



Braunston News

July 2018

Apologies for this month's reduced format—the editorial team is on a heat related slowdown.

May Fayre Totals

This in from Mike Fagan: "We are still waiting on a few expenses to come in, but I thought I should summarise what we raised in total this year on the Fayre. If my memory serves me right we raised £6000 on the day after expenses, and on the band night after expenses we raised another £1000, making approximately £7000 in total.

"I would like to say a congratulations and thank you to everyone involved."

And a congratulations and a thank you from the whole of Braunston to Mike & Tamsin for doing such a fantastic job again this year. A sentence which kind of preshadows the next one: Mike & Tamsin are also stepping down as chairs of the Fayre Committee. It's a challenging role and there are some big shoes to fill, but if you have a flair for organisation, the time to spare, and a personal hotline to the capricious gods of weather, do get in touch and let's keep the momentum behind the event rolling.

In Bloom

The yearly Braunston and Brook Flower and Produce Show takes place this year on Saturday 11th August. The schedules will be delivered to households soon, but if you would like a sneak preview of the various classes so you know what to put in the garden or start to sketch out ideas for the baking and arts sections, you can download the full schedule from www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk.

As Sue Bichard writes: "Last year was a fantastic show with the highest number of entries for a few years and we hope to make this even better. It doesn't matter how many entries you put in, every little helps to keep this Braunston tradition alive."

Water Aid

It finally looks like the long, soggy saga of the Church St water main could be coming to a conclusion. Test holes were dug at the end of June for Severn Trent to build up a detailed picture of what lies under the road and, depending slightly on the results they get back, the main work is booked in to start on the week of September 3rd.

Severn Trent intend to do a full job, covering Oakham Road, Church Street, Wood Lane and Brooke Road, so it's going to be a fairly long and disruptive job. Hopefully though it will also sort out the issues once and for all.

While we're on the subject of all things watery, this from Jim Atack.

"Plans are well advanced to repair the Gwash Weir and make a bigger concrete apron downstream to stop washout of the river bed during heavy flow. We will also cut back the vegetation, that has filled up the river bed on both sides of the weir, and scoop out the upstream bed to create a bigger holding pond for firewater. Needless to say, this is not a cheap undertaking; Mick George will be doing the heavy lifting, and we will need some volunteers to help us tackle the vegetation. We'll publish a date as soon as we are ready."

Traffic Update

Jim also informs us that after a bit of a fallow period, the Parish Council has again engaged with Rutland County Council over the traffic calming proposals that were put in last year. You may remember that the proposals were to double-up the chicane, place 40mph buffer zones at each end of the village, and introduce speed cushions on Knossington Road and High Street.

"There seems to be a new enthusiasm in the Council to follow up these requests," says Jim, "and we hope to see some delivery, this year."

Churchyard Grass Cuttings

A quick one from Rob Anderson: "Can parishioners mowing graves please either leave the grass to mulch in where it's been cut or take the cuttings home for disposal. Please don't put the cuttings in the green bin as we don't have the capacity for grass. Please use the green bin to dispose of dead flowers etc."

Gate Damage

A week ago on Saturday (23rd June) we're afraid so say the the gate to the toddlers' area in the Brooke Road playground was rather severely damaged. It's being fixed and put back on the Parish budget, but we would ask people to a) be careful with the village amenities and b) keep an eye on things. Don't know exactly what happened, but do hope we're not having to report on such things again in a hurry.

Events

The Blue Ball

There is more live Sunday Lunchtime Jazz at the Blue Ball this month. On Sunday 22nd July, solo jazz guitarist William Webster will be playing. Tables 12.00-15.00, music 13.00-16.00 both dates.

From Tuesday through to August, the pub is also hosting The Four Seasons, an art exhibition by the Leicestershire Pastel Society.

The Old Plough

Don't forget you have plenty of time still to rehearse for the Old Plough's Open Mic Night on Saturday 28th July.

Village Hall

And, last but not least, as usual, you can find an up to date listing of the various regular events at the Village Hall on the website at www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk

Church Events

Sunday 8th July, 11.000am, Sunday Worship, Church

Sunday 15th July, 11.00am, Holy Communion, Church

Sunday 22nd July, 11.000am, Sunday Worship, Church