

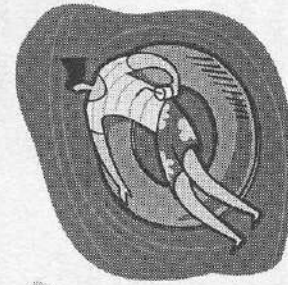
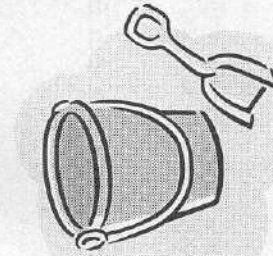
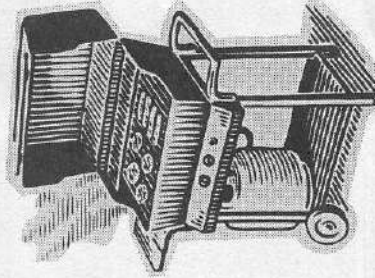
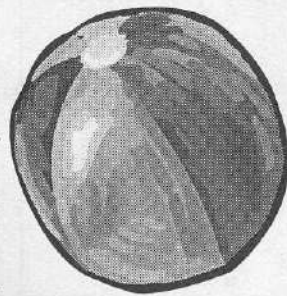
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June			
5th	Tues	7-00pm	Parish Council Meeting
10th	Sun	10-30	The Braishfield Beer Race (see page 12)
11th	Mon	12.00 Noon	Lunch Club in The Church Room
28th	Thurs	7-30pm	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Workshop "Creating with Copper" - Demonstration by Katie Baxter
July			
3rd	Tues	7-00pm	Parish Council Meeting
7th	Sat		Braishfield Summer Fayre and Flower Show
9th	Mon	12.00 Noon	Lunch Club in The Church Room
26th	Thur	7-30pm	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society
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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Latest Copy date for the next issue is
15th July 2007

From the Chairman

We could never have wished for more perfect spring weather, including the Easter weekend. What a wonderful display the bluebells in the Braishfield woods and in our gardens, have given us again this year. No matter what spring brings us, the bluebells never fail. Their small plants poke through the fallen leaves in February, early March and by April vistas of blue transform the woodland speckled white by the anemones, which seem to have an affinity with them. A simple creation of beauty and nature's demonstration of loyalty and friendship of plants for each other, year on year.

The Village Hall meeting on 17 April concerning the proposed Fairbournes Farm development was well attended. The views put forward and the discussion which followed was constructive. Phillip Robinson, the architect, of Grahame Stevens, Winchester, representing the Garret family, responded well to the many points which were raised. The scheme had general support, although there were serious reservations which have been taken forward by the Parish Council for a revised scheme. Any points concerning the plans proposed were required to be submitted to Planning Services Test Valley by 21 May. It is understood that the application has been withdrawn.
The umpire has called 'Play!' and the cricket season is well under

way. The majority welcome the break and with it the different sounds from that of winter sport. No game has a history like cricket, or a literature, or a mythology, and at times it has been held up to represent England, ideas of recreation and rectitude, and even life itself. John Arlott, a Hampshire man, talked about 'cricketers of the heart', even those whose talent was imperfect. They are out there in their thousands! We wish the village Cricket Club and James Light a successful season and much enjoyment, including their loyal followers and spectators on the day.

This edition of the News is again over 30 pages but to maintain that number it would be helpful if we could encourage more regular entries. It is your magazine and one of our aims is to make the News more inclusive. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on the subject please let the Editor know. However, we are very grateful to those who write the articles that are published and long may their support continue. Perhaps you might not want to write an article in which case do you have a subject that you would like to see in the News? Please tell us and we will see if we can persuade someone to write about it! We all have the inspired moment, no matter how brief, when we feel ready to take up a challenge!

George Elliott
Chairman

Your Letter(s)

Parking concerns for the Braishfield Summer Fayre and Flower Show. 7th July.

