

# Braishfield Village Diary

June

1st Mon 7-30 Wives Group Plus - Rectory Jan Sanders - Voluntary Work in Romania

2nd Tues 7.00 Braishfield Parish Council

4th Thur 10-30 Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society fund raising Coffee Morning 368259 non members welcome

8th Mon 12.00 Lunch Club in Village Hall - All welcome

11th Thur 7.30 Braishfield Horticultural Society Garden Visit "Flintsones", Durley. Bob Thomson 368553

17th Wed 12.00-2.00 Police Presence in Village Hall Car Park

20th Sat 12-30-4-30 Annual School Fayre - Recreation Ground

25th Thur 7-30 Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Lesley Kemble - Floral Pastimes

25th Thur 6-30 Braishfield Horticultural Society Garden Visit "Fritham Lodge". Bob Thomson 368553

July

7th Tues 7-00 Braishfield Parish Council

7th Tues 6-30 Braishfield Horticultural Society Garden Visit "Braemoor", Ringwood. Bob Thomson 368553

13th Mon 12.00 Lunch Club in the Village Hall

13th Mon 7.30 Wives Group Plus - Visit to a Stockbridge Garden

15th Wed 12.00-2.00 Police Presence in Village Hall Car Park

18th Sat 2-00 Braishfield Horticultural Society Annual Show

23rd Thur 7-30 Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Garden Party at Springbank, Newport Lane

Weekly

Tues 9-30-11 Surestart Toddler Group, Tel: 02380 736013

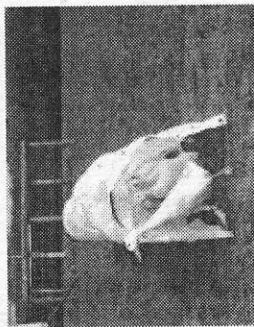
Weds 10-12 Braishfield Toddler Group Term Time Only

Thurs 10-12 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.

# BRAISHFIELD Village Association NEWS

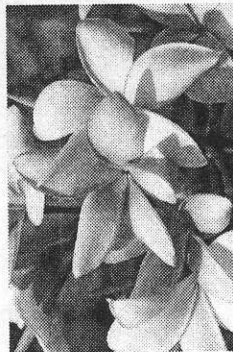
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Braishfield Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show And Car Boot Sale Sat July 18th From 2-00 The Recreation Ground See page 5



Braishfield School Association Annual Summer Fayre Sat June 20th 12-30 to 4-30 The Recreation Ground Come along and support Our Children



Serve Uganda 2009 Visit The annual trip to help out the 'The Wobulenzi Town Academy'. Follow the events and support this worthy cause. See page 12

**Major Events Taking Place in The Village SOON**

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**Latest Copy date for the next issue is  
15th July 2009**

## From the Chairman

their praise and appreciation.

You will have seen the Parish Council Notes of the April issue mention of the provision of a Discovery and Fitness trail on the perimeter of the recreation ground to meet the needs of the community, both adults and children. The idea originally arose when discussing projects which could be linked to Dr Hunt and his Legacy, which was he generously left to the BVA in the 1990s. It is hoped that the trail will counter the trend towards an inactive life style by encouraging physical activity and incorporate science and nature to capture the interests of children. The School very much supports the project. Discussions are continuing with the Parish Council.

Last year the 30 mph restriction was introduced throughout the village on the grounds of safety and as part of the Countryside plan to reduce speed in villages. It was also introduced in nearby Ampfield, Belbins and Timsbury. While some drivers have reduced their speed others ignore the limit along Braishfield road, particularly from the Dog and Crook to the School - the straight half mile. This applies in the morning at 8am and later at 4pm at the end of the working day. Sadly this will not improve until the Police take appropriate action. Meanwhile 'thank you' to the careful drivers who do keep to the limit and may I be one of them!

George Elliott

There is no greater pleasure than to meander through the countryside in May and June. The early summer colours are startling. Last week my companion opened my eyes a little as we talked of earlier days and drove by open fields and woodland. 'Yellow was different then,' he said. 'That was before the intensive planting of oilseed rape. Now the countryside is chequered with slabs of sulphur, the landscape glows with yellow mist and a scented cloud of allergy creeps across the fields. The yellow of my childhood summers was the yellow of dandelions, buttercups, celandines, cowslips, broom and, of course, gorse. Ah yes, gorse. Every cliff top hedge was topped with this spiky shrub with yellow pea-like flowers. And on every other gorse bush was a bird - a yellowhammer.'

Many of us enjoyed the All Saints celebration of Easter Day on 12 April - 'Jesus is Alive! The Church was full and excerpts from the 'Messiah' were sung by the Choir drawn from the United Benefice.

