



Braunston News

September 2021



Quiz Night Back with a Bang

After a break of nearly two years, Friday 20th August saw the return of Quiz Night to the village hall. There was an excellent turnout with everyone keen to show that the little grey cells were still well honed after a long break from competition.

As usual, Tracy set some testing but fun questions and Nick entertained us with his quiz-meistering skills, - big thanks to both for another brilliant evening. With ten teams there were some close run rounds, but at the final whistle it was the No-Hoppers who snatched the trophy and a few bottles, while the Waterworkers went home with the wooden spoons.

Chilli & baked potato, and a selection of scrummy desserts revitalised us at half time, and the bar did steady business - maybe unsteady as the evening wore on !

Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success - Karen for organising, Peter for bar work, Paul for sound equipment, Cheryl, Clare, Debbie and Tracy for puddings, and everyone who helped with the washing up and hall clearance, we couldn't do it without you all.

Janet Taylor



What happened to the Village Clock Chimes?

The historic village clock located on the church tower was built by Gillett & Bland of Croydon in 1879 and has chimed most every hour since then until the turn of this year when a fault caused the chimes to be silenced. Expert repairs and modifications to get it chiming again will cost around £7000. A grant of £2000 has been obtained from the Church Buildings Council "Clock Fund" and the balance will be covered by the Parish Council together with a contribution from the Braunston Church fabric fund. The expert repair company has a backlog due to the pandemic so we are in a queue of clocks, behind Manchester Town Hall, Canterbury Cathedral and Big Ben! Our little clock keeps good company and we hope the repairs will be completed before the end of the year.

Rob Anderson



All change at the Blue Ball

Bank Holiday Monday 30th August marks Dom & Pip's last day at the Blue Ball.



Dom & Pip write:

The time has come to wish you a fond farewell as we're retiring at the end of August and handing over the guardianship of this historic country inn to an experienced, energetic new landlord, Bups.

There must have been many landlords and landladies over The Blue Ball's 400-year history as the home of hospitality. Our 15 years here are but a chapter - but what a chapter, full of shared cheers, beers, good food, fun & friendship.

We know that you'll welcome your new landlord with the same open hearts and minds as you did us.

The support of the village, loyal customers, staff, families, and friends has encouraged us through all the ups and downs along our way. Thank you. Truly. This is what we'll be taking away with us. (Although we'll still see many of you around, as we're staying local!)

Take wonderful care of one another. After all, most important things in life are not things...

With genuine thanks and enduring affection, Dominic & Pip.

The pub will be closed for a few weeks and then will re-open on Fri 24th Sept with new landlord Bups Chaggar at the helm. Bups has 25 years experience in the pub and hospitality trade and we wish him all the best - Dom & Pip will be a tough act to follow.

Church News

September services: Holy Communion 11am on Sun 5th and 19th
 Sunday Worship 11am on Sun 12th and 26th

September is a special month for All Saints as we shall be having a service every Sunday. Even more special is being able to celebrate our Harvest Festival again on Sunday 26 September. There will be an informal service with traditional harvest hymns and favourite readings. This will be followed by coffee and cake and an auction of produce in support of Rutland Food Bank. We can't hold an auction without anything to sell so please come and join in and bring either fresh or preserved produce for the auction and of course money to spend!

Don't forget! September 11th is Ride and Stride, a chance to have a day out walking or cycling and to raise money for Rutland Historic Churches Trust. Half the money raised comes directly to our church. Sponsorship forms and record cards can either be downloaded from Rutland Historic Churches website or obtained from Alan Rudge. 01572 755570 rudge330@btinternet.com

The Bowlers are Back

After a long Covid break we're pleased to report that the Indoor Bowls club are back in the village hall and keen to welcome new members.



We play every other Friday from 7pm until 10pm and are a friendly social group with tea, coffee and wine to help the games along! No experience is necessary, so if you'd like to give it a go get in touch with Sandra Lickman on 01572 722536.



Fancy a cuppa?

The monthly Afternoon Tea Party is also restarting in the village hall with the next session on Tuesday 28th September from 2.30pm.

This is a regular get together on the last Tuesday of every month, welcoming all for an afternoon of tea and catch up chat. It's open to all villagers and those with a connection to Braunston.

For further information please contact Angela on 01572 720351.

Polish your broomsticks

.... And join us for a Halloween Dinner/Dance on Saturday 30th October in the village hall.

There will be a three course dinner followed by dancing to live music, with a pay bar in operation.

Costumes are highly recommended!

It's going to be a spooktacular evening



Tickets are £38 per person - call Karen on 07961 050007, or email karenbraunstonrutlanduk@gmail.com to reserve your place.

And remember to Save the Date for the New Year's Eve Black Tie Dinner & Dance. Tables are already being reserved so book yours before they all go

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Regular Events

- Indoor Bowls: Alternate Fridays in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: Sandra Lickman 722536
- Table Tennis: Tue & Wed in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: David Smart 01664 474354

- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825
- Tea Party: last Tuesday of month at 2:30 pm in village hall. Contact Angela 01572 720351

Church Events

- Bell ringing practice: every Weds eve 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Richard 07976 622130

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