

Braunston Guides and Brownies. The Guides and Brownies are having a Thinking Day Service on Sunday, 25th February, at 2.30 p.m. and we would like to invite everyone. The Guides have collected 2 tons  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cwts. of newspapers for which we have received £10.43p for Guide Funds. We express our thanks to everyone who helped us in this way.

Village Notes. Once again it appears to be necessary to request ALL residents in the Village to dispose of their litter AT HOME. Children can be persuaded to take a pride in the appearance of their Village if adults too would show an example of the correct disposal of sweet papers, cigarette cartons and other rubbish which disfigures our streets.

Among the birds of prey around this area is a sparrow hawk. Other carnivores include owls, seldom abroad except in the hours of dusk or darkness. They are mostly unseen, but the eerie screech of the barn owl is sometimes heard in the Village, and the hoo-hoo of the tawny owl echoes from the nearby woods. (The cry tu-whit, tu-who was only heard by Wm. Shakespeare, who was an excellent playwright, but NOT an authority on bird song). The little owl was introduced into Northamptonshire about 80 years ago, and has spread throughout the United Kingdom. In our economy, these birds fill a useful role in suppressing rats, mice, beetles etc. all unwelcome visitors to our houses and out-buildings. Their large eyes, adapted for use in poor light, give a wise air to the bird. The figure of the owl appears on the drachma of ancient Greece as a symbol of Athene, the Goddess of Wisdom.

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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH. The Rector, The Rev. W.B. Griffiths.  
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#### Services in February.

Feb. 4th. H.C. 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45a.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
Feb. 11th, H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.,  
18th & 25th. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes. Will be held in the Church at 6 p.m. on Thursday evenings, beginning on 1st February. If the time of day is not convenient, other classes can be arranged.

Christmas Services were well attended, especially the Holy Communion on Christmas Eve, when we had a record number of communicants. It is regrettable to note that fewer children than usual attended the 10.45 a.m. service on Christmas Day. We hope that on future occasions parents will accompany their children to this, their own special celebration.

Christmas Party. Our Sunday School Party was held in the Methodist Hall on December 30th. The children very much enjoyed this event, and thanks are due to all who helped to entertain them. One young guest summed it up in the current jargon "It was smashing". Thanks too are due to members of the Methodist Church for allowing the use of their hall, and to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Batchelor for their help.

Altar Kneelers. On the Sunday before Christmas, new Altar Kneelers were blessed. We wish to express our thanks to Mrs. E.F. Hall (The Weavers) who supplied and designed them, and to Mrs. W. Bevan Griffiths and Miss Sheila Rowley who assisted Mrs. Hall in this labour of love, which entailed three months concentrated effort.

New Cassocks. It is with pleasure that we report that new cassocks have been provided for members of the Choir replacing those bought in the 1920's.

Covenanting. What is a Deed of Covenant? It is a written promise to give your Church a fixed Annual sum of money for at least seven years. What does the Church gain? For every pound (£1) the Church receives an extra 64p., being a rebate of income tax. The rebate will be less now owing to the introduction of V.A.T., but will still be over 50p. Contributions can be paid weekly, monthly, or yearly.

Mothers' Union. A meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 1st February, at 2.30 p.m. Speaker, the Rev. Lionel James, Vicar of Weedon.

E.M.S. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27th, at 8 p.m. in the Rectory.

Transport for Organist.

Feb. 4th. Mr. Derek Taylor.  
" 11th. Mr. K.B. Dawson.  
" 18th a.m. Mr. S. Rees, p.m. Mr. Jim Green.  
" 25th. Mrs. Herne.

Star Flowers. High Altar. St. Giles.  
Feb. 4th & 11th. Mrs. Langley. Mrs. Horsefield.

Worshipful Baptism. MIDSON, Derren John George

Worshipful Matrimony. February 4th 1907. Joshua James WORRALL aged 21 to Emma WENLOCK, aged 19. The witnesses were William Calloway and Ada Griffiths, and the service was conducted by the Rector, The Rev. J. Hughes Rees. It is wonderful to record the 66th Anniversary of the Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Worrall and we wish them every joy on this occasion.

Funerals.

1st January. James Thomas KING, aged 68 years.  
12th " Thomas HOUGH, aged 88 years.  
The news of the death of Mr. King was a great shock. He was a founder member of the Village Gardens Association, and when able, tended the rose beds in the Village. We offer our sympathy to Mrs. King, Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. & Mrs. W. King and Miss Marie King. Our condolence too is offered to Mr. & Mrs. J. Wenlock and Miss Lilian Hough on the death of their Uncle at the advanced age of 88 years. May the souls of God's Faithful Servants rest in peace.

Thanks. The Rector is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of £1 from the Braunston Village Gardens Association as a contribution towards the expenses of the News Sheet.

Braunston Methodist Church.

February 4th. 10.45 a.m. Mr. D. Smith.  
" 11th. 10.45 a.m. Rev. E. Holme.  
" 11th. 6.15 p.m. Mr. B. Blackburn.  
" 18th. 10.45 a.m. Mrs. M. Cook.  
" 25th. 10.45 a.m. Rev. E. Kenworthy.

Braunston Friendly Club. On January 15th, 70 of our Members were entertained to lunch at the Rose and Castle by the kindness of Mr. & Mrs. Ball. After an excellent meal, Mrs. E.F. Hall presented a plant and gift voucher as a token of thanks from the members present.

Braunston Womens Institute. No meeting was held in January, but we are looking forward to our special date on Tuesday, 6th February, which is "Members Evening". New members and visitors are always most welcome, so if you would like to join us, please come to the Methodist Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Braunston Young Wives Club. Just before Christmas, the Young Wives Carol Singers toured the Village and raised £33 for the older residents of the Village. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this grand total. On Jan. 11th, we had a most enjoyable evening at the Tramps' Supper. Prizes were awarded for the "Best Tramps" to Mrs. C. Milne, Mrs. S. White and Mrs. M. Lewis. In February, we have two meetings - on the 8th Mr. K.G. Parrott will give an illustrated talk entitled "Mechanical Music Makers" from organ grinders to musical boxes. Members owning antique musical boxes are invited to bring them along. On Feb. 22nd, there will be a showing of the School Film on V.D. This is open to everyone as the subject is of particular interest to those with teenage children. Both meetings will be held in the Methodist Schoolroom at 7.45 p.m.

Braunston Village Gardens Association. At the recent A.G.M. the Produce Show, Fertilizer Sales, Gardens Competition, care of the rose beds, were among the subjects discussed. On its monetary ventures the Association had made small profit. Plans for 1973 were made. The Committee were re-appointed and Mr. J.W. Reed was elected Chairman with Mrs. V. Hall (Mill Close) as Secretary. Fertilizer will be on sale in March, and the Show will be held on Saturday Sept. 8th. A rota for the tending of the Village Rose Beds will be drawn up. Watch out for gardening hints in future issues. Have you prepared your dahlia tubers?