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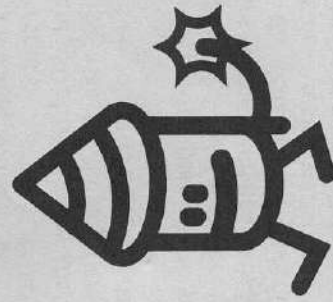
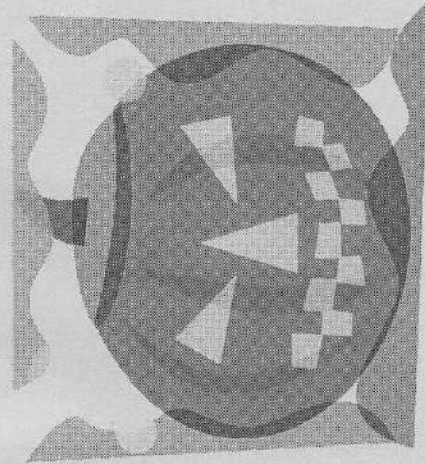
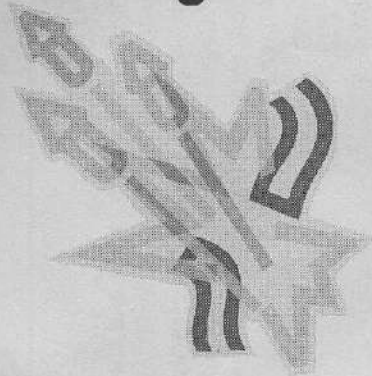
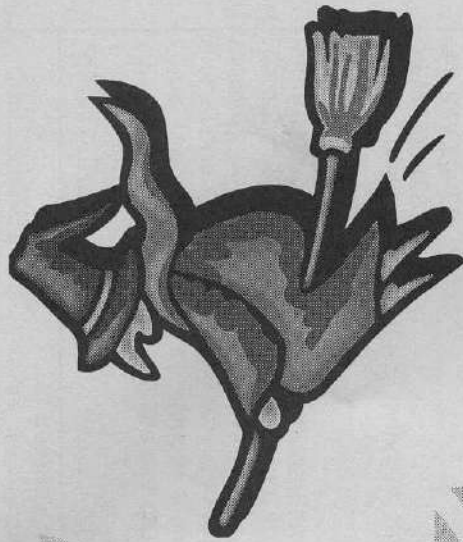
October			
8th	Mon	12.00	Lunch Club in the Church Rooms
9th	Tues	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society
16th	Tues	7.30	Braishfield Parish council
19th	Fri	7.30	Village Quiz
25th	Thurs	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society 'Away Days' demonstrated by Marion Catt
November			
6th	Tues	7.30	Braishfield Parish council
12th	Mon	12.00	Lunch Club in the Church Rooms
16th/17th		7.30	BMADS The Ghost Train
22nd	Thurs	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Open Evening - 'The Magic of Christmas' by Christine Steven
Weekly			
	Weds	10 - noon	Braishfield Toddler Group
	Thurs	10 - noon	Braishfield Art Group

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Please send details to the Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events published.

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From the Chairman

Romsey and Southern Test Valley are set to avoid the worst of government's South East housing plan for the region. It has been recommended that Andover and north of the Test Valley should provide 600 new homes. The only large scale development earmarked for Romsey is at Abbotswood which is classified as a reserve site.

Sixty years ago this summer, a revolutionary new law was enacted - the *Town and Country Planning Act 1947*. If you want one single reason why England's countryside and people have been largely spared the horrendous sprawl you find in much of North America, Europe and increasingly - the rest of the world, this legislation is it. Heave a sigh of relief! Los Angeles, the USA's largest city, stretches for nearly 100 miles at its broadest. For London that figure is a mere 25 miles. In a crowded, heavily built-up country we have planned the growth of our cities more carefully than most. The Act remains, along with the NHS, one of the great continuing legacies of the post-war era. The planning system has done this good work whilst keeping our cities relatively green and giving the majority of us single family homes with their own gardens. Development pressures are mounting. Who can tell whether we will be facing a 'review' of the regional plan in a few years' time. We need to ensure that planning remains a powerful democratic tool

for delivering sustainable development, while safeguarding the countryside. We should pause for thought and recognise the systems success, and that it is not an obstruction to growth and prosperity.

