

# Braunston News

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## Braunston May Fayre 2020 : 'Celebrating VE Day'

Friday 8th May

In these dull, damp days the May Fayre might seem a long way away, but preparations are already under way and the first committee meeting of 2020 has already been held. This year the first May Day Bank Holiday has been moved to **Friday 8th May** so that it coincides with the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. In view of this, the May Fayre Committee are planning a 1945 themed event for this year. We already have some period military vehicles turning up and are encouraging all involved, including visitors, to come in period dress wherever possible. We are also planning on giving prizes to the best dressed lady and another for the best dressed gent.

Booking for **Street Stalls** and **Church Stalls** are already being taken. If you would like a Street Stall, please contact Sue at [susan125081@aol.com](mailto:susan125081@aol.com) or on 01572 756694 - pitches for villagers are just £10. For craft stalls in the church it's Mike at [miketamsin@btinternet.com](mailto:miketamsin@btinternet.com).

As usual we're on the lookout for **volunteers** who might be able to help on the day - plenty of jobs going both before the event and on the day itself, and it's a great way to meet other village folk. If anyone is a **First Aider** or is willing to help with the **parking**, please contact [peter.allen@consultselect.com](mailto:peter.allen@consultselect.com).

Finally, we're looking for girls and boys aged 4-11 who would like to join the **Maypole dancing**. Practice starts on Sunday 8th March at 9:30 -10:15 in the Village Hall. Any questions contact Joanne Palmer-Phillips, 07876 251257, or email [joanepalmer73@hotmail.com](mailto:joanepalmer73@hotmail.com) We always love to see new dancers.

Keep an eye out for another May Fayre update in next month's newsletter...

## Parish Council News

### Traffic Calming

Rutland County Councillor, William Cross, has agreed to help our cause to promote further traffic calming measures and to define the route of the proposed cycle/foot path to Oakham. He has requested collaboration from the RCC to map all of the features on a common plan, so that we can be ready for the next tranche of government cycle path funding, and price up the calming features to which Braunston's own funds might contribute. Unfortunately, RCC is not willing to help at present, and notified us of its recent policy change of no longer accepting traffic calming proposals from Parish Councils. We will seek a meeting to clarify.

### Parish Council

Following the Local Parish Council elections, we have one change to the Parish Council line up; Peter Allen replaces Janice Brunskill. Many thanks go to Janice for her contribution to the Parish in recent years.

Current members are: Chris Richard (chair), Richard Beadman, Peter Allen, Emlyn Smith, Jane Ellis, John Harry and Jim Atack. Details of Parish Council activities (meeting schedule, agendas and minutes, contacts) can be found on the Braunston Parish Council website, and on our notice board in the bus shelter opposite the Blue Ball. The next full meeting of the PC will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting on April 9th at 8pm.

### Do you have a favourite local charity?

Every year the Parish Council donates around £2,000 of our Braunston budget to deserving local causes.

Recently, contributions have been made to Dove Hospice, the Citizens Advice Bureau, the Jubilee Celebration, the Village Hall, Mothers and Toddlers club, and others. The Parish Council welcomes suggestions for future recipients. If you have any thoughts on who we might fund, please email or call the Parish Clerk, [clerk.braunston@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.braunston@gmail.com) 01572 717968.

### Fix My Street

Just a reminder that Rutland County Council is subscribed to the Fix My Street website. If you report potholes and other problems using Fix My Street, they will be fixed by RCC. Give it a try!

Jim Atack

## Village Hall AGM

**Mon 9th March at 7.30pm**

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the AGM of your Village Hall Charity to hear reports from last years officers and to elect trustees and committee members for the current year. Come along at 7.30pm on Monday 9th March and hear what's been going on in the village hall over the last year. The AGM usually lasts about 30 minutes. We are always looking for new committee members. We particularly would like to recruit another committee member representative of young families in the village.

If you are interested in helping to run the Village Hall charity contact Rob Anderson ahead of the meeting on 01572 774388.

## Braunston Open Golf Tournament 2020

The tournament last year was enjoyed by more than 20 golfers competing for golfing immortality as winners of the inaugural Braunston Open.

We are planning this year's event for Apr 17<sup>th</sup> at Rutland Water Golf Club again. The competition will be the same as last year, teams of four in a Texas Scramble format, followed by dinner in the evening for players and their partners at the Blue Ball. The cost will be £45.00 per golfer (£27.00 for members of RWGC) to cover the cost of the day including coffee, bacon rolls and dinner, for partners attending the dinner the cost will be £20.00.

To register your interest please contact Peter Allen at [peter.allen@consultselect.com](mailto:peter.allen@consultselect.com)

## Church News

### Introducing our new vicar . . . . .

My name is the Revd Chris Rattenberry and I am now Vicar of Braunston, Brooke, Hambleton & Egleton, part of the Oakham Team. My wife Heather and I live in a vicarage in Oakham.

I was ordained in 1993 after working as a solicitor in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and I have been Vicar of two parishes in or near Nottingham and then of a group of rural villages in North Yorkshire.



I saw a lot of people over the Christmas period but now I'm looking forward to slowing down and getting to know you properly. You have been without a priest for quite a while, but I know that the people of the four churches have continued to be active in prayer, worship, witness and service and now you will see me working alongside them. Please pray for us as we pray for you – and you are most welcome at any of our services and events.

### Pancake Day

23<sup>rd</sup> February is the last Sunday before Lent begins so we will be holding a special informal service for all ages and including PANCAKES! It begins at 11.00am. Everybody is welcome – just turn up on the day.

### Mothering Sunday

March 22nd is Mothering Sunday! A n important date for the family diary and also for the Church. Why not begin the day by coming to the village hall and enjoying a delicious breakfast - there's no charge.

### A small reminder about Churchyard wreaths



Please do not put your old wreaths into the GREEN bin unless you have removed ALL the non-plant material first.

Complete wreaths should be put into the BLACK bin as they cannot be recycled.

## 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 2nd Feb 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 9th Feb 11am Sunday Worship
- Sunday 16th Feb 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 23rd Feb 11am Sunday Worship
- Monday 24th Feb 7.30pm Braunston Lent Group
- Bell ringing practice: every Weds eve 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Richard 07976 622130

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Please send any Items for the March edition to [braunston.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:braunston.newsletter@gmail.com) by Feb 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.