



Braunston News



March 2021



May Fayre Raffle Roll Over to 2022

A few hopeful people kindly bought raffle tickets for the 2020 May Fayre raffle and subsequently agreed to roll their purchases over to 2021. Sadly we have had to defer the May Fayre to 2022 but all being well it will happen in 2022, so we now propose to roll over those raffle ticket purchases to the May Fayre 2022 Raffle. Rest assured we have a record of everyone who has bought tickets, if anyone would like a refund please contact Rob on 01572 774388 and we will happily arrange it. If you are happy to "roll over", thank you, and there is nothing further to do.

Rob Anderson

Unwanted dog messages

As the snow melts we are again reminded that there are dogs leaving unwelcome deposits around the village and along our favourite walks. Most dog owners are very responsible, but the usual appeals to the small minority earnestly requesting co-operation, have been made too often to no effect, and it's time to try something else.

If you would like to borrow a trail camera to capture offenders on film, there are a few available. Please ask Jim Atack and he will put you on the list. Cameras can be used on private property without notice, but a sign notifying would-be offenders is required in public areas. Signs also available from Jim.

Who knows what use might be made of evidence of pooches violating our village, but popular suggestions so far are: name and shame on WhatsApp, Facebook, posters, newsletter; re-acquainting owners with their dogs' product; village stocks on the green (owners only, no cruelty to dogs here!)

Offenders can also be reported to RCC who have the power to issue fixed penalty notices.

Jim Atack

Full fibre update

Thanks to all those who put their names forward for a potential Braunston full fibre broadband link - we now have seventy-nine interested parties.

The list has now been closed and submitted to Openreach; I will let you all know when I hear more.

Jim Atack

Traffic calming . . . one step forward, and

The traffic calming group has been out and about canvassing support for the proposed traffic measures. Out of some two hundred households in Braunston we have heard from seventy-four, mostly along the through route: Oakham Rd, High St and Knossington Rd. Fifty-four gave their wholehearted support and we have received pledges of over £8,000 to contribute to the costs. Five households have declared their opposition to the proposal, with the rest either neutral or undecided. We will continue to check levels of approval throughout the village in coming weeks; please let your views be known to Jim Atack.

However, just this week Rutland County Council Highways and Transport Department has rejected our recent traffic calming proposal, noting simply that similar proposals have already been considered and rejected. RCC policy is that no new surveys or consideration of proposals will be made until thirty-six months after the installation of the second Knossington Rd chicane which was in February 2019. RCC is relying upon a single speed review period in November 2019 when traffic speeds were no longer considered to be excessive. We think that these results are not consistent with previous surveys including one in June 2019 which showed no improvement over the excessive 2016 speeds, and do not take into account the poor weather and light at the time of the November survey.

RCC did, however, confirm that the Oakham Rd signage and road marking scheme, previously negotiated in June last year, is still on its list for implementation, although no timescale is yet offered.

Needless to say, more representations have been made to RCC.

Jim Atack

Vaccination news

Apparently Rutland is at the top of the country's vaccination rollout league with over 99% of over 70s having been vaccinated. This is excellent news and means that a great number of Braunston residents have now had their first jab, but let's not get complacent too soon. Please remember that infection rates are still high and that we are still subject to lockdown rules. I'm sure we've all noticed how busy our local lanes are, with everyone out getting their exercise and enjoying our beautiful countryside; but please keep an eye out for other people, especially on the more narrow paths, and maintain a courteous social distance, dropping back to single file walking where necessary.

Rutland now has now opened a Rapid Testing Centre at the Enterprise Park at Ashwell. It is appointment only, and aimed at people who have no COVID-19 symptoms and cannot work from home during the pandemic. Find out more at www.rutland.gov.uk/ldtesting

If you need help getting to a vaccination centre for your appointment remember that Good Neighbours can help with transport to Oakham or one of the Leicester centres 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

Dove Cottage Hospice

Our local day hospice on the road to Ridlington has been in touch to let us know what they are doing during the pandemic restrictions. While their normal day care services are on hold, they are still very active offering online and phone support, have set up an online Bereavement Help Point, and are currently planning a Virtual Carers Support Group.



If you would like more information have a look at their website www.dovecottage.org. If you would like to use their services or volunteer to help with their vital work, please contact them on 01572 722630 or email rutland@dovecottage.org.

Village Hall AGM

The annual village hall AGM will take place on Monday 8th March at 7.30pm. The meeting will take place by Zoom and we invite all villagers to join; we would very much like to hear your ideas and feedback regarding the village hall and its uses. The AGM usually lasts about 30 minutes.

See the hall website at www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk for full details, including Zoom information.

It's been a quiet year for the hall but we're hoping that that we may be able to get up and running again sometime soon.

Janet Taylor

Planning Application

For those not already aware, there is a planning application to build sixty-two houses in the field on the right hand side of Braunston Rd as you enter Oakham. Full details can be found on the council website planning page (Application ref 2020/1473/MAO). While this is not in our village there will be traffic implications for us. If you have any comments to make please do so as soon as possible.

Jane Ellis

Regular Events

The village hall will be closed until at least April 17th. 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 April edition to braunston.newsletter@gmail.com by March 17th please.

Crime roundup

There has been an increase in dog thefts since the start of the pandemic. Whilst thankfully still rare in our area, please be aware of the possibility and keep any eye out for any suspicious activity or interest in your pooch.

Land Rover theft is also on the rise, with an incident in Ketton at the beginning of the month. Again, be aware, keep your vehicle secure, and report anything suspicious to the police.

Lastly, please keep an eye out for our chickens on the green opposite the church; police have reported that one of the sheep sculptures on the A47 / Uppingham roundabout was stolen on Feb 21st, we don't want the same to happen here.

