

Braunston News

May 2017

All Systems Go for May Fayre 2017

May Highlights

- Mon 1st May, 10.00 - 16.00, it's the Braunston May Fayre!
- Sat 20th May, 08.30 - Big Brekkie, Village Hall

Regular Events

- Ladies Pub Night: Meets 1st Wed of month in Blue Ball from 8pm
- WI : Meets 2nd Tues of month in Village Hall at 7:30pm. Contact: Carol Hodcroft 757477
- Indoor Bowls : Alternate Fridays in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: Sandra Lickman 722536
- Gardening Club : 3rd Thurs of month in Village Hall. Contact: Mary Brooks 723047
- Table Tennis : Tue & Wed in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: David Smart 01664 474354
- Zumba : Mon in Village Hall at 7pm (during term time). Contact: Mark Stokes, 07747 637070
- Parents & Toddlers : Every Thu during term time 10-12 in Village Hall. Contact Sue Bichard 756694
- Quilting & Patchwork Group : Every Monday & Wednesday in Village Hall 09:45—15:45. Contact: Viv 771020
- Tai Chi: Thursdays 19.00 - 20.30. Contact Jim Ward www.taichiforhealth.co.uk
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

Church Events

- Sun 7th May, 11.00
- Holy Communion
- Sun 14th May, 11.00
- Sunday Worship
- Sun 21st May, 11.00
- Holy Communion
- Sun 28th May, 16.00
- Sing Sunday (TBC)

At the final meeting of the May Fayre committee last Wednesday, all preparations seemed to be in place for yet another successful event on May Day. Tamsin reported that last Sunday's party at the Blue Ball had raised a record amount of over £1300; well done Nick, Nick, Nino and Stanley and all the others involved in putting on a great show, not to mention the food, which was terrific.

The Quack National is all primed and ready to go; Peter has patched his waders and is rumoured to be dredging the stream this week (pew). All ducks have been christened, are race fit, and raring to go. Some of the fleet are still looking for sponsorship; so now's your chance to join the contest by registering at the Old Plough or the Blue Ball.

Vast quantities of bacon have been sourced for the start-up of the Village Hall sustenance campaign; get there early to benefit, cakes and teas to follow. Clare is still looking for more cakes to be donated, so please get baking and deliver the results to the Village Hall on Sunday afternoon.

Most Street Market pitches along Cedar Street have been sold and punters will rock up from around 9.00; do call Sue Bichard if you'd like to bag one of the last remaining pitches.

There's plenty of food and entertainment to get stuck into; stalls, live music, crafts, laser shooting, dog show, classic cars, maypole dancing, May Queen crowning, the ever popular tombola (prizes to Steve and Randall, please)...

The car parkers are ready to lose more cars in the Beadmen field; very reasonable recovery rates, as usual, and a few more Marshalls are needed; please call Jim Attack.

Whilst the May Fayre team is ready to rock, the village is still looking a bit shabby; Rutland County Council will send the Streetsweeper along this week to brush down the streets, but we could do with everyone checking out the hedges, fences and pavements outside their houses to smarten up the village and give a real welcome to this year's Braunston May Fayre.

And there's the usual call for yet more volunteers to help on the day, and to tackle the aftermath clean-up; everyone welcome!

Let's have another splendid day. Let the sacrifices to the weather gods commence!

Contacts: Mike - 759584

Sue - 756694

Randall - 756730

Jim - 759556

Meanwhile, at The Plough...

As many of you will have heard there has been a change of management at the Old Plough which was probably best described as 'sudden and unexpected'.

Ownership is unchanged and busi-

ness carries on as normal, with former Assistant Manager, Carrie-Anne, ably stepping up to the plate and making sure it both stays open and continues to thrive.

Good luck to her and all the team.