Organist Anthony Burns-  
Cox, Conductor Sarah Boothman,  
Soloists: Andrew Mayor,  
Baritone: Linda Stafford, Soprano;  
Kate Marshall, Alto; Peter  
Quarendon, Tenor.

The success of the event was a just reward for the participants and organisers who had committed themselves to a daunting 'aspiration'. Those who were lucky enough to be there were warm in

## Letters to the Editor

### Newcomers to Hazel Cottage, Braishfield Road

We have recently arrived in this lovely village and have been overwhelmed by the friendly welcome we have received from our neighbours and passers by. Thank you very much, we already feel at home and look forward to many happy years here.

After a naval life, retirement is wonderful but we are keen to remain active and useful people. The first priority is to cheer up the house and 'tame' the garden, including the access for no.4 walk!

Mike and Sue Mullane

### Do You Need an Allotment

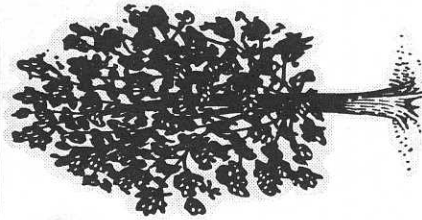
Small plot of land approx 9m x 9m available for use as an allotment within Braishfield. Please contact Sue Coleman on 01794 367064 for further details. Many thanks Sue Coleman

### **Rubbish News**

Recyclable materials in cardboard boxes left beside the brown bin on recycling weeks will be collected throughout the year

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Household weeks beginning 1st, 15th & 29th June. 13th & 27th July



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## Braishfield Horticultural Society

### Car Boot Sale

The Annual Village Flower Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009, organized by The Braishfield Horticultural Society

We propose holding a car boot sale on the day, in the Recreation Ground. Participation will be restricted to Villagers or their Associates. Cars only to be admitted. No vans or trade vehicles.

Entry Fee £3.00 per vehicle. Why not search your attics or outhouses and seek out those items you no longer have a use for. Bring them along, engage your best selling techniques, have a lot of fun and raise loads of cash for your favourite charity or organization. Other than that, some spending money for the next world cruise you dream about. Please consider supporting our venture.

It is necessary to register, to do so, please contact Jill Fahy on 368533 or Bob Thomson on 368553.

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## Braishfield School Association News

The summer term is now well underway at the school and it is now that the BSA enters its busiest time of the year. We started the term with a social event over the May bank holiday - a barn dance. Almost 70 adults (and not just parents from the school) came along to a transformed village hall and were entertained by the *Woodsiders Barn Dance & Ceilidh band* who attempted to teach us all to dance. As the evening went on and the dances became more intricate (or did it just seem that way due to the wine?!) sustenance was provided in the way of a fish 'n' chip supper and a good time was had by all. The event although a social event raised just under £200 for the school and as suggested we are looking into arranging another barn dance next year.

Summer Fayre - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 from 12.30pm.

The planning for this year's summer fayre is well under way and we as a committee have endeavoured to plan an afternoon of family fun. This year our main arena event is Duck Herding - yes you did just read that right - Indian Running Ducks being herded like sheep through obstacles by border collies. It promises to be a display that will entertain adults and children alike as you'll be amazed at the wisdom of the border collies and the comical darning of the ducks during this display with respected trainer David Hughes.

But the fun doesn't end there! With numerous sideshows, plus a 'Circus Man' in attendance, the children will be well entertained whilst permitting the Mums and Dads to muse over the offerings of over 35 stalls. Further attractions include a bee keeping display raising funds for 'Serve Uganda', Children's Oh'lympics, a 'Bouncy Castle and Slide'; 'Crockery Smash'; 'Coconut Shy'; 'Fun Dog Show' to name but a few.

And of course our Tug of War tournament - will the men from the Dog & Crook be champions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row?

Phew - feeling thirsty and in need of sustenance, then our renown BBQ, Bar, Tea, Cake and Strawberry crew will all be eager to satisfy your needs - forget the cooking, why not come along for an economic lunch or tea.

Fayre proceeds are all in aid of the

Braishfield Primary School, Reg. Charity 1036714 and many Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Please make a note in your diary and give support to your Community's future.

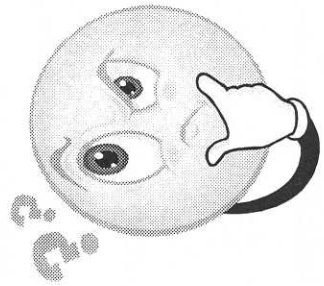
Julia Stevens  
Chairperson  
Braishfield School Association  
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### Notice: Parking concerns for the Braishfield Summer Fayre. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

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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## Missed a Village Event ?

