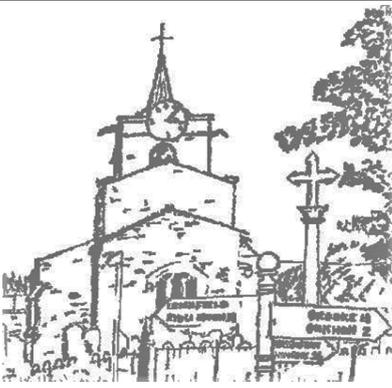


Braunston News

August 2020



Summer is still with us, and hopefully we are all able to get out and about a little more of late, now that restrictions have been further eased, whether it's heading back to the gym or just enjoying a drink in the local pub.

But please remember that the threat has not gone away, that limits on get togethers are still in place, and that two metre social distancing is still the rule. The Leicester lockdown is quite close. Our Good Neighbours group is still very much in place so do give us a call if you need anything, from a prescription pickup or some shopping, to just having a chat.

Braunston Good Neighbours 07422 693608 braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com

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.

Traffic Calming etc.

Village Defibrillator

The village defibrillator has just been serviced to ensure that it will work if needed - hopefully it won't be, but it's good to know we have it just in case. Thanks to Carole Brown for organising this.

In case you're not sure where it is, it's situated outside the Blue Ball on the left hand side of the porch.

Still slow progress; we are again caught up in the formal approvals process. The Oakham Road Scheme has now been designed and is awaiting the approval of the Highways and Transport Working Group, which doesn't meet up until September.

The 40mph buffer zones request has again been reviewed by the police, who have visited both ends of the village; they also plan to discuss this at the Highways and Transport Working Group in September.

We haven't yet had a report back from the mobile police camera that visited the village earlier this month. Promises by the police for a more thorough measure of speed in the village have not been followed up with any action.

We remain hopeful that Boris will come across with some cycle path funds.
(Hope over expectation? - Ed)

Jim Attack

Church News

The church is now open for private prayer and reflection from 1-0am to 4pm on Sundays. Anyone entering the church must comply with the following Covid precautions:

Use the hand sanitiser on entry and put any waste materials in the red bin

Maintain two metre social distancing between you and anyone else in the church

No singing permitted

Note that the only entry / exit is the south door

Beware of the uneven floor

The PCC is currently assessing Government guidance to re-start services.

Obituary

Connie Beadman told us that Ronald Hepting has died. She writes:

Ronald Hepting passed away peacefully on 9th July after a long illness. Ron was evacuated to Braunston from London in 1939 at the beginning of the Second World War. Aged just 3 years old, he was born Sept. 1936, he was one of a family of fourteen children. He lived with the Addison family for the duration of the war.

As was his wish, he visited Braunston for the last time, with his family, at the end of June last year and stayed with John and Connie Beadman.

Ron wrote a very interesting book "Farewell Mr John" a Lifetime of Memories. The "Mr John" refers to John Addison who he stayed with at Wood Lane Farm, Braunston.

Village Hall

We're planning for the re-opening of the village hall, hopefully in September. We are drawing up a risk assessment and making the necessary changes to the hall to allow it to be used. Initially there will be a limited number of activities allowed, probably just restricted to our regular groups and small bookings, so no parties just yet. Fingers crossed for a fuller opening later on.

Meanwhile we've had some necessary building work done, replacing, repairing and repainting the barge boards, fixing some slipped tiles, putting chimney guards on and various other remedial tasks. We've bought some new outside tables and are currently sprucing up the garden so that we're in good shape for the reopening.

Thanks to Simon and Jo for keeping the lawn in trim over the summer.

RIP Rutland Radio

Sadly OFCOM have this week given the go-ahead for Bauer Media to take over Rutland Radio and around fifty other small local stations.



They judged that going from ten hours of local news and information to just three hours daily, and that programme sharing with stations as far away as Oswestry and Telford would not substantially alter the character of the service provided. There are many people around our county, including the 2500 who signed a petition, who would beg to differ and ask just what planet OFCOM is on :-{

The Blue Ball is back in business

The Blue Ball has now re-opened with terrace and restaurant service on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The inside has had a makeover with the previously slightly unloved top rooms now looking resplendent, and the tables spread throughout the building to make sure there is plenty of space between them. The terrace has also expanded providing more outside space.

News on the latest developments and new menus can be found on the Blue Ball website

(www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/theblueballrestaurantbraunstonrutland)

The nagging bit !

Couple of areas this month that we're asking people to think about.

Garden hedges around the village have responded to the lovely weather we've had on and off this summer and grown enthusiastically. So maybe it's time to get those shears out and give any overhanging growth a good haircut. For those with limited mobility overhanging vegetation can be a real problem when walking out and about.

And then please don't burn the cuttings - put them in the green bin or on your compost heap. We've had a few complaints recently about **garden bonfires**. Bonfires should be kept to an absolute minimum and if you must have one, then do follow good practice :

only burn garden waste, no household waste,

ensure that the material is dry so that it burns quickly and cleanly,

consider the wind direction,

consider the time of day and what your neighbours may be doing - lighting a fire on a sunny Sunday afternoon when people may be out enjoying their garden, or have their washing out on the line has not made some of you popular !

Anonymous

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 Sept edition to braunston.newsletter@gmail.com by August 17th please.