

34 marks out of 40 - room here for improvement. Under the heading "Gardens and Allotments", one or two untidy gardens reduced cur mark to 11 out of 15. With a little more effort towards tidyness we could raise these marks and make Braunston a model Village. Summer bird visitors have now all gone, and the Fieldfares have arrived from colder climates to winter here. More seagulls have come inland and they give fascinating displays of effortless flight. Long tailed tits are now haunting the hedgerows. Starlings have been termed the comedians of the bird world, and surely the tits are its acrobats. Pieces of fat, hung out of reach of cats, will attract to our gardens the great, blue and coal Tits. The last named is distinguished by the triangular white flash on the nape of his neck. The antics of these acrobats will give endless entertainment, and you will help them to survive the rigours of winter. Birds are of great ecological importance. They are an effective check on the unlimited spread of insects, and unlike many of our chemical insecticides, have no unpleasant side effects.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS.

WILL SECRETARIES OF ORGANISATIONS PLEASE NOTE THAT MATTER FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR ON (OR PREFERABLY BEFORE) DECEMBER 13TH 1971.

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## BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWS

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### Services in December.

Dec. 5. H.C. 8 a.m., Matins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.

Evensong 6.30 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS PLAY & CAROLS 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m., Holy Communion.

Christmas Day. Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.,

Family Service 10.45 a.m.

Dec. 26. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Family Service 10.45 am

Carols 6.30 p.m.

THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED AT 10 a.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23rd.

THE CHRISTMAS PLAY. It is interesting to record that the Christmas Play this year has been written by Philip Clarke and David Wilkie, two of our Sunday School Scholars. We are more than pleased with their effort. Once again, the production is in the capable hands of Mrs. Hyde, Miss Sheila Rowley, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Miss Judith Rowley and Mr. Tony Allen has prepared the musical score.

CHURCH RE-DECORATION. The interior decoration of the Church is making satisfactory progress, and it now begins to look really beautiful. When the decorators have finished, any assistance in cleaning will be appreciated. Will you please help?

CHRISTMAS CARDS. All who have bought Christmas Cards showing the Church with its background of Northamptonshire and Warwickshire countryside have appreciated their beauty. The Rector still has some cards for sale.

MOTHERS' UNION. We are grateful to the Rev. W.A. Barham, Vicar of Willoughby, for his talk on Psychological Research - a subject in which he is well versed. A Bring and Buy Sale will be held in the Rectory on Thursday, December 2nd. at 3 p.m. Please come and support this effort, the proceeds of which will be given to

Family and Social Welfare.

C.E.M.S. All members present at our last meeting enjoyed the address by the Rev. Rod Wallace, Priest in Charge of Drayton and Grange Estate, Daventry. He spoke of his work and problems of a priest endeavouring to create a Christian fellowship in an area peopled by newcomers to Daventry from widely separated parts of the country. Lacking a Church, he has a temporary building which is used for services and for social activities. The next meeting will be on Monday, 20th December at 8 p.m. in the Rectory.

BLESSING OF THE FLAG. We welcomed the 2nd Braunston Guides under Mrs. Geo. Buse, for the ceremony of Blessing of the Flag, on Sunday November 14th.

REMEMBRANCE DAY, November 14th. We were pleased to welcome the British Legion, Guides, Cubs and Brownies to Church on this Sunday. A collection of £11 was given to the work of the British Legion.

HOLY BAPTISM. Nov. 6. Alice Henrietta Catharine MARLOW.  
21. Sharon BARNWELL.  
21. Carol Ann CARNE.

BURIAL Nov. 13. Ellen STOKES, aged 72 years.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stokes and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Spires on the death of their Mother in Hospital.

CREMATION Nov. 23. Frederick William SNELSON.

We offer our condolences also to Mrs. Snelson, Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Snelson, and Mr. John Snelson.

May the Souls of God's faithful Servants Rest in Peace.

ALTAR FLOWERS. High Altar. St. Giles.  
Christmas Day. Lady McGowan. Mrs. E.F. Hall.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH.

December 5.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. E. Holme.
12.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. R. Hutchins.
19.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. E. Holme.
26.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. W.B. Rushall.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. The Christmas Dinner will be held in the Methodist Schoolroom at 12.30 p.m. on TUESDAY DECEMBER 14th. Please note TUESDAY, not Monday. There will be no other meeting until Monday, the 10th January, 1972.

BRAUNSTON SCHOOL P.T.A. Bonfire Night. The P.T.A. would like to thank the Berry Family for their contribution towards the bonfire which made it such a success, and also Mr. & Mrs. A. Wilson

who lent us their kitchen without which we should have been unable to provide refreshments. We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening, and that we shall be able to make it an annual event. The Committee are now organising a grand Christmas Raffle, the draw to be made on Dec. 17th at the School. Starting at 7 o'clock the children will lead a programme of carol singing etc. round the Christmas Tree. Later in the evening Father Christmas will pay us a visit. Admission is free and everyone will be welcome. There will be refreshments available, including, we hope, hot mince pies.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL. The grant for which we have applied is still under consideration but we hope to hear the result soon. Now that the Film Company has moved, they have offered to pay for damage caused, as well as giving £300 for the use of the premises. Now we can begin to tidy the surroundings.

BRAUNSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. The monthly meeting was held in the Methodist Church on Tuesday 2nd November. A talk on Criminology was given by Mr. C.W. Childs, Senior Probation Officer for the Daventry Division of Northampton and County Probation and After-Care Service. The competition for the best dried flower arrangement was won by Mrs. C.W. Foster. A Produce Stall raised the sum of 76p. towards funds. This year's Christmas Fair is to be held at the home of Mrs. E.F. Hall, 26, High Street, on Friday 3rd December, at 7 p.m., and Members are reminded that toys, cakes, etc. for this should be handed in during the morning of afternoon of that day. On December 7th (Tuesday) at our meeting in the Methodist Schoolroom, a demonstration of Christmas Decorations will be given.

FOUND. One pair of mens suede shoes, which it is believed, fell from the roof of a car (estate type), which drove out of School Close about 2 weeks ago. These can be recovered from 3 School Close after 4 p.m.

VILLAGE NOTES. The report on the Tidy Village Competition was presented to the Parish Council at its meeting on October 25th. Among the nine Villages of Daventry R.D.C., Braunston with 82 out of 100 marks was placed fifth. Although this is an improvement on last year's performance it is still far from satisfactory. The mark for "absence of litter" was only 33 out of 40. A little more co-operation could raise this to 40 out of 40. The general condition of the Village, apart from the litter aspect, gained