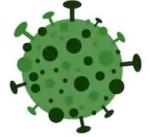


# Braunston News

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## Coronavirus ( Covid –19 )



Events this month are dominated by the current Coronavirus outbreak so we are concentrating on what is going on in the village, how you can get help if needed, and how you can offer your help to others.

**Braunston Good Neighbours 07422 693608 [braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com)**

Our Braunston Community is taking action to mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus. A team of local folk is available to help anyone in Braunston and Brooke, and will support those who need it over the coming months.

As the government introduces new self-isolation policies, we will help to meet the need.

### **This is what we can do:**

- Keep people up to date with developments .
- Stay in touch with people and families who 'self isolate' .
- Provide friendly phone calls.
- Bring food and provisions, deliver prescriptions.
- Be a point of contact if someone is unwell.

### **How can you get in touch?**

Call this number **07422 693608**, or email **braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com** One of the support team will take your call and arrange for help as appropriate.

### **Can you be a helper?**

Yes, firstly, look out for your neighbours and see if they need help.  
Yes, if you want to offer your support to the team, call **07422 693608** or email **braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com** .  
Let us know of any special skills that you may have.

### **What is the current advice?**

If you are in a 'vulnerable' category the government advice is to self-isolate at home.

Vulnerable means anyone over 70 years old, suffering from an underlying medical condition, or pregnant.

### **Where can you find formal advice?**

Here: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

and here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-publishes-updated-covid-19-industry-guidance>

**And do call 111 if you need medical advice—do NOT go to your GP or A&E**

Sadly, there are reports that people are offering to buy essentials on behalf of the elderly and vulnerable, and keeping the money without delivering the goods to them; this is theft. Please use a reliable, known person or organisation.

### **The Blue Ball—supporting the community**

The Blue Ball is now offering take away meals for collection (or where/when possible doorstep delivery within the village). Menus / opening times are all in flux as things change from day to day, so please pre order from Dom on 01572 722135.

Also available are 'Pay it Forward' vouchers, drink and meal vouchers to redeem now or at some point in the future when the pub and social bans are lifted and we can resume more normal lives. Buy online at [www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk/buy-a-voucher-oakham-restaurant](http://www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk/buy-a-voucher-oakham-restaurant) , or at the pub.

### **May Fayre**

Regrettably, due to the escalating situation regarding Covid-19 it has been decided to cancel the May Fayre, only the second time in its history that this has happened.

It has not been possible to come up with a practical date for later this year so I'm afraid that's it for 2020.

The raffle **will still take place** and I would urge all of you to buy/sell as many books as possible so we can give our charities as much as possible in these reduced circumstances.

Thanks to all who have put the hours in for this year's event, I'm sorry it has become necessary to take this decision.

Stay healthy and look out for your neighbours.

Peter Allen

## Village Hall Bookings

The Village Hall is currently not taking any new bookings for the foreseeable future. This decision will be reviewed as the COVID19 situation develops.

Existing bookings will currently be left standing, but we may need to cancel them if government advice changes.

Regular groups that have decided to suspend sessions are: Quilting Group, Gardening Club, Table Tennis Club, Afternoon tea parties

Other groups may also decide to cancel - please check with the contacts in the listings section to get up-to-date news.



Another event to fall victim to the virus is The **Braunston Open Golf Day** planned for April 17th which has now been **cancelled**. If, by some stroke of good fortune, things have significantly improved by mid-September we will

look at having a day at the end of September, otherwise it is a case of "Watch this Space" for next year's announcement

Can I ask for whoever has last year's main trophy to please contact me so we can arrange for its safe storage until the next time.  
Peter Allen

### Wrong Direction gig postponed

The virus has also hit Braunston band Wrong Direction who have postponed the final gig of their 2020 World Tour due to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. They will find and communicate a new date once it is safe to do so again. Watch this space!

## Church News

### A message from the Reverend Chris Rattenberry

All Saints, Braunston – and the Church of England – remain open for prayer and for service, though not for services! You may well have heard that the Archbishops have instructed us to put on hold our usual pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings. We are implementing this straightaway, so there will not be a Mothering Sunday service at All Saints. There will be no Sunday services at All Saints for the foreseeable future.

The church will however be open each day for private prayer, and resources and guides for this will be made available in church. Church members will continue to support the community in loving service. The churches are closed, but the church continues. Why not light a candle in your window at 7.00pm on Sunday and say a prayer for all those affected by the virus?

Rev Chris Rattenberry, Team Vicar for Hambleton, Egleton, Braunston and Brooke

And Gail Rudge adds that if anyone is in need of pastoral support during this time, please get in touch by calling 01572 755570 or emailing [rudge330@btinternet.com](mailto:rudge330@btinternet.com)

## Suspicious White Van Incident

We often receive reports of unwelcome visitors to our community, who may be intent on separating us, and particularly our farming members, from our prized possessions. Councillor William Cross maintains an active, and effective, neighbourhood watch on suspicious vehicles, and widely reports by text message when an alert becomes necessary.

We recently had an instance of intimidation of a lady by two men in a white van whilst she was walking her dog on Brooke Rd. Unfortunately, but understandably, she was too shaken to make a note of the number plate. If you experience anything similar, do let us know, and especially do try to make a record of the vehicle's registration. Sadly, we must take all such issues seriously.

## Listings

As we go to press, events marked in **red** are currently suspended - please check with each group's contact for more details, or check [www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk) or [www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk](http://www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk) for news

### 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: Lynn Cooper 722725
- 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

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### Church Events

- All church services cancelled for the present - please see the message from Revd Chris above.
- Bell ringing practice: every Weds eve 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Richard 07976 622130

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