BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

The Retory, Braunston. (Rugby 890235)

CHURCH SERVICES.

We wish them much happiness in their married lives.

ALL SAINTS SUMMER FAIR.

This will be held at the Village Centre on FRIDAY JULY 8TH at 7.p.m. instead of the Rectory Garden Fete. There will be Stalls and Sideshows, and refreshments will be served. Gifts and cakes can be taken to the Village Centre between 6.p.m. and 7.p.m. on the evening of the Fair, & to any P.C.C. Member. Miss Chamberlain will be pleased to receive gifts for the Plant Stall.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB.

House (the Hoskyn Centre for the Disabled). This Centre was opened in 1926 as the Rugby Orthopaedic Clinic to help crippled children and adults - Named after Dr.C.R. Hoskyn, who received the O.B.E. in 1963 in recognition of his wonderful work in the Hospital. All work is carried out by voluntary helpers. Handicraft classes are held, and social evenings are greatly enjoyed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tea was served by Committee Members and the vote of thanks given by Mrs. Gwen Cole. On Monday July 11th we are invited to visit Ashby St. Ledgers for tea in the Village Hall, and to visit the garden of Mrs. Utley. On Monday July 25th we hope to have a visit from the Rev. Martin Hunnybun to give us a talk on his recent visit to Australia and on the work of the Church down under.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE.

At the June meeting Mrs. Pugh described her first visit as delegate to the Royal Albert Hall Annual General Meeting. Later the skills of Make Up were demonstrated by Mrs. Terri Quinn - with Mrs. Sandra Pearse as her model, At our July meeting we welcome back Mrs. Olive Barnsby to demonstrate Flower Arranging. New members are welcome. Tuesday July 5th,

BRAUNSTON RED CROSS COLLECTION.

Thanks to the efforts of the collecting ladies and the generosity of all we were able to send a cheque for £125. This sum is well up on last year's collection of £95. Many Thanks. P. Streat.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE PANTOMIME.

A meeting will be held at 21 Mill Close on Monday 11th July at 8.p.m., to read through the script of 'Cinderella'. All who would like to help either of or off the stage are welcome. If you cannot make this date, please ring 89074 Auditions will be held in August. Meanwhile if anyone is decorating and has emulsion paint left over we would be glad to have it. 890744.

THE BRAUNSTON WALK.

The leaflet shewing the Braunston Walk, with snippets of local history etc. has now been received and will be on sale at 15p in the local shops and pubs during the next few days. A guided walk following the line of the Braunston Walk (approximately 4 miles) will take place on the evening of Wednesday 13th July 1983 starting from Nibbets Lane (off High Street) at 7.15 p.m. and finishing at the Admiral Nelson. This event is especially to acquaint local people with the Braunston Walk first hand. There will be no charge, and everyone is welcome. Any problems or queries please contact Pelham Cole, "The Old Harrow", 72 High Street. Phone. 891060.

BRAUNSTON C.E. SCHOOL.

On behalf of the school, 'thank you' to all who took part and supported the school at our 250th Anniversary Celebrations. It was a wonderful opportunity to revive memories of the past events which have taken place in Braunston, and to meet old friends. Some people met each other for the first time in 30 or 40 years. We have collected a number of photographs taken during the ten days in May. They will be saved, and perhaps used at the 300th Anniversary Celebrations in the year 2033; D.A. Thrower.

VILLAGE NOTES.

During this Spring, a pair of blackbirds renewed their occupation of last year's nesting site. They successfully reared four chicks from eggs laid earlier, and are at present busy rearing a second four. After the eggs hatched the parents have been very busy. The cock blackbird occupies himself collecting worms - He visits the neighbouring garden, and when the gardener turns up a spadeful of earth the bird drops boldly to within inches of the spade and helps himself to the worm unlucky enough to catch his very alert eye. He will tackle a large worm, cutting it in pieces, but appears to prefer smaller and presumably younger specimens. He manages to take about four or five in his beak before returning to the nest to serve them up to the hungry broad.

While we should feed birds in winter, in the breading season they will find the diet intended by Nature for their offspring, which will be different from anything we may provide. At times the bird will take time off from acting as waiter to his offspring, and sit on a post or tree to whistle. Whether this call is one of pleasure or a warning to other blackbirds to keep out of his domain is a question which puzzles many ornithologists.

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