@ The Pubs

- Sun 30th April, 17.00 on, BBQ and live music with Reinst80'd, Plough
- Sun 7th May 12.00 - Jazz at The Blue Ball
- Tue 10th May 18.00, Buffet Club, Plough
- Wed 18th May, 19.30, Quiz Night, Plough

Take Up Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes take place in the Village Hall on Thursdays, 19.00 to 20.30 and, frankly, they are rather brilliant. Led by experienced instructor Jim Ward, they consist of a range of Xi-Gong exercises first before time is spent learning the 108-move form of Tai Chi itself. All in all, the process takes roughly three years, but without hyperbole the benefits last a lifetime. Tai Chi groups are very used to accommodating people at different stages of learning the form, so even if you haven't done it before it's worth joining the existing students and finding out about this elegant and graceful slow motion martial art. More details at www.taichiforhealth.co.uk.

Midsummer Ceilidh

Ceilidh, oh I never thought I'd miss you... This year's Midsummer Ceilidh featuring the James Joyce Band takes place on 24 June with tickets (including a hot supper) costing £12. Doors open 19.30 and there is also a licensed bar to help things get into the swing of it all. Contact Janet (759556) or Rob & Pat (774388).

Have a Big Brekkie

Everyone is invited to come to the Big Brekkie held in support of Christian Aid on Saturday 20th May from 08.30am in the Village Hall. Reduced rates for those who turn up in their PJs!

Flower Show Entries

Don't forget the 2017 Flower Show and Fête is planned for Sat 12th August in the Village Hall. For more information ring Sue 756694 or Mary 723047.

Braunston Web Links

Parish Council website:

www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk

Braunston Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/braunston

To receive this newsletter via email, drop a line to: braunston.newsletter@gmail.com

+++ May Fayre still needs volunteers to help out on the day on the day.
Contact Mike or Tamsin: miketamsin@btinternet.com +++

After hygge: umgängsam

It's time to talk poo. Well, it will be in a bit, but first: a quick Scandi language lesson.

'Hygge', of course, has been one of the most popular linguistic imports of recent years; a Danish word which loosely translates as 'living cosily', though whole essays can and have been written about its exact meaning. It's a few years old now, though, so it's high time to introduce a new immigrant to the lexicon: 'umgängsam'.

Umgängsam is a Swedish word that translates as 'neighbourly'. It has no real complications, it has no great backstory, so we'd like to give it one.

Umgängsam in a Braunston context means not pride of place, but pride *in* place. It's about looking out for your neighbours; it's about making sure that nothing you do impacts negatively on anyone else; it's about making the village a nicer place to live; it's about *community*.

There are a huge amount of things we can do to increase the levels of umgängsam in the village. For a start we can pick up that dog poo, bag it

and bin it, and make sure we don't have a lurking health hazard on our pavements and verges and in the surrounding countryside.

We can cut that hedge back and make sure that people can get past safely on the pavements.

We can sweep up snow or leaves depending on the season; we can pull weeds; we can look out for parcels and pets; we can support village events and use village services wherever possible; we can welcome new residents; we can all look out for each other.

Umgängsam is not some attempt to prettify the village. That's just a by-product of the process. Umgängsam is about making Braunston a better place to live and all of us better people for living in it.

Sometimes things need to have a sexy Scandi word attached to them for people to take notice. So pick up that poo, trim that bush, support that event, get involved, and embrace umgängsam.

And you never know: it may well even catch on.

Make the most of the Mobile Library

Did you know that the Rutland mobile library visits Braunston every other week? If you would like to borrow a book, a DVD or an audiobook, but don't want to traipse into Oakham then this could be the answer.

The mobile van stops every other Monday (May 15th is its next visit) at the junction of Church St and Brooke Rd at 9.50 am for about 20 minutes. It has a changing selection of books for adults and children, large print books, audio books and DVDs, and if you can't find what you want, you can reserve items for free and collect them when they're available.

There's a lift for wheelchair access and plenty of heating in the van for when it's a bit chilly outside.

The mobile library is a valuable asset for villages like Braunston, whether for people who don't find it so easy to get into Oakham, or for busy families who just don't have the time. So, in this current climate of swingeing service cuts let's make sure that it's supported: this is the sort of thing that tends to fall into the use it or lose it category.

You can find further details about the library service on the Rutland County Council or Braunston Parish Council websites.

Braunston News is usually published in the third week of each month. Ish... Please submit details of what you would like to see included in the next issue by May 13th to: braunston.newsletter@gmail.com