Many of us enjoyed the "Last Night of the Proms" and, perhaps were compelled to join in the final moments with the singing Auld Lang Syne. The Burns song boasts the questionable distinction of being the one that everyone tries to sing but few know properly. The singers invariably throw in the odd line which does not exist in the official version of 1788. However, not so with the Prommers who know every word, and it is easy and a pleasure to follow their lead. Nevertheless, wherever it is sung we never seem to reach the fifth verse, which is my favourite:

And there's a hand my trusty fiera,
And gie's a hand o' thine,
And we'll tak a right guid-willie
waught,
For auld syne

"Auld lang syne" - old long since
"guid-willie waught" - goodwill
drink

There is no doubt that the verse pleads the joy of friendship which is very much part of village life.

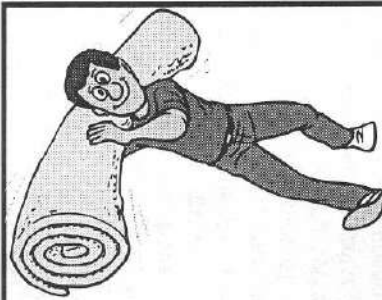
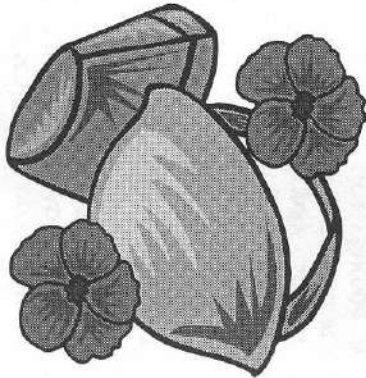
We have recently celebrated 100 years of Scouting, characterised by a world Jamboree with pictures of enthusiastic young

people doing exciting things. They are playing a part not only in their communities but in others, and being highly regarded for it. What a good start in life to be either Brownie, Guide or Scout with every chance of carrying on the cherished values throughout life, and in turn to encourage the next generation to follow the 'footsteps' and play the same positive role.

Once again Armistice Day on 11 November approaches. Fortunately, Remembrance Sunday coincides this year which will allow those who wish to attend the Service at All Saints to assemble at the War Memorial by 11 a.m. before the Remembrance Sunday Service. The names inscribed on the War Memorial and, also those who fell who lived in Farley

hamlet, deserve to be remembered. Sadly, the events in Iraq and Afghanistan are a poignant reminder of what many of our servicemen face each day.

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Chairman



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It should be noted by all of us that, if you hire or arrange someone to remove and dispose of rubbish belonging to you, then it is your responsibility to ensure that the person holds a current licence to carry and dispose of waste. If a builder carrying out work on your behalf, or a friend of a friend who owns a van or a trailer but is not licensed, subsequently dumps your waste onto a roadside verge, the waste remains your responsibility (irrespective that you have paid them to remove it) and you are liable to prosecution if caught.

Mike Prince

Braishfield Village Pond

As Clerk of Braishfield Parish Council, I have been asked to respond to the letter in the last issue of the Braishfield Village News which raised concerns about safety at the village pond.

The Parish Council assumed definite responsibility for the pond on behalf of the village in 1987 when several villagers (Margaret Old, John Saunders and Michael Hoddinott) testified that they believed nobody other than the Parish Council had owned it for many years. The Parish Council maintains the pond and just a few years ago arranged for the bottom to be re-lined after which a new dipping platform was installed, from which children can view the ducks and fish.

The Parish Council takes matters of public safety seriously and discussed the letter at its last meeting on 4th September, noting its contents. It was pointed out that there is already a low rail at the end of the platform, but the Council felt that making it higher would not necessarily increase safety. This was because children would tend to go to the water's edge where there is no rail at all. A balance had to be drawn and in this context it was also mentioned that anti-slip wire netting on the platform had been removed following a fall causing cuts. The Council would like to stress that parents or guardians should be responsible for young children visiting the pond.

John Rhodes
Clerk, Braishfield Parish Council

From The Editor

The Editor is moving house. Please can you all note the new address on page 2. My new phone number is not yet confirmed and will be published on the website as soon as we know it

I will still have the same e-mail address—news@mikopy.com. If you need to talk please e-mail me and I will phone you back.

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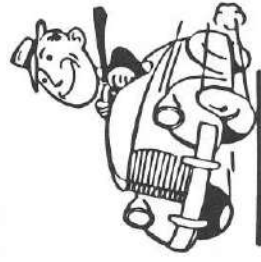
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BONFIRES

Autumn leaves are falling around us already. The season is lovely but the leaves do cause concern for some of us in the coming months. It is worth pausing for thought to try and take precautionary steps to avoid causing a nuisance to our neighbour.

