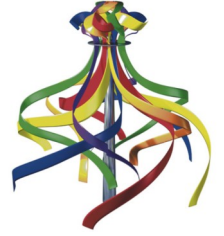


# Braunston News

April 2025



**May Fayre, Monday May 5th, 10am to 4pm**

Once again, our charming and tranquil village will come to life as it transforms into a bustling hub of fun and excitement! The streets will be buzzing with the **street market** and **fairground rides**.

Explore the **Craft Market in the Church**, get competitive with the classic **Games on the Green** ( including the hilarious *Splat the Rat* and the ever-popular *Coconut-shy* ) and try your luck at **two Tombolas** packed with fantastic prizes. Plus, don't miss out on the **Grand Raffle** where you could win some amazing and valuable prizes, generously donated by our wonderful local businesses and residents.

When hunger strikes, we've got you covered with **mouthwatering food and refreshments** from some of the best local vendors! Enjoy tasty treats from **Northfield Farm, Farmer Lou, Yohelia's Kitchen** and **Chilli Guys**. And don't forget to grab a sweet treat from **Gino's Ice Cream Van**.

The **Blue Ball** will be serving up chilled beers, fine wines and delicious Punjabi-style street food. In the **Village Hall** there'll be coffee, tea and yummy homemade cakes and sandwiches to keep you fuelled for all the fun.

The **Street Stage** will be alive with music, and we're thrilled to welcome the incredible **Rutland Big Band**.

For all dog lovers, the **Dog Show and Fun Day/Canine Capers** returns with all the wagging tails and friendly competition you can handle. Bring your four-legged friends and enter them for a chance to win tasty prizes.

And don't forget throughout the day - the famous **Braunston Duck Racing** on the River Gwash. Join us at **2.30pm** for the **Quack National** - the most thrilling duck race around , with **cash prizes** for the winners.!

As the afternoon unfolds, gather for the **Crowning of the May Queen** after lunch, the **Maypole Dancing** around 3.15pm, and finally the eagerly awaited **Raffle Draw** at the village hall where you could walk away with an incredible prize.

This is a day you won't want to miss, bring your friends and family for a **May Fayre** packed with excitement, entertainment and unforgettable memories.

**Parking** is available in the field down Brooke Road (follow the signs and helpful volunteers!) for just £2 all day, and there is free **disabled parking** available in Hanbury Gardens

If anyone would like to **help** out then please contact Simon Phillips at [sos.simonphillips@gmail.com](mailto:sos.simonphillips@gmail.com) - there are plenty of volunteering opportunities and an hour or two of your time is always welcomed. Donations of homemade cakes for the village hall refreshments are also appreciated - please drop them off at the hall on Sun 4th May ( no fresh cream please! ).

## Our May Fayre charities

Our May Fayre charities are the Braunston Church Repair Fund and the Mount Group RDA, our local branch of the Riding for the Disabled. Alex Taylor of the RDA has asked us to include some information about their work:

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? Do you enjoy being out in the countryside? Would you like to make a difference to someone's life? Please read on because maybe we can help you to help us!

The Mount Group RDA is based at Waterloo Lodge Farm on the beautiful Baggrave Hall Estate . The Group runs riding and stable care sessions for children and adults with physical and learning difficulties within school hours and during term time only. We always need volunteers to help us carry out our invaluable work.

There are lots of ways you can help. It might be leading or side walking to support the riders or helping set out equipment. You may have admin or fund-raising skills which you could share. Whichever way you are able to help, you will be assured of a warm welcome.

If you would like to help or would like more information please contact Alex Taylor on 077613 89690.

Help us make a difference. WE really do NEED YOU

## This month's church services

Sunday 6th Apr 11am Holy Communion  
Palm Sunday 13th Apr 11am Sunday Worship

Good Friday 18th Apr 5pm Prayers at the foot of the cross

Easter Day 20th Apr 11am Holy Communion

## Oakham School Big Band - Out & About in Braunston, Sun 27th April

There are still a few tickets left for what promises to be a fantastic night in the village hall when the Oakham School Big Band will be playing a concert in support of Braunston Church Repair Fund. We are very fortunate to have secured this event, which is part of the build-up to their amazing end of term Big Band Concert - one of the year's highlights in Oakham.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start, there will be an interval with drinks available to purchase. The concert is scheduled to finish around 9.30pm. Entry will be by pre paid ticket only. Tickets, £16 to include a welcome drink of champagne or a non alcoholic drink, will be on sale from 5th March - email Pat at patander961@hotmail.com Rob Anderson

## New quiz champions

Sat 29th March saw another successful quiz evening in the village hall. There was a full house with 10 teams vying for the glory of victory with the usual variety of quiz rounds set by Tracy and hosted by Nick. Karen was in demand as bar person in chief and raffle organiser, and the usual stalwarts provided us with a great chilli supper followed by a selection of desserts.

By the end of the evening we had a new winning team, the Out-of-Towners, who snatched the title from past champions the No-Hopers by just one point. No doubt the next quiz will see a rematch.



All proceeds will be split between the village hall and the church repair fund.

## 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

## Loose dogs

There have been a few posts on our village WhatsApp group recently about loose dogs, so it's probably a good time for a gentle reminder to make sure you keep your dogs under close control when out and about around the local fields. With lambing season in full swing please be extra careful with your dog; just being chased can stress a pregnant ewe enough to cause death or miscarriage.



- The Wool Group: 2nd 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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