

VILLAGE NOTES. Once again could we ask EVERYONE to refrain from dropping litter round the village. The Guides gave an example of civic pride by their efforts, but it is the duty of ALL to help to keep the village tidy not just volunteers.

One of the pleasures, if living in the country, is to hear the songs of the various birds. Today, those who study them, inform us that the song of the lark is not just one of pure joy so much as a plain notice to any other of his kind that he is the sole proprietor of that area, and that any other lark should KEEP OUT. However, this does not lessen the pleasure which we derive from the song. A bird more often heard than seen is the green woodpecker. Its cry, resembling a laugh, has earned the name of the Yaffle. Its other noise is that of a series of rapid taps as it bores into a tree - usually in search of insects. Its gaudy colours, bright green body, red head and yellow rump, cause it to be mistaken for a tropical cage bird which has escaped, especially as it sometimes is seen on the ground seeking for food by ant hills etc. Its peculiar foot, with four claws, two pointing forward and two backwards, enable it to sit using its stumpy tail as a third leg while clinging to a vertical tree trunk.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MATTER FOR THE JUNE ISSUE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR NOT LATER THAN MAY 21st, 1973.

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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH: The Rector,
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Services for May.

May 6th. H.C. 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School
10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m.
" 13th. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., FAMILY Service 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.
" 20th/27th H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Please Note - FAMILY SERVICE on Sunday 13th May at 10.45 a.m.
Can I ask the parents to make a special effort to attend this service with their children. It is no good if the child says "You never go to Church, Dad". Dad must be there.

May 16th. CONFIRMATION SERVICE at Harpole Church at 7.30 p.m.
Will you pray hard for the Candidates.

Thoughts on Easter. "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a trailer, giving us information, and filling us with a joyful eagerness. It is God's way of informing us what is coming next, for each of us and his whole creation. It gives to each of us the assurance that God has a future for us beyond death. Death, that terrible enemy of joy and love, will not consume us utterly. God has prepared for us a life beyond death of unimaginable glory. But this hope is not just for us personally, It is for the whole creation". So writes Richard Holloway - In the midst of tragedy is joy.

There were nine fewer communicants than last Easter Day. The Atrocious weather can be blamed. The average attendance was equal to that of last year. It just reminds us that Sunday is a perpetual Easter. Thanks to Miss Sheila Rowley for the hymn, and to the Choir, for a fine rendering of "Ave Verum" by Mozart. Tony Allen must be congratulated for his hard work in training the Choir towards this Choral success. We all enjoyed the cup of tea and biscuits after Evensong, arranged by Miss Elizabeth Hughes and Miss Sheila Rowley. This must be repeated more often. Many thanks.

April 25th. Heartiest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Isom, Hillside, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. We wish them every happiness.

Thanks. We are indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Webb, of Staverton, Mr. Ted Garrett of Nether Heyford, for their zeal and "know how" in teaching the art of Bellingring. We are also grateful to them for changing the stays. We have ten learners at the Bells.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Church, Mr. J.V. Sanders and Mr. W.E. Calloway were re-elected as Churchwardens. We thank them for their loyalty to the Church. At the first Parochial Church Council Meeting, Mr. D.A. Gallie tendered his resignation as Secretary of the P.C.C. After a very faithful service to the Church for over 20 years we would like to thank him most sincerely for carrying out these duties for such a long period and with such interesting minutes. We shall be presenting Mr. Gallie with some books in the near future to mark his devotion to the Church. At that meeting, Mrs. Jean Woodall kindly consented to become our new Parochial Church Secretary, and we thank her for taking on this office. Messrs. John Reed, Arthur Langley and Derek Webb were elected new members of the P.C.C. Mrs. Owen Tucker, Miss Sheila Rowley, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, and Mr. Emlyn Jones were appointed to the Deanery Synod.

Service of Healing. At Grandborough Church, 10th May, at 8 p.m. You are invited to this Service of Healing which takes place within the service of Holy Communion. Will you pray that God will bless this Service.

C.E.M.S. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 22nd May, at 8 p.m. at the Rectory. We thank Mr. Allsopp, Diocesan Secretary, for his interesting address on 10th April.

Car Transport for Organist.

May 6th.	Mrs. Herne.
13th.	Mrs. S. Rees.
20th.	Mr. J.W. Woodall.
27th.	Mrs. E.F. Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS.

	High Altar	St. Giles.
May 6th and 13th.	Mrs. V. Sanders.	Mrs. Colin White.
May 20th.	Mrs. J.W. Woodall.	Mrs. M. Bush.
May 27th.	Mrs. Thompson (45 Church Road).	

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH

May 6th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. I. Gunthorpe.
13th.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. E. Holme.
20th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. R. Hutchins.
20th.	6.15 p.m.	Rev. E. Holme.
27th.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. E. Holme.

Braunston Friendly Club. The only meeting during May will be our outing to the Woburn Safari Park on Monday, 14th May. There will be no meeting on Whit Monday, 28th May.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. In April, Mrs. Healey spoke to our group about the "Associated Country Women of the World", an international body to which the Womens Institute is affiliated. The Group Handicraft Exhibition was held in Welton, Braunston's exhibits being given a most creditable third place behind Crick and Welton. Many of you will have seen in our Methodist Hall the display of our work, including items shown at the Handicraft Exhibition. Our next meeting will be on 1st May at 7.30 p.m. The W.I. Choir will meet at 7.55 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8th and at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd May. Mrs. J. Wootten, our Choir leader, took part in the N.F.W.I. Midlands Area Musical Festival, held at Nottingham University on 17th April, and conducted by Marcus Dodds.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES CLUB. On April 12th, an interesting meeting was held when Mr. Chapman, the Training Officer at Onley Borstal, told us something of the history and the present day workings of Borstal Institutions. Our next meeting will be at the School on May 10th, when Mr. Gillott will speak on "Eyes and Eye Complaints".

The W.R.V.S. are asking in Rugby and surrounding villages for volunteers to help serve refreshments on Saturdays and Sundays to visitors to the Borstal at Onley. Young Wives have offered their support and are already on a rota to attend once in six months. They would welcome the help of volunteers from other groups, or from older teenagers in the village. Will anyone interested or requiring further details please phone Rugby 890611.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. Each Sunday until 10th June, fertilizers will be on sale in the Old School. Now is the time for fertilising the ground and feeding plants. The Committee is preparing plans for the Annual Show and hope that you are nurturing fruit, flowers and vegetables towards that occasion.