

# Braunston News

December 2023



## Buzzing Advent Fayre raises over £2650 for Church Repairs.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Advent Fayre & Raffle, making it a really successful fundraiser. The village hall buzzed with a wide variety of local produce stalls, wonderful homemade cakes were served, and Rob Persani broadcast live from the Fayre on Rutland & Stamford Sound.

This year's lucky raffle prize winners were: 1st Diane Freeland, 2nd Stuart Oldham, 3rd Lexy Howes, 4th Abby Yap, plenty of festive goodies to keep you supplied over Christmas. The name of the giant toy dog turned out to be Shadow - congratulations to Joan Cooper for winning him, luckily his appetite is smaller than his size might suggest.

## And nearly £1000 from the latest village hall quiz



Just under £1000 was raised for the Church Repairs Appeal at the latest village hall quiz held at the end of October. It was a great night with ten teams battling it out, ending in a tense tie-break with the No-Hopers belying their name to just clinch victory. The village hall quizzes are always a great night out, thanks to everyone who contributes to their success.



but it's not about the winning !

## Have your say on Rutland's Draft Local Plan

Rutland County Council is consulting on a new Local Plan. This is a stage of the plan-making process when RCC asks for feedback on a draft version, which sets out policies on issues like housing, growth, employment, the environment and transport, supported by detailed evidence. The Council wants to hear from residents and businesses with comments on whether you think the Draft Local Plan is taking the right approach to future development in Rutland.

The consultation runs until Mon 8 Jan 2024. You can find all the information you need on the Local Plan and how to take part by visiting: [www.rutland.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/localplan).

Once the consultation closes, Rutland County Council will review all the comments, feedback and evidence it has received before finalising and adopting the new Local Plan.

This is the biggest and best opportunity to influence what Rutland's next Local Plan looks like. Please get involved and have your say.

Parish Councillor Jim Attack comments about how the housing proposals affect Braunston.

Here's what my reading of the Plan says about Braunston's housing development potential in the context of the Plan :

There are many sites around Rutland which are deemed to be acceptable, and which would ultimately allow the construction of around 2,000 new homes; around 1,500 of these are in Oakham, Uppingham or North of Stamford. This excludes the potential development of the St George's barracks site.

Despite Braunston now being classed as a large village (more than 150 homes and 300 residents), the Plan shows no acceptable development sites in Braunston, albeit small sites can be brought forward for consideration. Specifically, the two sites offered on the Oakham and Brooke Roads are rejected by the Plan as unsuitable. Here are the numbers:

<b>Large Villages</b>		Barrowden	0	Braunston	0	Cottesmore	102	Edith Weston	174
Empingham	46	Essendine	39	Exton	24	Gt Casterton	0	Greetham	28
Ketton	0	Langham	0	Manton	10	Market Overton	20	N Luffenham	10
Ryhall	92	S Luffenham	0	Whissendine	0			<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>
<b>Towns</b>		Oakham	511	Stamford North	650	Uppingham	316	<b>Total</b>	<b>1477</b>

## Soggy volunteering

Despite the rain several folk turned out to tidy up the Gwash on the 18th, and got quite a lot done; we'll re-convene to finish the job in the New Year. Meanwhile the new date for churchyard clear up is the 13th January - see you there.

## This month's church services

Sunday 3rd Dec 11am	Sunday Worship	Christmas Eve 3.30pm	Journey to Jesus
Sunday 10th Dec 11am	Holy Communion		Start in the church
Monday 18th Dec 6pm	Carols by candlelight	Christmas Day 11am	Holy Communion



Our Carols by Candlelight service on Mon 18th December will be a particularly special occasion this year as it will be the first service led by Jenni Duffy, our new Vicar. So come and meet Jenni and enjoy singing carols in our beautiful church. Then, on Christmas Eve, come and join our Travelling Village Nativity, Journey to Jesus. It begins in church at 3.30pm. Watch and wait with Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and Kings as the story of Jesus' birth unfolds. It's a great way to begin your Christmas celebrations. Wear warm clothes, enjoy seasonal refreshments afterwards.

Gail Rudge

## Church Repairs starting soon, we hope, thanks to your fund raising!

The next stage of church repairs is planned for March 2024 when long term Tower external masonry repairs will be carried out by steeplejacks abseiling down the walls - no need for scaffolding. The total cost of Tower repairs is around £30,000, using up much of the funds we raised over the last few years. We also hope, soon, to finally get approval for a new tower internal ladder which has involved a time consuming dialogue with the Peterborough Diocesan bureaucracy. With all this work going on, continued fund-raising remains a priority. Thank you everyone for all the fund-raising efforts over the last few years, especially from the May Fayre and the Village Hall quiz nights which make these repairs possible.

Rob Anderson

## Healthwatch Rutland

Healthwatch Rutland is your local health and social care champion. We give local people an opportunity to have a voice on the health and social care services that they use in order to influence change.

We need your help!

Do you have some spare time which you would like to use to make a difference? Our volunteer opportunities ask for no regular time commitment and allow flexibility. For an informal chat please contact Hollie on 07399584572.

If you have a query or concern about your NHS health and social care then we are here to help. Call us on 01572 720381 or email [info@healthwatchrutland.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchrutland.co.uk)

## Oakham Canal talk

The final gardening Club meeting of the year featured a very interesting and well-attended talk by Paul Dadford on the history of the Oakham Canal and its regeneration as a green corridor. An impressive amount of work has been done over the last few years, to create a space that is both a haven for wildlife and which provides access to this tranquil space for everyone. Have a look at [www.oakhamcanal.org](http://www.oakhamcanal.org) for more information.

## Cooking sessions for kids this Christmas

Want something fun for your kids to do over the Xmas holidays?

Come and join Cooking Caterpillars Club at the Village Hall for our Xmas cooking workshops where kids can learn some great life skills whilst having fun baking, cooking and tasting lots of yummy sweet and savoury treats to take home and enjoy over the festive period.

19 December - Senior Xmas Bake-Off for 11 to 16 year olds.

22 December - Edible Gifts for 6 to 16 year olds

28 December - Cooking Celebration for 8 to 16 year olds

Each session runs from 11am to 3pm and costs £45 which include refreshments and a cooked lunch.

Visit [www.cookingcaterpillars.co.uk/holiday-workshops](http://www.cookingcaterpillars.co.uk/holiday-workshops) for more info.



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Jane Ritchie-Smith

## 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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