

not be possible to hire a marquee for the Show and therefore there will be more space on the Green for sideshows and games. Provided the Village Hall is available, we hope to be able to hold the Show in the Hall, together with stalls and refreshments. Until the programme of repairs to the Village Hall is known, the date for the Show cannot be confirmed, but a provisional booking for Saturday, 9th September, has been made, and we hope that this date will be less likely to interfere with the holiday arrangements of those who were unable to exhibit last year. Once again we would like to extend a warm invitation to all other Village Organisations to take part in Braunston's biggest annual event, and thereby help to make the Show and Fete even more successful and enjoyable than ever before.

CUT PRICE FERTILISER SALES. For the first time this year we are using a more centrally situated store, and until about the end of May sales will take place every Sunday morning between 11 and 12 noon at the Village Hall. All the usual range of fertilisers are available, together with 8ft. garden canes, John Innes compost, peat and slug pellets etc. This year also we can offer ladders and step-ladders at big reductions. We hope everyone will make use of this service.

VILLAGE NOTES. At a meeting of the Parish Council the subject of Village tidiness was raised again. The placing of a pile of road mending material at the side of Barby Road DOES NOT convert this into a rubbish tip. Moreover, to deposit unwanted mattresses or other domestic refuse by the roadside is illegal and may result in prosecution. The refuse collectors will on request remove these articles and it is unnecessary to make a secret journey to deposit such things by the roadside ANYWHERE. Some gardeners place their grass clippings in polythene bags for disposal. They would do much better to place the grass round their rose bushes or on a compost heap.

Do you notice the seagulls of various types, with their effortless flight. Using the rising currents of air they reach a height of several hundred feet.

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SERVICES IN APRIL

April 2nd. EASTER DAY Holy Communion 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and
9.30 a.m. (NO Mattins at 10 a.m.)
Family Service 10.45 a.m.,
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

April 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday
and 30th.) School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.

JESUS OR BARABBAS - THE CHOICE IS OURS.

As we approach Holy Week, it is fitting to ask ourselves the question and its answer. "Suppose I had never heard of Jesus, and there was no such thing as Christianity - would my life be different from what it is". The choice is ours - is it Jesus the Saviour of the World or a life dedicated to murk and strife, and all that goes with it.

At a Christian Marriage the prayer says "and grant that they may see their children christianly and virtuously brought up, to thy praise and honour".

In the Prayer Book at Baptism it says "Ye are to take care that this child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him, so soon as he can say the Creed, the Lord's prayer, and the Ten Commandments in the common tongue, be further instructed in the Church Catechism set forth for that purpose".

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Is it important or not that the child be brought up to know the Christian faith. It is not a choice to say that when my child grows up he can choose for himself. If he is not instructed in the Christian way of life there is no choice - he only can take the course of the world. So it all depends on us to see that we bring our children to Church and that we witness to what we believe. It is either Jesus or Barabbas. The world freed Barabbas and crucified Jesus. But thanks to God "Him God raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly - not to all the people

but unto witnesses chosen before of God - even to us" (Acts 10-34).
May the Joy of the Risen Christ be yours this Easter.

HELP THE AGED. We are very grateful to all the Helpers for their work on March 14th-15th. Particularly we should like to thank Mr. Bill Rushall and the Methodist Church for the use of the Schoolroom.

MOTHERS' UNION. We are very grateful to Mrs. Taylor - The Forge, for her instructive talk on Australia and the Australian way of life.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CAR TRANSPORT.

April 2nd. - Mrs. Herne.
9th. - Mrs. Waterfield.
16th. - Mr. Victor Sanders.
23rd. - Mr. Brian Dawson.
30th. - Mr. Michael Bush.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Feb. 26th. - Richard Charles McARTHUR and Janice Louise EAST
Feb. 26th. - Roger Paul CHENEY and Mavis Lesley HAYNES.

We wish the two young couples every happiness in their married lives.

Holy Baptism.

Feb. 24th. - Rebecca Lydia CORNES.
Mar. 12th. - Michael Andrew MIDSON.
Mar. 19th. - Daniel Charles TAPLIN.
Mar. 19th. - Daniel Huw LEWIS.
Mar. 12th. - Robert John MIDSON.

FUNERAL PRIOR TO CREMATION.

Mar. 8th. - Lillian Marion GURNEY.

After a long illness, Mrs. Gurney died at Northampton Hospital on March 4th. How patiently she bore her illness. The whole village mourns her death for she had faithfully given so much service to so many people. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. John Gurney and to Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gurney. May she Rest in Peace.

PRESENTATION TO NURSE DAVIDSON. This will take place on April 28th at the School at 8.p.m. A hearty welcome is given to all.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Meetings are now back to normal after the disappointment of cancellations owing to the lack of heating. On April 10th we expect Mr. Butcher and party from West Haddon to entertain us, and on April 24th, Mrs. Chambers will visit Braunston to show her films.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. At our March Meeting, Mrs.

M.E. Jackson gave an illustrated talk on embroidered Fabric Pictures which was much enjoyed by members. Also during this month a party of members and their husbands went to the Belgrade Theatre to see Agatha Christie's play "Go back for murder" after having a meal in the Theatre Restaurant. On March 22nd, 20 members will attend the Group Meeting at Kilsby. The speaker for our April meeting will be Miss E.M. Olney, whose subject will be "Horse Brasses". The competition will be for the most interesting piece of brass.

YOUNG WIVES. On March 9th, Mr. Terry, Superintendent of the Northamptonshire County Ambulance Service gave us an interesting and enlightening talk on resuscitation and the ambulance service in general. All who attended enjoyed the evening. On April 13th we have been promised a light hearted demonstration of Hat Making. During March we organised a collection in aid of Action for the Crippled Child, and held a successful Cheese and Wine Party for this Charity. We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Emllyn Jones for all their help and the use of their home, our volunteer barmen and other helpers.

1st Braunston Girl Guides. We would like to thank everyone who sponsored a Guide for the Division Sponsored Knit. The 1st Braunston Guides raised £17. This we think was the largest sum raised by a single unit. We would also like to thank everyone who supported our Jumble Sale, including those people who gave us jumble. It was a very successful evening and we raised £10.28½. We are going to use this money to pay for Membership of the Girl Guide Movement. The amount due for each guide or guider is 40p. and so the total amount due for the 1st Braunston Guides is £8.80. Some of the Guides have worked hard to gain Interest Badges. They are: Janet Berry, Julie Ebdon, Deborah Taylor, Collectors Badge. Karen Tatham, Nicola Back - Friend to Animals. We thank everyone again for their help - without it we would be struggling financially. Eileen Buse and Margaret Lewis, Guiders.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. The Association expects to hold the Village Show and Fete again this year, but in order to keep costs within reasonable limits, it will