



# Braunston News

December 2020



Christmas quiz - what does Santa have in his sack ?



## Braunston Church Virtual Advent Fayre & Raffle - last chance & thank you.



Many thanks to everyone in the village for the resounding response to the raffle and telephone sale of seasonal products! All proceeds support maintaining our ancient church.

Deliveries of orders will begin soon, the raffle draw will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – there is still time to send in tickets or buy more from Rob on 774388, and last few days to order produce, although some items have already sold out.

Call Rob or the numbers on the leaflets & posters for more information.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award activity

A big shout-out to our local DofE candidates who are busily doing tidy-up jobs around the village as part of the volunteering section of their award.

Jo Seymour, Maisie Smith and Will Fearn have been out braving the elements to remove debris from around the Knossington Road chicane, clearing around drains and trimming back overgrowing grass from paths. All the spoil is being put into new compost bins at the back of the village hall which they constructed from spare pallets. Expect to see more action over the next few weeks - give them a thumbs up as you pass 👍

Thanks also go to Clare Seymour for organising and being Gang Boss !

## Rest your weary feet ...

Over the course of this year there has been a definite increase in the number of people out for walks in and around Braunston, and the two benches, on the top green and opposite the church, are getting well used.

The one opposite the church is in need of repair and the Parish Council are considering not only replacing it but also buying a second bench to go with it.

## Journey to Jesus goes Hollywood !

Thank you to those who have encouraged us to go ahead and film this year's Journey to Jesus by agreeing to take part by performing and helping with the production.

It's a big departure from anything we've undertaken before but also an exciting opportunity. We're aiming to get it on the road as soon as possible so look out for unusual activity around the village in the coming weeks! Gail Rudge

## It's beginning to look a lot like .....

Hopefully by now you'll have started your preparations for decorating your Christmas Window. You can unveil it any time from Dec 1st - full details are on the separate flyer.



Contact Karen Allen on 07961 050077 or 01572 723913 for more details.

## Fix My Street – (please)

An update for all of you who diligently report fly tipping, highways issues, blocked drains, and collections of leaves on Fix My Street. This service usually works well, but we have recently focused on two local issues that, despite serial reports, just haven't been fixed, namely the blocked drain outside the Blue Ball, and the poor road condition on the Oakham Road at Hilltop Farm. Rutland County Council has closed and removed these two issues several times, without fixing them or publishing their response. This lack of transparency has been raised with RCC, and has provoked some action on the Blue Ball drain (we now have a week old hole in the road) but none on the poor road surface outside Hilltop Farm.

Would all residents who are concerned about these, or other, issues please make your own reports on <https://rutland.fixmystreet.com> . Thank you.

Jim Atack



Our Good Neighbours group is still very much in place so do give us a call if you need anything, from a prescription pickup or some shopping, to just having a chat, and providing a lift to enable you to have the upcoming vaccination.

We're not here just for Covid related requests, but for anything where you might need a helping hand,

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

You can find up-to-date information about local support on the Parish Council website at

[www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk](http://www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk)

For advice and information about Covid go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

**If you need Covid-19 medical advice call 111 - do NOT go to your GP or A&E, but please remember that you can and should still contact and visit your GP or A&E for any issues that are not Covid-19 related.**

## Church News

### Church Events for December 2020

Sunday 13th Dec	3pm	Village Carol service	Outside, venue tbc
Christmas Day	11.00am	Holy Communion	Church

### Revd Chris Rattenberry writes:

What would you like for Christmas this year? It seems to me that the older I get the harder it is to think of something. Buying for others gets no easier, either. And yet there is still great pleasure in both giving and receiving.

The greatest of Christmas gifts was the very first one of all. Jesus, God's Son, given to and for you and me. We will be celebrating and reflecting on this again in Braunston this year.

But it's been a year like no other! Every community has been touched by the coronavirus pandemic. We aren't able to celebrate in the usual way and at this stage we don't know what restrictions will be in place at Christmas. But we intend, one way or another, to mark Christmas at the village church on Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm. This is in addition to Journey to Jesus which is being filmed, and the communion service at 11.00am on Christmas morning.

More news to come. Do join us if you can.

### And finally .....

This will be the last edition before Christmas so we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and give 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 who put it all together and distribute it around the village.



And the Christmas quiz?



Well, let's hope the answer is .....



### Are you on our email list?

We are trying to reduce the number of printed copies of the newsletter that we deliver every month, both to reduce costs and also to minimise house-to-house activity for our delivery volunteers during these Covid times. If you are not already on our email list and would like to be, please send your details to [braunston.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:braunston.newsletter@gmail.com). You can have multiple email addresses for your household if you would like separate copies.

### Regular Events

With the village hall closed again all regular groups are once again cancelled. Hopefully with the ending of lockdown in December some activities may start again. Please check with the organisers as to their current plans.

- Pilates: Village Hall, Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 -11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825
- Table Tennis: Tue & Wed in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: David Smart 01664 474354

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Items for inclusion are always welcome - please send items for the January edition to [braunston.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:braunston.newsletter@gmail.com) by December 17th please.