

The Committee hope to find this year that the growing enthusiasm for more colourful gardens will continue. The two rose-beds, one opposite the Green, and the other on the corner of Church Road, have already benefitted from a face lift given by a young stalwart, and the March working party of volunteers will doubtless continue their praise-worthy efforts. Please look for public notices concerning the sale of fertilizers etc. to be held in the old school at the end of March. This is the time of year to prepare the soil and tidy the garden.

VILLAGE NOTES. The lengthening hours of daylight, the appearance of snowdrops and crocuses, remind us that spring is approaching. The mild weather is encouraging early nest building and we hope that a larger number of birds will reach maturity soon enough for them to survive next winter and to increase our bird population, which has declined in some areas.

Our winter visitors - field-fares etc. are still here and will soon depart for Northern Europe. Theories to explain these annual migrations abound, but no one has yet been put forward which cannot be questioned in some respects.

Possibly because food has been in plentiful supply, two robins have lived peaceably in one garden (though each keeps a wary eye on the other) and recently a third robin appeared for a while. Perhaps they are setting an example to their more quarrelsome human neighbours at present seemingly unable to solve their differences without disaster. May we once again repeat the request from the Parish Council for an increased effort to keep the village TIDY. During the summer we shall have visitors from far away and would like to give a pleasant impression of OUR HOME AREA to take back when they leave. It is the duty of everyone, not just the few, who have a "tidy up" campaign.

LETTER FOR THE APRIL ISSUE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY THE 1st MARCH.

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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH: The Rector, The Rev. W.B. Griffiths.
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March 4. H.C. 8 a.m., Matins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

" 7. ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion 9 a.m., Evensong 7.30 p.m.

" 11th, 18th & 25) H.C. 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICES - Every Thursday, Holy Communion 9 a.m.
Evensong 7.30 p.m.

PARENTS & GODPARENTS. At present, 10 candidates are being prepared for Confirmation. It is appropriate to ask "Will they be faithful to their vows and promises?". The preparation is being made in the hope that they will be faithful servants of Jesus Christ. When children are brought to Baptism, parents and Godparents or sponsors promise that they will bring these children to Church. Children come to Sunday School, but often they do not attend the services of Holy Communion, Matins and Evensong. At present we are living in a world without foundations. We must ask "Are we willing to sell our heritage as Christians, or is it worth keeping?". Each one must answer that for himself. St. Paul puts it like this in his Epistle to the Galatians Ch. 5, v.22. "The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, and self-control". The opposite of this, the kind of behaviour which belongs to the lower nature and includes fornication, impurity and indecency, idolatry and sorcery, quarrels, contentious temper, envy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, party intrigues and jealousies, drinking bouts, orgies and the like. Which teaching do we want for our children?

The Rev. and Mrs. T.J. Lewis are moving from Clyro to Peneclawdd. Peneclawdd is the gateway into that lovely part of South Wales, the Gower Feninsular. We wish them every happiness in their new parish.

WOMEN'S UNION. A meeting of the M.U. will be held in the Rectory on Thursday, 1st March at 3 p.m. The speaker is Mr. Law of Burlaston. May we express our thanks to the Rev. Lionel James, Vicar of Weedon, for his talk on the 1st February.

E.M.S. The next meeting will be held at the Rectory on 14th March when the speaker will be Mr. Myatt of Dunchurch. We are grateful to Mr. John Ward of Onley for the talk on his work in the Borstal Institution.

LECTURE IN THE SEVENTIES. On March 14th, at 8 p.m., the Dean of Eddisbury will speak in Christ Church, Northampton, on the basic Christian Faith.

WEDDING BAPTISM. February 4th. Adrian John FULLER

WEDDING MATRIMONY Jan. 27th. Peter Thomas BIGGS and Anne Elizabeth WAITE
We wish Anne and Peter every happiness in their married lives.

FUNERALS. Feb. 7th. John William Ward HANCOCK, aged 58 years.
Feb. 19th. Norman William HARTIN, aged 69 years.

It was with a feeling of shock that we heard of the sudden death of Mr. Jack Hancock in Danetre Hospital. Mr. Hancock has served the Church well as Organist and Choirmaster, especially in the parish of Willoughby. A large gathering of friends, including members of the musical world, attended the funeral service in which the Rev. Alan Barham took part. Mr. Horace Hart played the Organ. We offer our sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Tyack and Michael, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Francis.

We also offer our sympathy to Mrs. Hartin and Mr. & Mrs. Keith Martin, on the occasion of the death of Mr. Norman Hartin, who was for years "Mine host" at the Flough Inn. May the souls of God's Faithful Servants Rest in Peace.

WEDDING TRANSPORT FOR ORGANIST

March 4th. Mrs. E.F. Hall.
11th. Mrs. Waterfield.
18th. Mr. W. Woodall.
25th. Mr. V.T.W. Sanders.

We would be pleased to have more volunteers for this service.

CONFIRMATION - at HARFORD - May 16th at 7.30 p.m.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH March 4th. 10.45 a.m. Rev. E. Holme.
March 11th. 10.45 a.m. Mr. W.B. Rushall.
11th. 6.15 p.m. Rev. E. Holme.
18th. 10.45 a.m. Mr. C. Lloyd.
25th. 10.45 a.m. Rev. E. Holme.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. There will be meetings on March 12th and 26th in the Methodist Schoolroom. Entertainment will be provided by Mrs. Chambers, films, and by Mrs. Ogle, Willoughby, on Cookery.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. Our "Members Night" in February was an enormous success. Members produced their own entertainments and all who were present agreed that it was a most enjoyable and amusing evening. A coffee morning was held at the home of Mrs. Curtis on Wednesday Feb. 21st. in aid of Rheumatism and Arthritis Council. Our next meeting on March 5th will be addressed by Mr. Hodgson of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, and for those with literary talent the competition is for the best poem about our village. The W.I. Choir will meet only once during March, on the 13th at 7.55 p.m.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES CLUB. We had a most interesting evening on 8th Feb. Mr. K.G. Farrott showed slides of fairground organs, musical boxes and pianola restoration, and played extracts of their music. Members were also fascinated to look at fine specimens of antique musical boxes which he had brought along. On Feb. 22nd the Assistant Health Education Organiser, Mr. Whyman, and Nursing Officer Miss Freeston, brought along tapes a film, and other visual aids to show how the problem of V.D. is tackled in Northamptonshire schools. On March 8th, Lynda Fayre will give us a Fashion Show in the School at 7.45 p.m. Members are also reminded to check their times on the Rota for March 7th, when we will be in charge of collecting clothing for Help the Aged in the Methodist Schoolroom.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. At the Annual General Meeting, Silver trophies for the 1972 competition were presented to:

- 1) Mr. & Mrs. Darke.
- 2) Mr. Wright.
- 3) Mr. Hollins.