

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWS

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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH. The Rector, The Rev. W.B. Griffiths,
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SERVICES FOR JANUARY 1974.

Jan. 6th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.,
Evensong 6.30 P.m.
" 13th. H.C. 8 a.m., Family Communion with Children 10.30 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 that the first Sunday of the New Year is the feast of the Epiphany. The Kings travelled from afar to bring their gifts to the Infant Jesus. Gold tells us that Jesus is our King. That He is our God is signified by the Incense. Myrrh marks Him as our Saviour. On the second Sunday, a short Communion Service with parents and children is introduced at 10.30 a.m. The children of Braunston do not come to Church with their parents. This service is for young married people to bring their children to this Service so that they can become accustomed to worship at the Altar.

C.E.M.S. At the last two C.E.M.S. Meetings, Mr. Gallie and Mr. Robinson have shown slides of their trips to Spain and Canada. The talks and the slides were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next meeting of the C.E.M.S. will be at the Rectory on January 22nd at 8 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION. The Bring and Buy Sale at the Rectory on December 6th was a great success financially and socially. The sum of £30.10 is the largest amount we have had on behalf of the Family and Social Welfare. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be at the Rectory on January 3rd at 2.30 P.m. The speaker is the Chaplain of the Children's Society.

On December 16th, the Christmas Mime and Carols was produced by Mrs. Eric Hyde supported by Miss Sheila Rowley and Miss Elizabeth Hughes, while Tony Allen taught the children to sing. We want to congratulate them on this effort, which means a terrific amount of hard work. We also thank Mr. Dorwood and Mr. Hickering for erecting and dismantling the stage. Naturally, we thank all the children who took part.

The Parochial Church Council met at the Rectory on December 12th. It was decided to help various Charities. The sum of £100 was given to the work of the S.P.C.K. which distributes books to all parts of the World on behalf of the Church. £40 was given to the Church of England Pension Board to help retired Clergy. At this meeting it was also decided to deposit the records that are in the Church Chest, with the Records Office, Delapre Abbey, Northampton. Messrs. John Taylor were commissioned to carry out repairs to the Church Bells, Mr. & Mrs. Webb of Staverton and Mr. Garrett of Heyford were thanked for their efforts in teaching our young people the art of ringing bells.

Mr. Tony Allen has arranged a special Choral Evensong on Saturday 9th March, 1974. He has already received a letter of congratulation from Mr. Alec Wyton, Organist of St. John's Cathedral, New York. Mr. Wyton brought the choir of St. Mathew's Church, Northampton, to assist in our Centenary Celebrations in 1949.

Car Transport. (Depending on the supply of petrol).

Jan. 6th. Mrs. Waterfield. Jan. 20th. Mr. Dawson.
" 13th. Mrs. Harne. " 27th. Mrs. Rees.

Holy Baptism. November 25th Andrew DICHEMNER.

Burial. November 27th. Ernest William JEFFS, aged 81 years.
December 10th. Patricia DALLISON, aged 48 years.

We extend our sympathy to the Family of Mr. Jeffs, who was known as a green-grocer in our village many years ago. He moved to Rugby 10 years ago. Our sympathy also goes out to Mr. Dallison and the two children in the death of Mrs. Dallison. It is very hard to lose such a young mother, and our prayers go out to them. May the souls of God's faithful servants Rest in Peace.

Altar Flowers.
Jan. 6th & 13th.
" 20th & 27th.

High Altar.
Mrs. S.A. Berry.
Mrs. Emlyn Jones.

St. Giles.
Mrs. Peter Green.
Mrs. Owen Tucker.

Quarterly Mass. Father McCormick will hold his quarterly Mass in All Saints Church, Braunston, on Sunday Jan. 6th, 1974, at 4.30 p.m. Confessions at 4 p.m.

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH.

Jan. 6th.	10.45 a.m.	Mr. Gudgeon.
13th.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. E. Holme.
13th.	6.15 p.m.	Mr. R. Wright.
20th.	10.45 a.m.	Mrs. York.
27th.	10.45 a.m.	Rev. E. Holme.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. Our Christmas Fayre at "The Weavers" was an unqualified success. Members had excelled themselves in making floral arrangements, Christmas novelties, soft toys, cakes and sweets etc., and in an hour all the gifts were eagerly bought, giving a good boost to W.I. funds. Twenty two members met for a "Sing along" evening. Folk songs, old and new songs, they tried them all, and when the voices faltered the percussion section took over with saucepans, spoons and other kitchen utensils.

Proceeds from the evening will go to the Village Hall Fund. We would like to thank Mr. Dawson for allowing us to hold our last meeting in the School. Unfortunately, our speaker was unable to attend, so, instead of a talk on Christmas Flowers, members exchanged household hints and humorous experiences. The evening ended with carol singing. The singing group joined forces with W.I. members from all over Northamptonshire at a Carol Service in Fowcester. They also joined the Young Wives Carol singing in the Village. Members are reminded that the next meeting will be on Tuesday February 5th 1974, when Mr. Parrott will talk on Mechanical Musical Instruments.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs. Ball, of the Rose and Castle Hotel for the splendid Christmas Dinner which they provided for Club Members, and to the Darts Team for the Christmas Tea served in the School. On Jan. 14th, members are invited to a party at Ashby St. Ledgers., and on Jan. 28th Mr. Gallie will give a show of slides. The half tea service, given by Mr. & Mrs. Derrick Turner, raised £4 for club funds.

BRAUNSTON YOUNG WIVES. On December 13th the Young Wives Carol Singers toured the Village, and raised the sum of £37.25. We would like to thank all those who contributed to this grand total, which was divided between the Braunston Friendly Club and the elderly household residents of the Village. Our Annual Party will be held on Thursday 10th January, in the School; we shall be entertained by the Rugby Scottish Society. We are providing our own refreshments this year and so we ask members to please bring a contribution.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL. We give below the list of donations, which was omitted last month, due to lack of space:

Ladyline Ltd.	£10.00	Braunston Girl Guides.	£37.35
Braunston Parish Church	£113.00	Young Wives (Village Show)	£21.00
J.M. Perkins & Smith.	£150.00	Braunston Angling Club.	£10.00
Braunston Young Wives Club	£52.00	Braunston Brownie Pack.	£46.30
National Adhesives.	£250.00	Braunston Labour Party.	£5.00
Braunston W.I.	£37.00	Gardens Assoc. (Show proceeds)	75.00

VILLAGE NOTES. The Parish Council has expressed the hope that trees, soon to be planted, will be preserved from damage of any kind. This effort to improve the Village, concerns all of us. To imagine that history is merely a matter of dates of battles is to forget the wider issues. It is fascinating study of the progress of man from the level of an animal to the heights which various civilisations have reached. The history of our own Village began before the Christian Era, when men of the Stone Age found a supply of drinking water above the level of swamp or flood. As we go about our neighbourhood, we are treading in the footsteps of earlier residents. The effigy in the Church is that of a medieval Lord of the Manor, William de Ros. He is thereby commemorated. "But some there be that have no memorial", unless we look at the fertile fields and gardens, and the sturdy houses they built, which are monuments to their energy and skill. Perhaps Thomas Gray summed it all up in these lines from his Elegy: "Far from the Madding crowd's

ignoble strife
 Their sober wishes never learn'd to stray;
 Along the cool sequestered vale of life
 They kept the noiseless tenor of their way".

MATTER FOR THE NEXT ISSUE MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE EDITOR BY Jan. 21st.
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