

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB.

Unfortunately two of the meetings in February were cancelled - (1) because of inclement weather - (2) owing to the Hall being decorated. Meetings in March are:-
Monday March 12th. Entertainment will be provided by Mr. J. Bradshaw at the piano and Mr. W. Beckett on the Accordion. We hope members will be in good voice to join in the singing of old songs.

Monday March 26th. A cookery demonstration will be given by Mrs. Pam Giles of Daventry.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. The first meeting of 1984 on February 7th included a beautifully illustrated talk on the Severn Valley Railway and was given by Mr. Brian Knight. The subject attracted a number of non-members also.

The scheduled speaker for March 6th is being replaced by a demonstration and talk on gem stones, by Hazel Gay.

The singing group, directed and accompanied by Mrs. Greta Rafferty, helped out at the Four Threes' successful production of Mother Goose in Rugby.

A Jumble Sale will be held in the Village Centre at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday March 3rd. Please support this effort.

BRAUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL. Threat to viability of local Post Offices.

Concern has been expressed to the Parish Council, via the Northants. Association of Local Councils, that mothers are to be invited by the D.H.S.S. to have their child allowances paid directly into their bank accounts at four-weekly intervals. This represents a considerable threat to the viability of post offices as it will reduce the number of transactions in post offices and thus the amount of income. Using the child allowance books over the counter in the old way will assist in keeping post offices open.

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION.

A SPECIAL SPRING SHOW has been fixed for Saturday April 14th. Schedules will be available at the Post Office and other shops from March 1st.

The date of the sale of fertilizers has not yet been fixed due to delay in the delivery of supplies. Please watch the Post Office window for further notices.

BRAUNSTON FESTIVAL WEEKEND - May 11th-13th, 1984.

Plans are going ahead for a week-end of displays, social events etc. to raise money for the Church, Village Hall, and other local organisations. A programme will be published at the end of March. Please keep these dates free, and invite friends to come.

BRAUNSTON MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP.

Attention all young babies and pre-school toddlers. Are you and Mummy bored at home all day? Then why not persuade Mummy to come along to the Mother and Toddler Group, held every Thursday morning 10.30-12 noon at the Village Centre. There will be many informal activities for you to join in and friends for Mummy to talk to. Refreshments are included in the weekly fee of 40p per family. Thursday March 8th will be HALF PRICE morning, for old and new members, so why not call in and meet us - you will be made most welcome.

BRAUNSTON PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

The following events are being organised in the next few months:-

- (1) Sale of 'Seconds' clothing from leading chain stores on Thursday 15th March in the School - Admission 25p - coffee included.
- (2) Barn Dance - Saturday 24th March - 8-12 Midnight (Bar to 11.30 p.m.) Tickets £3. including food, from Committee Members.
- (3) Photographic Competition - to be displayed and judged in May during the Village Festival. £5. Boots Voucher for the winner of each age group - Up to 11 years, 12 to 18 years, over 18. Theme - The Village. Entry fee 25p per photo. Any profits go to the Village Centre and Church. Entries in an envelope, with name and address, and class, by 30th April to Mr. Thrower at the School, Pat Scammel, 7 Greenway or Don Wales, 3 Greenway.

VILLAGE NOTES.

'You never know what you can do until you try' is an old adage. This is certainly true of the Pantomime Group "Cinderella" The first venture of this newly formed Company was an outstanding success, and revealed a wealth of talent which hitherto few people imagined existed in the village. Their efforts, and extremely hard work provided an entertainment which far exceeded the expectations of the audience, giving an air of professional artistry not seen in the village for many years.

Cinderella's journey to the Ball by Narrow Boat was an imaginative stroke and this put Braunston's own seal on the performance.

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BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

March 4th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Parade Service, 3 p.m. Evensong.
7th. 7.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion.
11th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Commissioning Service for
Members of the Church Council. 3 p.m. Evening Prayer.
18th & 25th. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m. Family Communion, 3 p.m. Evening Prayer.

'Jesus is Lord.' This was the earliest profession of faith for the first Christians. To admit that was to acknowledge that Jesus had priority in every department of their lives.

During this season of Lent members of the Church Council will be taking the opportunity to challenge all Church members to consider how far Jesus is the Lord of our lives. As someone once observed: Either Jesus is Lord of all - or - he is not Lord, at all.'

DEPARTURES.

February 5th. Hayley CHAPLIN.
Daniel Stephen deHAVILLAND.
Louise deHAVILLAND.

FUNERALS. February 3rd. 'Ike' MERCHANT.
10th. Lucy PRINCE.

Our love and prayers are especially with those who have been sadly bereaved in recent weeks.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT. The Ash Wednesday Service will be followed, on successive Wednesday nights, by a series of Home Meetings in various homes in the village. Further details from the Rector, or members of the Church Council.

SPOTWASHUP SUPPER. All Church supporters will receive a personal invitation to join us for a meal in the Village Centre on Monday March 26th. Please let your visitor know whether you can come, well in advance of the evening.

ONLEY YOUTH CUSTODY CENTRE. Since it became officially part of the parish in 1980, several members of the village have shown an active interest in the work there. Some have become Voluntary Associates and others have been prepared to make teas for friends and relatives who have come to visit. If you are able to spare some time why not contact Joan Reed at 'The Moorings' (Tel. 890645) for further details.

BRAUNSTON WOMEN'S UNION. This month's meeting will be on Ash Wednesday - Communion in the Church at 10 a.m. followed by coffee at the home of Mrs. Gallie.

SIDESWINGS POTTA.

	8 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	3 p.m.
March 4th.	W. Woodall	P. Surway/R. Pearce	D.A. Gallie
11th.	L. Thompson	D. Faulkes/C. Dunn	J. Green
18th.	D.A. Gallie	R. Chaplin/R. Dawson	E. Clarke
25th.	D. Faulkes	E. Hyde/D. Hamer	F. Cox

CHURCH HOLIDAY. There are still a few places spare for the weekend at Cleverley Hall, Shropshire. The cost, from Friday supper to Sunday High Tea is £15.60 (plus VAT) with a little extra to cover the cost of transport. Reductions for children. Book now and save disappointment later.

THANKS. We gratefully acknowledge a gift of £5. from the Village Gardens Association towards the cost of the production of this Newsletter.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. On Thursday March 22nd, there will be a short meeting and coffee evening in aid of Amnesty International, at 45 High Street, Braunston - from 8 p.m. onwards. Angela Youngman will speak of her interesting experiences on her travels abroad. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall, and Third World Stall as well as Amnesty products and literature. Coffee and biscuits 25p. All welcome.