

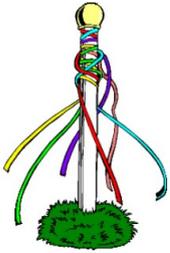


Braunston News



February 2021

May Fayre cancelled again



Regrettably this years May Fayre has fallen foul of the COVID-19 Pandemic for the second year running. The Committee feels we have no alternative but to cancel.

While we all hope that by early May we will be approaching some level of normality it is by no means certain. In addition, the reality of obtaining Stall Vendors, Raffle Prize Sponsors and not to forget getting people to purchase ducks is stark.

We all hope the vaccine heralds the end of the pandemic later in the year when we can look forward to have a record-breaking 2022 May Fayre.

Peter Allen

Ouch !

If you've walked past the church recently you've probably noticed that the wall and railings on Wood Lane have taken something of a beating.

Rob Anderson reports: "There was an incident on Dec 30th around 8.20am when the Biffa waste collection lorry working for Rutland Council came round the bend from Cedar St and skidded in Wood Lane on the icy road, mounted the grass verge and collided with the churchyard low wall damaging it and the metal churchyard railings. Luckily no one was hurt (although the lorry was in danger of turning over) "

Biffa will pay for the repairs but it may take some time as it has to go through their insurers and they need multiple quotes before the work can proceed. At the moment the wall looks safe but if anyone has any concerns over its safety then please get in touch with Rob on 774388 .

Braunston and Brooke family history help

An increasing number of people are doing their family trees, especially over this last lockdown year. Our family have been around the village since 1817 and I am happy to try and help anyone who is interested in their family or local history. Email me at c.beadman@btconnect.com - If I am successful a small donation would be appreciated for Braunston or Brooke Church Funds.

Connie Beadman

Traffic Calming through Braunston

The problem of speeding through the village is still getting worse and the chicane in Knossington Road is not proving very effective. Following this month's Parish Council meeting a request has been made for more traffic calming works to be included in the 2021-22 Rutland CC budget. The final scheme is yet to be decided but should include speed cushions and buffer zones.

We know that speed cushions would help to slow traffic down – physical barriers are the only things that work. 40 mph buffer zones, like the one in Empingham, would also slow traffic before it enters the village.

A lot of residents have already expressed their support for the project, and pledged some funds if the village needs to contribute; the Parish Council has also reserved funds to help as it's unlikely that RCC will pay the full bill.

We're canvassing support around the village for the scheme, and hoping to get some more pledges to support the cost; all pledges and support are made in principle and are contingent on:

- the detailed scheme design being supported by enough residents;
- the contribution required from the village to get the scheme implemented not being excessive.

Our wish list, on top of the works proposed is to:

- renew the rumble strips in Knossington Road and place some on Oakham Road
- move the 30mph signs further out of the village
- complete the road signs and markings on the Oakham Road, which were proposed by RCC last year

Please let me know if you have further ideas on traffic calming at jim.atack@gmail.com, especially if you support the proposals and would be prepared to pledge some funds to help pay for the work.



Jim Atack, Braunston Parish Councillor

Vaccination news

The Covid vaccination programme at Catmose in Oakham is going well. All over 80s should have received their first jab, and the 70+ group and those who are clinically extremely vulnerable are now being contacted by the Rutland Primary Care Network. Please wait for your invitation which may be a text, phone call, letter or email depending on what details are held on your GP records.

Unfortunately there are some scams being reported; remember that the NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details, your PIN or password, or any information from your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips, and at no point will you be asked to pay. If you are in any doubt and need someone to help you please get in touch with Good Neighbours.

Once you have your appointment remember that Good Neighbours can also help with transport to Oakham should you need it. Just give us a call, text or send an email.

Braunston Good Neighbours 07422 693608 braunstongoodneighbours@gmail.com

Give us a call if you need help; not just for Covid related requests, but for anything where you might need a helping hand

For advice and information about Covid go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

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.

Anyone for faster broadband?

It's time to get Braunston upgraded with **real fibre** to the home which would raise our download speeds from below 75mbs to a potential 1,000mbs.

Locally, Whissendine has recently been confirmed as an upgrade village with all costs for the first 200 clients funded by Openreach and Government vouchers.

Braunston is not yet covered by a voucher scheme, but we can take the first steps in declaring our interest by forming a Community Fibre Partnership with Openreach; they will give us a price for connection, which may then become eligible for the Government Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme.

I have registered a **Braunston Ultrafast Community Project** with Openreach; if you would like to be added to the project, with no obligation, please send me your details to jim.atack@gmail.com or call 07808 256271: name, address, landline number, and whether it is a business or private line. The more people sign up, the more likely we are to get vouchers.

Jim Attack



Valentines Day is nearly here

and the Blue Ball team can solve your catering dilemma.

We all know that coming up with Valentine's Day ideas can be stressful at the best of times... add a pandemic into the mix and you've got a recipe for potential problems. But, as ever, The Blue Ball has the answer! Riding in on their white chargers are The Blue Ball Chefs, who've created two 3 Course Dinners which put love firmly on the menu (all you need to do is order, collect or take delivery, switch on the oven and pour the wine!)

All meals are freshly prepared, fully cooked and ready for you to simply reheat and serve. Orders by phone or email only please by 5pm on Weds 10 Feb. Leave your clear order, including any wine, name and phone number and we'll call you to confirm, arrange collection or delivery and to take payment.

Full details on the BB website at www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk, and if you're receiving this by email then a flyer is attached.



Rutland Living deliveries suspended.

The publishers of Rutland Living have told us that due to the current lockdown they will not be delivering the February edition of the magazine, and possibly not the March one either.

Does anyone remember Karen & Rob?

We've had an email from someone trying to get in touch with a couple who may have lived in the area back in the early 90s. Not much information, they would have been in their late twenties, moved here from Middlesbrough, keen sailors with their own boat, possibly worked at Stamford hospital. If this rings any bells please let us know.



Regular Events

The village hall will be closed for the foreseeable future. Please check the village hall website at www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk for the latest news.

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