



Braunston News

November 2018

Church Repair Appeal

Our historic church needs urgent repairs to make it watertight, repair crumbling masonry and replace access ladders inside the tower. The total cost is estimated at £54,000! Existing church funds, grants pending and initial donations already total £24,000 meaning we need to raise a further £30,000 or just £24,000 if all remaining donations are gift aided. Much more information is on display inside the church. Details of the appeal will be posted to everyone in the village during November.

Although the cost looks a lot, if we don't do this work soon we will have a much higher bill and keeping our thousand-year old church usable will become a real challenge. Please help if you can. For more details or to make a donation contact Rob Anderson on robander961@hotmail.co.uk

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Vote for Braunston's Bats

All Saints, Braunston "Bats in Churches" project has been accepted as one of three projects for possible funding of up to £4,000 by Tesco's "Bags of Success" scheme. The final funding depends on voting in the Oakham Tesco store between 1st November and 31st December. Please look out for the voting opportunity as you go in and exit the store and please vote for our project as many times as possible!

In addition the Heritage Lottery has just announced approval of funding in 2019 for permanent improvements to the church to minimise the bat impact on the historic building AND to install a Bat Box in the new churchyard extension paddock. Watch out for more bat related activities in 2019!

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Remembrance Day 2018

This year, Remembrance Sunday is falling on the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. To commemorate this special occasion there will be two displays in the church showing photographs and records of those who went to the Great War from Braunston. A big thank you to Carole Brown

and Janet Taylor for all their hard work in putting them together. Keep your eyes open for other photographs around the village. On Sunday 21st October the display of the poppies we helped to make was opened in Oakham Castle grounds; Chris Bichard was presented with a commemorative horse shoe for Braunston by the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland. This will be blessed during the Remembrance Service in Church and afterwards laid on the War Memorial.

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Braunston Blokes Updates Gender Policy

The next BBBC meeting is on Sunday 18th Nov 7.30pm at the Blue Ball to play what Rob Anderson tells us is 'The Best Game in the World'. No idea quite what this will be, though probably not giant screens hooked into a bank of PS4s running Red Dead Redemption 2 would be our guess.

"No skill, dexterity or particular knowledge needed. Just turn up. All instruction will be given on the night when we will migrate into two teams to play this very sociable game," says Rob.

He also informs us that October's fun packed wine tasting was one of the best attended events so far. Funny that. Perhaps more to the point, a unanimous decision was also taken, quite late in the evening we are told, to rename the group the Braunston Blokes & Birds Club; hence the new triple B'd monicker. Good to see.

Contact Rob on 01572 774388 if you need more info.

Quidditch? No, guess we're just going to have to wait and see.

Caravan help required

This from incoming resident, Gina Colton.

"Hello. I'm going to be moving into the village at the end of November and there are a couple of things I need help with. I have a small 2-berth caravan that I will no longer have a driveway to store on, and [pto]

[cont.] was wondering whether anyone in the village has a large driveway or farmland they'd let me store it on. I'm happy to pay for this.

"Also I have a small dog and am going to need someone to walk him or even day care probably for three days during the week. He's a happy little 5 year old pug x Jack Russell; good with dogs, children, and off his lead."

If anyone can help with either of those, get in contact with us and we'll pass you on to Gina. Welcome to the village :-)

Recap and Rewind

A round up of some stuff from the last newsletter or two that is still relevant...

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 £25 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. Please contact her for more info: 07961 050077, karen.allen@consultselect.com

Karen is also your go to woman for the **Living Advent Calendar** project. "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."

And 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!

And Finally...

Huge kudos to Clare and James for mounting such a fantastic Halloween display. There was some really good stuff all around the village, with some awesome pumpkin carving skills in evidence in particular, but their multimedia display really upped the ante.

Spooktacular and then some...

Listings

Events

■ Quiz Night at The Old Plough,
Monday 26th November

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

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