

# BRAIPTON ABBOTTS

## *Village Hall*

News Update December 2023



### *Chairman's Message*

As the year draws to a close, it's an opportunity to look back and reflect on the BAVH year.

The grand opening in May seems like a distant memory because so much has happened since then, please remember none of this would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship from everyone ...so thank you.

At the AGM in May we said goodbye to a number of Trustees, their expertise during the refurbishment was invaluable. Filling the void were some lucky volunteers who made the cut and were narrowly elected to join the Committee...phew!

If you have been following the fab monthly newsletters you will all know what's been going on and coming up at Your Village Hall, it's a great read, thanks Ali.....also thanks to John Sherahilo for distributing it via his village email database.

You'll be delighted to hear bookings for the hall continue to increase and we regularly get great feedback on the quality of the venue, something we were keen to deliver on.

Your Village Hall has really been pivotal in helping bring our village community together and for that we must congratulate our Events Team who get all the accolades and three cheers for staging some really successful, sell out events. Coronation Party, 80's Live Music Night, Quiz Nights and the new Pop-up Pub are just a few fantastic events that have already passed. The box office lines have been red hot and it's been encouraging to welcome many new faces attending.

An exciting program of events for all has already been put together for next year, something that appeals to everyone... join us and **'get yer dancing boots on'** for the first major event the Barn Dance in February...**"Yee Haw"**.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to my fellow Trustee team who make Your Village Hall happen, so round of applause to:

Mike (the money) O'Brien our 'Bean Counter'

Hayley (just a minute) Bird our 'Secretary'

Tim (the techie) Gaunt our 'Digital Wizard'

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Alice (no drama) Marshall our 'Education Queen'  
 Anthony (we can build it) Parks our 'Handy Hands'  
 Ali (anything is possible) O'Brien... 'The Force'  
 Charlotte (let's just party) Shepherd our 'Party Planner'

And of course to all those, especially the Events Team Volunteers (Elaine, Adrienne, Alyx, Lina, Kelly and Janet), that give their time, energy and enthusiasm to support Your Village Hall. **A Very Big Thank You!**

Merry Christmas to everyone and we hope to see you at 'Your Village Hall' in the New Year!

Jon Evans



## *Events Team Planning for 2024*

Make a note of the dates in your diaries for a fun filled 2024 at the Village Hall.

Thursday 25th January - **Pub Night** 5.30pm to 9pm *(We are exploring the possibility of a Curry option)*

Saturday 24th February - **Barn Dance**

Thursday 21st March - **Pub Night** 5.30pm to 9pm

Saturday 11th May - **Skittles**

Wednesday 15th May - Provisional Date for the **AGM**

Friday 7th June - **Quiz Night**

Thursday 27th June - **Pub Night** 5.30pm to 9pm

Saturday 17th August - **Family Summer Picnic**

September - **Macmillan's Coffee Morning**

Thursday 26th September - **Pub Night** 5.30pm to 9pm

Thursday 31st October - **Halloween Event**

Thursday 28th November - **Pub Night** 5.30pm to 9pm

Tuesday 3rd December - **Christmas Wreath Workshop**

Friday 6th December - **Christmas Themed Quiz Night**

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If you are interested in getting involved in our events, we'd love to hear from you. We need to share the organising and support those who have been keen and given so much time to date.

If anyone has an idea for a one off or regular VH function and would like to head up taking on the organisation (supported by the Trustees and Event Team), please do get in touch with us at [admin@bavhall.co.uk](mailto:admin@bavhall.co.uk) **We would really appreciate your time and enthusiasm to get involved.**

## *Events Update*

### **Quiz Night – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

A bumper turn-out for this one. Rob our resident Quiz Master provided a challenging round of questions that got us all thinking! Congratulations to the winning team of Anthony, Lucy, Mark, Lisa and Jane. Their prizes consisted of five 'Treasure Trails' for Hereford, Ledbury, Symonds Yat, Ross-on-Wye and Great Malvern. Check out [www.treasuretrails.co.uk](http://www.treasuretrails.co.uk) - self guided themed treasure hunts around different villages, towns and cities across the UK, they are terrific fun.