TVBC has given us guidance for the unofficial code:

"There are no regulations restricting the hours which bonfires can be lit. However, those having a bonfire must ensure that the smoke does not cause a statutory nuisance to their neighbours. This would be the case where there is a substantial interference, e.g. makes neighbours need to shut windows, go indoors, re-do washing etc. In extreme cases, one off or occasional fires could be considered a nuisance, but the smoke would have to cause wide scale interference. If such complaints are received, we investigate in the first instance by sending log sheets to the complainant and writing to the person having the fires advising of the complaint and alternatives to burning.

If our investigation/visits show that a statutory nuisance is in existence, an abatement notice would be served requiring the person responsible to stop causing the nuisance. Failure to comply with this notice is an offence."

This is helpful advice. All of us do our best to be considerate and control our 'burning' bonfires. However, we know how easy it is to be surprised when the wind 'gets up' unexpectedly or changes direction! It can be terrifying who of us has not been caught out at sometime?

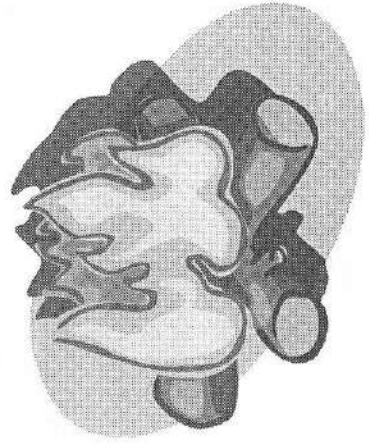
Let us try and keep to the code - practical commonsense

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Braishfield Scouts

Sunday, 29 July 2007 saw 13 Scouts and their Leaders from 3rd Romsey (Braishfield) Scout Troop meeting up with the rest of the Romsey Scout contingent to travel to the Hampshire 007 Camp celebrating the Centenary of Scouting. In total there were 126 Scouts and Leaders from all over Romsey camping and eating together for this lifetime event. We were joining another 3000 Scouts and many more Cubs, Explores, Network and Leaders to welcome in the new Scouting centenary together. We travelled by coach to New Park in Brockenhurst with more than a littlerepidation as H007 was taking place on the same site as the New Forest Show and we had all seen the footage on the news of the muddy conditions.

We were not alone in celebrating our centenary, there are 28 million members of the Scout movement worldwide, 1 in every 200 people of the world is a part of Scouting and there is Scouting in 216 countries. There were even Scouts from Norway and Ghana at the H007 event!

On arrival we had to trudge through 3 fields choked with mud and finally arrived at our camp with clothes, shoes and Scouts looking as if they were made of mud. The tents went up on the only available piece of grass and bags were rescued from the pile

of mud, bags and rucksacks ready for the Scouts to settle into their new, and very brown, home for the week.

The opening ceremony was held in the Main Ring on Sunday evening and the sun shone! So after hot chocolate and home made cake the Scouts finally made it to bed, with hopes the weather would improve for the rest of the week.

Luckily the weather was due for a change and Monday morning saw the sun come out and blue sky all around. The mud lakes were soon drying out and washing lines were put up to dry the wet and muddy clothes. This weather lasted for the rest of the week, so the focus changed from wellies and waterproofs to slip, slap, slop and lots of liquid to drink!

During the week the activities were split into zones. The Play Zone included Scalectrix, giant slide, table games, giant games and space hopper challenge; the Food Zone was a favourite with making Twists or a Crispy Piglet and cooking pancakes on a tin over a candle. The Craft Zone had the Scouts making friendship bracelets and Circus Zone saw them having a go at a full range of circus skills, including riding silly bikes! The Ice Zone was interesting in the hottest weather we have had all year, and there was an ice rink, cross country skiing and tubing to enjoy. The Challenge Zone included

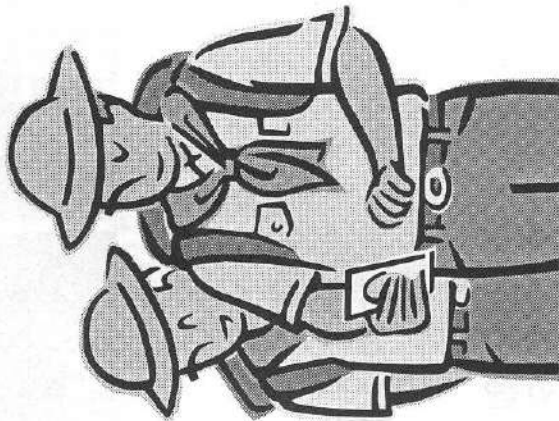
Robogeddon, clay pigeon shooting and human table football! The Air Zone had a simulator, the Vampire Drop and Scouts building model planes and kits; finally there was the Mountain Zone which had a climbing wall, bouldering wall, rolling wall, spider mountain, assault courses and bungee runs. There were also mountain bikes, orienteering, laser mission and initiative challenges to take part in. Evening activities included camp fires, chill out zones and cinemas on site, alongside 007FM the radio station just for this event.

