

Braunston News

March 2018

In the Neighbourhood

Upcoming Highlights

- Sunday 11th March, Mother's Day Breakfast, Village Hall; meals at the pubs
- Sat 7th April, Rutland Poppy Project, Village Hall, 14.00

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
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

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The annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on the 12th April, at 8pm.

As well as the usual stimulating agenda items, we plan to canvas support for a Braunston Neighbourhood Plan. Over the past few years Neighbourhood Plans have become a useful tool allowing village communities to take charge of how their villages are developed in the future. The government initiative which created the notion intended that those communities who made the effort to gather and publish a plan would generally have their preferences accepted as a higher priority than plans which might otherwise be imposed by their regional authority.

Is it time that our village took the initiative to define how we want it to look in the future? Who is interested in helping to draft such a plan, which might record village views on: building development (size, type, purpose), facilities, utilities, roads and footpaths, services, play areas, protection of the village character and heritage?

Come to the Parish meeting and let's talk about it.

And if you want to do some research before the meeting, two good examples of local neighbourhood plans can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2osRrAS> (Greetham) and <http://bit.ly/2BXF8nw> (Cottesmore).

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Braunston Bites Back: recipes wanted

As part of this year's May Fayre fundraising we are publishing a recipe book featuring favourite recipes from people who live in Braunston.

We did one called Braunston Bites about 19 years ago when we were raising money for the playground and it was very successful.....I still use mine!

So we need your favourite recipes please. They can be ones handed down through generations, ones that you have every week, that special cake, or even one from your favourite cookbook (please tell us the

author/chef though in this case as we will have to acknowledge them). Write a sentence or two about why it is special to you and make sure you give your name.

Then please send them to me, ideally on email at tracyandnickw@yahoo.co.uk, or on paper to 25 Knossington Rd. If you have a photo of the food that would be great too.

We can't guarantee to publish all recipes but we will try our best.

Closing date is March 28th.

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Hebe's Wood talk

More than forty villagers crowded into the Blue Ball in February to hear Min Burdett and her expert friends give a fascinating talk about Hebe's Wood.

Hebe was the ancient goddess of youth and regeneration and the (recent) name reflects the direction for the stewardship of the wood which dates from before 1100.

We heard about the rich diversity of newts, orchids, birds and trees and the

many threats, including the importance of visitors (including dogs) keeping to the paths and mown rides to avoid disturbing ground nesting birds. The recent cutting back of the blackthorn hedges (by volunteers) is in the process of taking the green lane back to its original width of many years ago when it was used as a holding point for sheep going to market.

Anyone wishing to volunteer help or expertise should contact Min Burdett on 01572 723242 or 07968077205 or email min.burdett@gmail.com

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Church Events

- Sun 4th March, 11.00
- Holy Communion
- Sun 11th March, 09.00
- Mothering Sunday, Village Hall
- Palm Sunday, 25th March, 10.30
- Holy Communion
- Sun 18th February, 10.30
- Holy Communion (Oakham)

@ The Pubs

- Sun 4th March, 12.00 - Live
Lunchtime Jazz at The Blue Ball
- Sun 14th March - Mother's Day meals
at both pubs
- Sun 18th March 12.00 - Live Solo Jazz
Guitar at The Blue Ball
- Mon 19th March, 19.30, Quiz Night
at The Old Plough
- Easter Sun 1st April - two lunch
sittings + 7.30pm Live Band - Sunday
Hut. Free entry. Blue Ball
- Tuesdays - Curry Nights, Thursdays -
Chicken & Ribs, Fridays - 2 for 1 Cod &
Chips - The Old Plough

Village Hall AGM

This year's Village Hall AGM takes place on Monday 19th March at 19.30 in the Small Hall. And, and we can't emphasise this enough, all are welcome.

Come along and hear what's happened during the last year and give us your views, feedback and ideas regarding the use of the Hall. We have vacancies for committee members too, so if you are interested in joining the committee and helping to run the hall please contact the chairman, Rob Anderson (774388).

Welcome to the Future

Anybody out and about with their mobile phones in the village, at least on some networks, will have seen some welcome new numbers on their display, namely 4G. Some cursory testing indicates that recent mast upgrades have raised the outdoor mobile data speeds into the 25Mbps region, though our experience also suggests you'll still be lucky to raise a blip on Vodafone until a new mast appears to the north of the village later this year.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Come and start the day with a **Continental Breakfast** featuring some delicious pastries in the Village Hall from 9.00am on Mother's Day, 11th March.

Mothering Sunday is a special time to remember all that our mums have done for us. We may not have them with us any longer but we can still remember them - after all, we've all had mothers! But there's more to this special day; it's also a

celebration of mothering which of course is what mothers are so good at.

However this needn't be just confined to our mums; our dads, close friends, our children can also 'mother us', giving us their love and care especially when we're going through a bad patch.

Mothering Sunday is day for *everyone* to have fun and celebrate. We'll finish with a short informal service.

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Rutland Poppy Project

On Sat 7th April there will be a poppy-making session held in the Village Hall as part of a Rutland-wide community art project to commemorate the end of the Great War.

Project artists will be there to help you make a poppy which will be fired and glazed and used as part of a display in Oakham later in the year. All materials and equipment will be supplied, and all adults and accompanied children are welcome — just bring an apron or old shirt as clay can be messy.

There will also be a small display of photos of Braunston at the beginning of the last century, and information about the local men and women whose names we see on the War Memorial in the churchyard.

The poppy making is free — though donations will be welcome — and there will be refreshments for sale.

Doors open at 2pm, and poppy making from 3pm.

It's a drop in session, but it will be helpful to give the artists an idea of numbers to expect. Please email Pip at blueballbraunston@gmail.com if you know you would like to participate.

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+++ Volunteers needed for May Fayre in various roles. Contact Mike & Tamsin Fagan: miketamsin@btinternet.com +++

The Engsonglopedia Remains the Same

The Engsonglopedia of Science is coming to the Village Hall on Wednesday April 25th

This is the brand new show by John Hinton, multi-award-winning writer and performer of the Scientrilogy of musical comedies about Darwin, Einstein and Curie. Now he's back, just playing himself this time, but still singing witty and occasionally silly songs about science in all sorts of genres from acapella to zither, and getting rave reviews from wherever it's performed: at the Brighton Fringe this year it won an 'outstanding' accolade.

It's an alphabetical and musical journey through science, discovering how

octopuses smell, how to make one twin age faster than the other, how everything began and eventually how everything will end. So, that's roughly 18.7 billion years in one evening. That's value for money!

Going from Atoms, Big Bangs and Cells through to X-rays, Y-chromosomes and plenty of Zoology, expect the unexpected - and expect it to rhyme.

Recommended for ages 7+, it can be enjoyed by everyone, children and adults alike, and will be an early evening show to make sure everyone can get to see it. Watch out for ticket details and further information.

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