### **Christmas Wreath Workshop – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

A lovely evening with great company was spent creating Christmas Wreaths, supping Mulled Wine and eating the most delicious Minced Pies from Parsons Bakery. Claire and Tracy from Designer Flower provided super instructions and a treasure trove of decorative material. Take a look at the gallery section on the home page of the VH website for the finished results, the variety of Wreaths was just amazing.



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## Christmas Decorations

We thought you might like to see the Christmas bunting handy work of Alyx and the VH Christmas tree adorned with the decorations made in our 'Christmas Tree Decoration Workshop'. The Christmas tree and lights were funded from the compensation we received from the curtain manufacturers (Fingers crossed for delivery of those in the New Year).



## Future Events

Thank you to Jane and Matthew for organising the Village Carol Singing event, everyone who turned out to sing and those that listened and gave generously to the St. Michaels Hospice Appeal.

### Carol Singing around the Village



**MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Meet at the Village Hall at 6pm

Back to the Village Hall for refreshments and...

★ **Christmas Prize Draw** ★



**Nativity Concert**  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

The Oak House Nursery Children would like to invite the Villagers of Brampton Abbots to a Nativity Concert at Brampton Abbots Village Hall. Refreshments will be served.



Please RSVP if possible to [alice@oakhousenurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:alice@oakhousenurseryschool.co.uk) so catering can be determined.

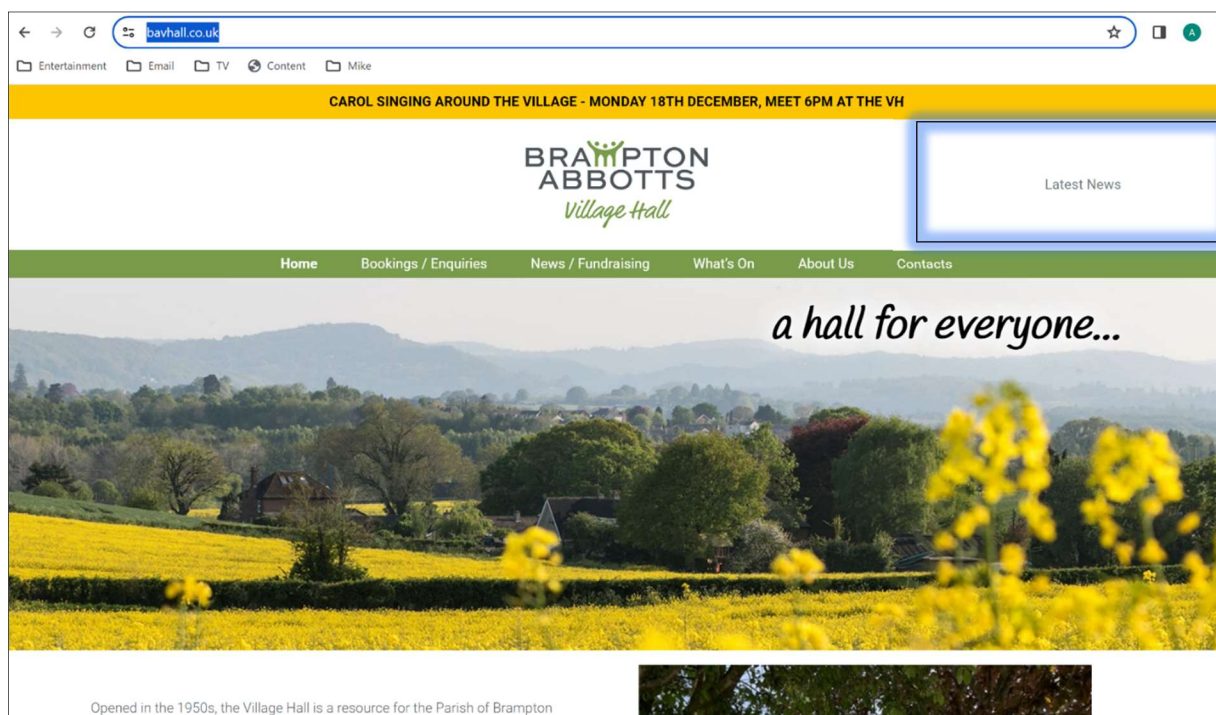
## Online Booking System and Calendar

Mike, Adrienne and Charlotte are getting to grips with the new Online Booking System, this will streamline the booking process going forward. Charlotte is also monitoring the VH email on a daily basis [admin@bavhall.co.uk](mailto:admin@bavhall.co.uk)

