

Braunston News

October 2017

@ the Village Hall

Autumn Highlights

- Memories Service, Sun 22nd October, 16.00, Church
- Team Viking, Sun 29th October, 19.00, 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
- 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 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

Church Events

- Sun 1st October, 11.00
- Holy Communion
- Sun 8th October, 11.00
- Sunday Worship
- Sun 15th October, 11.00
- Holy Communion
- Sun 22nd October, Memories Service, 16.00
- Sun 29th October, Team Service, TBA

It's been a quiet month in Braunston of late, which is a bit of a relief to be honest, so we'll open up with some news from the Village Hall.

First, Janet Taylor tells us that the Monday night Zumba class has now finished. Teacher Mark Stokes has decided not to carry on with it, so our thanks to him for getting so much of the village all moving over the past few years. As Janet puts it, not necessarily a pretty sight but always good fun.

In the credit column for hall events though, Alison Sentance is starting a second Pilates class on Friday morning at 10.15. Pilates is a great all-round flexibility and strength exercise regime, and has something to offer all ages and abilities. Get in touch with Alison on 07496 814825 if you'd like to take part.

Plus, of course, on a similar theme.

Jim Ward leads an excellent Tai Chi class on Thursday evenings. Details to the left.

Theatre returns to the Hall on Sunday Oct 29th in the shape of Tangram Theatre's production of James Rowland's one man show, *Team Viking*. One of the runaway theatre hits of the 2016 Edinburgh Festival, (including a 5 star review from The Stage) this production is a remarkable, hilarious and heart-lifting story of how one man gave his best friend the Viking send-off he wanted, complete with boats, flames and helmets.

Prices are £10 adults, £7.50 under 16. Information is that this is suitable for ages 14+

Tickets from Cheryl 07956 308308, or email info@braunstonvillagehall.co.uk

Doors open 7pm. Licensed bar :-)

The Return of the BBC

Not, of course, the British Broadcasting Corporation which, last time we checked, seemed to be alive and well. But that equally much-beloved cultural institution, the Braunston Blokes Club.

Following last season's stellar programme of events, the BBC kicks off its autumn schedule with a cracker too: a Historical Tour of Braunston Church on Sunday 15th.

Everyone is invited to the winter BBC season kick off event -a guided tour around our ancient church which can trace its origin back to Norman times, writes Rob Anderson. Find out which are the oldest parts of the

church, see the Anglo-Saxon coffin, hear the historical background of our murals and fine stained glass windows, see the games carved in the walls possibly by shepherds and other workers, and much more!

We will also be opening up some of the old record books to see how the social make up of the village has changed over the last 200 years.

The tour will take no more than an hour and will finish at the Blue Ball for refreshments and a Question and Answer session.

Meet in the Church at 7.30pm. For more info contact Rob on 774388 or email robander961@hotmail.co.uk

+++ Bat Update: Three full bat surveys have now been completed this season. The Bats in Churches project team are now compiling their report which should be presented early November.+++

'Memories', Sunday 22nd October 4pm at All Saints, Braunston

This will be a special service of quietness and reflection in memory of those we have known and loved, and for peace in our world. Please come and share this time with us, everyone is welcome.

Helpers Needed - Churchyard Tidy Up, Sat 14th Oct, 10am-12noon

The churchyard improves year on year thanks to folks giving up a few hours each spring and autumn. Please come and lend a hand to tidy up the churchyard for the winter on Saturday 14th Oct starting at 10am. Jobs to do include: weeding around the new hedge by the village hall, trimming hedges and bushes, trimming back grass on paths and strimming nettles. If you have power tools suitable for these jobs please bring them along. Many hands make light work! Refreshments will be provided. For more info contact Rob Anderson on 774388.

Electoral review

Don't forget, the Boundary Commission survey regarding ward boundaries is open until Oct 2. You can find the interactive [online map](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk) for Rutland at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

@ The Pubs

- Sun 1st Oct, 12.00 - Jazz at The Blue Ball
- Tue 3rd Oct, 09.30-15.30, Antiques Valuation, The Blue Ball
- Fridays, Cod & Chips 2 for 1, Old Plough

Braunston Web Links

Parish Council website:

www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk

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View from the Parish Council

The draft Local Plan was published in July, writes *Jim Atack*. You have until the 25th September to make your response.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council has welcomed the classification of Braunston as a small village, but has asked the County Council to put much more effort into a number of sparse areas in the plan, including: housing planning for young families and downsizers; all forms of infrastructure (schools, health, utilities, roads); measuring against clearly established environmental standards; and honouring the concepts of Localism by respecting the wishes of communities set out in their Neighbourhood plans.

The telephone box has now been secured for the community, the phone removed, and over £100 raised by the event at the Blue Ball, to help maintain it. We are still looking for good ideas for any positive use we could put the box to, as well as being an iconic decoration for the village green!

The proposals for new traffic calming measures, which we put to the Council earlier in the year, are now being considered. You may remember that they were: 40mph buffer zones at each end of the village; three sets of speed cushions in Knossington Road; one set of speed cushions in the High Street; and a doubling up of the chicane on the Knossington Road.

Local info for non-local people

Kudos to Peter Allen and everyone else who worked on getting our local information sign and accompanying bench restored to their proper places down by the Gwash.

Covering everything from our suspected Sheela-na-gigh to our position in the 100 square kilometres of the Royal Forest that stretched across most of Rutland and East Leicestershire, and on to the boundary changes

in the 1970s that led to the adoption of our 'in-Rutland' suffix, the board is a great way to tell people a little bit about the village they're passing through.

As to the bench, which is dedicated to the memory of horticultural society member Ivor Freeman; given the number of often footsore and saddle-sore walkers and cyclists that come through the village, it's probably one of our most crucial amenities.

Climbing in to the Fish Tank

We don't normally do restaurant reviews here, but a combination of a slow news month and the opening of a stellar eating establishment over the hill in Oakham gives us the perfect opportunity to write a few words about Fish Tank Sushi, which opened at the start of September in Baker's Yard.

Sushi is not, of course, to everyone's taste, but this is far more than just a fish restaurant. Meat and vegetarian sushi is also available, as are a selection of desserts and cakes, and the slow-cooked pork noodle ramen on their menu is one of the single most delicious things

that this correspondent has ever eaten.

Opening times from Oct 2nd at 12-8 Mon to Thurs and 12-10 Fri & Sat. The team there are still finding their feet and grappling with their popularity though, so that might change.

The *really* good news is that they also do takeaways, bento boxes starting at around £8. You probably want to get there early though, as they tend to sell out quick.

Lovely to see a small, independent family-run eatery open in Oakham. Even more lovely that it happens to be quite so fabulous.

www.fishtanksushi.com