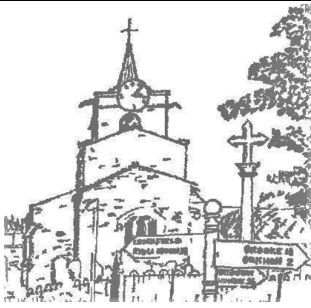


# Braunston News

June 2023



## Coronation Street Party

Monday May 8th saw another fantastic street party in the village. With the weather threatening rain, it was gazebo central along Cedar Street but in the event it stayed dry and allowed everyone to mingle and chat with friends and neighbours many of us didn't know we had. Live music was provided by the ever-entertaining Fingers 'n' Fumbs duo who soon had us dancing in the streets, and Bups did a splendid job with the hot food thanks to all the chefs and servers who ensured we were all well fed. The ice cream stall from Lovetag Events was spot on as usual.

The Coronation theme was well in evidence with an abundance of red, white and blue, from tablecloths and bunting to suits and hairstyles, with awards for the best dressed table going to Pat Anderson, and the best crown going to Meg Smith. It was a pleasure to see that King Charles had taken time out from his busy schedule to pop up at many of the tables and enjoy the festivities.



Later in the afternoon, attention shifted to the Maypole dancing which this year took place by the Blue Ball rather than in the village hall, allowing us all to enjoy this traditional celebration. Sophia Phillips was crowned as May Queen, with her attendants Beatrix Bagnall, Robin Turner and Audrey Westermann, and then the dancing started, the children giving us a flawless performance making intricate ribbon patterns around the pole. Well done to Jo Palmer-Phillips for organising and coaching.



After the children had finished there was an impromptu demonstration by former dancers showing that once you've learnt how to do it, the skills never leave - well, mostly!

Respect and big thanks to Karen Allen who organised the event, another triumph!



## It's all going on at the village hall

### Adult wellness

There is going to be a Wellbeing Evening on Fri 9th June in the village hall with Emma Ansell and Helen Dixon, from HD Yoga who are based in Waltham on the Wolds. An evening of Yoga, delicious nourishing food, wellbeing chats and a Yoga Nidra Deep Relaxation and Breathwork session to round off a truly relaxing and rejuvenating evening. Emma and Helen run classes in Leicestershire and now feel that Braunston is a perfect location to share this self care opportunity....

Fri 9th June, 6-9pm, £45, contact details below

### Kids Yoga

Emma and Helen from HD Yoga are also going to run a kids yoga camp in the hall on Thursday August 9th. Suitable for ages 5 to 11, it will be a fun day with music and dance, arts and crafts and lots of yoga based exercises and challenges.

More information on both these events from HD Yoga [www.hdyoga.co.uk](http://www.hdyoga.co.uk), email [helen@hdyoga.co.uk](mailto:helen@hdyoga.co.uk), 07710 226461

### Zumba

Join Kayleigh on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7pm ( except for the June 15th, when it will be 5pm to 6pm ), no experience necessary, two left feet welcome, just bring your workout kit, some water, and lots of energy. Classes are £7, either in cash on the night, or by bank transfer beforehand - contact Kayleigh on 07954 287002 for more info.

### Tea Party

And if all that sounds just a bit too active, then come along to the monthly afternoon tea party on the last Tuesday of the month ( June 27th, 2.30pm ), for a chat with friends old and new over a cuppa, sandwiches and cake. All welcome.

## This month's church services

Sunday 4th June 11am Holy Communion      Sunday 11th June 11am Sunday Worship  
Sunday 18th June 11am Holy Communion      Sunday 25th June 11am Sunday Worship



## Update on the River Gwash

Friends of the Gwash, the village community group tasked with restoring our river to its former glories, enjoyed a successful launch earlier this month.

At FOG's first meeting a number of actions were agreed by the core leadership group including regular testing of the water quality in the river in conjunction with a representative from the Rivers Trust conservation group. A training day for our first group of testers will be taking place on June 7th.



The group will be working closely with the Parish Council to ensure our concerns are heard by the relevant contacts at Rutland County Council, Anglian Water and the Environment Agency, as well as our local MP Alicia Kearns. The Gwash will now be a regular item on the Parish Council agenda and FOG will be keeping villagers updated on our work as well as announcing opportunities for villagers to become involved on a regular basis with our planned projects.

The group now has a dedicated email address - [friendsofthegwash@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthegwash@gmail.com) - for anyone wishing to raise issues regarding the river or questions about how to become involved in the project.

The minutes of the inaugural FOG meeting can be seen on the PC website at [www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk](http://www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk), and any further information will be published there.

## Local election results

The local elections held on May 4th have resulted in two new county councillors for our ward, Braunston and Martinsthorpe.

Andrew Johnson ( Liberal Democrat, 522 votes, [ajohnson@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:ajohnson@rutland.gov.uk)) and Giles Clifton ( Conservative, 408 votes, [gclifton@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:gclifton@rutland.gov.uk)) are our two new representatives. Andrew Johnson has been chosen as Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources. They have both been in contact with our Parish Council, Andrew attended the last PC meeting, and we hope that they will work well for us in the future.

Interestingly, turnout in our ward at 45.6% was the highest in the county, the overall figure being just 34.21%. We're obviously an engaged political community around here.

Thanks go to the outgoing councillors William Cross and Edward Baines for their work over many years.

## RAF charity cycle event on June 17th

Cyclists of all abilities, take part in the RAF Association's on-road cycle event at Kendrew Barracks, with an option for people to take part virtually from anywhere in the world. There are 25, 50, 75 & 100 mile options to choose from. £40 entry includes a cycling jersey, finisher's medal, refreshments on course, and beer and burger on completion,

All profits from the event will go towards the Association's vital work of providing help and support to the RAF community.

Visit the RAFA Rides website to find out more and sign up: <https://rides.rafa.org.uk/join-us/>

### Regular Events

- Ladies Pub Night: Meets 1st Wed of month in Blue Ball from 8pm

### Village Hall

- Indoor Bowls: Alternate Fridays at 7:30 pm. Contact: Sandra Lickman 722536
- Quilting & Patchwork Group: Weds 09:45 - 15:45. Contact: Elaine 01780 756004

- Table Tennis: Weds 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 Contact Angela 01572 720351

- Gardening Club: 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. Contact Mary Milner 720387

- The Wool Group: 1st Weds of the month, 2pm. Contact Jill 07967 650361

- Zumba: Thurs at 6pm ( 5pm on 3rd Thurs in month ). Contact Kayleigh 07954 287002

### Church Events

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

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