



Braunston News

January 2019

May Fayre Needs New Leader

The first **May Fayre** committee meeting is scheduled for the 9th January in the Blue Ball. Please get in touch with the outgoing chairman, Mike Fagan, on miketamsin@btinternet.com or just turn up on the night.

And the key phrase there is 'the outgoing chairman'. After an excellent two years at the helm, Mike & Tamsin are stepping down and there is an urgent need for someone new to step in, pick up the reins, and help drive the event on to the next level. It's not too fanciful to suggest that if no one fills the vital role of Lead Organiser, then the Fayre might well be taking a year off in 2019...

A Hundred Different Words for Love

Those of you who were lucky enough to enjoy James Rowland's excellent performance of 'Team Viking' last year won't want to miss this!

**A Hundred Different Words for Love - presented
by James Rowland
Sunday 27th January. Doors, 18.45 (pay bar)
Tickets: £11.00 - Available from the Blue Ball or
Karen Allen (07961 050077)**

It has been said that the Eskimo language has an improbably large number of words for 'snow'; how is it then that we struggle to find the right words to make sense of love?

Looking back on a devastating breakup, master storyteller James Rowland shares his quest to survive in a way that every member of the audience can understand. Both hilarious and heart-lifting, this very personal story of romance, despair and friendship is told with great charm and wit, live music, original songs (and unoriginal emotions) and, above all, heartfelt honesty. An utterly engaging gem of a show.

-KA

Church Repairs Update

A big thank you to the many people across the village who have made generous donations towards the urgent repairs required to keep our village

Church watertight. So far, £38,000 has been raised, which means that there are just £13,000 in gift-aided donations needed. If you would like to make a donation to take us to the £54,000 total, please make a cheque payable to "Braunston PCC" and send it with your name and address and a note confirming Gift Aid may be claimed (if applicable) to Pat Anderson, PCC Treasurer, 52 Church Street, Braunston.

Donation forms are also available inside the Church or contact Pat Anderson on 774388 for more details.

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Bat Box Coming to Bat Pole!

Our Heritage Lottery funding for 2019 has been confirmed and this allows us to make the blocking work inside the church permanent. The bats can continue to roost in the south aisle roof, but this work prevents them getting into the interior of the church and will stop the fouling of the pews, walls and floors, so everyone — bats and humans alike — is happy! Additionally the funding covers the installation of a bat box on a pole in the churchyard extension paddock, which we hope will provide an additional roost for the bats outside the church. The blocking work, and hopefully the bat box installation as well, is planned for early April.

- RA

Safari Supper Time

The next **Safari Supper** will be on Saturday 26th January. If you don't know what it's all about, it's just an extended walkabout supper party where you get to meet lots of people around the village. All you need to do is cook one course for up to 8 people (including yourselves) and you get your other courses plus welcome drinks at three other houses. It is not a cooking competition; it's just a fun get-together.

If you are interested in joining in then please contact Tracy on tracyandnickw@yahoo.co.uk with your contact details before the 12th January.

- TW

Great Success for Festive Frolics

So pleased to report that our first Braunston 'Festive Frolic Dinner/Dance was a HUGE success. I have mentioned a few of the lovely comments I received below, and it's obvious we're going to have to do it all again next year! So, make a note in your diaries for Saturday 7th December, 2019 :-)

"What a fabulous evening on Saturday. Delicious food, hilarious entertainment and the hall decked out brilliantly. All this together with enjoying the fantastic company of fellow villagers made for what I think must be the best ever evening we have had in the Village Hall."

"A fantastic night with beautifully prepared tables, amazing food (yes amazing for every course!), hilarious entertainment and fabulous music."

"Thank you so much for planning and organising such a wonderful village occasion last night. I think that the occasion will be remembered for the food, fun and family atmosphere."

"You put so much work and preparation into what was a landmark evening and it paid amazing dividends, so much so that we all want to do it again next year!!"

- KA

Any Other Business?

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Church Advent Fayre** in the Village Hall at the end of November, where there was a great mix of traditional and interesting new items on sale. The total raised was a fantastic £2,300 which helped to swell the repair fund!

And also huge thanks to everyone who participated in Braunston's first **Living Advent Windows** event, writes Karen Allen. All the displays, phone box included, looked fabulous. Well done everyone. We had 30 households take part. If you haven't had a chance to walk around the village to view the lit windows, then you still have the opportunity through to 5th January.

And make a note in your diary for Sunday 10th March, 7.30pm at the Blue Ball when Chrissie and colleagues are planning a further educational wine tasting event under the new **B³C** banner (nee Braunston Blokes & Birds Club). This will reveal secrets of palate, nose, colour and "wine legs", among other things. More details to follow in the February newsletter. And if anyone has an idea for a February B³C event please ring Rob on 774388.

2019? I'm still waiting for Bobby Ewing to pop out of the shower and admit that everything since — and, of course, including — the death of David Bowie has all been some ghastly mistake. Until then, however, Happy New Year and all that jazz...

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
- Baking Classes: 4th Thursday of month. Contact: Leslie Gadd 07904 956825, gaddleslie@hotmail.co.uk

Church Events

- Sunday 6th January, 11.00am, Holy Communion
- Sunday 13th January, 11.00am, Sunday Worship
- Sunday 20th January, 11.00am, Holy Communion
- Sunday 27th January, 11.00am, Sunday Worship

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