

# Braunston News

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## Village Goodbyes

We have a couple of thank you and goodbyes this month.

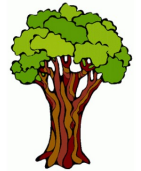


Our milkman, Andy, is retiring from his round on Saturday 23rd of November. He has been with us for a long time and has always been so kind and helpful to all of his customers who will be sorry to see him go. We would like to have a collection for him as a thank you for all his hard work over the years.

If you would like to contribute a little something towards his leaving gift could you drop it off to Lynn Cooper, 16 Knossington Road [lynn.cooper46@btinternet.com](mailto:lynn.cooper46@btinternet.com) or to Sue Bichard, 8 Wood Lane

[susan125081@aol.com](mailto:susan125081@aol.com)

Mick Smith has also retired from his role as village tree warden after almost forty years service. The Parish Council gave him a hearty vote of thanks at the last council meeting for all his work over the years. Chris Bichard has now taken up the gauntlet and will be carrying on with tree planning applications for the foreseeable future!



## Rugby postpones garden tidyup

Apparently there is a rugby competition going on somewhere, and England are doing rather well! To avoid any match clashes the churchyard garden tidy morning has been put back to Sat 9th Nov, starting at 10am and finishing by 12 noon latest. Many hands make light work, so do come and join in the work fun - if you have a petrol/battery strimmer or hedge trimmer, please bring them along.

Thanks to all the good work put in previously by many of you, there are only a few jobs to do, the main ones being trimming hedges, strimming weeds & nettles, cutting back a few errant brambles and weeding one or two overgrown areas.

Contact Rob on 774388 for more details or just turn up.

Rob Anderson

## Traffic calming

After a busy summer and another accident recently on the Oakham Road entry to the village, we're still trying to put together a meeting with our two RCC councillors to progress our traffic calming proposals. We'll let you know how this goes.

Jim Attack

## Looking to liven up your Friday nights ..... ?

..... then why not try your hand at indoor bowls. The Braunston Indoor Bowls Club is on the lookout for new members. We meet every other Friday in the hall, for a friendly, social evening. No experience necessary, come along and give it a whirl. Contact Sandra on 01572 722536 for more information.

Sandra Lickman

## ..... and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

..... the Braunston Table Tennis Club is also keen to recruit new members. We have two teams in local leagues so whether you're just looking for some friendly games, or maybe something a little more serious get in touch.

Contact David Smart on 01664 474354 for details

## Village Afternoon Tea - Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

This month's afternoon tea had a slight change of plan - we changed it to coincide with the Macmillan coffee morning campaign and raised a fantastic £225 for the cause. Everyone enjoyed tea and cake and a selection of games and a raffle. Thank you all for supporting us for this very worthy cause.

Our tea parties take place on the last Tuesday of every month in the village hall; everyone is welcome for a cuppa, some cake, and a chat with friends old and new.

Angela Lashbrook

## Village hall activities

### Quiz night

We had another fantastic quiz night in the hall on Fri 18th Oct—a full house with 12 teams and seventy contestants all with brains well honed and polished ! Tracy came up with another great varied set of questions, Nick quizzmastered with his usual aplomb, the food was superb, and the bar didn't run dry ( but it was a close run thing ! ). Thanks to all who make these evenings the successes they are. We raised about £1000 to be split between the village hall and the church which is a fantastic amount, although the real reward is to see so many people from around the village having such a great night out together and building our community spirit.

### And looking forward to December . . .

The **Festive Frolics Dinner Dance** will be back by popular demand on Sat Dec 7th. There are just a few places left, so you need to act quickly if you are interested. The cost for the evening is £32 per person, which will include a three course dinner, plus entertainment. Full payment will be required by November 9th.

For all the tables that are booked so far, can you let Karen have the names of all your guests please via email or text. We're looking forward to another lovely evening.

**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 these hall events.

### Oakham Stops Singing !

Sadly the Monday night singing group has gone quiet. Brooke, who ran the group, has been a victim of her own success and time constraints mean that she can no longer find the time to run the Braunston session. Many thanks to Brooke for her work over the last couple of years, and if anyone knows of someone who would like to take over a ready-to-rock singing group, then please get in touch.

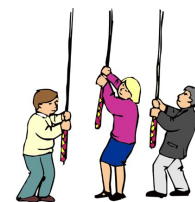
Janet Taylor

## Church News

### Bell ringers needed

We would like to recruit some more volunteers to join the Braunston bellringing team. We practice every Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 9.00 and ring for Sunday services from 10.30 to 11.00. If you would be interested in learning this ancient skill please just come along on a Wednesday or contact Richard on 07976 622130.

Richard Beadman



### Advent Fayre, Sat 30th November 11am to 3pm

The annual Advent Fayre in the Village Hall brings you the best of home-made produce - jams, marmalades, chutneys, Christmas cakes and puddings, speciality cakes and seasonal treats. There'll be fragrant bulbs ready for Christmas, special fine craft gifts, hand-crafted jewellery and other seasonal gifts, plus games and competitions, and not forgetting, of course, the chance to win the luxury Christmas Hamper. Put it in your diary.

Gail Rudge

## 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

- 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 3rd Nov 11am Centenary Wreath Laying at War Memorial, then Holy Communion
- Sunday 10th Nov 10.50am Act of Remembrance at War memorial, then Remembrance Service
- Sunday 17th Nov 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 24th Nov 11am Holy Communion
- Bell ringing practice: every Weds eve 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Richard 07976 622130

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