It is most regrettable that due to limited parking capacity in the main recreation ground car park, that parking inevitably overflows into the main road and side roads.

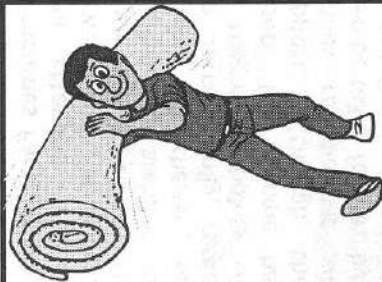
The BSA will do its utmost to ease the situation and will request that visitors attending the event park in a manner considerate to the needs of local residents.

Equally the BSA welcome the understanding of the local community towards the small sacrifice of a few hours disturbance, once a year, in consideration of the worthy cause that the event supports and the efforts of those that have worked so hard to stage it. Many thanks in appreciation from the Braishfield School Association

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Braishfield Summer Fayre & Flower Show 7th July 2007

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'The Story of Everyone'

'Pony Rides' - you see, everyone wants them at the show, as everyone knows they are such a popular attraction but there's a slight problem - everyone can't come up with a nag!

Should anyone possess a friendly Pony, or two, that would kindly oblige with a gentle meander around the bottom end of the recreation ground whilst carrying a beaming child - please, please, let me know as I can duly inform everyone and everyone will be so, so happy!

We are not looking for 'horse of the year' and you can set the rules, laws and regulations of use and so please gently whisper in your friendly small horse or pony's ear about how they would be serving a most valued charitable cause, be giving children lasting memories and how they would be oh so pampered!

No pony or horse - well how about your Donkey or Mule (preferably one that moves)?

All polite suggestions gratefully received - by everyone!

Best Regards

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Braishfield Horticultural Society

It has always been said that the main topic of conversation in this country is the weather. During April we experienced an unusually hot dry spell, which had the gardening fraternity on their knees, praying for rain. Moving on into May, the temperature dropped and the rains came in with vengeance. So, what happened next? The praying went into reverse, it was now too wet and soggy. Our weather patterns really do make life difficult for all those trying to organise outdoor events.

Douglas Stewart made the journey South in April to be with us once again and as usual, held our interest throughout the evening. His talk on what he refers to as "Wow" plants and of course his own particular brand of humour meant that once again, our members enjoyed a very good meeting. As usual, Douglas produced some excellent photography with which to illustrate his subject.

Following his talk, Douglas judged the Spring Show, which on this occasion was won by Penny Cossburn. Jennie Wilkie came second with Sylvia Watts taking the third spot. Our congratulations go, not only to these three ladies, but, to all who took part.

Our Meeting in May again proved to be a great success with Gerald Ponning taking us on a grand tour among the many wild flowers of Greece. The talk was supported in

a very professional manner on twin screens, a normal feature of Gerald's presentations. The areas visited on the tour were among those not regularly seen by the average holidaymaker and were blessed with an amazing variety of wild flowers. The photography was superb. I feel sure that Gerald Ponning will be asked to come to Braishfield again in the future.

June of course is the month in which we arrange our garden visits which this time will be as follows:-
Tuesday 5th June: Hambleton House, Hambleton. Meet at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 19th June: Oakdene, Sandheath, Nr Fordingsbridge. Meet at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 27th June: Lyburn Farm, Landford. Meet at 6.30pm. Printed details of these visits were available and handed out during our May Meeting. Anyone not in possession of a copy can obtain one by contacting either myself or Jill Fahy.

The usual arrangements have been made for a supper get together following the visits. It is, therefore important that we run to time. The Lyburn Farm visit includes a supper and for that reason I do need to have a reasonably accurate figure on attendance. I would appreciate a call from anyone who was not at our April Meeting and who intends coming along, to give me a call. I can then confirm our numbers.

