 10.45 a.m. | Mrs. M. Cook.  |
| 21.         | 10.45 a.m. | Rev. E. Holme. |
| 28.         | 10.45 a.m. | Mr. S. Hollis. |

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. On Monday, 8th November, there will be entertainment arranged by Mrs. Ayres, of Kilsby, and on November 22nd, Mrs. Chambers will return to Braunston to show slides. May I remind members that we have arranged for our Christmas Party this year to have a Christmas Lunch at a special price. The date is Tuesday, 13th December, and names must be given at the November 8th meeting so that the catering can be organised.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. Our next meeting on Tuesday, November 2nd will be held at the Methodist Schoolroom (please note). The speaker will be Mr. C.M. Rhodes, of Northampton, who will talk about Criminology. We are delighted to announce that Braunston W.I. came second in the Group Produce Exhibition held at Crick on October 20th.

Congratulations to those members who sent entries in.

BRAUNSTON C. OF E. SCHOOL. The P.T.A. hope to organise a Bonfire on Friday, 5th November. There will be a prize for the best Guy, and refreshments. We would like a spectacular but SAFE display of fireworks. May we ask each family to provide one big firework to be set off by a responsible adult. Watch out for further details.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES CLUB. At our October meeting, by kind permission of the Northamptonshire Health Dept., we were shown the latest film on Childbirth. Nurse Davidson was present to answer questions. Mrs. F. Cole won the raffle of spring bulbs and Mrs. Keen gave the vote of thanks. A coffee evening, held at Mrs. Cole's house raised the sum of £7.50 which will be given to Mental Welfare work. The A.G.M. will be held on November 11th. Nominations for election of the new Committee should be submitted to the Secretary as soon as possible. A Cheese and Wine Party, details of which will be displayed in the Village, will follow the A.G.M.

BRAUNSTON SCOUT GROUP. On 27th Sept. in Fareham School, Rugby. the Mayoress of Rugby presented the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Awards to John Marshall, Stephen Bush and Christopher Miller. Members of the Group Committee, parents and many friends attended this ceremony, and enjoyed a pleasant evening. Congratulations to the boys concerned.

On 19th October, in the Braunston Headquarters, the Commissioner of Daventry and District presented to Kelvin Skinner his Scout Leader's Permit, and to John Marshall his Chief Scout's Award Certificate. During the evening, films showing camping holidays of Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts, such as, taking part in the Village Fete, the Donkey Derby, and St. George's Day Parade, were shown. After this, Mr. Cabban, D.C. spoke of the high regard in which the Daventry and Weedon District Scouts held the 2nd Braunston Group, especially their efforts in obtaining and equipping their own Headquarters. He thanked the parents, who took an active interest in the Scouts and did much unseen work. Cub Scouts are very active, with 30 on roll, and are keen to work for their badges. They are at present making articles for the Christmas Bazaar organised by the Group Committee to be held on December 4th in the Old School. Any help will be appreciated. The Committee require a Secretary, who need have no Scouting experience. Any offer for this assistance will be gratefully received by Mr. R. Patrick, 25 Archer Avenue.