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Would you like a reminder for a Village Event?

You could be reminded of any or all of the following:

- 1) Parish Council Meetings/AGM
- 2) Society AGMs - BVA, Horticultural,
- 3) Village events - Quiz, Flower Show, BMADs show
- 4) Special events - Planning meetings ( eg Abbotswood, 30 mph etc ), Fundraisers, Concerts etc

Please send your email address to: [webeditor@braishfield.org](mailto:webeditor@braishfield.org) with the title "missed village event" with the item number you require reminding of. You will be sent an email two weeks and one week before the events as listed in the Village Diary

Please note that your email identity will remain confidential as all subscribers to the service will be "blind copied"

### **BMADS PROVIDES TWO DONATIONS FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S PRODUCTION**

The BMADS production last year of Gogol's 'The Government Inspector' was very well attended and this contributed to an overall financial surplus for the year. Thanks to everyone who came and to all those who helped make it such a success.

As a result we decided at our recent AGM to make two donations, each of £100. One is to support the rebuilding of the Church Room, which we use for our rehearsals. The other is for Naomi House.

BMADS is grateful to all who have made this possible.

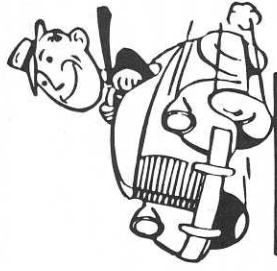
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## Braishfield Senior Citizens annual party

Braishfield Senior Citizens annual party was held recently at Braishfield Social Club. The party, which is a combined effort of the pubs and social club was celebrating its 21st year. It has become a very popular event over the years, it is a free event for all Braishfield citizens, sponsored by the pubs, social club, parish council and donations.

The celebration started with a sherry reception, followed by a four course roast dinner with wine, coffee and chocolates.

Music for dining was by two very loyal supporters of the party. Una with her accordion and Leon on guitar. After coffee came the very popular Braishfield Primary School children who sang delightful songs. The children come along each year and give so much pleasure to everyone. This was followed by two very energetic dancers who gave a spirited display.

The next form of entertainment was by the 'Braishfield Plonkers' led by a 'New Forest Plonker' (Gordon)

dressed as yokels as times gone by, they caused much fun and laughter with renderings of Cider Drinking songs. The Braishfield champion 'Dung Spreader' (Michael) was in fine fettle with his barrow load of dung. Then everyone had a free raffle ticket for a chance to win an assortment of prizes.

The final entertainment was the great arrival of the Romsey Old Cadets, with their bugles at the ready they created great fun and laughter, which brought the party to a close.

Rick Dorley thanked everybody for their efforts for a very happy party and George Elliot replied on behalf of the guests.

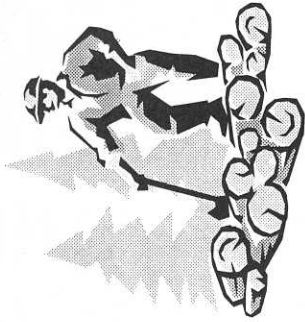
So to all senior citizens of Braishfield form the pubs and clubs 'Cheers! And here's to the next time.'

Thank you

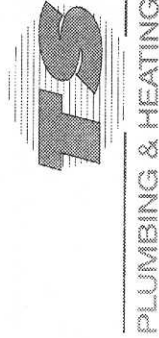
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## UGANDA 2009

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We compile a budget for each project and we raise money via a charitable trust so that all our costs are transparent, fully auditable and tax efficient.

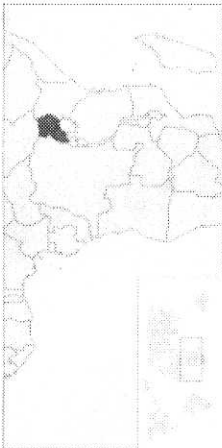
Each team member is responsible for fund raising, but we also organise collective fund-raising as it helps to reach the required budget and builds team spirit.

Serve Uganda exists to support local organisations in Uganda who have a vision and commitment to improve the quality of life for all those living in their community.

We aim to come alongside, providing practical resources and organisation to help bring vision to reality. Assembling teams in the UK, Serve Uganda aims to provide opportunities for people to help others whilst having an experience that can be truly life changing.

For more details on the organisation ServeUganda, including details of previous projects, please visit our website at <http://www.serveuganda.org>

Some of you will recall our successful October 2008 trip and we trust that you will want to continue to follow our various ongoing projects throughout Uganda.



