

BRAUNSTON PARISH CHURCH.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

Dec. 2nd 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Parade Service 3 p.m. Parish Communion
9th 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Communion 3 p.m. Christingle Service
16th 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Communion
23rd 3 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols with Daventry Silver Band
Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion
Christmas Day 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Carols, Address & Communion
30th 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Family Service

ADVENT On the first four Sundays in December the morning services will be taking the Advent theme: 'Why did Jesus come?' and will provide the opportunity for some members of the congregation to speak.

Christmas..... is what you make it!

We make room for so many things.

The tree in the corner, the cards that festoon the windows, that extra slice of turkey and the last mince pie.

Why not make this Christmas really special by making room for Jesus too?

A very happy Christmas to all from the Rector and his family.

BAPTISMS.

November 4th Fay Michelle CLEMENTS

CONFIRMATION.

October 24th at Weedon Ian Robert GOODING

FUNERALS.

October 26th 'Den' GREY

November 2nd George JONES

Jessie HARGRAVE

We send our deepest love and sympathy to all relatives and friends at this time of their

CHRISTINGLE. The annual service in aid of the Children's Society will be held on 9th December. Last year's speaker John Penson has kindly agreed to be with us again, so come early to be sure of your seat!

BRAUNSTON MOTHERS' UNION.

The last meeting of the year will have a Christmassy flavour at the Rectory on Wednesday, 5th December. There will be coffee and mince pies and a bring and buy. All ladies will be most welcome.

SIDESMEN'S ROTA.

Dec. 2nd	8 a.m.	10.30 p.m.	3 p.m.
9th	W. Woodall	D. Foulkes	F.S.White
16th	L.Thompson	R.M.Thorp/R.Chaplin	D.A.Gallie
23rd	D.A.Gallie	E.Hyde/D.Hamer	P.Green
24th	P.Surman	B.Dawson	F.Cox
25th	11.30 p.m. -	E.Clarkie, F.Green, B.Dawson, D.Hamer	
30th	S.Lee	P.Surman/D.Foullkes	
	E.M.Thorp	F.S.White/C.Dunn	J.Rowley

ALTAR FLOWERS.

Dec. 2nd & 9th	High Altar	St.Giles
16th & 22nd	Mrs. G. Surman	Mrs. F. Webb
	Mrs. C. Curtis	Miss Havard

Sat. 22nd 10 a.m.

Decorating the Church for Christmas.

Gifts of flowers welcome and helpers please.

BRAUNSTON FRIENDLY CLUB. At the last meeting, a variety of colourful slides were shown by Mr. Walter Beckett. These included a record of the Club holidays in Scotland and Cornwall, also of a visit to the Liverpool Festival Gardens. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs.J.Reed.

Tuesday, Dec. 11th

The Christmas Dinner will take place in Village Centre 12.15 for 12.30 p.m.

Friday, 14th Dec.

A Mince Pie Tea will be held in the Village Centre 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.
There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall.

The Coffee Morning held on Tuesday, 20th Nov. realised the sum of £23.46 for Club Funds.

BRAUNSTON WOMENS INSTITUTE. At the Nov. meeting Mrs. Judge, a florist from Bernhardt's taught a few tricks of the trade in demonstrating the making of floral displays, bouquets, etc. with artificial flowers. The singing group are now practising carols to sing at Wolfhampcote Candlelit Service (Dec. 15th) and also the W.I. group Carol Service at Barby (Dec. 16th).

BRAUNSTON VILLAGE GARDEN'S ASSOCIATION. At the A.G.M. of the Association the officers and committee were re-elected en bloc. The Chairman, Mrs. V.Hall, thanked the Committee for all the hard work and help given over the past year, and, in connection with the Braunston Show, said that the Judges had commented on the high standard of the entries. Mr. R. Dibben, the Show Secretary, reported that both the number of entries and the attendance were down on last year, but that nevertheless a slight profit had been made. The Treasurer, Mrs. J. Dibben, said that the finances of the Association were in a healthy condition - what use was to be made of the profit will be decided at the next committee meeting.

A Spring Show of flowering bulbs and house plants will be held early in March - date to be announced later - now is the time to plant bulbs in pots in readiness for this.

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 allowance 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 the post offices open.

Playing Fields, Braunston. There is a small unused area on the field, that had at one time been allocated for a tennis court. This project has not as yet been forthcoming and if anyone is interested in following up this scheme, or, if anyone else in the village has any other ideas for utilising this area, please contact the P.F.A. Secretary, Mr. P. Helliwell (Tel. 891278).

Bus Timetables. A new timetable for Daventry - Braunston - Rugby, now Mondays to Fridays, effective from 19th November 1984 and Northampton - Braunston - Birmingham, is on display in the Village Notice Board and there are some copies available at the Post Office.

Conversion of Street Lamps to Sodium Lamps. The Parish Council are considering changing the type of street lamps in the village and the Public Lighting Engineer, E.M.E.B. has agreed to put sodium replacement lamps on the Village Hall and one in Church Road. These lamps should throw out a better light and after conversion, are cheaper to maintain. The Council would welcome comments on the lighting.

BRAUNSTON & DISTRICT BRANCH of the ROYAL BRITISH LEGION wish to thank all those who helped make Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November a success. The Branch also expresses gratitude to those who sold poppies. The total amount collected to date is £500.00.

BRAUNSTON PANTO GROUP. Would a volunteer possessing a video camera be willing to film this year's panto at the end of January? We would also be grateful for offers of emulsion paint in all colours for painting scenery, etc. (Tel. Rugby 890744). Tickets will be available in January from "Gear Charge Shop". Watch for Posters.

BRAUNSTON BADMINTON CLUB, Plays every Wednesday 8 - 10 p.m. at The Grange, Daventry. Visitors £1. Transport can be arranged Tel. 890044. New players welcome.

DAPHNE & GEORGE wish to thank everyone for their kind support and good wishes during and after George's hospitalisation. We thank you all very much, it was most kind of you and it will be remembered always.

<u>VILLAGE NOTES.</u>	Rainfall in October	-	57.2mm
	"	to 21st Nov.	- 62.4mm

Many Churchyards have yew trees which were growing before the dawn of the Christian era. Their dark foliage seems to have made them favourite trees for burial grounds from time immemorial. The seed of the yew is enclosed in a fleshy cup of bright red. The seeds are poisonous, though certain birds can eat the cup without disaster which would certainly overtake men and cattle attempting to do so. For hundreds of years the long bow was constructed of wood from the yew tree and the victories of Crecy, Poitiers and Agincourt were due to this weapon, the deadliest before the invention of the modern rifle.

A Happy Christmas to all our readers.

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Duncan A. Gallie (Hon. Editor)