



We record with regret the death of Mr. Fred HANCOCK, Churchwarden of Willoughby and a great bellringer. He was always willing to help to ring at Braunston, and taught many in the art of campanology. We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Hancock and Family.

obituary May the Souls of God's faithful Servants rest in Peace.

SIDESMENS ROTA

	8 a.m.	9.30/10/10.30 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Mr. Q. O. G.	Mr. J. W. Woodall.	Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. D. A. Gallie	
March 5th.	Mr. T. E. Jones.	Mr. F. Cox/Mr. J. Rowley.	
12th.	Mr. L. Thompson.	Mr. J. Green/Mr. M. Bush.	
19th.	Mr. D. A. Gallie		
26th	EASTER DAY 7 a.m. Mr. Peter Green, 8 a.m. Mr. W. Montgomery and Mr. J. W. Woodall.	10.30 a.m. Mr. Surman and Mr. Hyde.	
	Mr. C. White/Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. E. Clarke.		

BRAUNSTON METHODIST CHURCH

March 5th.	10.45 a.m. Mr. R. Hutchins.	12th.	10.45 a.m. Mr. A. Kirkham.
		19th.	10.45 a.m. Mr. B. Hichford.
		26th.	10.45 a.m. Mr. I. Gunthorpe.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB

to rebro On February 13th we enjoyed the company of the Claremont Singers, and this helped mood all to brighten a very cold and dull day. The next meeting of the Friendly Club will include holiday slides by Mrs. K. E. Duggan.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. In view of the current tree planting schemes throughout the country, the Association has decided to give financial aid and help and advice as to choice of siting etc. for tree planting in private gardens. These trees would be British trees, and sited where (when the tree has reached maturity) it would be of benefit to the Village. Further details of this plan will be announced later.

(b) The sale of fertilizers at the Village Centre will begin at the end of this month - the exact date to be advertised in the Village.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. We welcomed at our February meeting Mr. Chris Barney, who gave us a most interesting evening with slides and information about Canals and Boats in Braunston.

Our next meeting on 7th March will include a talk on "Acupuncture" by Mr. Michael Thompson of Northampton.

VILLAGE NOTES. At the February meeting of the Parish Council it was decided no votes that the Village should enter the "Tidiest Village" competition. This involves making every person in the Village. On previous occasions favourable comments have been made by the judges about the Churchyard and the front gardens, but adverse criticism on the amount of LITTER strewn about the main street. If everyone would take home his/her litter we would be on the way to take the first prize.

Another complaint - would correspondents please observe the date given for receiving articles for this newsletter. After the editor has done his part, others take over their part in production, and delays by even one correspondent can make the delivery date too late.

Older residents will no doubt remember learning by heart verses of poetry. To some it was a painful exercise, but in later life we realise the pleasure in recalling a line which sums up our thoughts more accurately than we could ourselves.

Such a line occurs in a poem "The Inchcape Rock".

"He felt the cheering power of spring  
It made him whistle, it made him sing".

The prospect of spring cheers us in the gloom of January and February. The expectation of gay colours is a tonic. The order in which flowers appear is interesting. The snowdrop and winter aconite appear in January, before the snow has disappeared. Dog's Mercury follows soon afterwards and the catkins of hazel, poplar, elm, ash and willow wave in the breezes as their pollination is effected by the wind - an extremely wasteful method but no insects are around to assist the process. Chickweed and gromwell seem to be able to flower without special provision. In the garden crocuses, daffodils, and tulips gladden our eyes - their gay colours an antidote to depression.

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