



# Braunston News

December 2018

## May Fayre Searches for Help

**It seems like a long way off** but in keeping with Christmas starting at some point in September nowadays we are advertising early for help with the Braunston Fayre.

As well as being a fab day out, the Fayre raises money for the village and a local charity. This year the committee distributed J7,000 in total, including J1,400 to Dove Cottages Hospice. These funds really are vital for the running of the Village Hall and Braunston church. Rob Anderson on behalf of the Village Hall and PCC says: "A big thank you to all the May Fayre 2018 Committee for all the hard work which went into raising the donations of J2,800 to each of the Village Hall and Church — these very much help to maintain the facilities we enjoy in the village." Dove Cottages were extremely grateful too, stating: "Your donation will help us continue offering our Hospice services free of charge to people living in Rutland".

The Braunston Fayre does not organise itself though and for next year we are in search of volunteers and a new chair for the committee. Do you have a fantastic new idea for the Fayre? Do you think we should have a village Tug of War? How about fire juggling on stilts? A petting zoo? A marching band? Please come and help out. The Fayre committee has worked hard for many years, but without new blood it may be the case that the Fayre cannot run next year.

Our first meeting is provisionally booked for the 9th January in the Blue Ball. Please get in touch if you would like get involved. Speak to any one on the committee, contact the outgoing chairman, Mike Fagan on [miketamsin@btinternet.com](mailto:miketamsin@btinternet.com), or just turn up on the day.

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## Carols, Nativity & More!

**December is a very busy time** down at the Church! Here are some important dates for your diaries:

Sunday 16th December: Mark the beginning of the week before Christmas by coming to sing Carols by Candlelight. Listen to readings and join in singing traditional carols.

Christmas Eve: Begin your Christmas celebrations by coming to Journey to Jesus. Travel with Mary

and Joseph, the Angels, Shepherds and the Wise Men on 'Earth Mission Phase I'. We'll begin in Church, then, weather permitting, go out to finish the journey. Come in warm clothes and don't forget there's mulled wine, soft drinks, and mince pies to warm you up afterwards.

Holy Communion on Christmas Day is very special, so get everything organised at home first and then do come to church if you can.

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## Repair Appeal Underway

**Fundraising for All Saints Church** has now reached an amazing J31,000 toward the total of J54,000 needed for all the repairs. At the end of November, Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust generously awarded us a grant of J10,000 toward the repairs, which supplements the J16,000 raised from parishioners and J5,000 from Church reserves.

Watch out for appeal letters which are being sent out across the village in December. And please help, if you can, to keep your Church weathertight and functioning for future generations. For more details contact Rob on 774388.

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## How do I Love Thee?

**Marking your cards** early for the latest play from James Rowland, he behind the really rather good indeed 'Team Viking'. 'A Hundred Different Words For Love' plays for one night only in the Village Hall on 27th January. More details next month.

## BBBC Ideas for January?

**November's B<sup>3</sup>C meeting** exceeded all expectations in that The Best Game in the World probably was one of the most enjoyable evenings, maintaining the standard set by the previous month's wine tasting. We now take a month off to enjoy the run up to Christmas.

If anyone has an idea for something in January please let me know. Watch out for details of the "even better" Wine Tasting that Chrissie is organising for March! - Contact Rob on [robander961@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:robander961@hotmail.co.uk) or 774388

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## Churchyard Hedge Laying Go!

**Following on from the recent flurries** of work that have been taking place around the Village, one of the next proposals involves some hedge laying. The hedge to be laid is the one that runs along the south side of the west churchyard, alongside the cremated remains area. The plan is to undertake the work, weather permitting, on Saturday mornings in December and / or January. The work will probably take up to a week to do in total, with the aim of having it completed by the end of January — certainly before spring arrives.

If anyone would like to lend a hand and learn the craft, please either call Chris Lovelock on 07914 138817 or just send a text. He will then get back in touch to let those interested know when the planned work will be starting.

And there is some interesting reading and history of the craft available at <https://www.hedgelaying.org.uk>

## Thanks for the Tidy...

Thanks to the hardy folk who turned up for the Village Tidy-Up Days, who deserve a namecheck at the very least: Peter Allen, Pat Anderson, Rob Anderson, Chris Bichard, Richard Beadman, David Dews, Paul Jenkins, Chris Lovelock, Simon Phillips, Di Picken, Mike Picken, Clare Seymour, Janet Taylor, John Williams, Nicky Brake.

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## Any Other Business?

**Di Picken would like to say thank you** to everyone who contributed to the poppy appeal in the Village, either via the door to door collection or the two boxes

in the two pubs. All together the total raised was J157.75. Good work, everyone.

**The Indoor Bowls Club** is looking for new players. The new floor in the Village Hall has led to a much improved surface for the games and it really is rather a fun evening. Takes place alternate Fridays in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: Sandra Lickman 722536.

We have had a few reports of the council clamping down on **bin collections** and refusing (do you see what we did there?) bins with unauthorised items in: the problem being that exactly what is let through and what is not tends to change. Leaflets and other useful reminders seem to be relics of pre-austerity times, so it's worth checking every now and then to see what is and what isn't allowed at <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/waste-and-recycling/>

So, lastly **an appeal**. In what are increasingly isolationist and insular times, let's remember that an important component of the Christmas story is about displacement and the flight from persecution. In this day and age community doesn't just stop at the edge of the village or the county border; it extends across national boundaries, across race, creed, ability, economic status, and sexual orientation. Think locally, act globally. And this Christmas let's try and spread the same compassion we see in the village far and wide and to all those who need it wherever they may be.

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## Listings

### 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 2nd December 11.00am, Holy Communion

■ Sunday 9th December, 11.00am, Sunday Worship  
■ Sunday 16th December, 6.00pm, Carols by Candlelight  
■ Christmas Eve, 3.30pm, Journey to Jesus, (begins in Church)  
■ Christmas Day, 11.00am, Holy Communion

### Thanks this issue to...

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