



Braunston News

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Braunston Flower and Produce Show - Saturday 10th August

It's that time of year again for our annual show and it's not just about flowers and veg, there are classes for cakes, jams, crafts, photos, plus lots of ideas for children, and it's an open show so anyone can enter whether you live in Braunston or not.

Schedules have been delivered around the village so take a look and see how many classes you can enter - who knows, you may even win a cup. (You can also see the schedule on the village hall website www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk)

You don't need to be an expert gardener, cook or crafter - this is a fun day for everyone.

Exhibits may be entered and staged on Friday 9th from 7 - 8pm or on Saturday morning from 9 - 10am.

There will be stalls selling produce, plants, jams, cakes etc, a tombola and a book stall. We'd love your donations for any of these stalls, bring them along on the day or give them to a member of the gardening club.

Further details from Sue 756694, Liz 07956 622054, or Mary 723047

See you there



Sue Richard

Church Repairs Update

Thanks to everyone's kind support we expect to start work on roof and masonry repairs to the church in early September and complete the first phase of work by the end of October. The church will be open for use throughout the period.

There will be some external scaffolding in place and we will be enhancing our alarm systems to include the scaffolding.

During this period we ask everyone to be vigilant in case of attempted roof metal theft. If you see or hear anything suspicious please call the police immediately !

Rob Anderson

Summer fun for youngsters

I'm Emma Taylor, I live in Braunston and I run **didi rugby** classes for 18 months - 6 years of age in the Village Hall on Monday mornings.

I'm looking to encourage more children to be active during the summer holidays, and would like to run didi rugby classes in local parks and villages around Oakham. Not only does this encourage physical activity, but it also gives the parents an opportunity to see what is available in terms of free play in their local county.

The sessions will be run throughout the summer from 28th July to the 26th August.

To find out more see our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/didirugbyrutlandandeastleicestershire

Safari Supper - Sat 14th Sept

As usual it will consist of having a full evening visiting other houses for one course of a moving feast, whilst cooking one course for 6-8 people at your house (including yourselves). It is not a cooking competition, just a fun evening with neighbours around the village. There may be a limited number of places for people that cannot host a course which costs £25pp which goes to the village charities.

If you would like to join in or would like any more information then please contact Tracy on tracy-andnickw@yahoo.co.uk

Pippa's Guardians www.pippasguardians.co.uk

Do you have a spare room in your home? Are you caring and supportive? We need Host Families for international pupils at local boarding schools. Attractive daily rates, occasional weekends and half terms only

Contact Sarah on 07803 617757 for more details

Tracy Waterman

The **campaign to stop 139 houses being built in Brooke Rd, Oakham** is trying to get as much support as possible to face the continuing threat. It may be in Oakham but it would affect us here in Braunston.

See www.facebook.com/OSandWAG for more information.

Jo Palmer-Phillips

Village Hall Amnesty. We've just done our annual inventory and suspect that a few items have been inadvertently re-homed over the year ! If you've got any white Ikea mugs, pint glasses or even the odd dinner plate whose presence in your house is a bit of a mystery, then they might be ours - just drop them back to the hall, no questions asked :-)

Canoe stolen from 15 Church St – please contact Keith (gilly2560@gmail.com) if you have any info

International Bat Night! Beer and Bats at Braunston



Sunday 25th August 2019

Enjoy a pint and complimentary buffet from 6.30pm at Rutland's oldest inn, The Blue Ball, Braunston-in-Rutland, LE15 8QS
www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk

Then join an expert from the Leics. & Rutland Bat Group for a bat talk and walk at All Saints Church, Braunston, 7.45-9.30pm

This event is FREE and accompanied children are welcome



Supported by the Bats in Churches project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. For more information please contact rosemary.riddell@churchofengland.org

Church Activities

Thanks to those who have already agreed to show their work at our **Harvest Exhibition of Paintings & Photography**, which will be open from 1-6pm on Sep 21st - 22nd. The theme is the Song of Creation. There's still plenty of time to take part – don't be shy! If you're interested please contact Gail Rudge to find out more.

Ride and Stride, Sat 14th Sep. Run by Rutland Historic Churches, we have taken part in this event for many years; half of the money raised comes directly to the church and the rest goes to Rutland Historic Churches. We have been able to raise significant funds for our church and will also receive a generous donation this year towards our buildings appeal. It's not just a money raiser though; it's great fun and of course helps you to keep fit. So, if you're a cyclist, walker, have a blue badge for your car or are a horse rider, it's the day to set aside to visit as many places of worship as you can. We also need volunteers to sit in the church to sign-in the participants. **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!** Contact Alan Rudge 01572 755570, rudge330@btinternet.com for sponsorship forms and more info.

BRAUNSTON 80 YEARS AGO - Memories of being evacuated at the start of the Second World War.

As a 3 year old I didn't understand why I was being taken from my home to go and live in the countryside. It was 1939 and was to be an

adventure that I shall never forget. I was taken to the picturesque village of Braunston in the smallest and prettiest county in England, Rutland.

I found myself in the local Manor House along with other children of my age. There were older couples there talking to us and asking questions. A gentleman and a lady asked me if I would like to go and live with them. They seemed a very nice and kind couple and I said yes. I was one of the last to be chosen. They took my hand and said "Come along Ronald we're going home now. There was a small car outside which I learned later was an Austin Ruby. The car belonged to the gentleman I was going to live with; he was John Addison and the lady was his sister Mary. We drove just down the road to a farm where I was to spend the next four years of my life. I was also introduced to a very pretty young lady, who also lived there, called Isobel.

During my life on the farm I was enrolled in the local school where I met the friends I am visiting today, 29th June 2019. They became part of my life and we created a friendship and a bond that will always be with me. I was obviously a war-time evacuee. In all I spent five years in Braunston until the end of the war, when I was once again torn from the family who looked after me.

Incidentally all three people who I lived with have passed on but never forgotten. I want to thank you all for welcoming me to your community and I will treasure your friendship for the rest of my life. To John and Connie and all the friends that are here today and those who have passed on. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. You are indeed my family.
Ronald E. Hepting

LISTINGS

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 01664474354
- Oakham Sings!, Mondays, 18.45.

Contact Brooke Peverell, 07772 055935

- Quilting & Patchwork Group: Every Wednesday in Village Hall 09:45 - 15:45. Contact: Elaine 01780 756004
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825
- Tea Party: last Tuesday of month at 2:00 pm in village hall. Contact Angela 01572 720351

Church Events

- Sunday 4th Aug 11.00am Holy Communion

- Sunday 11th Aug 11.00am Sunday Worship
- Sunday 18th Aug 11.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 25th Aug 11.00am Sunday Worship
- Sunday 25th Aug 6.30pm Bat night

Carole Brown and Jim Atack will pull together and publish the next few issues, whilst we look for a full-time editor. Any nominations or volunteers?

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