

In order to strengthen the claim of the Parish Council, we would be grateful if any resident in the Village would let us have photographs, newspaper cuttings etc., of events which have taken place on the Green during this period, or earlier. Such material should be sent to Mrs. Jean Woodall, Clerk of the Parish Council, 3 School Close, Braunston. Photographs received for this purpose will be treated with the utmost care and returned to the sender in due course. The County Council has lodged an objection to our claim to the Village Green, counter-claiming that it is part of the highway. Should they be successful it will mean that the control of the Green by the Village will be lost for ever.

VILLAGE NOTES: Although the Parish Council arranged to clear litter from the Barby Road, once again someone has dumped papers, cartons etc. near the Spinney. At the risk of wearisome repetition may we emphasize that this creates an unfavourable impression to anyone approaching the Village from this direction. Litter Bins ARE provided.

By the side of the Canal or Reservoir we may see on the bank shallow oval shells, usually in pairs - sometimes still fastened together by a hinge. These are the remains of the Great Swan Mussel - one of the fresh water molluscs. They have probably been dredged from the bottom of the Canal, opened, and the contents eaten by a swan or other inhabitant of the Canal Bank. Inside the shell, we may find a very rudimentary pearl. In certain rivers of Scotland these mussels sometimes produce pearls of commercial worth, but here we have little chance of founding a pearl fishing industry.

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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH: Rector, The Rev. W.B. Griffiths,
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SERVICES IN FEBRUARY.

Feb. 6th. H.C. 8 a.m., Matins 10 a.m., Sunday School
10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
13th. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.
16th. ASH WEDNESDAY H.C. 9 a.m., School Service
9.45 a.m., Evensong 7.30 p.m.
20th.) H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sun. Sch. 10.45 a.m.,
27th.) Evensong 6.30 p.m.

LENTEN SERVICES. Holy Communion every Wednesday, 9 a.m. and
Evensong 7.30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: The first Confirmation Class will be in
Church on Wednesday, 2nd Feb. at 6.30 p.m.
If there are adults who wish to be Confirmed,
a separate time and date can be fixed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTIES: The Annual Sunday School Parties were
held in the School on January 1st and January 15th. There
were not so many pupils at the parties but the tea and games
were thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks to the Sunday School
Teachers for their efforts.

ELECTORAL ROLL: The introduction of Synodical Government gives
the laity the opportunity of having a real say in the affairs
of the Church. Thus, it is necessary to compile a new Church
Electoral Roll in each parish. Members on the Electoral Roll
have power to elect the Parochial Church Council, whose function
is to assist the Rector in his work. The Parochial Church
Council elects representatives to serve on the Deanery Synod,
where matters concerning the Deanery are discussed and recom-
mendations made to the Diocesan Synod at Peterborough. It is
the wish of the Braunston Parochial Church Council that everyone
who has the interest of the Church at heart will complete the
application enrolment form for the Church Electoral Roll.
Qualifications for enrolment: If you are over 17 years of age,
have been baptized, and are a member of the Church of England,

you may apply. Forms can be obtained from the Rector or Miss Rowley, 14 Archer Avenue, Braunston. If you have any difficulty in filling in the forms any member of the Parochial Church Council will be pleased to help you. Finally, this is a real opportunity to be of service to the Church.

MOTHERS' UNION: The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Rectory on Feb. 3rd at 2.30 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Read, Rugby, subject - Coventry Cathedral. We were most grateful to Mrs. Walker of Newnham for her talk on Social and Family Welfare work.

C.E.M.S. Members of the C.E.M.S. will meet at the Rectory on Monday, Feb. 21st at 8 p.m. A hearty invitation is offered to all men of the parish to attend our meetings. At the December meeting, Mr. Langley gave a most interesting talk on his work - Society and the young offender.

CAROLS & NATIVITY PLAY: It seems a long time since our Christmas Carol Service was held, but we wish to thank all who helped to make the service a true offering. We would like especially to thank Mrs. Hyde, Miss Sheila Rowley, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Miss Judith Rowley, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Dorward, Mr. Fickering, and Mr. E.W. Clarke for the electrical installation. Once again we were greatly indebted to Mr. Tony Allen for the hard work in dealing with the musical arrangements. The children, as usual, carried out their duties so well.

THANKS: The Rector and members of the P.C.C. wish to thank the Rev. Charles Cooke for his timely offer of help in conducting the Christmas services. The services were well attended at Midnight and at 10.45 a.m., and there was a slight increase in the numbers who came to Church. Many thanks, too, to Mr. Gallie who conducted the Childrens' service. The Rector and Mrs. Griffiths wish to express thanks to all for kind messages of sympathy during their recent bereavement. We are grateful to Mrs. Trathan for her effort of help towards the Church decorations. The sum of £10.50 was made.

HOLY MATRIMONY: December 18th. Cedric James WASSER to Betty Aileen RUSHALL.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Wasser in their married lives.

OFFERS OF TRANSPORT: Our organist, Mr. Tony Allen, lives in Daventry. Travelling to and from the Church presents

difficulties for him. At the last meeting of the P.C.C. the suggestion was made that Church members who own cars might be willing to help by forming a rota. Will anyone willing to join in this most useful service please inform the Rector.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH: Services in February at 10.45 a.m.
Feb. 6th, 13th and 27th. The Rev. E. Holme.
Feb. 20th. Mrs. M. Cook.

BRITISH LEGION: The sum of £138 was collected for the Earl Haig Fund. Thanks to the Collectors and also to all who donated.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB: At our meeting on Feb. 14th, we shall be entertained by Mrs. Streat and on the 28th, there will be films by Mr. & Mrs. H.E. Cox of Burton Joyce. We all will long remember the good fare and service at our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 14th and hope that this will turn into an annual event. We were also royally entertained at our first January meeting which was in the capable hands of friends in Ashby St. Ledgers.

BRAUNSTON W.I. On Tuesday, Jan. 4th members enjoyed a very instructive talk by Miss Ashby of Ashby St. Ledgers on Soft Toy Making. Models of all kinds were on display. A "Singing for pleasure" group has been started by Mrs. Wooten. These meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays in her home. An outing to the Belgrade Theatre to see "Go Back for Murder" by Agatha Christie is being arranged for Saturday, March 4th. The Speaker at our February meeting will be Miss Welson Smith of Tyntesfield Special School. Home made sweets for the competition will be sent to the children of that school.

BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL: At a meeting of the Parish Council, the ownership of the Village Green was discussed. In historical times, the Green was owned by the Lord of the Manor of Braunston. For many years the Parish Council has tried to make contact with the Lord of the Manor, but in spite of much research this has proved impossible. On this account the administration of the Green has been undertaken by the Council for the past half century.

According to the Commons Registration Act 1965, a Village Green means land on which the inhabitants of any locality have a customary right to indulge in lawful sports and pastimes as of right, not for less than 20 years.