



Braunston News

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Happy Christmas to all our readers

Braunston News wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and gives a big 'thank you' to all those who have contributed throughout the year. We rely on you to provide us with the news, and then on a worthy group of volunteers to put it all together and distribute it around the village. We are always looking for items to include so do get in touch if there's anything going on that you think we should all know about.

Lynn Cooper tells us about the recent presentation to Andy the milkman....

There was a good turnout in the village hall on Sat 16th Nov to say thank you and goodbye to Andy, our milkman for many years. He will be much missed as apart from delivering the milk, he was always happy to give a hand with other small jobs such as changing light bulbs, opening jars and in my case bringing and storing all my compost! End of an era, but it was good that we collected a generous sum for his send off; thanks to Sue Bichard for helping to organise everything.

The milk delivery will continue but the company now wants everyone to be on line for ordering and paying and will only bring milk that's pre-ordered.

Braunston News says ...

If anyone needs help ordering their milk online, then get in touch and we can arrange for someone to help you do it, either to show you how it all works, or to do it on your behalf. The website for ordering your milk is www.milkandmore.co.uk.

The milk delivery service is an asset to the village and it would be a shame to lose it.



Farewell Mr John

In the August newsletter we wrote about the visit to Braunston by Ron Hepting who was evacuated here during the war. Ron has now published his autobiography called Farewell Mr John: 'A lifetime of memories' and it's a very interesting read about Ron's life.

The 'Mr John' is John Addison, Edward Baine's uncle, who Ron lived with during his stay in Braunston. Ron was the seventh from a large family of fourteen children, nine boys and five girls, and was evacuated here from north London when he was just three years old.

The book is available in both paperback and Kindle formats.

Connie Beadman

Traffic calming - latest PC update

We have received a traffic calming review from the RCC. The Review addresses the performance of the double chicane on Knossington Rd and our proposal to establish 40mph buffer zones at the edges of the village; it did not address our request for speed cushions on the High St - Knossington Rd throughway, which we will progress when responding to the review.

A speed survey, taken after the 1st chicane was installed, confirmed a marked increase in traffic speed. Surveys taken after the 2nd chicane was installed showed that the speed had reduced slightly in June 2019 and further in November. Based on the November speed survey RCC concludes that the double chicane has been effective in reducing speeds. A further speed survey will be conducted in March 2020.

RCC rejected our proposal for buffer zones after taking advice and reviewing the Highways regulations.

The full RCC report can be viewed on the Braunston PC website here: www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk/news.html

The Parish Council has been plugging the Braunston traffic speed problems for many years; apart from regular speed traps, the installation of the double chicane is the only outcome so far. The Parish Council is not yet persuaded that this has been a success, although the March 2020 speed test may help us form a more positive view. We will continue to lobby RCC for further action; meanwhile, please send any views or suggestions to me.

Jim Atack

Thank You - Churchyard & Village Hall Work Party Members!

A big thank you to the 12 or so ladies and gentlemen who turned out on a brisk November day to trim and weed hedges, prune trees and dispose of the rubbish generated. The churchyard and hall grounds looked better than ever for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you all for putting in a couple of hours to improve and maintain our village amenities, it makes a big difference.

Rob Anderson

Remembrance visit by Leicester University

On Sun Nov 3rd a wreath laying ceremony was held at the War Memorial as part of the ongoing centenary celebrations of the University of Leicester, which was founded in 1921 as a living memorial to those who lost lives and made sacrifices during the First World War.

A small group gathered on a cold but bright November day, and the wreath was laid by Dr Turi King, Professor of Public Engagement at the university and instrumental in the identification of the skeleton of Richard III.



Village hall activities

Festive Frolics Dinner Dance on Sat Dec 7th. This is now sold out, with a waiting list only. It promises to be another great evening and start to the festive season.

Lighting up Braunston for Christmas There are now 24 windows pledged but still time to get your creative juices flowing and decorate a window for the Braunston Advent Windows. 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.

Contact Karen Allen on 07961 050077 or 01572 723913

All village hall information can be found on the website at www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk

Church News

The great thing about our village is the way we come together for all sorts of special events, especially this month.

Our Christmas events start in the church with **Carols by Candlelight** at 6pm on Sunday 15th December.

Then on Christmas Eve **Journey to Jesus** is a lovely way to begin your Christmas celebrations. Come and join in our Travelling Nativity as the Christmas story unfolds ending with the birth of Jesus, reminding us what Christmas is all about. The play starts in the church at 3.30pm, and finishes with seasonal refreshments in the village hall. Except for one year, we've been fortunate with the weather but come wrapped up. However, if it's wet, everything will take place in the church. If you're interested in taking part, please contact Gail Rudge: rudge330@btinternet.com, 01572 755570.

Welcome to Braunston's new Vicar.

We are very pleased to welcome Rev'd Christopher Rattenberry as Team Vicar covering the parishes of Braunston, Brooke, Hambleton and Egleton. Christopher is married to Heather and they have two grown up sons and two grandsons living in the East Midlands. Prior to entering the ministry he was a litigation lawyer. After many years serving as a parish priest in nearby Nottingham and Southwell and then interim posts in South Africa and North Yorkshire they are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities of serving our community. Christopher was licensed to his new role on Sat 23 November at Oakham Church and you can expect to meet him in the village in the run up to Christmas.

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

- 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 1st Dec 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 8th Dec 11am Sunday Worship
- Sunday 15th Dec 6pm Carols by Candlelight
- Sunday 22nd Dec J2J rehearsal
- Christmas Eve 3.30pm Journey to Jesus, starts in the church
- Christmas Day 11am Holy Communion
- Bell ringing practice: every Weds eve 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Richard 07976

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Items for the January edition to braunston.newsletter@gmail.com by Dec 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.