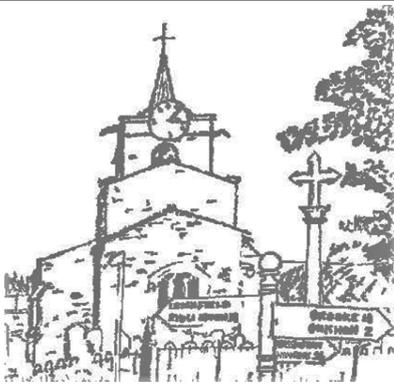


Braunston News

June 2020



Celebrating VE Day in style



May 8th should have been the day of the annual May Fayre, and the enthusiasm usually channelled into that found its way into a fine celebration of the 75th anniversary of VE day. The bunting was up, the flags were out and food, fashion and music all added to a nostalgic 1940s feel.

The day started with a two minute silence at the War Memorial with around fifty socially-distanced villagers taking part. Silhouettes of soldiers were installed at the memorial reminding us of the sacrifices made by those in the Second World War.

Then at 4pm it was time for afternoon tea. In glorious spring weather, beautifully decorated tables were brought out into front gardens and driveways and spaced out along the greens and grass verges, and we all enjoyed an afternoon get-together, albeit well strung-out from Knossington Road to Brooke Road.

With many people dressed up in period style, we had uniforms, land girls, plenty of stylish costumes, a token village spiv, and Chris Bichard on his vintage tractor raising his bowler hat to everyone as he drove around.

For those who lasted the distance, the day finished with a wartime sing-song at 9pm.

Looking back at the event, Dominic from the Blue Ball said "It was really, really cheery how everybody came together and how all the events were put together. The day reminded us how fortunate we are to live in a community where there is so much support. People really got into the spirit of it all, but we also missed those who are continuing to remain in self-isolation and had to stay inside."

To see a couple of photo montages from the day have a look at the parish council website

www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk/ve-day-celebrations-2020

Braunston Good Neighbours 07422 693608 braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com

As the Covid-19 restrictions continue, Braunston Good Neighbours are doing a great job helping our community, getting supplies and prescriptions, chatting on the phone or over the garden fence. We have a team of 50 local folk available to help anyone in Braunston and Brooke - if you need help get in touch by calling **07422 693608** or emailing **braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com**. We now have a good and speedy system in place to collect prescriptions from any of the local pharmacies, so do not hesitate to call.

You can find up-to-date information about local support on the Parish Council website at

www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk

If you need Covid-19 medical advice call 111 - do NOT go to your GP or A&E, but please remember that you can and should still contact and visit your GP or A&E for any issues that are not Covid-19 related.

It's good to talk

Even if your neighbours seem to be managing the practicalities of the strange times in which we're living, they may still benefit from a friendly chat.

If you think that your neighbour might be feeling lonely, scared, anxious or worried with all that's going on, please pick up the phone and give them a call, or knock on their door, stand back and have a chat. Just five minutes could make all the difference to how they feel.



A Social Distancing Reminder

Although the lockdown restrictions have been eased slightly, it is still important that we all continue to practice social distancing, and restrict our get-togethers to individuals outside our household.

Remember :

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Stay alert; control the virus; save lives

Church News

We continue to live in a beautiful village setting but under lockdown restrictions. The community has rallied round its more vulnerable folk not least through the Braunston Good Neighbours. As the village church, we are badly affected and have not been able to hold a Sunday service since 15th March, though the Vicar is now allowed to go in to pray!

Some ways in which we're trying to help out:

- There is a box for prayer requests at the churchyard gate near the memorial. Please do put requests, names, prayers into the box and church members will pray them.
- We continue to offer a collection point in the church porch for the **Rutland Foodbank**, which is helping many more families now. UHT milk and tinned potatoes are among the needs
- The churchyard is open and a public footpath goes right through it; if you can be safe and be legal, it is a natural meeting place

When I know more about services and activities, including baptisms, weddings and funerals, I'll let you know.

Rev Chris Rattenberry

Christian Aid Breakfast

On Saturday 16th May we would have held a "Big Breakfast" to support the work of Christian Aid. Because of the pandemic this was not possible, so at this time we have not collected money to send to Christian Aid. However, their work is of vital importance to some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. They now face a double problem – the pandemic, and starvation through a loss of income and support from NGO's like Christian Aid.

You may already be committed to charitable giving and have little to spare, but if not then could we ask you to support Christian Aid? Perhaps we could think of donating some of the money saved on fuel for our cars – I know I have saved £150 compared to the same period last year.

If you wish to make a donation then please place in Pat and Rob Anderson's post box at 52 Church Street. Cheques should be made payable to All Saints Braunston PCC so that the money can be amalgamated and sent to Christian Aid. You can also donate online - details at www.christianaid.org.uk Thank you.

Alan Rudge on behalf of All Saints Church.

Let's get that cycle path started !

For many years Braunston has been petitioning Rutland County Council to complete a safe cycle/foot path between Oakham and the village. We have missed out on several rounds of funding to improve village access. Many other villages in Rutland have meanwhile been connected with cycle and footpaths.

With Boris's latest encouragement to get people walking and cycling, there is a possibility that more funds will be coming, and we don't want to miss out!

Would you all please let the Parish Council know whether you might use a cycle/footpath? We are particularly interested whether you would use it for School, Work, Shopping and/or leisure.

Please email: clerk.braunston@gmail.com, to let us know your support and likely use of the path.

Jim Attack



Are you affected by noise nuisance?

Rutland County Council has made available an app designed for the public to monitor noise nuisance and allow you to report it directly to the council. If you have problems with local noise visit www.thenoiseapp.com to find out more details.
Jim Attack

And remember . . .

The Blue Ball continues to offer a variety of takeaway meals from Weds evening to Sunday lunchtime.

Let's all help to keep our only surviving pub open now in these difficult times, and in the future.

Listings

All regular village events are currently suspended. We will publish them again once life returns to normal.

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Items for inclusion are always welcome - please send items for the July edition to braunston.newsletter@gmail.com by June 17th please.