Wednesday was Scouting's 100th birthday and everyone was up early to take part in the many events organised for the day. Hampshire Beavers were also invited for this special day and this swelled the numbers on site to over 6,500! There was the Gosport Gang Show, a chance to renew your promise, loads of activities and a (very hot) carnival procession at lunch time where Romsey dressed up as ninjas!

Friday saw our Troop going to Eton Olympic Lakes to take part in Dragon Boating and to gain the Dragon Boating badge. It was a fantastic day with blue skies, cool water and loads of fun to be had, just the pick up time of 06.30hrs was a little on the painful side! During the Thursday/Friday 1500 Scouts took part in Dragon Boating. Each boat carried 18 rowers, a beater and 2 crew. For the first time ever in Britain there were 11 dragon boats rac-

ing simultaneously and the quickest time for the 200m course was 1 minute, 16 seconds.

Finally Saturday arrived and the closing ceremony, after which it was all hands to the pumps as the site was dismantled and the gear stowed away in the vans. The Scouts were unfailingly cheerful even at this point in the week - which is unusual! Thanks to everyone who helped organise this event from the people at County to the Leaders from Romsey who pot washed, chopped vegetables and cooked fantastic meals for all of us! Especially thanks to the Scouts who had a fantastic week, they were cheerful in the mud, are the future of our movement and our community, and after spending this week with them I'm sure it will be in safe hands!



BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

Summer Garden Party

Our Summer Evening Party was kindly hosted by Mrs Betty Horton and members enjoyed meringues, strawberries and cream. The various quizzes were successfully won by Sylvia Knowles.

November 22nd - Open Evening

We hope to put you in the mood for Christmas with a demonstration by Christine Steven entitled 'The Magic of Christmas'. Even if you are not a flower arranger we would love to see you at this, our major event of the year, where you can sit back, relax and enjoy an evening offering ideas and thoughts for Christmas. Admission is £6.00 and this is our major fund raising event

for our nominated Charity which this year is Motor Neurone Disease

The arrangement competition is Christmas Magic and we would love all members to put in an entry.

December 10th - Christmas Workshop

We have arranged for Maggie Batchelor and Denise Bright to help us create a Christmas Table Decoration and/or a swag for your door. This commences at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall and as well as producing something personal and special, a lot of fun and laughter is had along the way.

Admission charge is £1.00 for members & £2.50 for guests and everyone is very welcome

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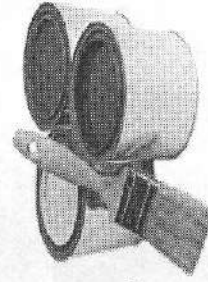
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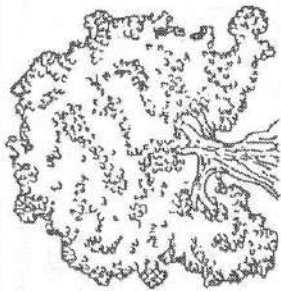
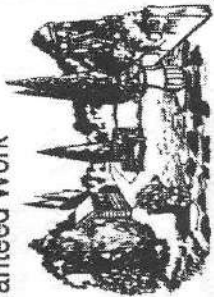
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Oaks visit to the Isle of Wight

On 10th September the Oaks' class gathered at the Red Funnel ferry to begin an exciting residential week at the PGL centre at Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. Having visited Carisbrooke Castle, we arrived in warm sunshine, eager to explore our new surroundings.

We undertook lots of challenges and learned many new life skills. Here are a few of our favourite activities:

Aero Ball: “I enjoyed aero ball. You got to go on a trampoline and you had to score in the goal. This is how you play the game - the trampoline is split into quarters. There are teams of two and you have to score in the opposite goal to you”.

“This game is energetic and if you start you can't stop.”

