



Braunston News

June 2021



It's Street Party Time

It's time to have some summer fun, so with the relaxation of lockdown restrictions, and the welcome re-appearance of the sun, we're inviting all villagers to get together for a street party. Cancel all other commitments for the afternoon of Sunday 25th July and bring your picnic tables and chairs down to Cedar Street to celebrate. The road will be closed to traffic allowing us to use the lower end of the street once again as Party Central.

And it gets better ! Complimentary barbecue style food and dessert will be provided, so all you need to do is bring your own sides and salads, your picnic crockery & cutlery, and your favourite tipples. There will also be live music during the afternoon, and the Blue Ball will be open.

So that we can get an idea of numbers for the catering, please reserve your complimentary food ticket before the 2nd July. Just get in touch with Karen by text on 07961 050077, or email her at karenbraunstonrutlanduk@gmail.com, and let her your name, address and how many tickets you'd like.

The VE Day celebrations seem like a long time ago - let's do it all again, but this time without quite so much social distancing.

Karen Allen

Braunston Golf Day



The evergreen Braunston Golf Open will be making a return this year on September 24th at the Rutland Water Golf Club.

The day is open to golfers of all levels and the competition will be teams of four in a Texas Scramble format. The teams will be determined by the organizer, so bribery could be in play!

The golf will be followed by prize giving, dinner and drinks in the Village Hall. Everyone had a great time two years ago and we hope a successful repeat is on the cards.

Please let me know if you would like to play, email peter.allen@consultselect.com Peter Allen

Braunston Full Fibre

Three months after our request, Openreach has given us a community price for connecting all Braunston residents to full fibre; the Government has also extended its voucher system to Braunston. We are now researching whether the voucher scheme would cover the full cost (£180,000) and if so, how to apply for the vouchers before committing to the scheme. Co-incidentally, Openreach has meanwhile announced that Oakham, Cottesmore and North Luffenham exchanges will be upgraded to full fibre; it is not clear whether that will affect the Openreach community offer to Braunston.

More news as the mist clears! Jim Atack

Traffic calming

Following the month-long data logging exercise, run by the Braunston Traffic Calming Group, we have sent the results to the Rutland County Council and are awaiting a response. We would like to meet with them to trigger some progress on our various traffic calming options, which are currently blocked by RCC.

Here are the results of our traffic surveys over the years:

Braunston Speed Surveys	Avg speed	85th percentile	
8th to 17th August 2016	33	40	Before first chicane
26th May to 9th June 2017	38	46	After first chicane installed
12th to 20th June 2019	35	42	After second chicane installed
4th to 11th November 2019	28	35	During very wet winter weather
28th March to 31st April 2021	33	39	Parish Council survey, includes a period of road works

Note: 85th percentile in excess of 35mph usually triggers calming actions.

More information can be found here: www.braunstoninrutlandpc.org.uk/current-village-issues.html Jim Atack

Church News

Sunday	13 June	Sunday Worship with Baptism	11am
Sunday	27 June	Holy Communion	11am
Sunday	11 July	Holy Communion	11am
Sunday	25 July	Village Celebration service	11am

Although we have to observe social distancing, wear masks and only hum, we're enjoying being able to worship together in church. The addition of our screen monitor has enriched what we're able to do, especially in participating with others singing. We're ending our service by singing our final hymn outside so listen out!

Like everyone else, we're looking forward to further relaxation of restrictions later this month

Gail Rudge

Church spring cleaning

The church has been cleaned thoroughly by the DoFE volunteers. On one wet Saturday in May, we all worked together to clean away the cobwebs that have accumulated over the last year while the church has been closed. And then they came back a week later to polish every wooden surface. The church really shines!

I am really grateful for all their efforts, thank you Joe, Ben, Maisie and Clare.

Sue Willetts

Play Area Update

Get ready for some fun in the not too distant future!

Following popular demand, the Parish Council has started a project to revamp the equipment in the Brooke Rd playground, and we are going to install a Cone Climber, a Zip Wire, and a Team Swing. (Editor asks, can I play too ? 😁)

Playdale Playgrounds will carry out the work, and installation of the new equipment, removal and disposal of the old equipment, and new surfacing will cost in the region of £35k. We will be seeking grant contributions and funding for the project during the summer. We will keep you posted!

Carole Brown



Village Hall news

Finally, the village hall is taking bookings again, and as long as the release from Covid restrictions continues, we now have more exciting events for your diary!

Friday 20th August - Quiz night.

Hosted once again by our fantastic Quiz Meisters Tracy & Nick. Maximum of 6 people per team.
Cost of ticket: £10.00 per person which includes supper.

Save the Dates -

Saturday 30th October - Halloween Dinner and Dance

December 31st - Black Tie Dinner and Dance.



More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

Please contact Karen Allen at 07961 050077, or email karenbraunstonrutlanduk@gmail.com for more information. Karen is going to be the new Bookings Secretary for the hall, as I'm stepping down after six years in the job. Good luck to you, Karen.

Meantime, the front garden is being spruced up in preparation for summer events (thanks to Douglas), and we have two picnic benches on the green outside the hall; these were donated by the Old Plough, fixed up (thanks to Stuart) and are now proving to be a popular picnic stop for weary ramblers.

Janet Taylor

Regular Events

The village hall is open again and some of our regular groups have restarted. Please check the village hall website at www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk for the latest news.

- Table Tennis: Tue & Wed in Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Contact: David Smart 01664 474354
- Pilates: Fridays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 -11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825

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