

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH

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CHURCH SERVICES.

January 1st. 8.a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Family Service,  
3.p.m. Parish Communion.  
8th, 15th & ) 8.a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Family Communion,  
22nd ) 3.p.m. Evening Prayer.  
January 29th. 8.a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer,  
3.p.m. Evening Prayer.

Within a few days it will be Twelfth Night. The Christmas decorations will be put away for another year. Trees will either be burned on the bonfire or placed in the attic in readiness for next December, and the cards will all be tidied away.

After all the preparations it seems rather sad that they are as easily forgotten. But sadder still is that the message of Christmas becomes just as readily discarded. Whether you make New Year resolutions or not, why not try and carry the peace and goodwill into 1984? Then perhaps it really will be a happy new year for us all.

BAPTISMS. December 4th. Elizabeth Mary APPELBY  
Eleanor Jane BEATTIE

FUNERALS. November 30th. Basil HARGRAVES  
December 12th. Lillian Esther CAPELL

Wesend our deepest sympathy to members of their families at this time of their sadness.

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY.

This year's Christingle was the best since we introduced the service in 1981. Nearly £80 was sent for the work of the Society, in addition to other sums sent throughout the year. Thank you to all who attended and gave so generously.

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION.

As a result of the Bring and Buy at the December meeting, over £15 was given to the 'Away from it all' scheme. There will be no meeting this month. We next meet at the Rectory on Wednesday 1st. February at 10.a.m.

SIDESMENS ROTA.

January 1st.	W.Woodall	P.Surman/R.Pearce	D.A.Gallie	3.p.m.
8th.	F.Cox	D.Foulkes/C.Dunn	J.Green	
15th.	D.A.Gallie	R.Chaplin/B.Dawson	E.Clarke	
22nd.	D.Foulkes	E.Hyde/D.Hamer	F.Cox	
29th.	P.Surman	C.Dunn/R.Pearce	P.Green	

ALTAR FLOWERS.

High Altar St. Giles

January 8th.	Miss Chamberlain	Miss Thorpe
15th.	Miss Chamberlain	Miss Thorpe
22nd.	Mrs. Meredith	Mrs.V.Sanders
29th.	Mrs. Meredith	Mrs.V.Sanders

THANKS.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of £1. towards the presentation of Braunston Village News from a lady who wishes to remain anonymous.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB.

January, 1984

The Friendly Club members enjoyed their Christmas Dinner, after which they were entertained by the Gullisborough County School Band. Carols were sung with the accompaniment of the Band. Everyone agreed that the afternoon had been a great success. Thanks were expressed by Mr. F. Cox for the Band and by Mr. G. Green for the helpers and Committee. The next meeting will be on January 9th 1984 when a visit has been planned to Ashby St. Ledgers.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION.

At a recent A.G.M. of the Association, the Committee and Officers were returned unopposed. The Gardens Association thought it might be a good idea to hold a Show of pot plants, distinguished for either foliage or flowers - maybe in April or early May. In view of this, if you have any flowering plants (i.e. Busy Lizzie, polianthus or primulas, etc.) that would normally be transferred to the garden around that time, please keep them in their pots until this idea is confirmed - and please note that any plant exhibited must have been the bona fide possession of the exhibitor for at least three months - so nurture any plant you may have received at Christmas! Confirmation and dates will be published in future News Letters.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTERTRE.

This month, the W.I. Meeting took the form of a Christmas Party. Some talented and mainly light-hearted entertainment was provided by a concert party from Barbry, the "Dolly Mixtures". Members each took a small present for the lucky dip and there was also a raffle. The Committee did the catering for over forty members and guests. The Darts team has had a busy month; the players have emerged with heads bloody but unbowed after narrow defeats in their matches.

A party of thirty went to Northampton's Royal Theatre to see the Alan Ackbourne play "Taking Steps".

Mrs. J. Reed held a coffee evening which raised £60. for the R.N.I.B. and the Infantile Hypercalcaemia Foundation.

CINDERELLA.

Tickets will be available for the Village Pantomime from GEAR CHANGE (Childrens Shop on the Village Green) starting January 4th. (10-12.30 Wed.-Fri. 10-4 Saturday). Prices £1. Adults, 50p Children (including refreshments).

Performances Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January at 7.30 p.m.  
Saturday 28th January at 6.30 p.m.

Profits will be used to provide extra equipment for the Village Hall to encourage further entertainments.

VILLAGE NOTES.

Sixty or more years ago, history was largely the study of battles, with little or no interest to the ordinary citizens. The squabbles of the Wars of the Roses were fights between gangs of ruffians acting on the orders of ruthless paymasters.

These gangs quite cheerfully changed sides at the prospect of higher pay. Scribes who recorded these events paid little attention to the lives of the peasants, their thoughts and work. Certain drawings by artists of the period showed the processes of ploughing, sowing, reaping, etc.

Yet the basic needs of people were the same as they ever were - food, water, clothing, shelter, and security, and very few of the scholars able to read and write troubled to record the lives of peasants.

Today, historians are increasingly attempting to reconstruct our knowledge of the lives of our ancestors.

Written evidence is scarce, but much can be discovered by observation of what lies below our feet.

Braunston would be a fairly attractive place for people to live in the early centuries of the Christian era or even before. It had one of the essentials - a supply of drinking water - see the number of wells which in the early years of this century supplied the needs of the Village. Nearby - in Braunstonberry and Wolfhamcote, we see sites of medieval villages long since deserted but bearing witness to the existence of a thriving community.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE THE B.V.N.

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