Problem Solving: “We went down to the beach and into a small enclosure. We all sat down on a long post and were told to get into height order. It sounded easy until we were told we were not allowed to talk (only body language was allowed). We were not allowed to touch the ground. We fell off a few times, but eventually we achieved our aim. I was really happy.”

Sensory Trail. “First we got into a long line in no particular order. Then, our instructor put a blind-fold on each person in turn so we could not see. Then, we had to follow a thin piece of rope with one hand; the other hand was on the shoulder of the person in front. The rope led us round an obstacle course.”

“When we started off we had to do a bit of practice by pretending to be blind. So we got in our pairs and picked an animal noise. Then we put our blind folds on and made our animal noises to find our partner.”
“We also felt different objects with our blind-folds on and had to guess what they were, one of them was my water bottle.”

“At one point, when we were

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blindfolded we had to take off one shoe and go round smelling them and we had to figure out which shoe was ours and I got it right!"

Tunnel trail: "This is a challenging and exciting activity. You have to wear a boiler suit and a helmet.

The tunnels are in a very old mine and it is very dark too." "I am usually incredibly scared of the dark and it took most of my courage and strength."

"We all went in together in one big line. People could go in the line where ever they felt right. It's an activity which involves a lot of teamwork and encouragement."

Dragon Boating: "We had to wear life jackets and helmets as well as having to be armed with paddles! The Dragon Boats are just like long boats but with no sails. When we were walking up to the boats on the jetty, it was really wobbly and a few people were a bit scared. After the practising of rowing the boats and getting our kit on, we finally got into the Dragon Boats. When we were actually free on the water and paddling, it was a bit hard to keep in time."

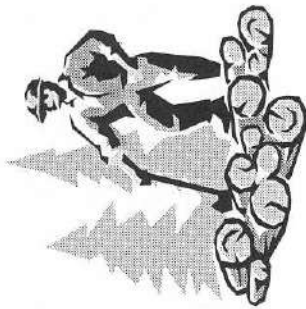
"Abseiling was my best activity because it was challenging and

fun." "It was an amazing thrill when you tipped over the edge, it was a fantastic experience for me! We had to climb three ladders to get to the top of the abseiling wall. When you get up there you have to stay behind a bar and the instructors strap you in. Then you are face backwards on the wall, and the instructors put another rope on you so that you can control yourself going down and your speed!!! When I got to the bottom I wanted to do it again and again. It looks scarier than it actually is!!!! When you are going down all you can do is smile."

"I wanted to break my fear of heights, and it was my aim of the week to go down the Abseiling wall. Finally I was all harnessed and ready to go but would I go down? I had butterflies in my stomach. Once I had started walking down there was no stopping me and I felt brilliant about having achieved my aim."

"Quad biking is a challenging sport because you have to go around the course without crashing. You have to wear a crash helmet, gloves and goggles. I felt a bit scared and excited when I went round. I crashed the bike but I was abso-lutely fine!"

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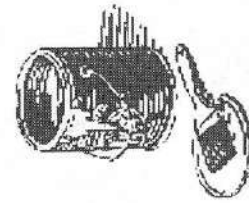


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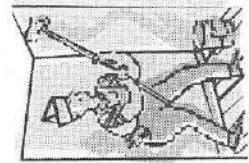
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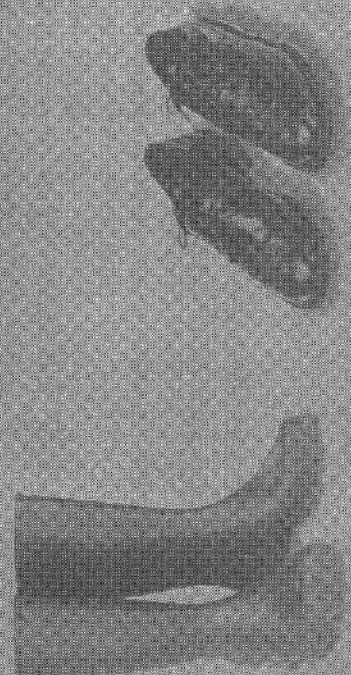
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Braishfield Horticultural Society

September arrived on time as usual and brought with it some improvement in the weather for the first time since last April. Make the most of what Indian Summer comes along, winter is just around the corner. Come to think of it, the "Book Now For Christmas" signs are already with us.

