

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. Members enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner after the Rev. M. Humbybun said Grace. The draw for a beautiful Doll was won by Mrs. Adams, of Welton Road. Mr. Frank Cox gave a vote of thanks to the committee and helpers, and the party concluded with carol singing. The club also arranged a Mince Pie tea, which was a great success and raised the sum of £42.99 for Club Funds.

BRAUNSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. At our last meeting we were shown two very informative films on the Danger from Fire. Afterwards Station Officer Gould was able to answer the many questions put to him. Mince pies and coffee were served, and everyone received a present from the Bran Tub. To close the evening, the Singing Group presented a medley of songs and carols. There will be no meeting in January, but Mrs. Brenda Bryant has invited us to a "Get Together" at her home - on the 25th January at 7.30 p.m.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Please note that the date of the increase in charges for hiring the Hall was December 1st, and not December 31st as reported in last month's Village News. We apologise for the error.

BRAUNSTON ANGLING CLUB, will hold a fund raising Jewellery Party at the Wheatstheaf on the 20th January, at 8 p.m. All are welcome. Particulars from Chris Miller (891203)

VILLAGE NOTES. We welcome the Rev. Keith Purdie, who will act as Rector for the next six months. We trust that he, his wife and children, will have an enjoyable period of residence in the Village.

December and January are dead months as far as plant life is concerned. Deciduous trees have lost their leaves while the leaves for spring are cocooned in waterproof buds. Unless you are fortunate enough to possess a hot house you must rely for winter decoration on evergreens such as holly, ivy, varieties of laurel, spruce and fir. The conifers are a widespread group. In botanical terms their cones are flowers. The small rather pink pistillate cones are composed of much adapted leaves spirally arranged, and each bearing two ovules. Pollen cones in spring release clouds of yellow dust (pollen grains) which fertilize the ovules to produce the seeds, taking perhaps two years to develop, and then provide only a meal for a squirrel. Conifers include pine, larch, spruce and cedar, and grow in all regions of the world, often in most inhospitable climates - as in Russia, Norway, and in the Scottish Highlands.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS, CONTRIBUTORS, AND ALL WHO HELP IN THE PRODUCTION OF BRAUNSTON VILLAGE NEWS

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BRAUNSTON C. E. SCHOOL

250th ANNIVERSARY



From May 5th - May 14th 1902, we will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the William Makepeace Pequet - 250 years since the foundation of "a school" in Braunston.

An exhibition will be held in School, depicting aspects of life in Braunston during the past 250 years, and we would be very grateful for your help.

Have you any photographs, drawings, paintings of people and/or places in Braunston? Have you any object of interest connected with the canal, school, railway church, farms, trades, houses ...etc? Have you an interesting document or programme about a village event, items of Victorian clothing, toys or games?

We would be very grateful for the loan of anything which could be used in our exhibition. Great care would be taken of all items loaned. Please contact the school or a member of the Celebrations Committee if you can help. Members of the committee include:

The Rector, Mr D.Webb, Mr J.Biddell,
Mrs J.McCarthy, Mrs J.Bowers, Mrs Fugh, Mrs H. Teet,
Mrs J.Wales, Mrs A.Cole, Mr F.Morgan.

The exhibition will be open on selected evenings from May 5th - May 13th. A detailed programme will be announced soon.



