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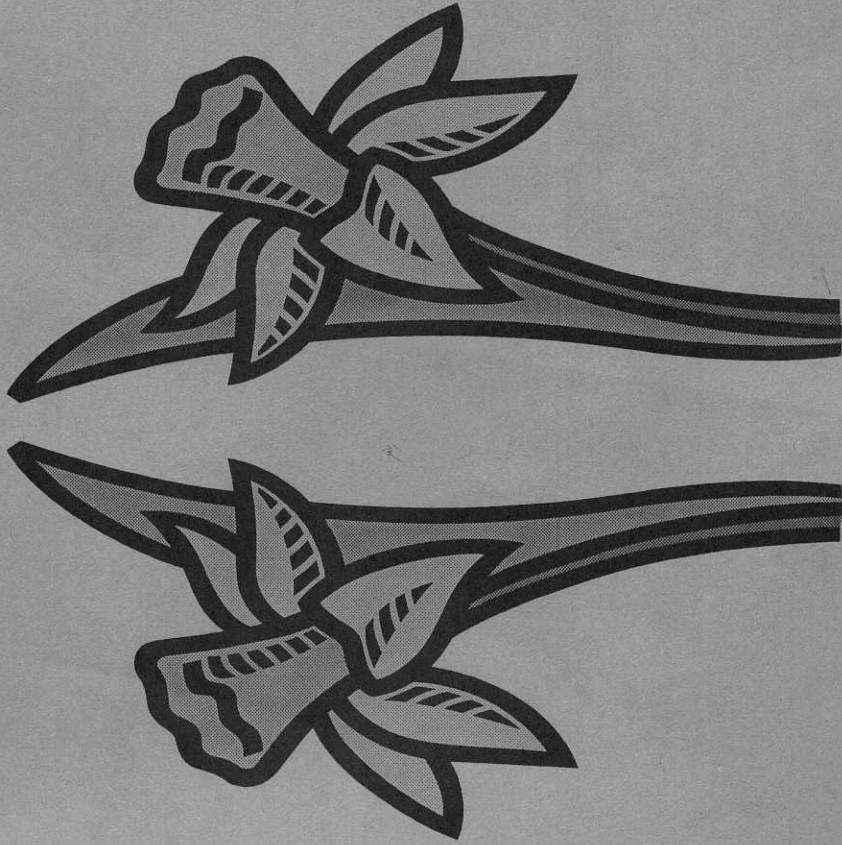
April	
2nd Mon	Lunch Club in The Church Room
3rd Tues	Braishfield Annual Parish Meeting
10th Tues	Braishfield Horticultural Society
12th Thurs	Braishfield Village Hall AGM
17th Tues	Parish Meeting (see page 20)
26th Thurs	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Workshop "Home Sized Arrangements" - Demonstration by Rosina Brandham
May	
14th Mon	Lunch Club in The Church Room
8th Tues	Braishfield Horticultural Society
24th Thur	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society "Ladies of Destiny" - Talk & Slides by Madeline Simpson
Weekly	
Weds	10-12am Braishfield Toddler Group
Thurs	10-12am Braishfield Art Group

All functions take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.
Please send details to the Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events published.

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Village Association NEWS

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Latest Copy date for the next issue is
15th May 2007

From the Chairman

Every New Year brings anniversaries galore and 2007 is no exception: its 200 years since Parliament voted for the Abolition of the Slave Trade Bill. It is also 100 years since the National Trust's first Act of Parliament, which established the concept of the Trust's ownership of properties in perpetuity - 'for the purpose of promoting the permanent preservation for the benefit of the nation of lands and tenements of beauty or historic interest'. The vision remains unaltered and the Trust belongs to everyone. We are lucky to have an organisation that rises to the challenge of managing beautiful places for us. Perhaps this year we can enjoy and appreciate the work of the National Trust by taking up just one of the opportunities they have on offer.

