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16th November 2024
Doors open 7.00pm
Compere & 2 Professional acts
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Licensed bar - Cash or Cards
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Rob - 01858 462782
Marc - 01858 434178



🎄 Village Christmas Window Display Competition 🎄

Get into the Advent spirit by decorating your windows for Christmas! From 1st December, let's transform our village for everyone to enjoy. Whether it's twinkling lights, festive scenes, or creative decorations, we want to see your Christmas magic!

How to Participate:

1. Decorate a window with a Christmas theme by 1st December.
2. All homes and businesses in the village are invited to take part.
3. The best window display will win a special prize!

Competition Details:

- Windows will be judged on creativity, festive cheer, and overall effect.
- A panel of judges will tour the village to select the best window display.
- Winner will be announced at the **Advent Get-Together on Sunday, 14th December, 4:00pm** at 'The Elms'

BRAYBROOKE COMMUNITY EXHIBITION OF WEDDING DRESSES PAST AND PRESENT HELD IN BRAYBROOKE BAPTIST CHAPEL

A glorious display of 30 fabulous wedding dresses on mannequins gave much joy to visitors last weekend.

A dress worn by both Jane and her mother, Jo's mother's dress and veil from 1938, Sue's mother's wedding dress bought with coupons. Margaret who celebrated her 64th wedding anniversary the previous week had her dress and veil displayed as did Sue, who also the previous week celebrated her golden wedding with her family.

The photograph albums gave visitors an opportunity to compare changing styles and traditions over the years, and there was an easy atmosphere of happy chatter between the brides whatever their ages.



The 'history' corner of local weddings was enhanced by Pru's grandmother's 115 year old veil, as did Denise's mum's 70 year old veil and exquisite head dress.

This exhibition led by 'The Team' was very well supported by so many villagers, who left the exhibition with a smile and a packet of Heart shortbread biscuits.



Extra information and photos can be found online when you Google the Harborough Mail. If you visit the site scroll down 'till you find Shona's wedding shoes heading the two page article!

Generous donations totalled £240 which will be used to paint part of the chapel.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 9th November 2024
10am – 12:30pm

Braybrooke Village Hall, Griffin Road,
Braybrooke, LE16 8LH

Looking for something different as a gift? Then come a long to what will be a very exciting shopping morning of handcrafted, handmade and home baked one-of-a-kind treasures made by local talent.

If you are interested in exhibiting, please email:
bbutlergriggs@yahoo.co.uk or linda_nash@hotmail.com
for more information



Sunflower Competition

The presentation of the Heather Levy trophies, took place at the pub on 25 September. Jack (Heather's Grandson) presented the prizes.

Children's Results:

- 1st – Beatrice Woodford – 2.79m
2nd – Ophelia Woodford – 2.63m
3rd – Caleb & Isaac Hiorns – 2.44m



Adults' Results

- 1st – Marc Hesford – 3.65m
2nd – Tim Haynes – 3.42m
3rd – Deirdre Beavan – 2.89m

Money for prizes and a prize of a jar of honey, donated by Ed Mills from Wantage Farm.



The Griffin Trail Nears Completion: A New Asset for Braybrooke

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the much-anticipated Griffin Trail, a new footpath linking Braybrooke to Market Harborough, is approaching its final stages of completion. This scenic pathway will provide a safe and accessible route for walkers, cyclists, and outdoor enthusiasts, offering an excellent opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of our surrounding countryside.

We are proud that the Griffin Trail will be the first development within the North Northamptonshire Greenway strategy. This is a long-term initiative aimed at creating a network of safe, accessible, and sustainable walking and cycling routes across the region. The strategy seeks to connect towns, villages, and key destinations while promoting healthier lifestyles, reducing reliance on car travel, and enhancing the natural environment. By integrating with existing pathways and creating new green corridors, the Greenway Strategy supports local biodiversity and provides opportunities for recreation, tourism, and community engagement. It is part of the broader vision for sustainable growth and environmental stewardship across North Northamptonshire.

To offer a glimpse of the progress, here are two photographs of the trail during its early construction phase. These images reflect the significant effort that has gone into creating a sturdy and reliable pathway for the community's use.



The Griffin Trail is poised to become a valued resource for the entire community, promoting health and well-being through outdoor activity. Whether for a leisurely weekend stroll, daily dog walking, or a scenic cycle ride, this route will cater to a wide variety of interests. The trail is also ideally suited for use by local groups and organisations for activities such as nature walks, charity events, and group outings.

