



Braunston News

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Braunston's intrepid mountain climber

Well done to Braunston's Manoli Ramos, who recently set off to Japan to climb Mt Fuji as a fundraiser for Dreamflight, a charity that changes young lives by taking children with a serious illness or disability on the holiday of a lifetime to Orlando. Manoli works as cabin crew for BA and did the climb on a working trip to Japan so it was a pretty hectic schedule for her. In Manoli's own words:

Hola Amigos

I am back home safe, after a 14 hours flying duty day from Japan!!

We endured horrendous conditions and yet we were desperate to reach the Summit. Our attitude, positivity and energy helped us to climb 3,400m. We all got soaked through to our underwear, and at 400m to go, the authorities closed the Summit due to the gales and rain caused by the Typhoon. GUTTED!!!! 9 hours of torture!

The Good News is that YOU have helped me to raised nearly £3000 for Dreamflight!!

A massive Thank you for all your support!!

What a Brilliant Adventure and an Amazing Experience!!

Big Love,

Manoli x



If anyone would like to add to Manoli's total then please check out her Justgiving page—search for "Mini's Fuji Trek 2019" on www.justgiving.com

Janet Taylor

Parish Council update on Traffic Calming and Cycle Path

At the Parish Council meeting in July, William Cross and Edward Baines (Rutland County Councillors) agreed to help us to renew our Traffic Calming and Oakham Cycle path campaigns with the RCC, despite understanding that the RCC is funding constrained.

Recent positive efforts within the village had identified potential sources of funds to contribute to traffic calming measures.

Outstanding Traffic Calming measures are the 40mph buffer zones at both ends of the village, and a number of speed cushions proposed for High Street and Knossington Road.

The route of the cycle path, along the South side of the Oakham Road, is agreed, but expensive. It has missed the cut several times when considering cost benefit of competing schemes. However, unlike some of the cycle paths which have been installed, the path to Oakham would clearly bring a lot of cycle and foot traffic, and we will continue to push for it.

The next steps are to hold a residents meeting with the Councillors to plan a direct approach to the RCC. Jim Atack

2020 May Fayre

Yes, we know it's a bit early but the May Fayre committee have asked us to let everyone know that next year's May Fayre will be on **Friday 8th May** rather than the usual Monday. This is all down to the government deciding (in its wisdom !!) to move the Bank Holiday to the Friday to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day. Obviously arrangements are still at the ideas stage, but there will probably be some WW2 themes going on—it's never too early to mark your diaries and get your thinking caps on .

Peter Allen

Church Repairs Update

Just a reminder that work to the church roof and masonry repairs will start in early September. The church will be open for use throughout the period but 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

Flower & Produce show—full report next month but we are assured that the wind didn't quite blow everything away !

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. Gail Rudge

Last call for Safari Supper - Sat 14th Sept

If you haven't yet signed up for this please contact Tracy (tracyandnickw@yahoo.co.uk) asap. She will be working her logistical magic very soon to work out who's going where when.

Safari Supper is a great social evening visiting other houses for one course of a moving feast, whilst cooking one course for 6-8 people (including yourselves) at your house.

Bonfires

Now that summer's drawing to a close many people are doing the annual garden tidy-up and may be thinking about how to get rid of all the waste.

While having a bonfire may seem like the way to go, please consider your neighbours before striking that match. In order to minimise smoke nuisance ask yourself a few questions:

Which way is the wind blowing?

Are my neighbours likely to be out in the garden enjoying the sunshine?

Do they have washing out?

Is the waste dry enough so that it will burn quickly and cleanly?

And while the occasional fire might be OK, if you are regularly burning things for long periods then you will be straying into the nuisance territory. Maybe try composting, or getting another green bin instead.



Do you know

... about FixMyStreet? It's the easy one-stop shop for reporting local street problems such as potholes, blocked drains, broken streetlights or paving slabs, abandoned cars, etc to the appropriate local authority for action.

Go to www.fixmystreet.com, type in a postcode or address, and then place a pin on a map to show exactly where the issue is. Add a short description, choose a category and, optionally, upload a photo. FixMyStreet matches the exact location of the issue, and its category, with the council responsible for getting it fixed. It sends a report by email to that council, and also publishes it online for all to see.

It's really easy to use and it seems to work— someone reported a pothole by the Knossington Rd junction recently and, hey presto, it was fixed!

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 01664 474354
- 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 1st Sep 11.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 8th Sep 11.00am Sunday Worship
- Sunday 15th Sep 11.00am Holy Communion
- Saturday 21st Sep 1pm to 6pm Harvest Exhibition
- Sunday 22nd Sep 11.00am Songs of Praise
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Items for the October edition to braunston.newsletter@gmail.com by the Sept 17th please. Carole Brown and Jim Atack will edit and publish the next few issues, while we look for a full-time editor. Any nominations or volunteers? Let us know.