Since our last report, of course, little has happened as regards Society matters with just the one meeting at the start of the final quarter of our year. That Meeting was presented by our local expert, Steve Renvoise who not only talked about Bamboos, but brought along a whole forest of examples. The room was transformed into a mini jungle. There is a lot more to Bamboos than many of us have ever imagined. With over five hundred species in China alone, think of the task of giving them all a name. Added to which, different names have been given to some for varying reasons by other organisations. The advice given by Steve was that when purchasing a Bamboo for your garden, don't look at the name, look at the plant. Another little known fact is that bamboos produce flowers, but only after a hundred years after which they die. If you have just treated yourself to a nice new young such plant, please remember to be patient, there is quite a long wait ahead of you before you enjoy the pleasure of the blooms. Altogether a really good evening, enjoyed by a well attended gathering of Members. Steve supported his

well presented talk with some excellent photography.

Moving on to October, just a timely reminder that on Tuesday 9th Marcus Dancer, a new Speaker to us, will talk about Trees And Shrubs For Winter Interest. He will also be bringing along a number of plants. His final task, hopefully, will be to judge the Autumn Show. Please do your best to make the Show worthwhile.

Just in case your Programme has gone walkies, the schedule is as follows:-

- 1) A basket of Garden Produce.
- 2) An arrangement of Autumn Flowers.
- 3) 3 Sprays of Shrub for Foliage, Flower and Berry. One of each kind.

The last meeting of the year is, of course, the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday November 13th. Nominations for the Committee should be handed to me prior to the Meeting, details of which will be distributed during October. Now don't all rush!!

Remember, the AGM is not all business, it develops into a good old social evening supported by wine and tasty morsels. Be sure to come.

That I think is all the news there is to impart on this occasion. I will now slide away and indulge in a little right arm exercise.

Bob Thomson
BHS Secretary & Scribe.

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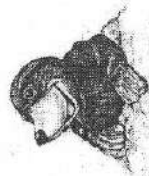
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The BMADS production this year is

The Ghost Train

By

Arnold Ridley

Arnold Ridley, of "Dad's Army" fame, wrote "The Ghost Train" in the 1920's. It is great fun, set in a Cornish railway station where 'strange' things reputedly happen. Passengers are stranded, tales are told and, many surprises later, will good overcome bad?

Suitable for all ages, the performances are on Friday 16th November and Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available in October - keep your eyes open for notices.

We hope that you are able to come along and join us for what promises to be a most enjoyable production.

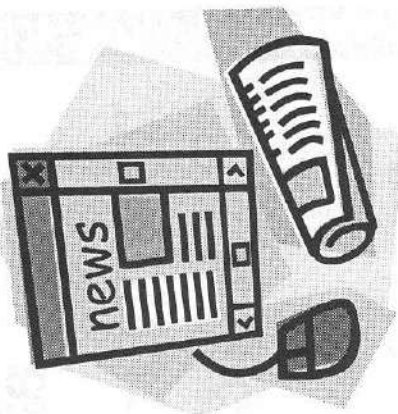
Village Website

Have you visited the village website recently?

Click on www.braishfield.org and see what the site has to offer.

Have you got an article, picture or story to interest the Braishfield community.

Contact the web editor, Chris Balchin on 368427
Or e-mail him at webeditor@braishfield.org



Village Quiz

This year's Village Quiz will be on Friday 19th October, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The entry fee will be £1 per person, maximum of 4 people per team.

You are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles!

It's always good fun, so do come along and join us.

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Fun Page—LIFE IN THE 1500'S

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water.

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying. It's raining cats and dogs. There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bed-

room where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence the saying a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon.

They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

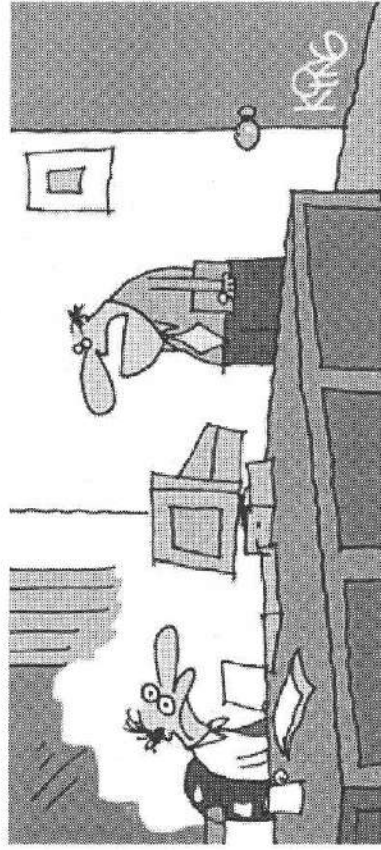
Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather

around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And who said history was boring?



