



Braunston News



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Braunston pubs protected

In view of any actual, or potential, uncertainty over the future of our two village pubs, an application for each establishment to be designated as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) has been registered with Rutland County Council, and both pubs now have an ACV lodged against them.

What's an ACV? Long explanation short, it means no development or sale of the properties, unless to continue as a pub, can take place without first the community having a priority opportunity to take ownership. For a more detailed explanation visit <http://protectpubs.org.uk/protection-tools/acv/>

For differing reasons we all benefit and can enjoy the pubs, so hopefully this developments will help maintain one or both.

Peter Allen

Dog Alert

The posting of CCTV warning notices and installation of trail cameras has definitely made a difference in making some dog owners more thoughtful about their responsibilities.

Jim Atack still has some trail cameras available for loan, and we will reinforce the use of them by posting more signs in problem areas where the trail cameras may be deployed. Thanks again to all those dog owners who help to keep us clean and tidy!

Traffic Calming

Although there has been an increased dialogue with Rutland County Council about our traffic calming plan, at the meeting of the Highways and Traffic Working Group, held on 23rd March, the only Braunston issue raised was a request that the police review their previous rejection of a 40mph buffer zone at either end of the village. There was no support for any of the other measures in our plan.

Meanwhile the Parish Council plans to install its own speed measuring device on the Knossington Road, with the potential to move it to other parts of the village.

Litter picking

In early March, an intrepid group took advantage of the Oakham road closure to do a litter-pick along the road. We had intended to do the roadside verges but RCC sent their own team to do that (thumbs up to them for being proactive) so we concentrated on the layby. Lost count of the number of bags of general car-thrown rubbish we collected, along with fly-tipped items such as computers and office equipment, all of which was later picked up by RCC.

Other villagers have also cleared litter around the Brooke Loop ,and the shredded orange baler twine along Wood Lane. Thanks to Sue Willetts for organising the Oakham Rd pick, and to everyone who helps to keep our countryside beautiful. If only we could do something to stop the problem in the first place.

Janet Taylor

Upcoming A6003 road closure

It seems to have slipped under the radar that the Oakham to Uppingham Rd (A6003) is going to be closed for several weeks from the middle of April as the railway bridge at Manton is replaced.

The official traffic diversion is to the east along the A47, A43, A1 and A606, but no doubt the more local traffic will find its way through Brooke and Braunston, so we can anticipate a substantial increase in traffic while the road is closed.

Please take care, and report any problems such as overweight trucks on back roads to RCC.

My Street Fixed

At last the road outside William Cross's farm at Hilltop has been resurfaced; the more sceptical villagers are running a sweepstake on how many days will go by before Severn Trent digs it up again. :-)



Church News

Good Friday	2 April	Prayers and reflection	5pm	We're very pleased to be able to have services in the church again especially in time for Easter. We will be careful to maintain social distancing and wearing of masks. There can't be any singing but there will be hymns to listen and hum along to.
Easter Day	4 April	Holy Communion	11am	
Sunday	11 April	Holy Communion	11am	
Sunday	25 April	Sunday Worship	11 am	

All Saints Church, Braunston - Notice of Meeting for Election of Churchwardens.

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held on Mon 26th April at 7pm by Zoom. Any person resident in the parish of Braunston whose name is entered in the register of local government electors may attend, together with anyone whose name is entered on the Braunston church electoral roll. Please email or call Rob Anderson for an access link to the Zoom meeting at robander961@hotmail.co.uk or tel 01572 774388. Rob Anderson

An Easter message from Rev Chris Rattenbury

If someone were to say to you, 'Draw a picture of a saviour' I wonder what you'd come up with? Many Christians would sketch out a cross or other representation of who Jesus is and what he has done for us. However, if we were lying injured and in pain somewhere, we might draw someone running towards us with a medical bag. If we were hungry and thirsty, we might draw a lorry pulling up laden with supplies. If we were a nation occupied by a foreign power then we might draw our saviour as a mighty figure bearing deadly weapons.

The Bible offers us a number of ways of understanding what it means for Jesus to be our Saviour and none of them on its own is enough. But at its heart the work of Jesus, especially the Easter events, was about putting us back into right relationships, firstly with God himself but also with each other. So, we must not have a narrow view which sees the life of Jesus as being about me and my sins and forgiveness. It is much bigger than that; it is about a new life lived with and for God and with and for others. Why not come along to All Saints and we'll explore that together!

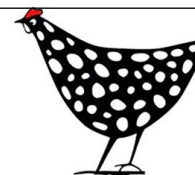
Happy Easter to you.

A new village enterprise - Rutland Home & Pet Services

Long term Braunston residents Carole and Douglas have teamed up to offer their combined knowledge and services to take the strain out of going away on that long-awaited break from home. We are experienced as home-sitters and in caring for all types of pets including chickens, ducks, fish and even teenagers that do not want to travel!!

The services we offer include everything for your home and pets, including walking, feeding visits, day care and sleepovers, along with many bolt-on jobs that may be required around your home and garden; all are enthusiastically and happily undertaken.

We are DBS checked, fully insured and can provide references. If we are able to assist you or your friends, please contact us to discuss your particular requirements; call 01572 868420 or 07305744395, or email us at info@RHPS.co.uk Carole Brown & Douglas Francis



Chickens make break for freedom !

The Avian Flu lockdown is due to be lifted on 31st March as cases have been reduced.

So, will our static chicks on the green soon be challenged by some of their more feathery friends ?

Village Hall AGM

The village hall AGM took place via Zoom on Monday 8th March. This included the annual report from the Chairman, and the election of the committee for the upcoming year. The committee now comprises twelve trustees: Karen Allen, Rob Anderson, Jim Attack, Carole Brown, Mike Fagan, John Harry, Suzanne Harry, Amanda May, Pip Nall, Stuart Oldham, Jane Ritchie-Smith and Janet Taylor. Jo Palmer-Phillips is a co-opted committee member and we are always happy to welcome more people to help us shape how the hall is run. Hall information, including the Chairman's report, can be found on the website at www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk Janet Taylor

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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