For cyclists, the Griffin Trail offers more than just a local pathway; it also connects with the Bampton Valley Way, opening up a range of road-free cycling opportunities. From this link, it is possible to cycle safely to a number of nearby attractions, including Waterloo Farm, where a relaxing coffee stop can be enjoyed, The Bull at Arthingworth for a meal or drink, or the scenic Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens. These destinations provide excellent opportunities for leisurely rides and enjoyable day trips.

The Griffin Trail is hoped to become a hub for community engagement. Walking, running and nature enthusiasts are encouraged to make regular use of this newly developed pathway. Furthermore, its natural surroundings will offer an inviting environment for photographers, bird watchers, and those with an interest in the local flora and fauna.

In addition to its recreational benefits, the Griffin Trail provides an opportunity for the community to come together in its upkeep and enhancement. The Parish Council is considering the formation of a community group dedicated to the care and maintenance of the trail. This group would work to ensure the trail remains a safe, clean, and pleasant environment for all users, with potential activities including regular litter collection, tree planting, and monitoring the condition of the path.

Welcome to New Members of the Parish Council

As part of efforts to continue serving the needs of the community, the Parish Council is delighted to welcome several new members. Cllr. Lisa Templeton, Cllr. Steve Linham, and Cllr. Terry Woodley have recently joined the council through co-option. Each brings unique strengths and perspectives to the council, and their contributions are eagerly anticipated.

Additionally, Cllr. Hitchcock continues as Chair of the Parish Council, and Cllr. Wheeler will serve as Vice Chair. Together, the council will continue to work diligently for the benefit of Braybrooke and its residents.

Parishioners interested in participating in community initiatives or who have suggestions for enhancing the trail are encouraged to contact the Parish Council. Community involvement will be key to ensuring the Griffin Trail serves the village for many years to come.

All Saints Church, Braybrooke

Services

- 6 October – 11:15am – All Saints – Harvest Festival
- 20 October – 10:00am – Village Hall – Holy Communion
- 10 November – 10:15am – All Saints – Remembrance Service
- 24 November – 10:00am – Village Hall – Holy Communion
- 1 December – 10:00am – Village Hall – All Age Service–Tea&Toast–Advent Sunday
- 15 December – 3:00pm – All Saints – Nativity Service
- 24 December – 6:00pm – All Saints – Christingle Service
- 25 December – 10:00am – All Saints – Holy Communion – Christmas Day

Open Air Service on 1 September – again we were blessed with good weather for what was a very happy and relaxed service. We enjoyed singing many favourite hymns and afterwards an opportunity to socialise over tea/coffee and light refreshments. Thank you Jayne for your hospitality and the use of your garden.

Dates for your Diary

Harvest Festival 6 October at 11:15am in All Saints Church followed at 12 noon by lunch in the Village Hall. We hope that you will join us, but to aid catering it would be helpful if you could let Alex Corderey (01536 763635), or any member of the PCC, know if you intend to join us for lunch.

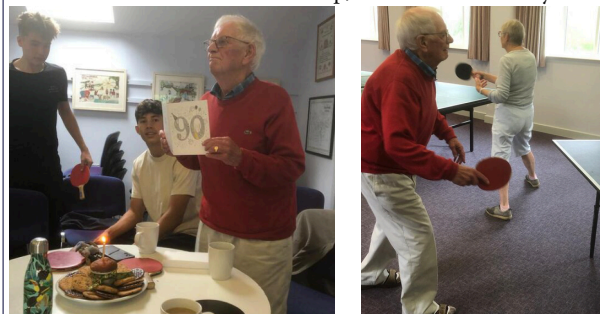
Sunday 15 December – Nativity Service at 3pm in All Saints Church

Tuesday 24 December, Christmas Eve – Christingle at 6pm in All Saints Church

Wednesday 25 December, Christmas Day, Holy Communion in All Saints Church

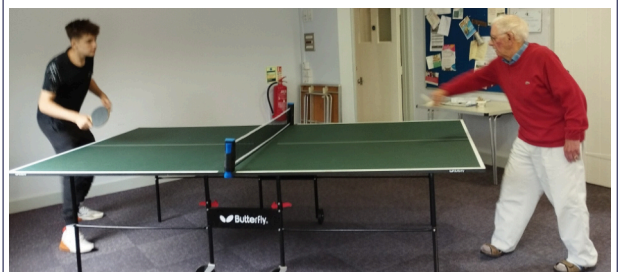
Table Tennis

Congratulations to Robert, our inspirational and founder member of the Table Tennis Group, on his 90th Birthday.