It is understood that BKP is still preparing new application for a Gasification plant in Bunny Lane, following the withdrawal of the first in July 2006. Hampshire County Council has 'screened' the proposal and, on 14 December, requested an Environment Statement from BKP before they could comment further. We need to be aware of this and show an interest at the appropriate time.

The BVA AGM was held on the 23 January. The Committee was encouraged by the attendance of a number of new residents. The meeting went smoothly and hopefully, this indicates general

satisfaction of our work and its effectiveness. Margery Randall retired from the Committee, which she has served since 2001, and we appreciate her contribution and continuing support. We welcome both Rosalie Gurr and Chris Balchin on to the Committee.

I hope the majority of you have found the Village Website useful, as advertised in the Residents Guide. Chris Balchin, the Web Master, would like to hear from you. It is early days yet and no doubt the site will get better and better, particularly so with your help. Do not forget if you want your own e-mail address - yourname@braishfield.org - please contact the Editor, mike@braishfield.org and he will provide you with one on generous terms!

'You must be joking' or 'You're having a laugh' - as we all know, both statements have the same meaning, but usually it has nothing to do with humour, but quite the opposite. The British Medical Journal has suggested the more we laugh, the greater the benefit to our health and the longer we are likely to live. Unfortunately statistics show that as adults we only laugh about 14 times a day, while children infinitely more. So perhaps, to laugh a little more could be just one of the many healthy benefits to pursue in 2007?

George Elliott
Chairman

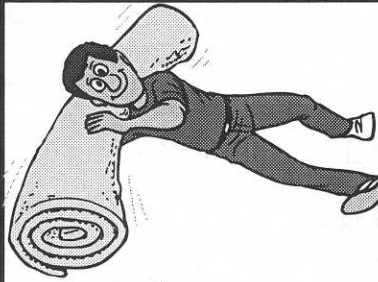
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BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

ELECTIONS THURSDAY 3rd MAY 2007

A formal notice of election has been posted in the Parish by the Returning Officer for Test Valley. Braishfield Parish Council urges villagers to be nominated for the position of Councillor. All seven Councillor seats are to be elected and a number of existing Councillors are unlikely to be re-standing.

Briefly, the rules for eligibility are:

Citizen over 18 of Commonwealth, Republic of Ireland or EU and registered local government elector, and

Occupied, as owner or tenant, land or premises in the Parish for preceding twelve months

or
Principal or only place of work in the Parish for preceding twelve months

or
Resided in the Parish or within 4.8 km of it for preceding twelve months

Nominations must be made to an Electoral Services Officer (on behalf of the Returning Officer), TVBC, Beech Hurst, ANDOVER by noon on Wednesday 4th April 2007

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Offices of Test Valley Borough Council or from the Parish Clerk (if he has any left over). If requested, the Returning Officer (at Beech Hurst, Andover) will give assistance with completing the forms. You might also wish to speak to the Parish Clerk on 368253.

J RHODES
Clerk to the Parish Council

From The Editor

The BVA have been consulting over the past year with regard to a website for Braishfield. This has gone ahead and I am proud to announce finding the following web address available.

<http://www.braishfield.org>

The site is up and running but in early days for content. If anyone has anything they feel should be included on the site, please e-mail the webmaster, Chris Balchin, at his address webeditor@braishfield.org. All advertisers will get a free advert on the site and there is a £20 annual fee for all other adverts.

We also have been allocated 200 email addresses with this site. If any of you would like yourname@braishfield.org, please let me know. This is on a first come first served basis so I apologise to anyone named mike. We need to apply a small fee for setting up the address of only £5 per year. Please e-mail your requests to mike@braishfield.org

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May 9th and 23rd



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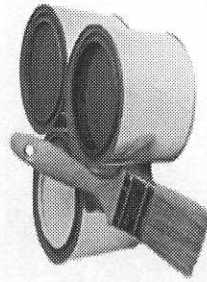
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Over the last couple of months we have been become aware of an increase in these types of letters and e-mails being sent nationally advising people of large lottery winnings and asking them to contact agents who are usually based overseas. At this stage people are asked to provide identity details such as copies of passports and driving licences and then payments are requested to cover fees that are payable to claim the al-

leged winnings.