The time has now come to once again turn our thoughts to the Annual Flower Show which this year will be on Saturday 7th July. You will have received a copy of the Schedule along with your Village Magazine. Please do your best to support the Show with a bumper crop of entries. Remember, you do not have to be a member to participate. In particular I would like to reiterate a plea made by our Jennie Wilkie at our May meeting for more people to enter the Handicraft Section. You do not have to be a lady and you do not have to make something especially for the occasion. It can be something you produced at an earlier date. An unfinished article is acceptable. We do need a few more entries in this Section to make the Judge's visit worth while.

Bob Thomson
BHS Secretary & Scribe.

Also can I ask once again for books to be sold on the day. It all helps to keep our Society going. Let us hope for a day when the weather is kind to us as it has been for the past several years.

Following the Flower Show, we have a long break until September, when we will welcome Steve Renvoise, a Braishfield resident and former researcher at Kew who's subject will be Bamboos. Be sure to come.

Having now reported all that comes to mind and hoping nothing has been forgotten, I will now sign off until August. Enjoy the Summer whatever it brings.

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Braishfield Marathon Finishers in Rome

In the Rome Marathon on March 18th, the team of three from Braishfield running in support of the XLP Research Trust were all delighted to finish with good times despite the unseasonably high temperatures and the difficulty of running on the ancient cobbles. Even though there were over 15,000 entrants from 72 different countries, only 12,000 runners actually finished the race within the 7 hr 30 min time limit.

The course followed a spectacular route around the major sites in Rome, the major highlight being able to run through St Peter's Square in the Vatican. The start and finish line were both at the famous Coliseum site in the centre of the city. Because of the unexpected heat that weekend, the 26.2 miles certainly seemed to be an endless distance at times, but

there were plenty of water stations for refreshment and crowds of spectators to cheer us on the way! Phil finished in 4 hrs 06 mins, Elspeth in 4.16 and Jerry at 4.49. Michele Ball (Phil's wife) was a great support, moving round the course to various vantage points to cheer them on, hand out energy sweets and to offer medical help when necessary.

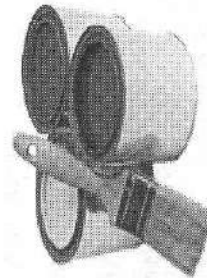
Thanks to all those in Braishfield who sponsored us so generously and who encouraged us during the long, cold practice runs in January and February. We have just heard that we raised just over £6,000 - which is more than we expected - so thank you for playing a part in us being able to reach above our target amount.

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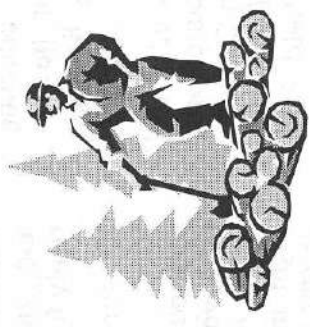
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Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers the Council's meetings held on 3rd and 17th April and also the Annual General Meeting on 10th May 2007. In the meantime, two 'Parish' meetings were also held - the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd April and a Fairbournes Farm Meeting on 17th April. The two Parish Meetings were on the same days as Council meetings because, in the case of the Annual Parish meeting it is usually done that way. The Council Meeting on 17th April immediately followed the Fairbournes Farm Meeting so that the Council could finalise its comments on the planning application which it had to send to Test Valley Borough Council.

2007 is an election year for Braishfield Parish Council and also for the Borough Council - the seat for Ampfield and Braishfield. Braishfield Parish Council has seven seats and the same number of nominations were received by Test Valley so that all seven candidates were

'elected' unopposed. Three Councillors have stepped down - Sue Ransom, Jean Lowe and Alan Light. In fact Alan Light resigned a few months ago. All three were thanked for their services to the Council over a number of years and their contributions will be missed.

So the Council now has three new faces - Dorothy Ross, Simon Palmer and Carole Renvoize. Some might describe them as members for Eldon Lane, Crook Hill and Lower Street respectively. It is good to see that the Council has a full complement. Andrew Lalonde and Mike Prince were elected by the Councillors to be Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for another year.

