



# Braunston News

September 2020

## Village Hall re-opens

With the easing of government restrictions, the village hall will have a limited re-opening on September 1st. Initially we are taking bookings only from our regular clubs and for small groups that we judge to be low risk; as the situation changes we hope that we will be able to expand the range of acceptable bookings.

In order to be Covid secure we have introduced some changes to the hall, which in brief are:

all bookings will now take place in the main hall:

the small hall will only be used as a one-way through route to the loo:

to ease congestion in the corridor, only the disabled loo will be in use

all hirers are asked to observe current social distancing rules, clean surfaces, wash hands frequently, and wear face coverings except when participating in an exercise activity.

We are currently liaising with our regular clubs and as we go to press can definitely say that Pilates will be resuming on Sept 11th, hopefully the other groups will soon follow suit.

## Old Plough redevelopment

A planning application has been lodged with Rutland County Council for the redevelopment of the Old Plough site with five houses. This follows on from the closure of the Old Plough shortly before the Covid pandemic lock down, and the subsequent inability of its owner to sell the business as a going concern.



It would be a shame for Braunston to lose the Old Plough as a pub with rooms, a garden, and a car park. If you have an opinion about its future, you might like to take a look at the application and register your comments.

Details of the application can be found on the RCC website at:

[publicaccess.rutland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QD7J0XNNJ5U00](http://publicaccess.rutland.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QD7J0XNNJ5U00)

## Rutland Local Plan

The progress of Rutland's development plan was interrupted by Covid. It is now moving again and RCC is offering a further consultation period up until the 9<sup>th</sup> October. The Parish Council's objection to Braunston's reclassification as a 'Small Service Centre' has been accepted and Braunston is now proposed to become a 'Small Village'; this will mean that limited development will be allowed in the village as we move from the current status of 'Restraint Village'. The class of 'Restraint Village' will no longer be used. You can have your say by examining and commenting on the plan here: [www.rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/localplanreview)



### Watch out!

A car has had its number plates stolen overnight while parked in Church Street.

While crime in Braunston is thankfully very low and these plates were probably stolen to order, we all need to be alert and report anything suspicious to the police.

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. We're not here just for Covid related requests, but for anything where you might need a helping hand.

## **Braunston Good Neighbours 07422 693608**

[braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com)

You can find up-to-date information about local support on the Parish Council website at  
[www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk](http://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.**

### **Church News**

The church is open for private prayer and reflection from 10am 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

Services for September are as follows:

Sunday 13 September 11am, Sunday Worship

Sunday 27 September 11am, Harvest Festival

### **Blue Ball changes**

The Blue Ball has extended its opening hours and is now open on Wednesday from 5 to 10.30pm, Friday and Saturday from 12 to 10.30pm and Sunday from 12 to 8pm.

For details of menus, food service times, and more information go to their website  
( [www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk](http://www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk) ) or Facebook page  
( [www.facebook.com/theblueballrestaurantbraunstonrutland](http://www.facebook.com/theblueballrestaurantbraunstonrutland) )

### **WORKZ IN WOOD OPEN STUDIO**



Workz in Wood has been very busy during lockdown. All items are handmade in Braunston and include cheeseboards, sharing platters, jewellery stands, bowls, plates, tealight/candle holders, pin cushions, bird boxes, Christmas decorations and many other great gift ideas. In addition we will have a selection of beautiful elegant earrings hand-made by Clare Seymour.

For a single household, covid compliant, socially distanced, viewing please call or e-mail Paul on Mobile 07725113125 or E-mail [workzinwood@gmail.com](mailto:workzinwood@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you. Paul & Linda Jenkins

Ed's note: visit the Workz in Wood Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WorkzInWood](http://www.facebook.com/WorkzInWood) to have a look at some of the fab things that Paul makes.

### **Regular Events**

Most regular village events are still suspended, but we do now have one confirmed group starting up again. We will publish details of other activities once they resume

- Pilates: Village Hall, Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 -11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

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Items for inclusion are always welcome - please send items for the October edition to [braunston.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:braunston.newsletter@gmail.com) by September 17th please.