

ALTAR FLOWERS.

February 5th.	High Altar.	St. Giles.
12th.	Mrs. Middleton	Mrs. Hick
19th.	Mrs. Middleton	Mrs. Hick
26th.	Mrs. J. Reed	Mrs. A. Wright
	Mrs. J. Reed	Mrs. A. Wright

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB.

Members spent an enjoyable afternoon at Ashby St. Ledgers for their New Year's meeting. Mr. Boniface, of Ashby was the soloist, and members also joined in the singing. Tea was provided by ladies of the Village. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Janet McCarthy.

February 13th. This meeting will be another 'Do it yourself' meeting, including a Valentine Competition - members are asked to make a Valentine Card or compose a Valentine verse.

February 27th. A slide show will be given by the Rev. M. Humbybun.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. The first meeting will be on Tuesday February 7th. Mr. Knight will give a talk on the Severn Valley Railway. On February 29th there is a theatre outing to the Royal at Northampton to see 'Cider with Rosie'. Please pay Mrs. Webster your £3.04p not later than February 7th if you have your name down for this event.

BRAUNSTON TWINNING COMMITTEE.

By now every household should have received a letter about Braunston twinning with Quincy Voisins - If you have not please let me know. It will help us greatly if you can spare a few minutes to complete the form and return it. Many thanks to all who have done so. Chris Collins (Secretary) 890603.

BRAUNSTON ANGLING CLUB. Please note that the AGM of this Club will be held on March 20th at 8.p.m. in the Wheatshaf.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION.

Fertilizer sales will begin again in early March - the opening date will be displayed in the Post Office. The Spring Flower Show is to take place in early April - further details will be given in the next News Letter. The Association has donated £25. to the Girl Guides and Brownies.

VILLAGE NOTES.

Material for the March issue of Braunston Village News should be in the hands of the Editor ON OR BEFORE 21st. February. Will contributors please note that observing the deadline for delivery of material to the Editor is most important if the BVN is to be delivered on time.

Most English people love to own and cultivate a garden - even if it is only a window box. We should remember with gratitude those gardeners who, centuries ago, observed wild flowers and selected those with some outstanding character, scent, colours, or shape, and, by patient cross fertilization developed the plants which now adorn our gardens. The cowslip, a member of the Primrose family, has been developed to give us the Palyanthus of today. The Roman soldiers, who formed the garrisons of the settlements in Britain in the first four centuries of the Christian era were drawn from many countries of an Empire which stretched from the Atlantic Ocean in the West to the Euphrates in the East, from Hadrian's Wall in the North to the Sahara Desert in the South. Some tried to cultivate in Britain the plants of their native countries. Probably many failed, being unused to our harsher climate, but apples, pears, plums, grapes, cherries and peaches grew, and provided the stock which survives to this day. From Peru, in South America, we imported the potato, runner bean, pumpkin, sweet corn and tomato, where they had been cultivated for centuries by the Incas.

AGAIN, MATERIAL FOR THE MARCH ISSUE MUST BE HANDED TO THE EDITOR ON OR BEFORE

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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH.

Revd. Martin Hunnybun,  
The Rectory, Braunston. (Tel. Rugby 890235)

CHURCH SERVICES.

February 5th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parade Service,  
3 p.m. Parish Communion.  
12th, 19th, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Family Communion,  
& 26th. 3 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Familiarity, they say, breeds contempt. Yet it is equally possible that it fosters complacency. We are very fortunate in the village to have a rich heritage passed on to us by benefactors of the past. Many of our homes stand as mute witnesses to their skill and devotion. Perhaps above all the Church, with its tall spire, serves as a constant reminder of the generous service that many have given over the years.

But the Church is more than an ecclesiastical monument, it is a living testimony to the faith of Christian people, shared in fellowship with one another and expressed in their daily life and work. The Church Council is asking that, in this year when members have been asked to re-enlist on the Church Electoral Roll, all who belong to our Christian family assess their gratitude to their heritage of the past by committing themselves afresh to God's work - by a right use of the time, talents and treasure that we have at our disposal.

What better way for us to begin National Heritage Year!

BAPTISM.

January 1st. Gary SPIRES

FUNERALS.

December 21st. Dorothy May McARTHUR  
27th. Ernest DODD  
January 12th. Joseph David OWEN  
19th. Mrs. Florence WOODWARD  
24th. Emily Maud TURNER  
Walter JAMES

We send our sincere love and sympathy to all who have been saddened by the loss of their loved ones.

CONFIRMATION. All who are seeking full membership in the life of the Church are invited to come to a series of meetings at the Rectory, beginning on Thursday February 9th at 7.30 p.m. They are also aimed at helping those whose understanding of the Christian faith has become rather rusty,

OPEN HOUSE. Whatever the level of your understanding and experience of the Christian faith, you will be most welcome to a new series of Home Meetings beginning at the Rectory on Wednesday February 8th at 8 p.m.

A RED LETTER DAY. That is what our Church AGM should be! Please come to elect your representatives on to the Council, hear a review of the past year, and share our vision for the future - 8 p.m. on Monday February 6th in the Village Centre. Be there!

GRASS CUTTING. The Church Council have been very grateful to those who did so well to keep our, now enlarged, Churchyard so tidy. We now would be grateful to receive tenders for monthly cuts between April and September (or beyond if necessary). The sum would include the cost of mowing, collection and removal of the grass. Tenders may be sent to Mrs. E. Dawson (Secretary) 48, Kilsby Road, BARBY, or the Rector.

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION. We begin a new year with our first meeting on Wednesday February 1st. at the Rectory at 10 a.m. All ladies will be most welcome.

SIDESMENS ROTA.

February 5th.	8 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	3.00 p.m.
	W. Woodall	P. Surman/R. Pearce	D.A. Gallie
12th.	F. Cox	D. Foulkes/C. Dunn	E. Clarke
19th.	D.A. Gallie	E. Hyde/D. Hamer	B. Dawson
26th.	P. Surman	R. Chaplin/B. Dawson	F. Cox