

VILLAGE NOTES. Some years ago, readers of the "Sundy Times" were asked to say what they considered the most beautiful sight in the English countryside. Opinions varied widely, but one contributor suggested "an elm silhouetted against a winter sky in Northamptonshire". This is of interest to us in Draunston, as we have many of these trees on the crest of Dragborough Hill, planted about 100 years ago - a beautiful legacy.

In many parts of the country, elms are suffering from attacks by a beetle which introduces a fungal disease fatal to the tree - called Dutch Elm disease because the malady was first studied in Holland. Unfortunately, no remedy for this has yet been discovered. We hope the pest dies out before it reaches our neighbourhood. The fine, lacelike branches give an air of delicacy, but are strong enough to make a nesting place for a wide variety of birds like rooks, crows, and magpies. Smaller birds, like woodpeckers, tree creepers, and other insectivores feed on the numerous insects which live in the crevices of the rough bark.

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

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DRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH. The Rector, The Rev. W.B. Griffiths.
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Services in January.

Jan. 6th. Feast of the Epiphany -H.C. 9 a.m.

" 7th. H.C. 8 a.m., Matins 10 a.m., Sun. School 10.45 a.m.
Evensong 6.30 p.m.

" 14th H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sun. School 10.45 a.m.
21st, 28th. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

C.E.M.S. On the 28th November, we were pleased to welcome Mr. John Kelly, who spoke on his work as Diocesan Information Officer. Among the interesting facts he gave was that out of the 365 parishes in our Diocese 112 adjoin parishes in the dioceses of Coventry, Leicester, Ely or Oxford. Seven Cathedrals are nearer to many of us than our own Cathedral of Peterborough. Worcester is nearer to Draunston than Peterborough. Mr. Kelly is now appointed by the Diocesan Synod but for the last seven years his office has been financed by the Guild of Centurions. Our next meeting will be at the Rectory on the 29th January.

MOTHERS' UNION. A Bring and Buy Sale, held at the Rectory on Dec. 7th succeeded in raising the sum of £20.70. As a social event, it provided an opportunity to meet friends. Perhaps we should arrange similar social events more often.

Mr. Michael Jones, a Reader from Northampton, kindly officiated at the evening service on Sunday Dec. 6th. This was Mr. Jones first visit to Draunston as a Reader and we very much hope that he will come again. On Sunday, Dec. 11th Sunday School Children aged 4 to 6 staged a Christmas Mime. Congratulations are due to Mrs. Eric Hyde, Nita Withall, Sharon Clegg and all other helpers for producing such an excellent performance. Thanks are also due to Mr. Dorward and Mr. Pickering who erected and later dismantled the stage. A pleasant feature was to see so many parents present. The Nine Lessons and Carols Service, held on Dec. 17th was a happy occasion. To the Choir,

Readers of lessons, organist, and all who took part in any way, we are grateful. We should like to thank Mr. Ian Rowley, who has for a number of years done excellent work as our Stewardship Recorder. Miss Elizabeth Hughes has kindly undertaken to continue this duty from now on.

The Diocesan Synod was held at Kettering on Dec. 2nd., when Bishop Feaver was welcomed. The Treasurer's report was agreed. Our quota has been fixed at £368 per annum for a period of three years. The subject of pollution was raised. Each of us should take care of our surroundings, and resources should not be squandered. The individual may not be able to do much but every little helps. The Synod asked for consideration for the maintenance of Church Yards.

Congratulations. To Co. and Mrs. O.R. Tucker, on their Golden Wedding on 6th December 1972.

To Michael and Mollie Thompson, who were married in Toronto on 18th November 1972. We offer them good wishes for their future happiness.

Burial of Cremated Remains. Dec. 13th. Percy William CURCHIN. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Curchin and to Mr. & Mrs. David Streeton. May the Souls of God's faithful servants Rest in Peace.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS.</u>	<u>High Altar.</u>	<u>St. Giles.</u>
Jan. 7th.	Mrs. S.A. Berry.	Mrs. P. Green.
14th.	Mrs. S.A. Berry.	Mrs. P. Green.
21st.	Mrs. Emlyn Jones.	Mrs. O.R. Tucker.
28th.	Mrs. Emlyn Jones.	Mrs. O.R. Tucker.

CAR TRANSPORT FOR ORGANIST.

Jan 7th.	Mrs. Herne.	Jan. 14th.	Mrs. Waterfield.
" 21st.	Mr. Woodall.	Jan. 28th.	Mr. V.T.W. Sanders.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Jan 7th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. R. Hutchins.
14th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. R. Wright. 6.15 p.m. Rev. E. Holme.
21st.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. R.T. Gudgeon.
28th.		Rev. E. Holme.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. On Tuesday, Dec. 13th, Members enjoyed a sumptuous Christmas Dinner prepared and served by Mr. Johnson of Letterworth and his Staff. The choir of the W.I. led the singing of carols in some of which members joined.

Mrs. Renshaw's recitation of Rudyard Kipling's "If" brought back memories long forgotten.

Presentations of Cyclamens were made to Mrs. E.F. Hall, Mrs. M. Turner, Mrs. W. Beckett and Mrs. M. McCarthy, who play a great part in the running of the Club throughout the year, and Mrs. Waterfield thanked all who helped in any way to forward the interests of the members.

Braunston Girl Guides provided and distributed pots of crocus corms and Mr. J. Gurney, Pauline and Bob sent a Christmas present to every member.

All showed their thanks and appreciation for gifts received, including gifts from an anonymous donor.

Arrangements for January are:

Jan. 8th. Visit to Ashby St. Ledgers Party.

" 15th. By the kindness of Mr. & Mrs. Ball of the Rose and Castle, Members are invited to lunch.

" 22nd. There will be a film show by Mrs. Cook.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. At our December meeting.

Mrs. Thornton inspired us to make some beautiful Christmas Decorations. Even the least accomplished of us felt that we could achieve something after seeing her. Our Christmas Fair at The Weavers raised £40. and thanks to the hard work behind the scenes; everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. On the 13th, our W.I. Singing Group entertained at the Friendly Club Annual Christmas Dinner, and their efforts were much appreciated. There will be NO MEETING in January, but at the February meeting members are entertaining their Committee - We expect to see some hidden talent?

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES CLUB. On Dec. 14th Members were given some seasonal tips by Miss D. Black of the Moulton College of Agriculture in her demonstration of cake-icing. On the 19th, the Young Wives Carol Singers toured the village and raised money to be divided between the Braunston Friendly Club and elderly house-bound residents of the Village. Tickets are now on sale from Committee Members for the Tramps' Supper Party to be held on Jan. 11th at the Methodist Schoolroom. Non-members will be welcome.

THE N.S.F.C.C. would like to thank all who helped and contributed towards the collection in the Village. The total raised amounted to £25.84p. which is very much appreciated by those fighting to help neglected children.