On the Borough Councillor front, Martin Hatley who scraped in twelve years ago by 6 votes to the old 'Field' ward made more than a slight increase to a majority of 600 in the renamed Ampfield and Braishfield ward. He was also 'elected' unopposed to Ampfield Parish Council and has retained his

position as Deputy Leader of Test Valley Borough Council.

Business carried out by the Council included making a grant of £500 towards the cost of maintaining the Churchyard and also a grant of £50 to Victim Support Hampshire.

The Football Club has been considering what to do about updating the pavilion on the Recreation Ground and is exploring the possibility of grants. It is quite difficult for small sports clubs playing on public recreation grounds to meet the requirements imposed by grant-giving bodies. The lottery people demand things like assignable leases which are inappropriate on public grounds. Without going into a long story about this, the Parish Council has asked the Charity Commission about the possibility of the Council issuing a licence for a body other than the Council to build on the Recreation Ground. The issue of ownership is important as the Council itself would not necessarily want to be responsible for any building. The Council has yet to discuss the response from the Charity Commission but it

does seem helpful.

On the planning front, Fairbournes Farm has dominated proceedings and a public meeting was held in the village on 17th April. Broadly speaking, a package involving the construction of a number of new houses, including a new farmhouse, together with several new agricultural buildings and also the refurbishment of several listed buildings was proposed. This was all explained by the applicant's architect followed by a fairly lengthy question and answer session. On a show of hands, a majority of those present indicated that they were in favour of the plans as they stood, but there was a significant minority who had concerns about them. Nobody, as far as is known, was against the principle of development to fund the restoration of the listed buildings.

After the public meeting, the Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting to discuss its response to Test Valley Borough Council. All along the Council has had concerns about the access along Kiln Lane, the amount of parking, the justification

Braishfield Parish Council Notes

for the new farmhouse and the number and size of new agricultural buildings. The Council's response was therefore one of objection, suggesting that the application be withdrawn and discussions take place on a revised scheme. The Council stressed that it did not object to the principle of what the applicant was trying to achieve. The Council has now been informed that the application has been withdrawn.

The matter of speed limits in rural villages is attracting attention and Hampshire County Council has called for expressions of interest in having a review. Braishfield Parish Council has expressed such an interest and linking this to the School travel plan. This is in connection with the 40mph limit through Crook Hill and along to the School.

Red tape, or should it be blue tape, has reached the village pond. There is in fact a water supply there, courtesy of Southern Water, which is used to top up the pond, though this has been little used since the pond was refurbished. After all these years, Southern Water has now announced that the valve arrangement on the pipe does not meet regulations and this must be attended to by 28th May. Although they manage to send water bills to the Council at the Clerk's address, they decided to send the improvement order to 'Landscape Gardening, Dummer's Road'. As speedy as the Council always is (!), Southern Water has been politely told that their timescale is not achievable, particularly when they chose to send their letter to an invalid address. The Council is obtaining quotations for the work.

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

07/159/ F	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Alterations and extensions	permission
07/42/F	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Restoration work, relocation of barns and construction of 7 dwellings	withdrawn

07/133/ F	The Sheiling, Braishfield Road	Single storey extension and detached garage	permission
07/501/ F	Old Stables, Lower St	2 storey extension	permission
07/345/ F	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Retrospective application for dormer window and sun pipe	permission
06/3655 /F	12 Hill View	Semi-detached houses	permission
06/1952 /F	12 Hill View	Appeal against refusal for a pair of semi-detached houses	withdrawn
07/332/ F	Annie's Cottage, Newport Lane	First floor extension	permission
07/36/ CLES	Lower Crook Hill Farm	Storage of car parts etc	permission

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

07/512/ LBWS	Braishfield Lodge East, Paynes Hay Road	Replacement doors and windows	No objection
07/42/F	Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane	Restoration work and construction of 7 dwellings	objection
07/497/ F	Oaklands, Braishfield Road	Extension to Garage	No objection
07/1242 /F	Camdenhurst, Braishfield Road	Side extensions	No objection
07/1254 /F	Necton Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Extension to residential curtilage	No objection

For information on planning applications in Braishfield and for copies of Parish Council Minutes etc, you can find these on
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Charity Events

Ben Holdaway has organised a triathlon in aid of
the Hartley families XLP Research trust.