Proving that it's a game for everyone, Robert celebrated with us, playing against Oscar, Maureen's 16-year-old grandson. As always, there was good play, laughter and companionship and a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us.

We meet in the Village Hall each Wed 9.30 – 10.30 am.



The Other Plot

The Gunpowder plot of 1605 was not the first plot against the new Scottish king, James I. The king was not popular with his minority Catholic subjects and within months several plots were launched against him. The Bye Plot aimed to kidnap James and force him to grant religious toleration, but the Main Plot aimed to replace him with his cousin Arabella Stuart. A member of the Griffin family, Sir Griffin Markham became involved in the Bye Plot.

Edward Griffin, the first Lord Braybrooke came precariously close to the headsman's axe in 1708, but Sir Griffin Markham came even closer and survived. When the heir to Braybrooke Castle, Rice Griffin, was killed during the Kett Rebellion in 1549, he left one daughter, Mary, who married Thomas Markham. The Braybrooke estate was entailed and Mary could not inherit, but like all the Griffins she was a staunch Roman Catholic and it is believed her son, Sir Griffin Markham, was converted to Catholicism by his mother.

Sir Griffin Markham was the eldest of 16 children and as a soldier had fought under Queen Elizabeth's favourite, the Earl of Essex at Rouen, where he was knighted. He also served under the Earl in Ireland in 1599. Markham was drawn into the Bye Plot by the catholic priest, William Watson in June 1603. Several other lords, including Sir Walter Raleigh were involved in the Main Plot. Both plots were soon uncovered and 39-year-old Markham and his fellow conspirators were arrested. They were all tried at Winchester and found guilty of high

treason and sentenced to death, but at the beginning of his reign James was inclined to be merciful. On 9th December 1603 Markham was led out on to the scaffold at Winchester Castle and prepared to lay his head on the block when the sheriff suddenly summoned him back into the castle, along with the other lords and announced that the king had granted them their lives. On December 15th the prisoners were sent to the Tower of London and two years later Markham was deprived of his estates and exiled.

Sir Griffin Markham remained an exile and roamed the continent for the rest of his life. In March 1644 he wrote from Vienna to the Marquis of Newcastle regretting that his age preventing him fighting for James's son, King Charles I in the English Civil War. It is assumed he died that year aged about 80.



Sir Griffin Markham and his brother, Robert, from his mother's memorial painting at Deene Park

King James had knighted Markham's distant cousins Edward Griffin of Dingley and Braybrooke and his son, Thomas, in May 1603, before the discovery of the plot, but despite Markham's involvement in the plot the king does not appear to have taken against the Griffin family. In August 1605 the family entertained the king to dinner at Braybrooke Castle, or to quote one of James's courtiers, *the king dined at Mr Griffin's popish house in Braybrooke*. Three months later the Gunpowder Plot was discovered, but the Griffin family took no part in this.

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Braybrooke Morris Dancers

Although September is normally our rest month, the Morris dancers have been very active this year. On 14th September they danced at the Desborough 1940's weekend, giving a performance just after the Lancaster fly past. The following week on 20th they danced again at Desborough for the town's twinning event. The dancers entertained 56 European guests at the Ritz after lunch and a number of the visitors took part in the dance, Shepherds Hay. This is a dance some of you will recall from the Swan, when we ask for audience participation..

This month the dancers will resume practice in the Village Hall on Thursday nights at 7.45pm. Anybody interested in starting to dance will be made most welcome from 10th October. Please contact us at braybrookemorris.wellandgood.uk

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At the Ritz



The Swan, 29/08

Village Activities

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every 2nd Monday of the month
@ 7pm

Table Tennis
9:30am every Wednesday



Knit (or any craft) and Natter
every other Tuesday at 14.00

Yoga

14:00 and 18:45 every Wednesday



Pilates
9:30am every Thursday

every Tuesday @ 10am

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* These activities are taken from the Village Hall diary:

braybrooke.weebly.com/braybrookevenuehire.html

Please let me know if there are any mistakes, or to have anything else I've not included added in!

