

# Braunston News

February 2018

## May Fayre looking for volunteers

### Upcoming Highlights

- Pancake Party in aid of Rutland Food Bank, Tue 13th Feb, Village Hall 12.00
- Village Hall Quiz Night, Friday 2nd March, Doors 18.45

### Regular Events

- Ladies Pub Night: Meets 1st Wed of month in Blue Ball from 8pm
- Indoor Bowls: Alternate Fridays in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: Sandra Lickman 722536
- Gardening Club: 3rd Thurs of month in Village Hall. Contact: Mary Brooks 723047
- Table Tennis: Tue & Wed in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: David Smart 01664 474354
- Parents & Toddlers: Every Thu during term time 10-12 in Village Hall. Contact Sue Bichard 756694
- Quilting & Patchwork Group: Every Wednesday in Village Hall 09:45—15:45. Contact: Viv 771020
- Tai Chi: Thursdays 19.00 - 20.30. Contact Jim Ward [www.taichiforhealth.co.uk](http://www.taichiforhealth.co.uk)
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

### Contributors

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Following the first meeting of the May Fayre Committee, we've identified a few areas we could do with some help in.

Firstly, the May Pole dancing. Sylvia Mathews, after a year's break, has been persuaded to come back and train the dancers for this year's Fayre. But we are still short of dancers. We need at least 12 to make the dancing work and are currently a couple short. Rehearsals start soon (Sunday mornings in the Village Hall).

The May Pole dancing has been an integral part of the Fayre for 28 years and it would be shame to lose this great tradition. You do not have to live in the village to take part, so people can bring their friends along. Sylvia needs children aged between 7 and 12, girls or boys.

Anyone interested can contact Sylvia on [sylvia.m.matthews@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvia.m.matthews@hotmail.com)

There are other areas where we are short of helpers and organisers for the Fayre too. We would love to have someone who can take on the publicity role. This involves getting the word out about the Fayre in local press and

pushing our online profile.

Also Clare Seymour could do with help running the tea room. This is the biggest single money earner for the Fayre and, although there will be plenty of volunteers on the day to make cakes and help service, the refreshments need some organising leading up to the event, e.g. planning rotas, ordering supplies and working out menus. If anyone is willing to help with this, please contact us: [miketamsin@btinternet.com](mailto:miketamsin@btinternet.com).

We could also always do with people to help out in any way, either on the day or in the run up to the bank holiday. It would also be great to get some new people involved in the committee planning the Fayre. This meets once a month on a Wednesday evening in the village pubs.

Do you have a great idea for an event to raise money on the day? Do you have an idea for a stall that could raise some money that perhaps you would like to run, such as guessing the number of balloons in a car, a Human Hungry Hippo coconut shy, or any other ideas?

If so, please feel free to come along and get involved!  
- MF & TF

## Your Village Hall needs you!

The AGM for Braunston and Brooke Village Hall will be held on Monday 19th March at 19.30 in the Small Hall. All villagers are invited to attend and we would very much like to hear your ideas and feedback regarding the Village Hall and its uses.

A number of people are stepping down from the committee this year, so we urgently need new committee members. If you would like to get involved, please come to the AGM and let us know or email [robander961@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robander961@hotmail.co.uk) or [jtaylor.braunston@gmail.com](mailto:jtaylor.braunston@gmail.com).

The Village Hall is a wonderful resource. It enables a wide range of regular and one-off activities and social events to take place in the village. The building and grounds have been improved year on year and we have a well-organised management system in place. We just need a few more people to volunteer a little time to be committee members to help keep the place running smoothly. There are just six committee meetings per year. If you want to know more, give Rob Anderson a call on 07900 535 250.

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## Church Events

- Sun 4th February, 11.00  
- Holy Communion
- Sun 11th February, 11.00  
- Sunday Worship
- Tue 13th February, Pancake Party,  
Village Hall 12.00
- Sun 18th February, 10.30  
- Holy Communion (Oakham)

February 13th is Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day! What can you do with a pancake? Make it! Decorate it! Toss it! Race with it - get a team of four together for the Pancake Relay Race! Not to mention EAT it! All proceeds to Rutland Food Bank, a really good cause. Entry £2.00; special activities 50p.