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers the Council's meeting held on 4th September 2007, there being no meeting held during August. However, there was a Parish Meeting called for 18th September in order to discuss the proposed 30mph speed limit extension.

There is a group of Hampshire County Councillors known as the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) and one of its 'actions' is to look at speed limits. Following a call for possible speed limit changes, five areas have been identified in the Test Valley District worthy of further consideration, one of which is in Braishfield. Doubtless some have also been identified in the other Hampshire Districts.

The current proposal in Braishfield is for the 40mph limit to be changed to 30mph from the top of Crook Hill near where the village sign is situated right through to the start of the existing 30mph limit near the Wheatshaf PH. Megana Way and the southern end of Kiln Lane would also be included in this. There would be a 30mph 'gateway' at the start of the zone with larger signs and red tarmac across the road.

The Parish Meeting on 18th September was called to gauge the opinion of the villagers as this is an important part of the process to change the limit. 26 villagers attended in addition to Parish Coun-

the concrete crusher, the Clerk was asked to write to TVBC asking why they were happy with the report.

As a result of a letter published in the last issue of the newsletter concerning safety at the village pond, the matter was discussed and the clerk asked to write a response on behalf of the Council. This should appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Council is in discussion with the Charity Commission over the construction of a new pavilion for the Football Club. The Trust Deed for the Recreation Ground (of which the Council is the Trustee)

was drawn up in the 1920s, long before anyone had thought of recreational facilities as we know them today. The stumbling block in the Deed is one of building on the land and although the Charity Commission is receptive to ideas for a change to the Deed, the Council had to answer a number of questions about what it proposed and also the about the current pavilion. The general aim of the Council is probably to give the Football Club a licence to own a pavilion on the Recreation Ground and pay a nominal ground rent and alter the Trust Deed to permit this. John Rhodes

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

07/1562 /F	Little Grange, Braishfield Road	Extension and garage	Refused
07/1740 /F	2 The Square, Braishfield Road	Detached garage with study	Refused

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

07/1782 /F	Hunters Lodge, Dores Lane	Replacement dwelling	No objection
07/2417 /F	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Extension for utility room	No objection
07/2526 /T	Leith Howe, Braishfield Road	Fell oak tree	Strong objection
07/2250 /F	Malthouse Farm, Eldon Lane	Alterations	No objection

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

Braishfield in the Beginning

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

11th December 1978

Local Government Act 1972 - Parish Reviews

In accordance with Minute 94 a public meeting had been held immediately prior to the meeting of the Parish Council to which all persons having an interest in proposed boundary changes had been invited to attend. Sixteen people had attended including Messrs Corry, Cobbold and Steiner.

Resolved:

1) that in accordance with the direction given at the public meeting and with the preferences expressed by the persons concerned, the following boundary changes be recommended on the basis that the properties involved more readily identify with Braishfield; the inhabitants concerned look to Braishfield for a substantial majority of their communal, recreational and leisure pursuits; and the whole of the inhabitants concerned have expressly requested that they be embraced within the Parish of Braishfield:-

a) those properties within the area marked A on the attached map. (Kings Somborne Parish Council has stated that it has no objection to the proposal);

b) the property known as Squirrels Lodge, as indicated by the letter B on the attached map.

(Michelmersh Parish Council does not support this change); and,

c) those properties within the area marked C on the attached map. (Romsey Extra supports this proposal).

2) that in respect of the areas marked D and E on the attached map no action be taken, particularly as a majority of the residents in area D do not wish any change to take place.

Sale of Council houses

Notification was received of the intention of the tenant to acquire 22 Hillview Road, Braishfield, from the Borough Council.

Maintenance of roadside verges

A letter was received from the Braishfield Village Association asking the Parish Council to consider the acquisition of an Allen Scythe or similar machine to be used for the cutting of roadside banks at strategic places in the interests of road safety.

Resolved

a) that no action be taken to acquire a machine; and

b) that should the County Council be unable to undertake satisfactorily the cutting of the verges during the summer of 1979, consideration be given to the hiring of a contrac-

Braishfield in the Beginning *Continued*

tor to undertake the necessary work on a day basis.