The majority of the letters that are coming through the post are using the name El Gordo, La Primitiva and Euromillions. Although El Gordo is a genuine lottery in Spain the addresses being used are not the correct addresses and recipients of the letters have never purchased lottery tickets.

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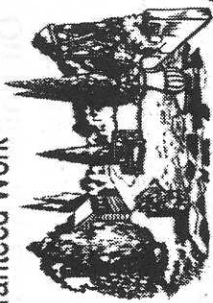
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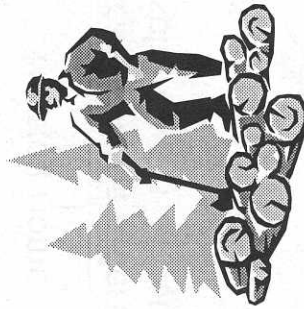
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Braishfield Horticultural Society

As the Village Magazine publication date approaches, we find ourselves, by way of a change, basking in days of glorious sunshine. What a change it makes to our outlook on life, generally, but do be warned, the prophets of doom are already predicting, that despite all the water that came cascading from the skies in recent weeks, we will soon be suffering shortages again. Maybe the water companies are selling it to the Middle East, in all my considerable time spent there, I never once experienced a problem. Ah well, back to the drawing board.

We begin our latest epistle, with once again, having to report the sad passing of yet another Member, Peggy Read. Peggy was a staunch supporter of our Society who regularly, not only entered, but, often came out a winner in our Flower Shows. She was a lovely lady, well loved and respected by all who knew her. She will be missed by all her many friends.

It was at our March Meeting, that the Members stood in silence for a while, as a mark of respect for both Peggy and Cynthia Beloch.

Our February Meeting proved once again, to be a great success.

In April, we will welcome, once again, Douglas Stewart, who, as most of us are aware, is also a well known Broadcaster, based in Yorkshire. Douglas, another brilliant Speaker, grew up in Braishfield and as we all know, his Mother, Margaret, still lives locally and is a regular supporter of the Society. Be sure to come along, it is guaranteed to be another good evening.

April is also the month of the Spring Show, which, will no doubt, be judged by Douglas. Please do your best to make it a success, although the way that the season seems to be forging ahead, the Spring Flowers may well be over by then. The Schedule can be found,

as usual, on the back of your Programme.

Moving on into May, Gerald Ponting will entertain us with something of a change from the norm. He will introduce us to the Spring Flowers of the Peleponnes in Greece. Dishes open and pens at the alert please, those of you who can't find your programmes.

I will now sign off and before setting into my armchair, find something nice that pours gently into a glass. T.T.F.N.

Bob Thomson,
BHS Secretary & Scribe.

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Fun Page

True Friendship

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1. When you are sad-- I will help you get drunk and plot revenge against the sorry wombat who made you that way.
2. When you are blue-- I will try to dislodge whatever is choking you.
3. When you smile-- I will know you finally got paid.
4. When you are scared-- I will hassle you about it every chance I get.
5. When you are worried-- I will tell you horrible stories about how much worse it could be until you quit whining.
6. When you are confused-- I will use little words.
7. When you are sick - Stay away from me until you are well again.
8. When you fall - I will point and laugh.
9. This is my oath..... I pledge it to the end.

"Why?" you may ask.... "because you are my friend."

Friendship is like wetting your pants: everyone can see it, but only you can feel the true warmth.

And remember ... when life hands you lemons, ask for tequila and salt and call me over!

