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CHURCH SERVICES each Sunday, at 8.00am - Holy Communion at 10.30am on the Second Sunday in the Month, a Family service with children in mind; the next is on the 9th September. at 10.30am on other Sundays we have the Parish Eucharist; that is on 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Evensong is on the first Sunday in the month (2nd September) at 6.30pm. ALSO, there is to be Evensong on the third Sunday in the month (16th) for the whole Daventry Team. This month it will be in Daventry at 6.00pm as a part of their Holy Cross Festival.

WEDDING: 28th July, Anthony David Childs and Joanna Louise Stuart we wish them every happiness in their marriage.

FUNERALS: 6th July, Marcus Boniface (at Ashby-St.-Ledgers)
13th July, Harold Gare
16th July, Duncan Alistair Gallie
16th July, Florinda Worth (at St. Augustine's)
19th July, Percy Cecil Nelson Dodd

We pray for the repose of their souls and offer our condolences to their families.

WOLFHAMPCOTE HARVEST FESTIVAL is on Saturday 29th September at 4.00pm. TRIP TO LONDON. The Parish are running a trip to London on September 22nd on which there are some seats still available. Cost £4 for adults, for more details or booking, ring Mrs. Eileen Dawson 890609.

The death of Duncan Gallie is a sad loss to the village and a blow to the Braunston Village News. The PCC has discussed the situation, but has not yet made any decisions. We are determined that this periodical will continue, probably largely unaltered, but without the usual Village Notes. For the time being Mrs. Marguerite Foulkes will receive items for the BVN and will continue to lay out and type the copy. Mr. Brian Dawson has written an appreciation of Duncan Gallie and I feel that should take priority over anything else in this issue. Michael Tompkins.

DUNCAN ALISTAIR GALLIE

For over 20 years Braunston folk have been accustomed to reading those interesting postscripts in the B.V.N. showing the editor's abiding interest in nature. We had one even in the last edition just a short while before he died. Duncan was conscientious to the end. Many villagers may not know that he had also been a local recorder for the British Meteorological Service for many years and only recently gave this up. Although he was no longer an official recorder he maintained his records daily until he was taken into hospital. Duncan was proud of his North Eastern origins. He was born in Sunderland but spent most of his formative years in Northumberland from where he acquired that beautiful accent with the rolling r's. He once told me that 'impediment' was in imitation of that famous son of Northumbria, Henry Percy or Hotspur who had difficulty in pronouncing his r's and Northumbrians have impersonated this trait ever since in his honour. Duncan won a place in Morpeth Grammar School, then went on to study at Leeds City Training College where he qualified as a teacher. After serving in schools in the Sunderland area as an assistant teacher, he was appointed to the headship of Braunston School in 1943, took up his post on the tenth of January, 1944 and moved to the Midlands with his wife Marjorie and young daughter Jean. Those were difficult days - air raids, rationing and blackout were everyday features of civilian life in wartime and a rural school like Braunston was used as a centre for evacuees. The school had to accommodate children who had been evacuated from the heavily bombed areas of London, Birmingham and Coventry at different times. There was a constant flow of these children and their teachers through the school and the old school, (now the Village Centre) must have been hard pressed to take them all at times. Space was at a premium. There were 212 children on the school roll in September 1944 in 5 classrooms which were very limited in space. Almost half of these children were evacuees. The school's facilities were very limited - flush toilets were not installed until April 1950 - continued over.....

and there was a responsibility for educating children from 5 to 15. Children over 11 years of age were taught at Braunston School (unless they had gained a scholarship to Daventry Grammar School) until July 1957 when it became a Primary School catering for Infant and Junior children. Examination of the children's gas masks was as regular a routine as the London (for evacuees) and Northamptonshire (for Braunstonians), Scholastic examinations.

Duncan always had an interest in botany and encouraged his pupils to make a collection of the local flora. That first Easter, after putting the suggestion to the children, was a rather 'disturbed' holiday for the Gallie family as frequent juvenile callers rung his bell during the vacation with the repeated enquiry, "Have you got this one sir?" The resultant floral catalogue amounted to about 200 items and was accepted by the Natural History Museum as a valuable contribution to their information on Midlands flora. He was a true countryman who took up bee-keeping and was often seen, long after retirement, cane in hand, walking all the country paths round Braunston.

Both Duncan and Marjorie entered wholeheartedly into village life and a regular commitment to All Saints Church was a major part of this contract. They were both active members of the congregation and the Parochial Church Council and Duncan was secretary to the P.C.C. and a school governor after his retirement in July 1965.

Even then, he did not lay down his education: always keen on his Latin, he took up a study of a related language, Spanish. He was so well versed in these post retirement classes that he often quoted Spanish poetry to lesser scholars who found it difficult to recall the lessons of youth. His apt use of the appropriate Latin tag to fit a situation was well known and I can only finish with one that his generous Christian nature richly deserves: Requiescat in pace magister reverende.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM JEAN I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all the people of Braunston (past & present) who came to my father's funeral, who sent so many beautiful & moving letters and cards, which, together with the lovely flowers and generous donations (to All Saints Church and Danetre Hospital) gave me & all my family so much comfort at this sad time. Most people know how much my father missed my mother but he was helped to endure the loss by the wonderful friendship, affection and hospitality he received from so many people in Braunston. He was lonely but at the same time felt secure in the knowledge that he had only to step outside his house to find someone to talk to, someone to offer him a cup of tea or someone to invite him to take part in a village function. The editorship of the B.V.N. was a source of great pride for him and he took much pleasure in compiling "Village Notes" and in addition to his delivery "round", regularly sent copies to friends in far-flung places.

I am so grateful to all of you for enabling my father to live out his final years amid such kindness which made him feel that despite advancing age and frailty, he was still valued in this community.

Jean E. Hossain (nee Gallie).

<u>SIDESWENS ROTA</u>	<u>8am</u>	<u>10.30am</u>
September 2nd	L. Thompson	D. Turner & B. Dawson
9th	E. Thorp	G. Powell & C. Dunn
16th	F. Spencer Lee	B. Wasser & C. Wasser
23rd	D. Hamer	D. Foulkes & J. Reed
30th	B. Dawson	K. French & W. Chamberlain
<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u>	<u>High Altar</u>	<u>St. Giles</u>
September 2nd	Mrs. A. Herne	Mrs. D. Thompson
9th	Mrs. G. Powell	
16th	Mrs. J. Seenev	
30th	Mrs. C. Cooper	Mrs. M. Brown

THANK YOU We gratefully acknowledge an anonymous donation of £5 towards the cost of producing the B.V.N.

FRIENDLY CLUB Monday Sept. 10th - A Tea Dance commencing 2.30pm. Monday Sept. 24th. A Ploughmans Lunch at 1pm followed by Harvest Festival. VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION Prizes for the winners of the Gardens & Hanging Baskets will be presented at 8pm Tuesday 18th Sept. in Games Room. See P.O. & next issue of EVM for names of winners.

WOMENS INSTITUTE. Sept. 4th 7.30pm. Mrs. Dawn Quinn talk 'From Cradle to Grave with music.'

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