



Braunston News

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Brooke Road development challenge

We are still awaiting a hearing date at the High Court. All the papers have meanwhile been filed with the court, and served on the Secretary of State (now Angela Rayner), and the other interested parties.

A big thank you to all of you who have contributed to the challenge fund; most pledges have now arrived in our dedicated Parish Council bank account. For those of you who still wish to contribute, or have yet to fulfil your pledge, please contact me (jim.atack@gmail.com 07808 256271) or Carole Brown, (clerk.braunston@gmail.com 07784 737716), and we will arrange receipt of funds.

Jim Atack

Church tower ladder replaced - at last

After several years of bureaucratic consultation with the church planning authorities the replacement of the Tower ladder to the first floor is finally complete. The beautiful old ladder stiles (or rails) have been retained and within them a brand new ladder has been installed by Bratts Ladders, ladder manufacturers in Nottingham, together with improved grab rails at the top of the ladder. The ladder now conforms to modern standards and can easily be inspected and maintained in the future. The old wooden ladder rungs have also been repurposed as posts for some of the markers and signs in the churchyard rewilding.

More volunteer clock winders needed

Following the upgrade to the ladder, routine clock winding can now recommence, and Richard Beadman is looking for one or two additional able-bodied volunteers to add to the clock winding rota. This involves climbing to the first floor of the tower and winding the clock up every 6 or 7 days for a month to keep our vintage Parish Council owned clock ticking and chiming.

Please contact Richard on 07976622130 if you are interested in volunteering for the rota.

Rob Anderson

Churchyard project

The churchyard biodiversity project is ongoing with grass cutting suspended in marked off areas to see what emerges over the first year. Two surveys have now been conducted and so far 117 species have been identified using our eyes, supported by paper field guides and phones (!) . The earliest survey we have is in 1990 and we will be looking at how the current records compare to show the change over the years. The species identified this year range from apple to nettles and crosswort or ladies bedstraw

Next steps include:

- looking at what fauna are encouraged by each species of flora eg stinging nettles attract butterflies and moths which have had a challenging year so numbers so far are very low;
- a cut and tidy up planned late august to take the top layer off and remove it from site. This will include scythe, strimming and hand cut for the trickier bits. Dates will be circulated soon and all will be welcome.

Further information on other similar projects can be found at these links: www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk and www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

Jill Martin

May Fayre success

We are, this week, distributing the monies generated at this years May Fayre. The magnificent sum of £10,700.00 was generated thanks to everyone's hard work and the sunny day!

The following allocations are being made:	The Mount Group - Riding for the Disabled.	£2,500.00
	Restoration Fund, All Saints Church.	£5,466.00
	Braunston Village Hall.	£2,734.00

Once again, I would like to thank all those who helped make the day such a success. Simon Phillips has taken over the Chair and I ask you all to support him when he starts the ball rolling this November for the 2025 May Fayre when he will be looking for volunteers.

Peter Allen

This month's church services

Sunday 4th Aug 11am Holy Communion Sunday 18th Aug 11am Pets' Thanksgiving service
Sunday 11th Aug 11am Sunday Worship Sunday 25th Aug 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 Pets' 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 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



The A606 from Oakham to Melton is still closed, scheduled reopening is the end of August. Brooke Rd in Oakham is closed at the level crossing, including pedestrian access, until October 11th to allow Burmor Construction to widen the road, move some services and provide off-road parking for existing Brooke Road residents. Whilst acknowledging that this length of time may seem excessive, RCC assure us that it is necessary. Hmmm.

Village hall works

Some of you may have noticed that we've excavated a small corner of the village hall garden. We've been investigating the drainage system and will be making some repairs and upgrades over the next few weeks. All work is below ground and there will be no permanent above-ground changes. In line with the Friends of the Gwash (FOG) ambitions, we aim to route all surface water away from the foul drains. Jim Attack

Traffic Calming

The new SID (Speed Indicator Device) on Knossington Rd has now been commissioned, and we are assured that it does register speeds above 30mph, though, of course, no-one reading this will have caused that to happen! The SID will record speeds in both directions, and RCC can now examine the data online; the Parish Council has asked that the analysis be published on the RCC website and is awaiting a response.

Hebe's Wood path closure (again)

A message from Min Burdett about access to Hebe's Wood, such a shame that this is still happening.

'Sorry to the huge majority of you who love and respect Hebe's Wood, but we've closed the permissive footpath off the bridleway. Yes, too much dog faeces everywhere. It will be open when the wood is clear of the stuff, especially the bridleway.'

Time for naming, shaming and a DNA register perhaps?

Fly-tipping

Also up by Hebe's Wood, there was a report of fly-tipping recently. This seems to be an ever present scourge in our society - if you do see anything, please report it to RCC via Fixmystreet (www.fixmystreet.com), and to be fair to RCC they are usually pretty good at clearing dumped items.

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: 1st 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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