Johns Anagram

IM A DOT IN PLACE

Answer in the next issue

Two Mexicans are stuck in the desert, wandering aimlessly and close to death. They are close to just lying down and waiting for the inevitable, when all of a sudden..... "Hey Pepe, do you smell what I smell. Ees bacon I is sure of eet"

"Si, Luis eet smells like bacon to meee".
So, with renewed strength, they struggle up the next sand dune, and there, in the distance, is a tree loaded with bacon. There's raw bacon, dripping with moisture, there's fried bacon, back bacon, double smoked bacon....every imaginable kind of cured pig meat.

"Pepe, Pepe, we is saved. "Eees a bacon tree".

"Luis, are you sure ees not a meerage? We ees in the Desert don't forget" "Pepe when deed you ever hear of a meerage that smeeel like bacon....ees no meerage, ees a bacon tree".

And with that ..Luis Races towards the tree. he gets to within 5 metres, Pepe following closely behind, when all of a sudden, a machine gun opens up, and Luis is cut down in his tracks. It is clear he is mortally wounded but. true friend that he is, he Manages to warn Pepe with his dying breath. "Pepe...go back man, you was right ees not a bacon tree"
"Luis Luis mi amigo....what ees it? "Pepe...ees not a bacon tree...

Ees . . . EesEees a Ham Bush.

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Fun Page Answers

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1	Venom	Poison
2	Oysters annoyed by heavy traffic	Pearl Jam
3	Lion Talker	leo sayer
4	Champagne and orange juice	bucks fizz
5	Pale serpent	whitesnake
6	Primitive shout	primal scream
7	Primates	monkees
8	BA, B.Sc, B.Eng	three degrees
9	Where Snowwhite's friends keep their bikes	shed 7
10	Woodworkers	carpenters
11	Back to normal	status quo
12	Spicey jalapenos	red hot chili peppers
13	Hard shelled insects	beatles
14	A violent place for plants to live	savage garden
15	Dark Sunday	black sabbath
16	Distribute equally	cher
17	Barbie was even on 100	dolly parton
18	Desert waterhole	oasis
19	Stealing the England captains meat	robin beck
20	Silhouettes	shadows
21	Hamlet, a female relative	shakespeare's sister
22	Aircraft data recording unit	black box
23	Stunted growth	arrested development
24	Young men selling mice	pet shop boys
25	Never ending duo	2 unlimited
26	Excellent weed	supergrass
27	Possibly great	they might be giants
28	Toilet lecture	lou reed
29	Contributing to car safety	crash test dummies
30	Nuclear Pussy	atomic kitten

31	Awful etiquette	bad manners
32	Metal Airship	led zeppelin
33	Skeletal letter	boney m
34	Sting in the tail	scorpions
35	Young mans area	boyzone
36	Several raincoats found in cemetery	max bygraves
37	Throttlers	stranglers
38	Clergyman in long dress	maxi priest
39	Gorgeous but not northern	beautiful south
40	Revolvers and flowers	guns and roses

Johns Anagram

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Answer:- Election result

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Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

At our annual Open Flower Club Evening in November, a large audience enjoyed an entertaining evening with Elizabeth Matheson whose theme for her demonstrations was entitled 'And here begins a journey'. This ultimately led us wonderfully into the spirit of Christmas and the evening closed with everyone singing a carol. A representative of our chosen charity, The Alzheimers Society, gave a brief talk on the care they provide locally. We are pleased to report that this evening raised £150 for the Alzheimers Society.

We meet on the 4th Thursday in

each month and warmly welcome all new members and guests. Please refer to the Braishfield Village Diary for further details



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J RHODES

Clerk to the Parish Council

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE HALL

The Committee Room
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Thursday 12th April 2007 - 7.30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

Upcoming Village Meetings (cont)

