

Braunston News

July 2024



Brooke Road development

Around one hundred people came to a public meeting called by the Parish Council in the village hall on June 18th. Councillors Chris Bichard, Jane Ellis and Jim Attack explained the history of the Brooke Rd development approval, and what actions the Parish Council had taken to prevent and then overturn this planning decision; in the absence of any positive action by Rutland County Council, this included working with a barrister who considers that we have a good legal case to pursue. There was overwhelming support for the Parish Council to continue its legal action against the approval; generous financial pledges, to fund the legal costs, were made after the meeting, ensuring that there would be sufficient funds to cover the action. Having raised the funds, our legal firm was instructed to submit the action to the High Court, and we now await a hearing date.

The Parish Council has opened a new account to keep pledges separate from its day-to-day business. Once the bank activates the account, we will email everyone who has pledged, with the details. Anyone who still wishes to make a pledge, please contact Carole Brown at clerk.braunston@gmail.com. We would again remind you that making a pledge does not make you liable in any other way.

Updates will be published on the Braunston WhatsApp group, and by email via the newsletter distribution list.

D-day beacon

It was a beautiful summer's evening on Thursday June 6th for the lighting of the D-Day memorial beacon by Hebe's Wood. It was good to see so many people making the trek up the hill to commemorate this important and poignant event. The flames from our carefully crafted beacon lit up the sky, and in the distance towards Oakham we could see another beacon up at Hilltop farm.

Thanks to Martin and Chris for the construction and tending of the blaze.



In case you haven't heard . . .

. . . there's going to be an election on July 4th. As usual, the village hall will be our local polling station, open from 7am to 10pm, and please remember to bring your photo id. For full details on what is acceptable, check out the Electoral Commission website at:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id>

Keeping fit after Catmose

Since the abrupt closure of the Catmose Leisure Centre by the recently elected councillors at Rutland County Council last month, a number of initiatives to provide alternative facilities have been underway:

1. A group called Oakham Cooperative Fitness has been set up planning to establish a member-run studio facility in Oakham providing fitness classes. They have a site identified, have registered as a Community Interest Company and are in talks with potential instructors.
2. A planning application (2024/0650/FUL) has just been submitted by Method Health Club to change part of the Burley Road Co-op store into a gym and small studio. Details can be found on the planning page of the RCC website.
3. The Oakham Leisure Club, run by Oakham School, has taken on some of the ex-Catmose instructors, expanded its class timetable and replaced many of the virtual classes with live instructors.
4. Uppingham School is continuing to provide classes and facilities.



This month's church services

Sunday 7th July 11am Holy Communion Sunday 21st July 11am Holy Communion
Sunday 14th July 11am Sunday Worship Sunday 28th July 11am Sunday Worship

It's great to be able to enjoy some proper summer weather at last, especially when you have a faithful friend who needs exercise! Our pets, with all their delightful idiosyncrasies, well maybe not always delightful, bring so much to our lives; so much to be thankful for. That's why we're having a Pet's Thanksgiving Service again this year on Sunday 18th August, in Church at 11am. You don't need to worry about how your pet will react, so far they've all had perfect manners and there's been lots of tail wagging and fuss, especially from the dogs! All other pets are also welcome. So save the date and come and join in whether or not you've got a pet of your own. Why not have a walk beforehand meeting outside the Blue Ball around 10.15am.

Gail Rudge



Road closures



A reminder that the A606 from Oakham to Melton will be closed just north of Burton Lazars from July 1st to August 28th, for construction of a roundabout for the Melton bypass. Yes, that's two months.

The Brooke Rd level crossing will be closed from 10pm on Fri 12th July to 5.30am on Monday 15th July, for Network Rail works.

It has also been reported that Brooke Rd in Oakham is going to be closed at the level crossing from July 19th to October 11th to allow Burmor Construction to widen the road and provide off-road parking for existing Brooke Road residents. Yes, that's 85 days just to widen a short stretch of road, during which time the Chinese will have constructed 20,000 miles of new road. The words 'beggars' and 'belief' spring to mind. Whilst a copy of the notice has been published in a local paper, there seems to be nothing on the Rutland County Council website, or on their map tool one.network to provide more information.

Traffic Calming

After a traffic calming campaign by the Parish Council lasting over fifteen years, you may have noticed that the broken SID (Speed Indicator Device) on Knossington Rd has been replaced. Sadly, RCC report that we will have to wait a little longer for it to actually spring into life.



Getting NHS referrals and diagnostic tests can involve lots of letters, texts and phone calls. Do you find these communications easy to understand and timely? Fill in our survey, it takes around 5 minutes. Scan the QR code or find the survey through our website: www.healthwatchrutland.co.uk



Regular Events

Village Hall

- Indoor Bowls: Alternate Fridays at 7:30 pm. Contact: Sandra Lickman 722536
- Quilting & Patchwork Group: Weds 09:45 - 15:45. Contact: Elaine 01780 756004
- Table Tennis: Weds at 7:30 pm. Contact:

- David Smart 01664 474354
- Pilates: Thursdays 09.00 - 10.00 & 10.15 - 11.15. Contact Alison Sentance on 07496 814825
- Tea Party: last Tuesday of month at 2:30 pm Contact Angela 01572 720351
- Gardening Club: 3rd Thursday of month at 7.30pm. Contact Mary Milner 720387

- The Wool Group: 2nd Weds of the month, 2pm. Contact Jill 07967 650361
- Yoga: Monday 7-8pm. Contact Victoria Louch 07841 019270

Church Events

- Bell ringing practice: Weds eve 7.30pm to 9pm. Contact Richard 07976 622130

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