The triathlon is being held at the Romsey rapids
on the 29th April and should raise £40,000
Ben is putting in a three man team and would
like to raise £2000.

If you would like to help Ben and his team to
their target, please visit

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Mike Stevens, your editor, is taking part in the
LONGEST DAY GOLF CHALLENGE
This is taking place over four golf courses in the
New Forest and means starting at daybreak on
the 21st June and battling through 72 holes
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us in aid of

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If you would like to help Mike and his team to
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Trip to Uganda

In August, a large team from Braishfield and Romsey will be setting off to Uganda for 2 weeks to a village about 3 hours drive east of Kampala called Busu.

During our visit, our tasks are many - the main ones include:

Funding & building a much needed extension to The Suubi Medical Clinic

Funding & carrying out some much needed repairs and maintenance to the local school, The Busu Parents Primary School (children aged from 5 to 14yrs)

Purchasing medical supplies, equipping a new Laboratory and assisting at the Suubi Medical Clinic

Purchasing school materials and helping with teaching at the school

There are many other smaller projects that we are hoping to get involved in including Beekeeping, Well Digging and Water Capture & Recycling, Sports Music and Drama to name a few.

And so to the team - there are 23 of us aged from 12 to 55 including some whole families. Most of the team are based around Braishfield and come from a wide variety of backgrounds including building, teaching, farming, medical and of course students.

More specifically the team comprises;

Ball Family including Phil (Team leader & Health and Safety - Construction), Michele (Midwife), Em (Student) and Tobes (Student) - Megana Way

Ord Family including Dick (Builder), Mandy (Caterer & Beekeeper), Ben (Student), Josie (Student) & Josh (Student) - Dores Lane

Dugdale Family including Jerry (Team finance - Property Developer), Elspeth (Teacher), Jake (Student), Grace (Student) & Jesse (Student) - Church Lane

Andrew Swayne (Estate Agent) & Daughter Maisie (Student) - Megana Way

Tim Howkins (Agricultural supplier) - Dores Lane

Nick Allen (IT & Computers) - Crook Hill

Lara Schlich-Davies (Student) - Braishfield Road

Peter Lucas (IT & Software) - Rob Fielder (Team Engineer & QS) - Civil Engineer

David Thompson (Student) - Kathy Foote (Student)

We have quite a hefty team target of £35,650 which equates to £1550 per person. This amount has been budgeted to cover all of the trip costs and to pay for all the materials & supplies that we are going to use. Every pound raised above our target will get spent on additional materials and supplies. Please note that the amount shown as already raised on this website <http://www.justgiving.com/busu-projects>

has been mainly down to each team member chipping in and paying towards their own costs.

As neither 'The Suubi Medical Clinic' nor 'The Busu Parents Primary School' are UK registered charities, all donations are being collected via 'The Dugdale Charitable Trust' (which is a UK registered charity) to allow tax to be reclaimed on all qualifying donations. For more

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As part of our fundraising endeavours we will be holding a Cream Tea

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CROUAY VISIT May 4th - May 7th 2007

The coast of Normandy received a 2nd allied invasion, nearly 63 years after the first, when a Braishfield contingent delivered by Fast Cat, landed on the shores of Ouistreham on Friday 4th May 2007.

A landing party led by Field Marshall A Smith with Majors J Lawes, A Edwards, D Smith, M Cooper & J Moore accompanied by Major G Smith, Corporal Josh Smith and Regimental Cook S Kemp secured the beachhead with their 34 brave young soldiers. They were then driven by comfortable troop carrier to Arromanches for a presentation at the D-day Museum where the history of Mulberry Harbour was brought alive in films, models and Major Smith's practical demonstration.

