

# Braunston News

September 2018

## World of Water

### Regular Events

- Ladies Pub Night: Meets 1st Wed of month in Blue Ball from 8pm
- 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
- Oakham Sings!, Mondays, 18.45. Content Brooke Peverell, 07772 055935
- Quilting & Patchwork Group: Every Wednesday in Village Hall 09:45—15:45. Contact: Viv 771020
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

### Church Events

- Sunday 16th Sept, 11.00am Holy Communion, Church
- Sunday 23rd Sept, 11.00am Sunday Worship, Church (15.00 - Institution & Induction of Stephen Griffiths as Team Rector, Oakham)
- Sunday 30th September, 11.00am Team Service, Langham

### Thanks this issue to...

Karen Allen, Peter Allen, Jim Attack, Sue Bichard & Gail Rudge

After the exploratory trenches dug earlier this summer, Severn Trent is gearing up to start its replacement of the water main along Church Street and stretching down Brooke Road. This all starts the week of September 17th and means we've got some entertaining road closures to put up with while the work is undertaken.

These look like they will extend all the way to the end of November too, but STW is planning to split the work into three phases to mitigate the disruption over this 14 week period.

Completion dates are for the upper section of Church St to be done by the end of September, the lower part to be done by the end of October, and Brooke Rd (which won't get closed completely, simply converted to one-way traffic) to be done by 23 November, which will complete the works.

"Although this will cause traffic and parking problems, this work is very welcome because it will prevent the regular bursts we've had in Church Street, and will also allow the village supply to run at a higher pressure and flow rate," says the Parish Council's Jim Attack.

Jim also has some advice re septic tanks. For quite some time Severn Trent has been collecting 'drainage fees' on behalf of Anglian Water, and sometimes it has managed to do this from people with no connection to a sewer. This came to light when Anglian recently realised its error in charging the Village Hall for a non-existent drainage connection over many years, and has agreed to refund a sum that Jim refers to as 'considerable'.

Jim can supply contact details for the right person to address in Anglian if you think you have a claim.

## Flower & Produce Show Success

In spite of the recent heatwave, the Braunston & Brooke Flower & Produce Show was a huge success and the hall was full of exhibits. All in all we had an incredible 455 entries, ten more than the previous year, which was wonderful to see especially as we had lots of new faces having a go.

Our special thanks go to the Gardening Club for all the hard work that goes into planning this event and the various helpers on the day and beforehand. Also a very special thank you to Chris Bichard and Jim

Attack for erecting the new staging and then spending the whole of Sunday repairing it ready for next year.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of you who came with your fantastic entries and to support us on the day; without you we wouldn't be able to keep this village tradition going. Over £500 was raised on the day and the Gardening Club will be making a donation of £200 to the Village Hall as a result.

Most of all it was great fun and a very happy village occasion. -SB

# Events Round t'Village

Sadly the Old Plough's peripatetic Friday Night World Cuisine BBQs have now come to an end, but there's normally lots going on up there. Keep an eye on the signs outside the pub.

On Sunday 16th at 17.30, Steve Stafford's niece, Lucy, & partner, Luke, are playing an acoustic set as a thank you from Steve's family to all his friends, neighbours and the village as a whole for all their support following Steve's untimely death earlier this year.

On Wednesday 19th Marc Allum from The Antiques

Roadshow will be in residence at the pub for another one of the its free antique valuation days, 10.00 - 16.00.

And in a busy month for the Ball, on Friday 21st, there's a funk and soul showcase from 20.00 onwards, featuring the debut gig by 5-piece party band Rebel Soul. Support includes Palta and a DJ set by Vagablond. The pub's running a door policy for this one with a strict 120 capacity, so get there early to make sure you get in. Happy Hour starts at 17.00

## The Return of... Quiz Night

The next Village Quiz is going to be held in the Hall on Friday 19th October.

Bring your own team — max 6 people — or we can team you up with others. It's always such a great evening. And our amazing Quiz Masters Tracy and Nick Waterman will be in the chair once again!

Doors & Bar open 6.45pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets £9 - includes hot supper

For tickets and more info, contact Karen Allen on 01572 723913 or 07961 050077 [karen.allen@consultselect.com](mailto:karen.allen@consultselect.com). Or Pat and Rob Anderson on 01572 774388

It's also worth marking your cards early for a Dinner Dance being planned for the community on Saturday 1st December to kick off the holiday season. More details soon...

- KA

## Milking the Situation

Wondering why your milk deliveries have suddenly switched from the late afternoon to extremely early in the morning? Delivery company Milk & More has changed the way it operates. As part of a new marketing push, milkmen are now obliged to complete their rounds by 7am. Not only does this mean that they are all of a sudden night workers, but it also makes completing rural rounds in particular with their locked gates, gravel drives, barking dogs and a whole load of other nocturnal hazards a bit challenging to say the least. <https://www.milkandmore.co.uk> is the address if you want to tell them it's a bit daft.

## Around the World in 259 Days

There's a great talk lined up for Sunday 23rd in the Hall. Braunston's Emily Nagel has just returned from competing in the Volvo Ocean Race -the world's longest and toughest professional sporting event. As a member of Team Akzo-Nobel she sailed around the world from Alicante in Spain to Auckland, New Zealand and then back to The Hague covering 45,000 miles. Emily's team broke the 24-hour distance record in the process and came in 4th overall in a very close finish.

The race started in October 2017 and finished in June 2018 with 11 stopovers in that timeframe and Emily was one of

only two female crew members on the boat in this gruelling race. Come and hear about the highs and lows of competing in the World's Premier Ocean Race and what motivated her to reach the highest level of one of the world's most challenging sports. Emily will be speaking at Braunston Village Hall from 7.30pm on Sunday 23rd Sept - doors and bar open from 7pm.

Emily's presentation will include video and stills of some of the highlights of the race and there will be time for questions and answers. Entrance charge J3 to Emily's chosen charity Multiple Sclerosis Society UK.

- RA

The new floor has been fitted in the Main Hall, and the Hall is again open for business. It took a full three weeks to remove the old floor, repair and replace what we found underneath, and to install the new floor. Our thanks to Kalvis, Brian and Sean, who have all done a great job in giving us a floor that looks great and will hopefully last as long as the last one.

Work on upgrading the flat upstairs was delayed for a couple of weeks while we fitted strengthening beams in the roof. The original roof had some weak spots that needed to be fixed after some eighty years.

The roof work is now done and we're back to fitting out the flat. And whilst this is proving to be quite a challenge, it should be available for rent by Christmas.

- JA

## Fore! warning...

We are arranging a golf day on September 28th at Rutland Water Golf Course open to men and women players of all standards. We hope to have a minimum of 16 players to have a competition between teams of four, and

to keep it sociable it will be a Texas Scramble format. After golf dinner is planned at the Blue Ball for players + 1.

Let us know if you are willing and able by emailing Peter Allen:

[peter.allen@consultselect.com](mailto:peter.allen@consultselect.com).

-PA

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