



Braunston News



August 2021

Street Party Success

I think we can safely say that the street party last Sunday was a resounding success. About half the village were there, and it was great to see everyone out and chatting to neighbours once again. The weather was perfect, neither fierce sunshine nor the threatened rain, and we had tables of assorted shapes and sizes from the Blue Ball to halfway up Cedar St. Passion Food Events (www.facebook.com/passionfoodevents) cooked up a South American styled hot food storm, and the Horsebox Ice Cream company (www.horseboxicecream.co.uk) then cooled us down with some scrummy ice cream. With most people also bringing their own salads and sides, the Blue Ball doing a good trade in beer, and wine bottles in abundance, this was definitely the sort of party that we've been missing over the last eighteen months.



Entertainment came in the form of a peripatetic caricaturist capturing true likenesses of those lucky (or unlucky ??) enough to be subjects, and the highlight of the day, the Fat Cat Brass band (www.fatcatbrass.com), who were bizarre and amazing. With kilts, stilts, backpack amplifiers and a set list unlike any other brass band you've ever heard, from Abba to Up Town Funk via Madness, Justin Timberlake and the Human League, they were up and down the street all afternoon keeping us entertained and by the time they left we were all up and dancing.

Big thanks go out to Karen Allen who masterminded the event, and to all those who helped make it a day to remember.

Anyone for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year ??

Janet Taylor

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 we have had a good response from players but could always do with more. The very sociable format is a Texas Scramble which is always a great leveller. The golf will be in the afternoon of the 24th followed by dinner with partners and prize giving in the Village Hall that evening.

If you would like to play or know someone in the village who is not aware of the day please contact Peter Allen peter.allen@consultselect.com or 07714-583907



Quiz night

Friday August 20th



Tickets sales are picking up so get your team together and book your place soon. Our village hall quizzes are always a fun night with great questions and hosting, plus our classic chili & baked potato with something sweet to follow supper (veggie option available - let us know when booking).

The bar opens at 6.45, quiz kicks off at 7.30, max 6 per team and if you don't have a team we can set you up with one.

Contact Karen on 07961 050077 or email karenbraunstonrutlanduk@gmail.com to reserve your place. Tickets are £10, or £5 for under 16s.



Dom & Pip's Last Orders

As most of you will already know, Dom & Pip will be leaving the Blue Ball at the end of August, after many years of plying us with drink, good food and excellent hospitality. As a final bow out, Bank Holiday Monday 30th August will see them host 'Dom & Pip's Leaving Gig' from mid afternoon to late. Hopefully, if the weather co-operates, it will be held outside.

Exact details still to be firmed up, but there will be live music from bands including Braunston's own 'Wrong Direction', 'The Low Keys' and talented singer songwriter, Chloe Lorentz. Running order to be determined but Wrong Direction will be playing last at about 9pm.

All are welcome. It's Dom & Pip's last day open, so come and drink the bar dry!

The Blue Ball at Braunston, 01572 722135, www.theblueballbraunston.co.uk

Church News

Sunday	8 August	Holy Communion	11am
Sunday	22 August	Sunday worship	11am

The Rutland Ride & Stride will be taking place this year on Sunday 11th Sept. This is a fun challenge to help raise money to maintain the fabric of Rutland's 64 churches, buildings which are much loved by most of us whatever our spiritual beliefs. Walkers, cyclist, horse riders, all are welcome to visit as many as you can in one day. For full details visit the website at www.rhcpt.co.uk/rutland-ride-and-stride.html , or contact Alan Rudge on 01572 755570, or rudge330@btinternet.com for information and sponsorship forms.

Traffic calming

Cllr Lucy Stephenson came to our July Parish Council meeting to discuss traffic calming. She will review the reasons for RCC's refusal to accept our traffic survey with RCC staff. Meanwhile she repeated RCC's mantra that funds would not be available for traffic calming unless someone in Braunston was seriously injured or killed in a road accident. Cllr Stephenson suggested that the Parish Council might fund a replacement Speed Indicator Device for Knossington Road, and she would investigate the potential for village 'entry gates' to be placed at the village limits to emphasise the transition into the village. The planned improvements to road signs and marking on the Oakham Road are scheduled to be completed this month. The full record of the disappointing meeting can be found in the Parish Council minutes. Jim Atack

Full fibre

We are waiting for Openreach to confirm Government acceptance of our application to the Full Fibre voucher scheme. Once that happens we will be asking everyone in the village with broadband to apply for a voucher, online. We will be happy to help anyone fill in the application which does require sign-up for a new broadband service from one of the host of providers. Costs should be similar to existing contracts.



Jim Atack

Yet more houses on Braunston Road, Oakham?

At a meeting of the RCC planning Committee on 29th June, the 62 house development on Braunston Rd in Oakham was approved despite overwhelming local objections. This approval has now prompted Jeakins Weir to go public with a plan to build 120 more houses in the field on the left hand side of the road as you approach Oakham, opposite the 62 house site. This greenfield site is not part of the local development plan and the objections to it from Braunston are the same as for the development opposite, i.e. that there should be no development on this side of the level crossing until the road infrastructure is improved, and that it will result in increased traffic through our village along a road that is already dangerous, and has no pedestrian or cycle path. These developments would compromise the open greenfield swathe around Oakham, and contravene both Rutland and national policy not to build on open countryside while there are brownfield sites available.

Jeakins Weir are inviting public comments on their proposal before they formally apply for planning permission - please visit www.landnorthofbraunstonroad.co.uk to make your views known. If they do make a formal application, again, please use the RCC Planning Application website to record your view.

Village Hall news

The hall is now open again and our regular groups are restarting. We have lost some bookings over the last 18 months, so if you are part of a club or group that are looking for a hall to hire on a regular basis then get in touch. We have a large hall and a smaller meeting room that can be hired separately, and offer discounts to regular groups and Braunston residents. See our website at www.braunstonvillagehall.co.uk for more details.

Save the Dates -

Saturday 30th October - Halloween Dinner and Dance
December 31st - Black Tie Dinner and Dance

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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