

Newsletter Issue 1
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Brownhills

Town Centre Partnership

Brownhills Festival Queen

On Sunday 19th September Brownhills crowned our new Queen, Princess and Bluebell. Held at Ogley Club, the evening was a great success and a fun night for all. There were 20 girls entered and everyone looked amazing but there could only be one winner. The winner of the Queen category was Emily Miller aged 14 from Clayhanger and the winner for the Princess category was Emma Stacey aged 12, also from Clayhanger. The final category was Bluebell which was won by 8 year old Courtney Capewell from Brownhills. Congratulations to all the girls - they should be very proud.

The event was a success thanks to the businesses of Brownhills High Street; Archer's Florist for supplying flower displays; Styles hairdressers for styling some of the girl's hair; Darren Symes Butchers for the buffet; and Redlock Photography who took all the photos of the night which are on his website www.redlock-photography.com

A big thank you to these businesses - without their support the evening would not have happened.

Boots Opticians opening

On Saturday 2nd October D & A changed to Boots Opticians with the opening undertaken by the Brownhills Queen and Bluebell. Not to worry, we have the same staff and the same standard of care for your eyes that we had before and we wish Boots great success in the future.

Tesco Plans

I know there have been a lot of rumours about the new Tesco plans. I can now confirm that the front entrance will be on the car park (around the area where there is a trolley bay c) with the building then goes back over the site of Ravenscourt. Two shops will be built across the opening of Ravenscourt and there will be a Market Square between Kwik Fit and The Pine Shop. There will also be some road layout changes controlled by traffic lights placed on the junction of the High Street and Silver Street (Farmfoods corner). They are hoping to start work late next year or early 2011 if the plans go ahead.

Chasewater Railway

Santa special

A real Christmas treat for all the family - train rides on the heated and specially decorated vintage coaches start the magic of a visit to Santa at Chasewater Railway. There is no waiting in the cold with the heritage station and its Edwardian tea room with a fire blazing.

Visit Santa in his beautiful log cabin grotto in the heated heritage centre, with a gift from Santa and presents from the Elves carefully chosen for boys and girls of different ages.

Sweets and drinks for the children are all included, along with a warming drink or sherry and a mince pie for the adults.

Dates start from 2nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2011
Tickets - £5.50 adult, £7.50 per child
Bookings can be made at R. Downes Newsagent or in person at Chasewater Railway.

Brownhills Christmas Fete

This year Brownhills will be hosting a Christmas Fete on Saturday 4th December. There will be a tree festival where the children of Brownhills are invited to bring along tree decorations and place them on our tree, as well as carol singing. Santa will be in his Grotto so children bring your letter and give it to Santa yourself. There will also be table-top sales and even your pets are included in a fancy dress pet show so bring your festive dressed pets along.

We need donations so if you can knit, bake cakes or you have any books you don't want, please bring them to us at R. Downes Newsagents, Darren Symes Butchers or Acropolis Café. If you would like a table, we are looking for arts, crafts and jewellery so please help.

Get Ready for Christmas

Poxon & Son Butchers and Darren Symes Butchers are now taking orders for your meat over Christmas so pop in and place your orders.

The Brownhills calendar and Brownhills Christmas cards are also now on sale, available from R. Downes Newsagent.

Market Back in Brownhills

Good news! Brownhills Market is reopening on the 4th November, managed by a leading Black Country market operator, LSD Promotions. The market is open 2 days a week on Thursdays and Saturdays. This move is very much welcomed by the traders of Brownhills High Street and came about when the Town Centre Partnership got together and urged Walsall Council to bring our market back. We wish LSD Promotions much success in the future.

For more information about Brownhills Town Centre Partnership and activities in Brownhills, please contact Antonia Pompa on 01922 652095 or Sarah Wynn on 07928 949284.

Dates for your Diary

Brownhills Market Returns

Thursday 4th November, 9am to 4pm

Visit Brownhills Market, open every Thursday and Saturday.

Brownhills Christmas Fete

Saturday 4th December, 10am to 3pm

Brownhills Town Centre

A day of festive fun for all the family!

Brownhills Christmas Tree Festival

Switch-on 7.30pm, Thursday 9th December

Open Friday 10th December, 10am to 3pm

Brownhills Methodist Church

Beautiful lit and decorated Christmas trees.

Brownhills Christmas Market

Saturday 11th December, 9am to 3pm

Brownhills Methodist Church

Festive refreshments, cards and gifts.

Christmas Storytelling

Saturday 11 December, 11am to 12pm

Brownhills Library

Festive stories and crafts for all ages.

Carol Singing at Knaves Court

Monday 13th December, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Knaves Court

Join in with festive carol singing – all welcome.

Santa Special

Tuesday 14th December, 1pm

Admission £1 for each child including a present from Santa

Brownhills Children's Centre

Come and join Santa and his reindeer.

Christmas Wassail

Friday 17th December, 7.00pm

Tickets £3 with mulled wine and a mince pie

Park View Centre

An evening of festive entertainment with Spotlight Youth Productions and the Lichfield Players.