

Braunston News

October 2018

Join The Living Advent Calendar

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
- Oakham Sings!, Mondays, 18.45. Content Brooke Peverell, 07772 055935
- Quilting & Patchwork Group: Every Wednesday in Village Hall 09:45—15:45. Contact: Viv 771020
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

Church Events

- Sunday 14th Oct, 11.00am Sunday Worship, Church
- Sunday 21st Oct, 11.00am Holy Communion, Church
- Sunday 28th Oct, 4.00pm Service of Reflection, Church

Thanks this issue to...

Karen Allen, Rob Anderson, Jim Atack, & Gail Rudge

This is a neat concept and could be a really nice way for the village to kick off the festive season. Karen Allen explains:

"The idea is to see if we can transform 24 (or more) of our houses into a real-life Advent calendar, 'unveiling' a new street-facing window/s each night during December. The window can be totally your choice: upstairs is fine.

"Volunteers will be given a number between 1 and 24, the idea being that you 'light up' your window on that date

and that it stays lit during the hours of darkness (well, until bedtime at least) until after Christmas.

"I will light up my window on December 1st and, hopefully, we will have others each day as more are added until all the displays are all lit on Christmas Eve. We think this could be a lovely way for Braunston to celebrate the festive season."

Interested? Please text or call Karen Allen on 07961 050077 or by email at karen.allen@consultselect.com

Work Group Needed

We are planning some tidy-up activities in November, on Saturday the 10th and Saturday the 17th. We will concentrate on the banks of the River Gwash, but spread out if we have more folk. Volunteers are

asked to let Jim Atack (jim.atack@gmail.com) or Chris Bichard (cbichard@hotmail.com) know if they are available, then show up on either (or both) dates with appropriate tools of mass destruction!

-JA

Grape expectations

A new season of what looks to be a newly diverse and rebadged Braunston Blokes (& Ladies) Club kicks off on 21st October at 7.30pm at The Blue Ball with a combined Blind Wine Tasting & Ideas for the Telephone Box session.

Here's what organiser Rob has to say about it all:

"Head off to the Blue Ball on Sunday evening, 21st October, for the first session of the season. It's a blind wine tasting with an easy quiz to see who can identify and price the most wines. Bring a bottle of your favourite wine, together with details of the

price paid, and we'll see who has the best nose for wine and a bargain.

"To avoid getting too focused on the wine we will also explore ideas for what to do with the Telephone Box. Current favourite is to make it a "Braunston History Box" with posters showing Braunston's History and Heritage plus details of local walks etc come along and put your ideas into the mix. There will be a cover charge of £3 per person.

If you don't have a suitable bottle of wine, Dom will happily sell you one. All welcome."

The Book of Shame

We were very entertained to overhear this venerable newsletter referred to as The Book of Shame on one of those long, lazy summer evenings on the terrace of The Blue Ball.

This set us to mulling over how we could produce one in 2018 — Facebook pages! geo-tagged photos! Social media! More! I mean, you could really go to town on something like that in 2018...For now though, we'll content ourselves with pointing

out that the accessibility survey conducted earlier this year noted a number of overhanging hedges that obstructed footpaths or sight lines around the village.

The Parish Council is apparently following this up with a number of householders (which doesn't sound sinister at all), but the message is please do take a look at your hedges and see if action is needed.

The Return of... The Advent Fayre

This year's Advent Fayre will be held on Saturday 24th November in Braunston Village Hall, 11am-3pm. Once again this year, there will be all sorts of goodies on sale, games and competitions, not forgetting, of course, the chance to win the luxury Christmas Hamper. So, put the date down in your diaries and mark it on your calendars so you don't miss out!

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Events in t'Village

First up, the ever-popular Village Quiz takes place on the 19th: doors & bar 18.45, Quiz starts 19.30.

There's a plethora of events going on at The Old Plough. There's an open mic night on the 19th, a Quiz night on the 21st, and a Race Night fundraiser for breast cancer on November 2nd.

And The Blue Ball has a good offer running the length of October: 30% off your lunchtime food bill, Tues-Sat. Just quote "VIPLunch" when asking for your bill to claim.

...Bump in the Night

Don't forget Halloween takes place on Tuesday 31st. It's a (hopefully) simple system: If you want to get involved in the trick or treating aspect of it all, stick some decorations or a pumpkin outside; if you don't want to be disturbed, then simply leave things as they are and the marauding hordes should leave you alone.

Sailing into the Sunset

Many thanks to Braunston's Emily Nagel who shared her amazing experience competing in the Volvo Around the World Ocean race with many of us at the end of September in the Village Hall.

It became very apparent during Emily's presentation as to what an amazing young lady she is. Competing in the race, covering some 45,000 miles was quite the achievement, not only for Emily but for her other team mates of Akzo-Nobel.

Not only did they break the 24 hour

distance record, they came in 4th overall in a very close finish. If you are interested in finding out more about this amazing journey go to <https://www.teamakzonobel.com/team/emily-nagel> (sorry about the line breaks there).

Also our thanks to everyone who attended the evening and to our sponsor, Sturgess Volvo of Leicester. The contributions made will be distributed to Emily's charity of choice, Multiple Sclerosis, and to the Village Hall.

-KA

Festive Frolics at the Village Hall

A bit of advance notice: On Saturday 1st December, Braunston Events presents (drum roll please) 'An Evening of Live Entertainment and Dancing Accompanied by a Three Course Set Dinner' in the Village Hall.

Tables of 6 or 8 are available priced at J25 per person, and, of course, the bar will be

open as well (though that's not included in the price, natch). All kicks-off at 7:00 pm with sit down for dinner at 7:30pm.

Organiser Karen Allen promises great music with a bit of comedy thrown in. Should be a great night. Please contact her for more info: 07961 050077, karen.allen@consultselect.com

Memories Service

On Sunday, 28th October we're holding a special 'Memories Service' at All Saints' Church Braunston, at 4.00pm. This will be a reflective service during which we shall be lighting candles in memory of our

loved ones who have died or others close to us who are in our hearts, and for peace in the troubled areas of the world.

If you feel this would be an appropriate way to reflect and remember, please come and join us.

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