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## @ The Pubs

- Sun 4th Feb, 12.00 - Live Lunchtime Jazz at The Blue Ball
- Weds 14th Feb - Valentines' meals at both pubs
- Tuesdays - Curry Nights, Thursdays - Chicken & Ribs, Fridays - 2 for 1 Cod & Chips - The Old Plough

## Church St River

After a well-behaved period, the pipes underneath Church St seem to have let go again, with residents woken at 06.30 early one Friday morning to move their vehicles so workmen could get at a burst pipe.

Though this leak was fixed promptly, it seems that the road is weeping again slightly lower down, with the result that the stretch just north of Hanbury Gardens seems to be in a state of permanent gunk.

The Parish Council has spoken again to RCC and Severn Trent to see if replacing the main can get moved up the schedule.

## The Dog Poo Fairy

It looks like some poor, deluded residents still strongly believe in the existence of the Dog Poo Fairy, but trust us: it doesn't exist. It's up to every dog owner to clean up after their pets. The Parish Council has been alerted to the continuing problem and apparently knows who the repeat offenders are. Really, pick it up, people.

## One way ticket

**And so the saga of the ill-conceived Oakham One Way System is over**, for the moment at least.

An online petition organised by activists attracted over 3000 signatures — over 2000 more than backed the scheme in RCC polling. Pressure from this and a groundswell of distinctly unimpressed popular opinion seems to have led to the cancellation of the scheme and taken down Council leader Tony Mathias at the same time.

Council figures suggest that less than £250k has been spent on the project.

So, what happens next? The Council says that it remains committed to infrastructure investment in Oakham and, as such, is forming a task group through its own Growth, Infrastructure and Resources Scrutiny Panel to look at the matter. Discussions on its formation will take place next time the panel meets on Feb 15th, and the Council has promised to include 'external stakeholders' and Oakham traders this time round.

Meanwhile Severn Trent Water hopes to have its disruptive work along the High Street finally completed early next month.

## A most quizzical evening

**Get your weekend off to a flying start** with another of our popular Village Hall quiz nights on Friday 2nd March. Doors and bar open at 6.45pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm.

Tracy & Nick are setting the questions once again, so it promises to be an entertaining evening with your PhD in Astrophysics or Ancient Greek not really

of any great help! Tickets are £9, which includes a hot supper, with something sweet to follow, and there will be a licensed bar.

Maximum of six per team, or we can put people together to make up teams.

For tickets or more information, contact Janet on 01572 759556, Rob and Pat on 01572 774388, Cheryl on 07956 308808, or email

[info@braunstonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@braunstonvillagehall.co.uk)

Any proceeds will be split between the Village Hall and Braunston church.

-JT

## 2018? The year you decide to...

**Don't let those good intentions** left over from New Year fizzle out! There are an amazing range of activities on offer at the Village Hall in 2018 to really help you make the most of yourself.

Get mind and body into shape with Tai Chi or Pilates. Want more exercise? Table Tennis Club and Bowls Club. Toddler needing stimulation? Join the Play Group. Want to learn to bake like Bake Off? Kids and Adults Baking classes are on offer. Need some ideas for your flower beds? Join the Gardening Club. Want to stitch like a professional? Join the Quilting Group. Take a look at the Village Hall

website for all the latest info  
[www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk)

Watch out for special events coming up. Not only is there the Quiz Night above, but, by popular demand after last year's amazing event, The James Joyce Band will play another Midsummer Ceilidh!

As an early warning, we plan to upgrade the Village Hall floor starting 13th August (after the Flower Show), so the Main Hall will be closed for around two weeks from that date.

That means it's only going to be there for any and all uses for 50 weeks of the year...!

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