

Brafield on the Green Parish Council Newsletter No. 117

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Some old news for some new news for others

The Brafield Fairies delivered numerous Christmas hampers to the parishioners of Brafield and any one of retired age was thought of with a delivery of mince pies. Many thanks for the kind donations received to make this a good success.

A warm thanks to Mark Arrowsmith, Gary Plant, Tracey Dell, Barbara Gautrey, Ruth Kentigern-Fox, Tracey Farren, Jane Boon, Mary Arrowsmith, Jamie, Alfie, Abigail, Owen, Emma and Gill, who organised the visit by Father Christmas to the village, followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the Green. All this effort saw a fantastic turnout and an enjoyable time by all.

You may have noticed that the speed limit from Northampton along the A428 has changed from 60 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. Hopefully this will result in less speed from the traffic passing through our 30 m.p.h. village.

Pond overflow update. Fisher German, the agents who represent the owners of the pond and green agreed to organise an investigation into the likely cause of the pond overflow. It was discovered that the drainage pipe which takes overflow water from the pond is blocked some 3 meters along its length, probably from old tree roots. The solution will be to dig a trench at that point to determine the exact cause and to replace the affected pipe.

However, that part of the green is registered as "Common Land" which means that permission to do the work has to be obtained from the authority which oversees Common Land. The Chair of the Parish Council is liaising with Fisher German as to making the application for consent to do work on common land. We hope to get the work done during the summer months.

We agreed that the village should take part in "no mow May", with the exception of the green and play area to ensure that these remain accessible to all.

D Day celebrations. On the evening of Thursday 6th June the Jubilee Beacon will be placed in the front field of The Red Lion and lit. This will enable the village to come together to remember this momentous event in our nation's history, as has been requested by King Charles. We will join in with many communities across our nation in remembering the sacrifices made by so many.

Digging for Victory is also being celebrated and the allotments will be available for people to see what is now grown.

More information to follow about the plans to commemorate and celebrate our D Day 80th anniversary. However the first event is a Coffee morning on Saturday 23rd. March from 10 am to 1pm in the Brafield Club.

Please be aware that parishioners voting in any local or national election will now need to have an up to date photo id in order to vote. If you do need a photo ID, there is a Voter Authority Certificate, which is free on line or the Electoral Registration Office will send a paper form if requested

Due to the continuing rising costs that the Parish Council has to cover the pecept has increased to £20,500 for the coming financial year.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 20th March at 7.30 at Brafield Memorial Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend with a slot set aside for questions and/or comments.