Delicious French ice creams were demolished in record time before the troops were carried to their billets in Crouay Le Borg. Friendly resistance workers greeted them with drinks and biscuits and first attempts were made at communication in the French language. After unpacking kit bags and making up bunks, a hearty meal of French bread pizza was ravenously consumed by the landing party. Following supper, half of the party of Officers and men then made their way down the lane to other attractive billets where they had excellent facilities and were able to breakfast in comfort during their

stay in France. All fell into bed that evening and slept soundly.

Reveille on a bright sunny morning called the troops down to a hearty breakfast of croissant, jam, nutella, pain chocolat and hot chocolate, with juice and yoghurts.

After room inspections, the party advanced by troop carrier to nearby Le Molay-Littry where they visited the local primary school and made valiant efforts in French conversation before singing for the assembled class of year 6 pupils.

Next on the agenda was a visit to Bayeux where all were able to inspect the magnificent tapestry, stitched in the 11th century, depicting the Battle of Hastings. There was also time to visit the Bayeux Cathedral including the Crypt. Following a substantial lunch of packed rations, a foray was made into the local countryside to purchase vast quantities of supplies for the following days. A local hypermarket proved to be an ideal refuelling ground and the troop carrier groaned its way back to the billet laden with goodies.

A short route march and games in the local forest followed in order to tire the troops out before they were invited to demolish substantial helpings of Spaghetti Bolognese, garlic bread, salad and cake.

The evening also included a session

of education for the soldiers, who were required to add to their log-books begun on the previous evening. Much cutting and sticking of maps was accompanied by written entries and Major G Smith quizzed the troops at some length about what they had observed during the day before eventually the young soldiers took wearily to their bunks for another night's sleep.

Rising at 8.00 am on Sunday morning, the troops were greeted with another delicious breakfast prepared in their gites before they were back on the starting grid with Driver Kevin for a visit to the nearby coal mine in Le Molay-Littry where the expedition to the tunnels below ground proved to be very interesting.

In the afternoon troops spent some leisure time at a fair in nearby Balleroy and viewed the outside of the chateau there. Local crepes were sampled by some and gifts for those back in Blighty purchased at small stalls set up in the grounds. Then H.Q became a hive of activity with the cook and her team busily preparing for an indoor barbecue (the weather being inclement) while the troops took recreation activities in the garden. All ate heartily of carefully prepared burgers, sausages, garlic bread and salad followed by yet more cakes. The evening concluded with an X Factor competition judged by Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh and Sharon Osborne who had flown out specially to make guest appearances.

After the evening meal, rooms were tidied, bags packed and bodies showered, many for the first and only time in 3 days!

Monday morning found all the party up early in good time for breakfast, before they prepared the billets for departure. Packed lunches were prepared and the cook paid great attention to the cleanliness of the galley, leaving it in perfect order for the next party.

Proceeding to Caen, the troops spent a day at Festyland where they were very excited by the variety of rides and activities on offer. Then all embarked on the 17.00 ferry for a very turbulent return to Blighty, eventually arriving to the adulation of their families waiting anxiously at the roadside in Braishfield.

Battle Honours were awarded to:

Field Marshall Smith, Majors J Lawes, A Edwards, G Smith, D Smith, M Cooper, J Moore & Corporal J Smith for hard work, dedication & entertainment throughout the weekend.

Special mention made to Regimental Cook Kemp for cooking and washing up duties for this large party of 44.

Driver Kevin Roe - for safe troop carrier driving & patiently helping out at all times

Corporal Harry Talbot - for excellent diary entries, providing useful detail for future expeditions.

Corporal Nicola Smith - for a super

diary and hard work.

Corporal William Fielder - for excellent diary entries, providing useful detail for future expeditions.

Corporal Tiegan Hewlett - for a super diary and hard work.

Corporal Olivia Garrett - for "French Points" given for contributions, effort and helpfulness during the trip.

Corporal Samuel Bailey - for "French Points" given for contributions, effort and helpfulness during the trip.

