

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BRAUNSTON.

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SERVICES IN CHURCH

February 4th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Mattins 10 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m.  
Evensong 6.30 p.m.  
" 11th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Family Communion 10.30 a.m., Evensong 6.30 pm  
" 18th. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 pm  
" 25th. H.C. 8 a.m. & 9.30 a.m., Sunday School 10.45 a.m., Evensong 6.30 pm  
" 28th. ASH WEDNESDAY - Holy Communion 7 p.m.

We wish to congratulate the children who took part in the Christmas Play - "The Wood Speaks". They turned up trumps as usual, and it just shows what they can do. The Christmas Services were very well attended and it was thrilling to see all the families together on that day. It was also pleasing to see so many at the Family Communion on the 14th January. We hope that all families will make an effort to attend the next service on the 11th February. Please bring all the children so that the service becomes a part of their lives - it is up to you parents.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY. We wish to thank Mrs. Audrey Herne for her diligence in being the Secretary of that Society in this Parish. She has resigned from that office, and we and the Society are grateful to her. Her successor is Mrs. Valerie Worrall, 61, High Street, Braunston, and we wish her well in this work.

DIOCESAN QUOTA. Our Quota figure has been given to us - it is £1,306 for this Parish. We ended the year 1978 with very little in our balances. The cold weather is forcing us to use much more oil than last year. We have not paid our quarterly share of the Quota so far. We would be grateful to all parishioners for their support during this year 1979 - to help us to surmount our financial difficulties. We have a very beautiful Church and must keep it in good repair for our children and future generations.

THANKS. We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the sum of £1 towards the Braunston Village News from a gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous.

BRAUNSTON C. OF E. CONTROLLED SCHOOL. We should say a word of thanks to the Headmaster, Mr. David Thrower and the Teachers for their work during this very difficult time. Our thanks too to the Governor of Onley Prison, Mr. John Rahm, for his help in providing temporary accommodation.

HOLY BAPTISM. December 10th. Christopher John APPLEBY.  
January 7th. Ross Stephen DIGBY.

MOTHERS UNION. The next meeting of the Mothers Union will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 1st February, at 2.30 p.m.

CHURCHMENS GUILD. The next meeting of the Churchmens Guild will be held at the Rectory on Tuesday, 30th January. The speaker Mr. Brian Lomax.

SIDESMENS ROTA. 8 a.m. 9.30/10/10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.  
February 4th Mr. J.W. Woodall Mr. T.E. Jones. Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. P. Green.  
11th Mr. L.L. Thompson Mr. P. Surman. Mr. D.A. Gallie/Mr. J. Green.  
18th Mr. F. Cox Mr. E. Hyde Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. C. Malthouse  
25th Mr. W. Montgomery Mr. S. Berry Mr. J. Rowley/Mr. C. White.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB

We wish to thank those who organised and provided the tea and entertainment at Ashby St. Ledgers which gave so much pleasure to all our members. We also acknowledge and thank Braunston Young Wives for their gift of £13.92 from their Carol Singing effort in the Village.  
Please remember the following dates:-

Monday, February 12th. Visit of Claremont Choir, Rugby.  
" February 26th. Holiday Slides - Mr. D.A.Gallie.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. A reminder that our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 6th. We shall welcome Mrs. Davies, who will take us on a visit to Egypt with the help of slides.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION. We anticipate that the sale of fertilizers will be announced in the March News letter.

The Annual Village Show has been fixed for Saturday, 15th September. This may seem a very long time ahead, but it is not too soon for those entering the handicraft sections. These long cold evenings are just the time for knitting and embroidery, and for model makers, and wine makers, who can now decide to put by a bottle or two of their best wine instead of drinking it. It should be even better by September.

VILLAGE NOTES. At the January Meeting of the Parish Council, the suggestion was made that walking along the footpaths could be made easier if we all cleared away the snow from the fronts of our own dwellings. Should we have an elderly or infirm neighbour perhaps we could clear their section of the path as well as our own. Ice and Snow are not conducive to outdoor Naturestudy but they afford opportunities not available in milder conditions.

We often wonder at the ability of hounds to follow a trail, but only in snow conditions can we ourselves track the footprints of birds and animals. The thin covering of snow on the ice on the canal was rich in tracks of a fox, seagulls, swans, coots, and the three toed feet of a heron. Without doubt the heron was looking for food. The ice prevented him from fishing, and the insects - frogs etc. on land were hibernating. During the winter of 1962/3 when the frost was much more severe than we have experienced this year (so far) many of these handsome birds perished through starvation.

Our herons appear to have stayed with us, though some migrate to the sea shore, where small shellfish, sand lice, and other crustaceans are available between low and high water marks. Only in exceptionally severe weather does ice form in this area.

Migration to the sea shore in winter is a habit of many upland birds like woodcock, curlew and snipe. Now they will be saying - like us - "Roll on Spring".

ITEMS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE MUST BE HANDED TO THE EDITOR ON OR BEFORE  
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