



# Braunston News

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## Braunston and Brooke Flower Show 2019 - Success !!



Despite unpredictable weather entrants pulled out all the stops to deliver yet another successful Flower and Produce Show. In total 75 people, including 13 children, entered over 420 items in this annual event in the Braunston Calendar. The Village Hall was packed with a wide range of flowers, fruit, vegetables, cakes, biscuits, jams, and craft items showing the talents of children and adults, residents, non residents and garden club members alike.

Visitors to the Show were provided with teas and cakes by members of the Braunston & Brooke Garden Club as well as having a chance to buy or win items on the various stalls and tombola.

This year's Show President, Atessa Bradbury presented the trophies and praised the entrants for making such a spectacular display and members of the Club for staging this year's show.

The Best in Show Prince Galitzine Cup went to David Stewardson for his spectacular gladioli. David also collected trophies for the highest number of points overall, the Club overall winner, and garden produce and flower

categories. Lynn Cooper won the Silver Jubilee Challenge Cup for the highest number of points for a Braunston or Brooke resident and Sue Willetts received cups for the Kitchen Produce and Preserves sections. The under 7's Cup was won by Zac Andalib, with Eleanor Andalib a close 2nd, Charlotte Byron took the 8-11 year old's Cup and the 12- 16 year old's Cup was won by Ben Fagan. Other cup winners were Atessa Bradbury for Flower Arrangements, Carol Edwards for Arts and Crafts, Pauline Jones for her Roses, and Simon Andalib for his chocolate cake.

Liz Sanders



## May Fayre - the final total

It's been a while since the tremendous success that was this year's Braunston May Fayre. The Fayre raised an amazing £10,000 for local charities, further boosted by a live band night held in the Blue Ball in early June. The money raised by both events totals an incredible £11,500! This is split between the village church, the village hall and this year's chosen charity, Dove Cottage Day Hospice in Ridlington. At the beginning of September, Peter Allen, Chair of the May Fayre Committee, visited the hospice to present administrator Debs Tucker and colleague Kylie Fleming with a cheque for £2,300.



The hospice provides supportive palliative day care services for those living with cancer and other progressive conditions. It is able to offer 20 day-care places each week and has a high carer-to-guest ratio. All care services, including a home-cooked 3 course lunch, are provided free of charge.

Everyone on the Braunston May Fayre Committee is extremely pleased to be able to donate such a significant sum to such a worthy charity. Debs and Kylie from Dove Cottage were overwhelmed by the donation which they say will go a long way to helping the charity to continue to provide such a valuable local service.

Dove Cottage are holding a fundraising evening on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – a two course fish pie supper with glass of wine, live music (clarinet playing in the background!) and fireworks, and would love anyone from Braunston to come to find out more about who they are and what they do! Call 01572 722630 for details and to book a ticket—only £20. Chris Lovelock

## Tuesday 24th Sept, 2pm to 4pm - Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

This month's village hall tea party is a special event to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Instead of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, we're having Tea in the Afternoon, so come along to the hall for tea and cake as part of this nationwide fund-raising event. ( Rumour has it that coffee is also available ! )

Angela Lashbrook

## Volunteers needed for Churchyard & Village Hall Garden tidy up, Saturday 19th October

It's that time of year when we tidy up the churchyard and village hall garden ready for winter. The main jobs are trimming hedges, strimming weeds & nettles, cutting back a few errant brambles and weeding one or two overgrown areas. Many hands make light work, the plan is to start work around 10am and finish by 12noon latest. If you have a petrol strimmer or hedge trimmer please bring them along. Contact Rob Anderson for more details on 774388 or just turn up

## Village hall events

### Quiz Night.

It's that time again! Join us in the Village Hall on Fri 18th Oct for another of our infamous Fun Quiz nights ! Maximum teams of 6 ( or we can find a team for you ), tickets £9 ( £5 under 16 ). Scrumptious hot supper included. The doors and bar will open at 6.45 pm with a prompt start for the quiz at 7.30pm.

### Beer & Bat night

The International Beer & Bat night held on Sun Aug 25th was a great success with around 100 people turning out for a bat walk and talk around the church, preceded by a buffet at the Blue Ball. Even the BBC were involved, with a short report on East Midlands Today which gave information about the work done in the church, plus an interview with Sue Willetts. Braunston's latest celebrity !

### And looking forward to December . . .

The **Festive Frolics Dinner Dance** will be back by popular demand on Sat Dec 7th. Book your place now !

**Lighting up Braunston for Christmas** We had so much success with lighting up our windows last year that we hope it will become a tradition in our delightful village. So! Please let me know if you would like to join in. I am already putting a list together.

Contact Karen Allen on 07961 050077 or 01572 723913 for tickets or more info on all these hall events.

### Leicester University to lay Centenary wreath at the War Memorial on Sun Nov 3rd at 11am

You are invited to join a special short wreath laying ceremony at Braunston War Memorial on Sunday 3rd Nov at 11am to commemorate the end of WW1 and the setting up of Leicester University. We particularly invite any previous or current staff and students, to join the ceremony, which precedes the normal communion service in Church.

The University of Leicester, founded in 1921 as a memorial to those who lost lives and made sacrifices during World War One is honouring those who lost their lives and made sacrifices during World War One by laying Remembrance Wreaths at 100 memorial sites in Leicestershire and Rutland between now and 2021

For more info contact Sue Willetts on 722150 or by email to sue\_willetts2@hotmail.com

Sue Willetts

### Church News

On **Sun 27 Oct at 4pm**, we are holding our annual **Memories Service**. This is an informal reflective service of prayers, a reading and hymns. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of our loved ones who have died or others close to us who are on our hearts and also for peace in the troubled areas of the world. We will also be reading out the names of those from Braunston, or with a connection to our village, who have died in the last five years. If you feel this is an appropriate way for you to reflect and remember, please come and join us. Gail Rudge

### Church Repairs

Phase 1 of the church repairs was successfully completed on Fri 20th Sept in just 3 weeks. This covered repairs to the roof lead, crumbling masonry and failed pointing, and should stop water leaks which have stained the 14th century wall murals. The "Bats in Churches" Project will advise on how best to remediate the water/ bat staining on these. During the work, we found evidence of the original workers who installed the roof leadwork in the 1700s. They scribed outlines of their feet, hands and tools on the lead along with dates - we are collecting photos of these for a future issue of the Braunston News. No additional repair work was discovered so we are now slightly under budget and can go ahead and start plans for phase 2 of the repairs to the tower stonework in early 2020. Rob Anderson

## 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. Contact Brooke Peverell, 07772 055935
- Quilting & Patchwork Group: Every Wednesday in Village Hall 09:45 - 15:45. Contact: Elaine 01780 756004
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

- Tea Party: last Tuesday of month at 2:00 pm in village hall. Contact Angela 01572 720351

### Church Events

- Sunday 6th Oct 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 13th Oct 11am Sunday Worship
- Sunday 20th Oct 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 27th Oct 4pm Memories Service

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Items for the November edition to braunston.newsletter@gmail.com by Oct 17th please. Carole Brown and Jim Atack will edit and publish the next few issues, while we look for a full-time editor. Any nominations or volunteers? Let us know.