Save the Date: Sunday 14th Dec, 3pm
Advent Get-Together at 'The Elms'

Sam and I would love to invite you to join us for some mulled wine and apple punch at our home (1 Newland Street).

Date: Sunday, 14th December, 3:00pm

Looking forward to seeing you, Hemma & Sam.

Our visit to the Plant Man on 12 August took place on a hot summer evening. Fortunately there was a shaded seating area and we were able to enjoy Ian's presentation to the full.

He gave us many interesting facts about plants, potting and cutting back accompanied by a demonstration. I think we were all inspired to carry out his advice. Afterwards we moved on to Janet's garden where we partook of a buffet of cheese and paté together with prosecco and wine. Thank you Janet for your hospitality. A most enjoyable evening.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



On 9 September our speaker was Roxanne Dinsdale whose talk was entitled "My Life Dancing with Snake and Fire". To the relief of many, I believe, she didn't bring any snakes. She gave a thrilling and exciting talk on how to use a snake to enhance movement. She spoke of her adventures in her performances and reassured us that snakes are safe providing you know how to handle them.

Future Meetings

14 October – Sarah Burgon – Footcare and Footwear – Looking After Our Feet

11 November – Harborough Cancer Support Group

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining the WI should contact Lisa Templeton (01858 461028).

Braybrooke Neighbourhood Watch

As the nights draw in – think "Security and personal safety" – don't leave it until it's too late.

Doors and windows – In about a third of burglaries, thieves gain access through an open window or door. Make sure doors and windows are kept locked when you go out, and close them when you leave a room.

Check the condition of door frames and glass panels to make sure they are secure.

Lights and alarms – When you are out, leave a light on to give the impression there is somebody at home. A light timer switch is fairly cheap to buy and can be easily fitted to operate radios and lights when you are out. This will give burglars the impression that somebody is in and, don't forget – if you have an alarm, use it!

Sheds & gardens – Make sure sheds and garages are locked and secure. Always tidy away your garden tools and lock ladders away to stop a burglar using them. Use a good quality padlock on your shed to protect your property inside it. You can also buy a shed alarm from most DIY stores.

Personal safety – Once the nights draw in, we'll all be going to / coming home from school and work in the dark. So, to stay safe and be fair to motorists, make sure that as a pedestrian / dog walker / jogger you are as visible as you can be. Wear a hi-viz vest and some reflective bands or equivalent, so that you stand out in a vehicle's headlights. See – and be seen... it could save your life!



Operation Christmas Child

Join Us in Spreading Joy!

We are excited to support Operation Christmas Child again this year, a charity that brings smiles to children around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Last year, with your help, we collected 24 wonderful shoeboxes.

For those new to this, Operation Christmas Child is a project run by Samaritan's Purse. You can find all the details on how to pack a shoebox at the link below:



samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Drop off your completed shoeboxes at our house (1 Newland Street) latest by Monday, 11th November.

We will take all collected shoeboxes to the charity's drop off location.

Let's come together once more and make this year even more special!

Defibrillator Training

On behalf of the Parish Council I coordinate our defibrillator which Marc Hesford kindly maintains for us.

It's been a couple of years since we last ran a training session and aware that: *one*, it's always good to have a refresher on such things that are vital to life but used so rarely and *two*, I'm conscious that we also have quite a number of new people in the village; I am thinking of booking us another course.

It would run in the Village Hall one evening and it would last around 2 hours.

I am keen to get a feel for the level of interest to decide if booking a further session would be of value to residents and thus a good use of Braybrooke PC funds.

I would therefore be grateful if you could email me at clr.mclaughlin@braybrooke-pc.uk if you would be interested to take part in a session.

Field Mapletoft Coniers & Hawes Education Fund

Founded in 1684 exclusively for the people of Braybrooke, this fund is able to pay a modest grant to students in higher education for the purchase of books.

Anybody wishing to apply for a grant should outline their needs in writing to the secretary, Mr Geoff Pitcher, at 10 Newland Street. All applications will be considered on merit by the charity trustees.

Braybrooke Baptist Church

A HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Will be held on Sunday 27th October, at 10.15 am.

We look forward to welcoming all villagers, your families and friends. Light refreshments will be served.