Village Hall proposals

a) Right of Way across Recreation Ground
Further to Minute 95, the clerk submitted a draft agreement produced by Messrs Bell, Pope and Bridgwater. The Chairman undertook to raise any necessary points with the Solicitors.

b) Plan of proposed Hall
The Parish Council considered the draft plan produced by the Management Committee and made the following observations:-

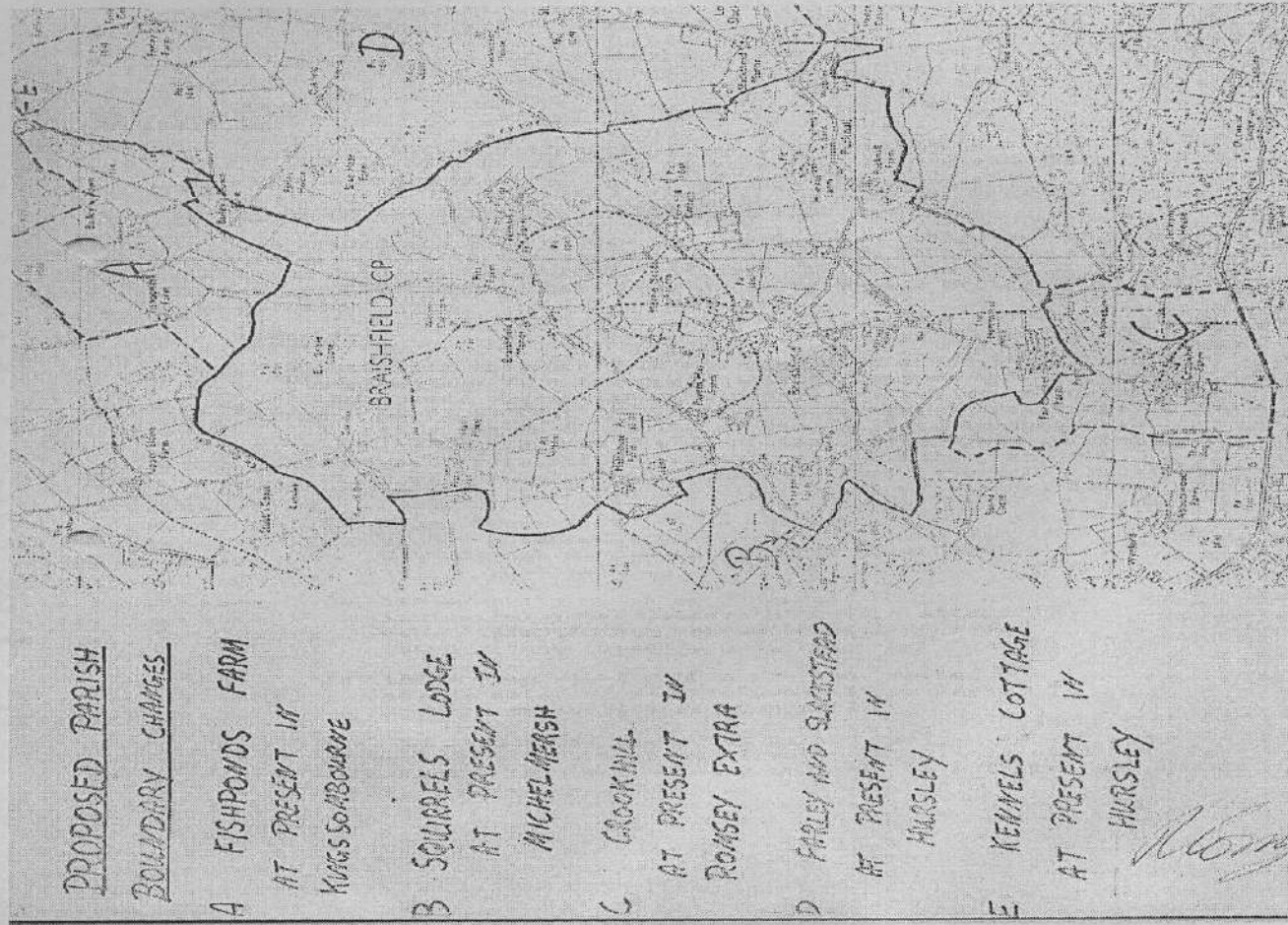
i) the area for the serving of al-

coholic drinks is inadequate; ii) consideration should be given to the possibility of providing facilities to enable the main hall to be divided by the provision of a partition. (This might necessitate the re-organisation of other facilities).

Silt on Roads

It was reported that recent heavy rainfall had resulted in the deposit of silt on the road near Pitt Farm. The Divisional Surveyor had acted quickly when this had been brought to his attention. It was felt, however, that the problem would regularly recur unless a new soak away was provided.

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