PARISH MEETING

to discuss the current Planning Application at

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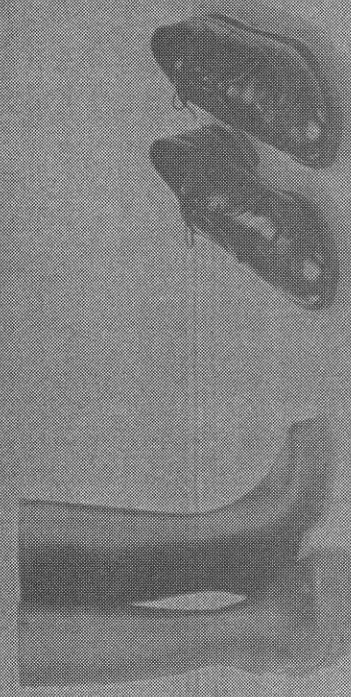
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Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers only the Council's meeting held on 6th March, there having been no meeting in February. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 3rd April just before the start of the Annual Parish Meeting which is on the same day at 8pm. The guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting will be Mr John Cooper of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). There will also be an additional Parish Meeting to be held on 17th April at 7.30pm to discuss the planning application for Fairbournes Farm.

2007 is an election year for Braishfield Parish Council and posters calling for nominations are already on the village noticeboards. The important dates are as follows:
 Receipt of nominations by noon Wednesday 4th April
 Publication of nominations noon Tuesday 10th April
 Receipt of Postal Vote applications by 5.00pm Wednesday 18th April
 Day of election Thursday 3rd May

There are seven Councillor seats in Braishfield but an election will only be held if there are more than seven nominations. Receipt of nominations means delivered to the Returning Officer at TVBC, Beech Hurst, Andover. Nominations forms may be obtained from TVBC offices

or the Parish Clerk on 368253 (if he has got any left!).

Back at the meeting on 6th March, the Council noted that the newspaper box in the Recreation Ground car park no longer has a leaking roof but that wading boots are still required to retrieve newspapers in wet weather. The Council agreed to place an order to maintain and improve the soakaway in the corner by the box.

The Parochial Church Council has asked for a grant towards maintenance of the Churchyard and a decision on this should be made at the next meeting.

There has been some publicity about the proposed new gas pipeline between Barton Stacey and Lockerley. This is intended to cross Kings Somborne Road just north of the Parish and it is expected that there will be some inconvenience to road users during construction work. An environmental statement has been submitted by National Grid and this may be viewed at TVBC Beech Hurst until 6th April.

The Fairbournes Farm planning application has now been made for the repair of the listed buildings on the site, the construction of several dwellings and 'home work' units, together with a new farmhouse on the greenfield site north of the farm in Kiln Lane with some

very large agricultural units behind.

The closing date for comments to TVBC is 23rd March but, unless it is refused under delegated powers by the Planning Officer concerned, it would have to go to a TVBC planning committee for approval, probably during May. This procedure is necessary because the Planning Officer does not have delegated powers to give permission for something which does not fit the standard planning rules. Anyway, the Parish Council has called a Par-

ish Meeting so that villagers may discuss the application and state their views. However, any villagers wanting to comment on it should still make them direct to TVBC, rather than relying solely on the Parish Council to do this for them. This is because the Parish Council's voice in planning matters is just one amongst many.

This Parish Meeting is on 17th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, as advertised elsewhere in this newsletter and also on the village noticeboards.

The TVBC Planning Authority dealt with a number of applications as follows:

06/3338/F	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Greenhouse	Permission
06/3330/F	Tregoyd House, Braishfield Road	Replacement dwelling	Permission
06/3541/F	Oaklands, Braishfield Road	Conservatory	Permission
06/3397/F	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Raising of roof with alterations and extensions	Withdrawn
06/3583/F	Annie's Cottage, Newport Lane	First floor extension	Withdrawn

For information on planning applications in Braishfield and for copies of Parish Council Minutes etc, you can find these on
johnbrhodes.supanet.com/braishfield

The Council received a number of planning applications and responded to TVBC as follows:

