

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH.

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CHURCH SERVICES

January 3rd 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parade Service, 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
" 10th, 17th) 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parish Communion,  
and 24th ) 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

It is sad that so often the peace and goodwill of Christmas become so easily forgotten and discarded with the cards and wrapping paper. May 1982, whatever it may bring, continually remind us of God's love, for He has said 'I will never leave you nor forsake you' (Hewbrews 13.v.5)

ORGANIST. As we begin the new year, the Church is still without a regular organist. The Rector would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be prepared to play for the Sunday services - even if they only played for two services a month.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY. Thanks to some generous giving on the night of the Christingle Service, and as a result of the Carol singing around the village, we hope to be sending in excess of the £100 which we pledged in this centenary year of the Society.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA

	8 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
January 3rd	Mr. J. W. Woodall	Mr. G. Bayley/Mr. C. Dunn	Mr. F. Cox/Mr. D. Gallie
10th	Mr. L. Thompson	Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. D. Foulkes	Mr. E. Clarke/Mr. J. Green
17th	Mr. D. Gallie	Mr. P. Surman/Mr. E. Hyde	Mr. P. Green/Mr. J. Rowley
24th	Mr. W. Montgomery	Mr. E. Jones/Mr. C. Dunn	Mr. B. Dawson/Mr. E. Clarke
31st	Mr. F. Cox	Mr. C. Bayley/Mr. E. Hyde	Mr. W. Woodall/Mr. J. Green

ALTAR FLOWERSHigh Altar

January 3rd Miss Chamberlain  
10th Miss Chamberlain  
17th Mrs. C. White  
24th Mrs. C. White  
31st Miss Davidson

St. Giles

Mrs. T. Turner  
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Mrs. G. Curtis  
Mrs. G. Curtis  
Mrs. D. Gallie

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION.

The Bring and Buy Sale, held at the Rectory in December, raised nearly £20, thanks to some generous giving and buying. The first meeting of the new year takes place on Thursday, 7th January, at 2.30 p.m., when the Rector will speak on this year's theme - 'Increase your faith'.

THANKS. We acknowledge the generous gift of £5 from the Women's Institute towards the production of the Village News.

BRAUNSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On 24th November, a group of W.I. members visited the Houses of Parliament, and were shown around by our Member, Mr. Reg Prentice. It was a most interesting experience. At our December meeting, furniture restoration appeared simple when demonstrated and described by Mr. Bryant. He encouraged us to try for ourselves, and gave us some handy hints and tips. The Committee provided "Christmassy" goodies for refreshments, and altogether we had a most enjoyable evening. Our 1982 calendar commences on January 30th when we shall hold our New Year Social - supper, and entertainment by the Rugby Police Concert Party. Mrs. Joan Turner has tickets at the Post Office.

THE DAVENTRY & DISTRICT V.I.P. CLUB.

The newly formed Club for the blind and the partially sighted (Visually Impaired People) wish to thank Braunston W.I. and the young people of Braunston for their generous donations. Thanks also to the many friends in the village for their support and help during 1981. A Happy New Year to all.

THE VILLAGE CENTRE.

Our next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th January, commencing at 8 p.m. We hope that representatives from all Village Organisations will come along. Stage curtains are now hanging in the Main Hall, and are available for use on request. Hopefully this may open the door to even more possibilities at our Village Centre.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. The Christmas Dinner, held in the Village Centre on December 8th gave pleasure to all who attended. The delicious meal was well served and much enjoyed. Mrs. Joan Wootten and her friends provided suitable entertainment for a festive occasion. Mrs. Waterfield thanked, on behalf of the members, all the volunteers who help in any way in Club arrangements throughout the year. On Monday, 11th January, we pay a visit to Ashby St. Ledgers where tea will be served, and on Monday, 25th January, Mr. Frank Cox will entertain with Holiday Slides. A Happy New Year to all our Members.

BRAUNSTON HISTORY CLASS. Mr. L.W. Herne is giving a series of lectures on the Village in the last hundred years, on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., beginning on 13th January, 1982. He would be glad to hear from anyone who has photographs, post-cards, or memories of events in the village during that time. (Contact 120 High Street, or Rugby 890130)

VILLAGE NOTES.

Attempts to classify plants and animals have been made since the days of the Greek philosophers of 400 B.C. but the modern classification was begun in the 18th Century by a Swedish botanist, Carl Linnaeus. He began by separating

- 1) Flowering plants - those whose reproductive parts, stamens, pistils, seed boxes etc. were visible from -
- 2) Flowerless plants, those whose reproductive parts could not be seen.

The flowering plants included a vast variety as different as the wild rose, the orchid, stinging nettles, oak and pine trees.

Linnaeus lived before the discovery of the compound microscope, or he would have been aware of the reproductive parts of the flowerless plants - ferns, liverworts, mosses etc., and algae, which vary in size from tiny one-celled plants, to the huge seaweeds which are occasionally washed up on the sea shore.

Mosses are found in every climate on earth, from the polar ice-cap to steaming jungle. Round here are several varieties, growing in all sorts of places. Many grow on walls. From their green bases they send up capsules on a stalk - resembling tiny golf clubs. These capsules enclose myriads of spores. A cunning mechanism closes the capsule. Wedged shaped teeth attached to the rim point inwards. Only in dry weather do these open to allow the spores to escape. Those which find a favourable environment send out a threadlike filament which in turn develops into a moss plant, continuing to grow for many years, possibly covering several square inches of territory.

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