All Corporals for their efforts at speaking French and their daily diary entries.

All the troops were congratulated

on their exemplary behaviour and fantastic team spirit during the expedition. Members of the public on the journey also commented on their quietness and good behaviour which made them a pleasure to travel with.

The Field Marshall was pleased to report to Commander Carter that the mission was a complete success and the troops were a credit to their unit, their families, their village and their nation.

They went out raw recruits and came back as seasoned campaigners.

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UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

Bamber Gascoigne: What was Ghandi's first name?

Contestant: Goosey, Goosey?

THE WEAKEST LINK

Anne Robinson: In traffic, what "J" is where two roads meet?

Contestant: Jool carriageway.

Anne Robinson: Which Italian city is overlooked by Vesuvius?

Contestant: Bombay.

Anne Robinson: What insect is commonly found hovering above lakes?

Contestant: Crocodiles.

Anne Robinson: Wh...?

Contestant (interrupting): Pass!

Anne Robinson: In olden times, what were minstrels, travelling entertainers or chocolate salesmen?

Contestant: Chocolate salesmen.

Anne Robinson: The Bible, the New Testament. The Four Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and...?

Contestant: (long pause) Joe?

Anne Robinson: Who was a famous Indian leader, whose name begins with G, revered by millions, who was assassinated and received a state funeral?

Contestant: Geronimo!

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Eamonn Holmes: What's the name of the playwright commonly known by the initials G.B.S.?

Contestant: William Shakespeare.

FAMILY FORTUNES

1) Something a blind man might use? - A Sword

2) A song with the word Moon in the title? - Blue Suede Moon

3) Name the capital of France? - F

4) Name a bird with a long Neck? - Naomi Campbell

5) Name an occupation where you might need a torch? - A burglar

6) Where is the Taj Mahal? - Opposite the Dental Hospital

7) What is Hitler's first name? - Heil

8) A famous Scotsman? - Jock

9) Some famous brothers? - Bonnie and Clyde.

10) A dangerous race? - The Arabs

11) Something that floats in a bath? - Water

12) An item of clothing worn by the Three Musketeers? - A horse

13) Something you wear on a beach? - A deckchair

14) A famous Royal? - Mail

15) Something that flies that doesn't have an engine? - A bicycle with wings

RADIO LINGS PHONE-IN

Presenter: Which is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world?

Contestant: Barcelona.

Presenter: I was really after the name of a country.

Contestant: I'm sorry, I don't know the names of any countries in Spain.

STEVE WRIGHT SHOW, RADIO 2

Wright: On which continent would you find the River Danube?

Contestant: India.

Wright: What is the Italian word for motorway?

Contestant: Espresso.

Wright: What is the capital of Australia? And it's not Sydney.

Contestant: Sydney.

THIS MORNING

Judy Finnegan: The American TV show 'The Sopranos' is about opera. True or false?

Contestant: True?

Judy Finnegan: No, actually, it's about the Mafia. But it is an American TV show, so I'll give you that.

BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE

Paul Wappat: How long did the Six Day War between Egypt and Israel last?

Contestant (after long pause): Fourteen days.

Johns Anagram

HITLER WOMAN

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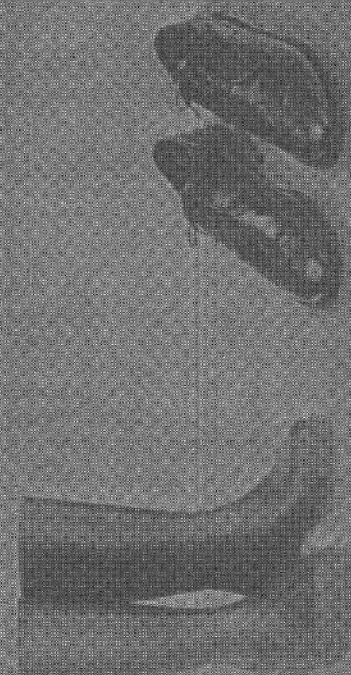
BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Would villagers please note that Braishfield Parish Council is still concerned about the Recreation Ground car park being used to compensate for inadequate parking provision or too many cars at domestic properties. Please be aware that the Recreation Ground was given to the village for recreational purposes only and that the Parish Council, as Trustee of the Ground, is responsible for ensuring compliance with the governing Trust Deed.