07/42/F	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Restoration work, relocation of barns and construction of 7 dwellings	Strong objection
07/159/F	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Alterations and extensions	Objection owing to size in relation to adjacent properties
06/1952/F	12 Hill View	Appeal against refusal for a pair of semi-detached houses	To make no further response
07/332/F	Annies Cottage, Newport Lane	First floor extension	No objection
07/133/F	The Sheiling, Braishfield Road	Single storey extension and detached garage	Support
07/501/F	Old Stables, Lower St	2 storey extension	No objection
07/345/F	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Retrospective application for dormer window and sun pipe	Objection owing to insufficient information

Braishfield in the Beginning

The following extracts are from the early Parish Council Minutes researched by John Rhodes, the current Clerk to the Council

13th March 1978

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the County Planning Office regarding the improvement to the Jermyns Lane/A31 junction. It had transpired that planning consent had been granted for the creation of a new car park at the Hilliers Arboretum but there was no condition, only a recommendation, that the junction be improved.

The Clerk announced that he had been sent, by Recorded Delivery, notification from Test Valley Borough Council, that they were intending to sell No 6 Hill View Road, Braishfield to the occupiers.

The Council considered the following planning application:

Erection of Village Hall on site of existing WI Hall - Braishfield Village Hall Feasibility Committee.

Erection of Village Hall car park and access road north end of Braishfield Recreation Ground - Braishfield Village Hall Feasibility Committee.

Change of use from shop to residential accommodation. The Old Village Stores, Braishfield - Mrs PM Badham

Main Drainage
The Clerk reported that he had heard from Mr Harold Smith the Vice Chairman of the Environmental Health Committee, that he would support the Parish Council in their bid to have a limited main drainage scheme for Braishfield.

Proposed Village Hall
It was decided to call a special open meeting of the Village on Thursday 13th April when further information gathered by the Feasibility Committee could be considered. Mr Corry reported that a small sub committee had met on site and he recommended as many members of the Council to inspect the site prior to the open meeting.

The Council understood that the Planning Authority preferred the site adjacent to the Recreation Ground rather than the present WI hut.

It was reported that Mr SE Emery had been appointed as Clerk in succession to Mr AP Lalonde. The effective date of the changeover was to be 1st April 1978 and the salary would be £150pa.

The Council agreed to pay half of the cost of installing a telephone

Braishfield in the Beginning *Continued*

at Mr Emery's house.

AOB

Mr Cobbold raised the question of horses using footpaths. The Council have appreciated for some time that horses caused inconvenience to walkers on footpaths and decided to write to Mr Frearson to ask his advice.

20th April 1978

Planning appeal

A letter from Test Valley Borough Council was submitted advising of an appeal lodged by Mr JM Beazley against an enforcement notice relating to the use of land at Fishponds Farm (1) as a depot for a helicopter spraying business (2) for the storage of helicopter parts (3) for the storage and servicing of helicopters without the grant of planning permission.

A local inquiry into the appeal would be held on 4th May 1978.

Resolved that the Parish Council has no objection to the above use of the land and supports the appellant in this case on the grounds submitted by him and as set out below:

- 1) That planning permission ought to be granted for the development to which the Notice relates
- 2) That the matters alleged in the notice do not con-

stitute a breach of planning control

- 3) That the specified period of compliance with the notice falls short of what would reasonably be allowed

(Mr Corry declared his interest in this matter and did not vote thereon)

Highway matters

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Divisional Surveyor stating that the work on the garage forecourt was in hand. A visibility improvement and a possible road widening scheme at the Jermyns Lane/A31 junction had been approved by the appropriate County Council committee and land acquisition was to begin as soon as possible.

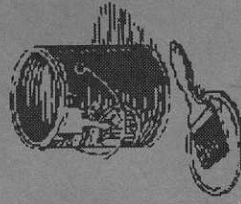
A letter from Braishfield United Reformed Church was submitted asking if a pull-in could be provided outside the Church to enable hearses and wedding cars to pull in off the road, so alleviating traffic congestion.

The matter of reinstatement of the verges in Kiln Lane, seriously eroded by heavy transport in association with the laying of the gas pipe line was also considered.

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