

Braunston News

November 2024



Braunston Advent Fayre Sat 30th Nov 11am to 3pm in the Village Hall.

Coffee, tea and cakes served all day in the village hall at the traditional Braunston Advent Fayre. An amazing range of Christmas gifts, produce and accessories will be on sale from a wider than ever range of local artisans. Unique hand made jewellery, luxury pyjamas, vintage and upcycled gifts and accessories, Christmas themed garden and tableware, all things bespoke in wood: birdboxes, bowls, cheeseboards, candlesticks and much more. Homemade Christmas cakes, puddings, chocolate logs, jams and preserves (order early to avoid disappointment, from Gail on 01572 755570), plus tombola and lots of fun.

Grand Raffle Prize draw at 2.30pm - as usual Raffle tickets will be posted throughout the village to ensure everyone gets the chance to win one of the amazing Christmas hampers.

Entrance £1, children free. All proceeds in support of Braunston Church.

Rob Anderson

Braunston Water Butt Project

Braunston has a small but adequate sewage works on Brooke Road, sized to deal with waste from around 180 village houses. Sadly, the surface water and sewage are combined in many of the pipes around the village, so, when we have a storm a lot of rainwater joins with the sewage and can overwhelm the sewage works. A long rain shower can increase the flow into the plant by over ten times, leading to overflowing and raw sewage being flushed into the Gwash; this happened 22 times in 2023 for an accumulated total of ten hours.



We cannot segregate the village pipework to stop surface water entering the sewage works, but there are other ways to sort the problem. If we can find the houses where most roof water comes from, then we can slow it down with a series of rainwater butts (intercepting the roof downpipes) around the village. Water from the butts can then be slowly released into the drain before the next storm. This has been very successful in other places, including the Isle of Wight. Even houses with septic tanks might benefit if their surface water is re-directed into a water butt rather than the septic tank, if there isn't an adequate soakaway.

The roof water from some houses already goes to local soakaways, or directly into a stream or the Gwash, which is fine, but we do need to know where they are to eliminate them from our water butts project. When we know this, we can concentrate on fitting water butts where it will make the most difference. Since the scheme will have community and environmental benefit, we are looking at ways that it might be funded if residents can't meet the cost.

Over the next couple of months members of the FOG (Friends of the Gwash) group will be going around the village to determine where the pressure points are; please help them to get the data they need about your house. In preparation, it would be useful if you could find any records you have about surface water. If you already have this data then just email it to Jim Atack and save the team some work; thanks to those who've already done this. The team is equipped with coloured dye which can help trace water courses if needed.

When we've collected all the data we'll come up with a plan. Thanks to you all for your help. Jim Atack

Electric vehicle charging points



RCC are planning to increase the number of EV charging points in the county, and Cedar St has been identified as a possible site for two of these points. Consultation will take place with the Parish Council, so if you have any thoughts,

please contact the PC clerk at clerk.braunston@gmail.com. Further details on the RCC website.

Planning applications received

2024/1090/CAT 4A Cedar St. Tree works.

This month's church services

Sunday 3rd Nov 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 10th Nov 10.50am Remembrance Service

Sunday 17th Nov 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th Nov 11am Sunday Worship

Village hall news

Quite a lot happening at the hall recently, the most obvious being that we have smart new curtains; the old ones had been there for a good few years so an upgrade was in order. We hope to redecorate the inside of the hall in the near future to ensure that this great village facility stays looking good.

There has also been some building maintenance ongoing, including improvements to the drainage system, giving the hedge a serious haircut, installing water butts to slow the drainage from the roof, and upgrading the storage shed at the rear of the hall. Many thanks to all those who have helped with these projects.

Safari Supper

Still time to sign up for the next Safari Supper on Saturday Nov 16th. It all kicks off with drinks at around 6.30pm, and continues with three courses at different houses all within the village. Old hands will know the routine, but for any new people in the village it's a fun way to meet new people and eat some wonderful and varied food. No cordon-bleu cooking required!

Please let Tracy Waterman know asap if you would like to be included as she has to work out the plans. Email tracyandnickw@yahoo.co.uk or call 07505 936616. And please let Tracy know of any food allergies.

Getting in the Christmas mood

Rutland Voices is a new three-part all-female choir which already has 70 members including a few from Braunston. They are putting on a 'Joy to the World' concert on Sat 14th Dec at 7.30pm in Uppingham School Chapel - familiar songs but with some unexpected arrangements. Tickets, £12.50 including an interval drink, are available from <https://wegottickets.com/event/633040> Cheryl Rogerson

Countdown to Christmas Windows

The Christmas season is almost upon us, so let's keep up our tradition and light up Braunston with our Christmas windows. We'll light up new window/s every day from Dec 1st to Dec 25th.

Please let me know if you would like to take part or have any questions - you can decorate any window, upstairs or downstairs. Tel: 07961 050077 or email karen.allen@consultselect.com
Karen Allen

Christmas party in the village hall - all systems go



Get your dancing shoes ready - the Christmas dinner/dance will take place on Saturday 21st Dec in the village hall. It promises to be another excellent festive night with a

three course sit-down dinner, followed by dancing to a live band. Tickets are £55 per head - please contact Karen to book your place by email to karen.allen@consultselect.com or 07961 050077I.

Gwash cleanup

Another cleanup in the river Gwash is planned for the morning of Saturday Nov 30th, with the aim of tidying the banks and removing some more vegetation from the river. Start at 9am and hopefully finish by midday. All volunteers welcome, please bring your own tools and wellingtons.

Chris Richard

Regular Events

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: Thursdays 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
- Yoga: Monday 7-8pm. Contact Victoria Louch 07841 019270

Church Events

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

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