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## Latest News Location

We have added a quick link to the 'Latest News' section on the home page of the website (See position below highlighted in the blue panel)



## Fundraising

We have had a phenomenal response to the '**CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW**' fundraising initiative. The draw was concluded and the winners drawn at the Village Carol Singing Event. Two of the three winners were from the Village which is brilliant. The total raised was £865 with all prizes donated (See the News/Fundraising - 'Financial Partners / Supporters / Friends' section of the website for the list of prize supporters). A pre-draw audit was carried out by Mike and Adrienne to reconcile tickets printed, sold and unsold and to ensure all sold tickets were included in the draw.

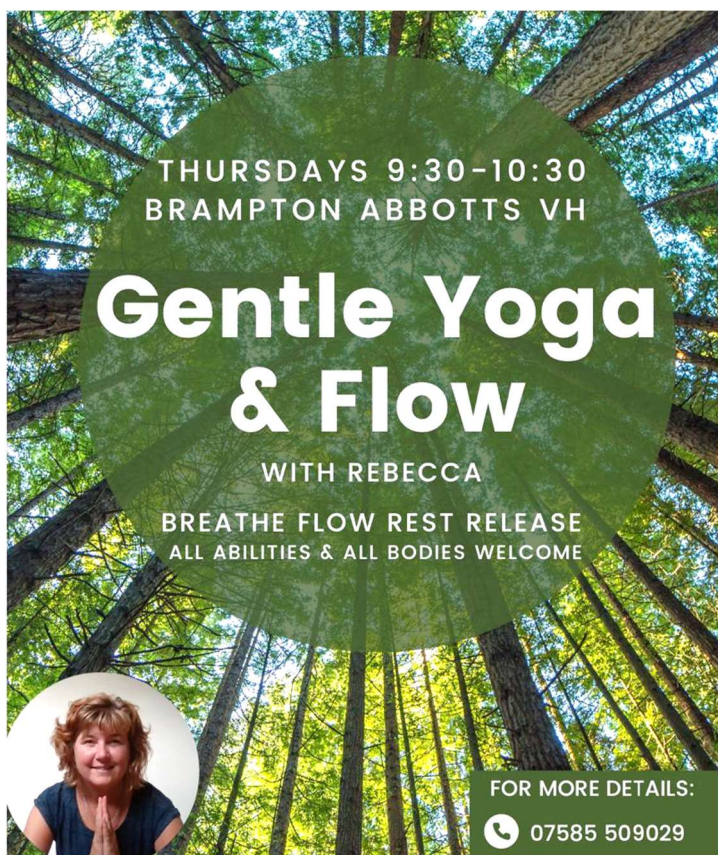
Congratulation to Viv Lucus (1<sup>st</sup> Prize £60 Moody Cow Vouchers), Jackie Hurley (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 2x 'The Courtyard Theatre' Cinema Tickets plus 2x 'The Beefy Boys' Burger & Fries Meal Vouchers), Jenny Berry (3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Christmas Hamper). Thank you to Jane for drawing the winning tickets.



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## *New Year's Resolutions*

Plan ahead and start your new health regime by booking onto Rebecca's Gentle Yoga & Flow class – a tranquil start to the New Year.



## *Website Updates*

- 'Home Page' – New photos added to Gallery
- 'News / Fundraising' section has been updated to include the December News Update
- 'News / Fundraising' section 'Financial Partners / Supporters / Friends' has been updated to include new 'THANKS'
- 'What's On' section updated to include proposed 2024 Events
- 'What's On' section 'Clubs and Societies' updated

## *Next Trustee Meeting*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, 7pm

*Happy Christmas everyone*