John Rhodes, Clerk Braishfield Parish Council

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Braishfield in the Beginning

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

8th May 1978

Village Hall proposals

Further to Minute 5 of the last meeting, consideration was given to the report of the public meeting held on 13th April 1978, and to the resolutions therein.

Reference was made to the fact that an adjoining Parish was also involved in a village hall project, the cost of which was understood to be considerably lower than that proposed for Braishfield.

It was also reported that the Feasibility Committee was obtaining estimates for a traditional building and had placed an advertisement inviting interested builders to submit estimates. It was hoped that an all day seminar would be held on 2nd July, when plans and estimates would be available for public inspection and comment. Further enquiries would be made into the project of the adjoining Parish.

Crouay - Proposed visit to Braishfield

The Chairman reported on a proposed visit on 20th May by residents of Crouay to Braishfield and that a dinner/dance had been arranged at Kings Somborne Village Hall. He also referred to the gift presented by the people of Crouay (in the form of a milking vessel) in

1977 and felt that Braishfield should reciprocate.

Resolved that the Twinning sub-committee make arrangements for the presentation of a suitable gift, to be financed from the sub-committee funds.

12th June 1978

Crouay - visit to Braishfield.

Mrs Bell reported on the most successful visit of the residents of Crouay and that the Twinning sub-committee had made a presentation in the form of a lamp.

Village Hall proposals

Mrs Bell reported that a Parish leaflet had recently been produced setting out information on the present position on this project. The leaflet also contained information on the present proposed "open day" to be held on 2nd July when all plans and estimates would be available for public inspection and comment from 10am to 4pm. It was hoped that representatives of the tendering firms would also be present. The above mentioned documents would be available at the Post Office for inspection after 2nd July.

Mrs Bell further reported that the Charity Commissioners had granted approval for the Managing body to become a registered charity.

Braishfield in the Beginning *Continued*

Crouay Twin Town sign

An account from Hampshire County Council, in the sum of £69.49 was also submitted for "supply and erect 2 No signs reading 'twin town Crouay'".

The Parish Council disputed this account as the signs were not in accordance with the order submitted and the account was greatly in excess of the £35 agreed by the Parish Council.

Resolved that the Divisional Surveyor be informed that the signs will be returned to the Alma Road Depot, and that the account be not paid.

10th July 1978

Appeal decision

The Clerk reported upon the decision by the Department of the Environment in respect of the appeal against enforcement notices by Mr JM Beazley and Morland Beazley Helicopters Ltd on land and buildings at Fishponds Farm, Braishfield.

Casbrook Common - amenity area
A letter dated 28th June was received from Mr DM Winter in connection with the possible establishment of a picnic area at Casbrook Common.

Resolved that consideration of this matter be deferred until such time as Test Valley Borough Council in-

vites the Parish Council to comment on the proposals.

Recreation Ground

Resolved that the Braishfield Football Club be congratulated and thanked for its most creditable maintenance of the recreation ground and for cutting the grass on a regular basis.

Main Drainage

Mrs M Sleeman reported that the Test Valley Borough Council had asked Southern water Authority to include main drainage for Braishfield in its five year programme. No reply had yet been received and in the circumstances the Environmental Health Committee would, at its next meeting, be considering the feasibility of requisitioning a scheme.

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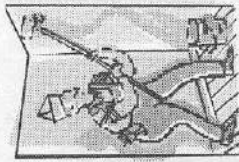
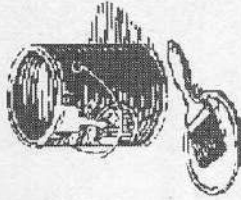
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