Our emphasis again in 2009 will be with 'The Wobulenzi Town Academy' (WTA) which was established in 2005. The Headmaster/Director Charles Opio saw that teenage children were in a desperate situation due to the conflict in the North of the country around his home town of Lira. Establishing the WTA meant teenagers were able to escape from the conflict in the area, poverty and constant fear of abduction and its subsequent brutality.

Whilst thankfully the trauma and fear of civil war in the North of the country has subsided a little, the WTA continues to allow the poorest to pursue secondary education where otherwise they would not have any. All secondary education is fee paying in Uganda.

There are now 350 boys and girls between the ages of 13 - 20 in four classes. This is a huge step up from

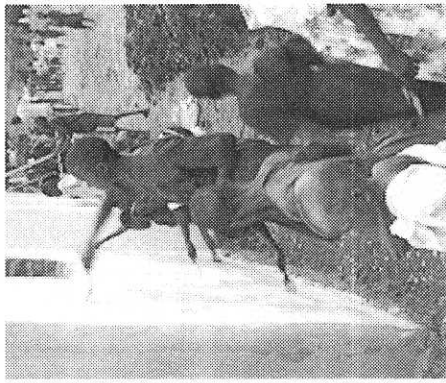
last year after ServeUganda completed major refurbishment to some of the classrooms - at that time the school had only 160 students. The pupils are mainly orphans or have only one parent who is unable to support them (a result of HIV/AIDS or the conflict in the North).

Our trip will work to expand the schools facilities to both catch up with the needs of this increased intake and to then be able to cope with a target number of 400 students. Our aim is to help the WTA to be fully sustainable.

In addition, there is a nearby Primary School, various small local orphanages and other local Christian organisations supporting broken families, that Serve Uganda will spend time with, providing

whatever support possible whilst in the area.

Our itinerary will include teaching, medical screening and building renovation - such as flooring, roofing, windows, fitting electrical fittings, painting, water catchment



## TAXI

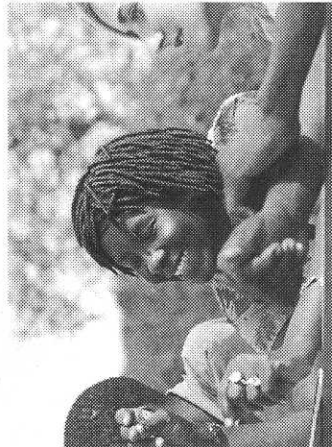
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etc. We will also be transporting as much school and medical provisions as we can carry out there. If you can help provide such supplies, please either contact a team member or Jerry Dugdale at the address or email shown below.

We have set ourselves a massive team target of £24,900. This amount has been budgeted to cover the trip costs, including the cost of building an extension to the school and all of the materials & supplies that we are going to need. Every pound raised above our target will be spent on additional supplies and equipment. Please note that each team member has al-



ready chipped in to cover the costs of their flights etc.

Donating through [www.justgiving.com/wta2009](http://www.justgiving.com/wta2009) website is very simple, fast, secure and straightforward. It is also a very efficient way to sponsor us; ServeUganda will receive your donation fast, and if you are a UK taxpayer, an extra 28% of tax will be added to your gift at no extra

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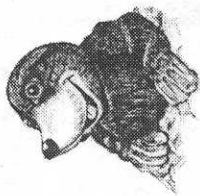
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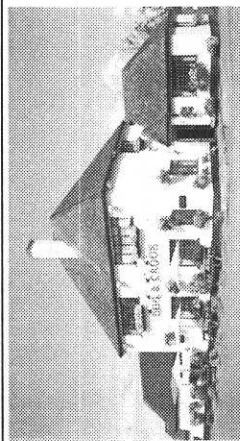
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Time waits for no man, as the saying goes and which at the moment, appears to be very much to the fore as all I seem to be doing is playing catch-up. The copy date is now looming large and so, before the editor begins to chase up, a few words must be put together.

We have now reached the halfway point in our annual activities. The next month or two will be the period when we turn to other ways of keeping the flag flying. During the past two months we have enjoyed the company of two excellent Speakers, Andrew McIndoe and Douglas Stewart. Andrew came along in April to talk about trees, what to do with them and where to plant them. His opening lines however, had little to do with trees as he related the importance of entering the correct post code into ones "sat-nav", having on one occasion finished up at the wrong location whilst on route to give a talk. He can have no such worries when making his way to Braishfield, he is, after all, as the saying goes, part of the furniture. As always, Andrew's talk was well presented and enjoyed by an attentive audience. Later in the evening he judged the Spring Show. Again this year, Sylvia Watts was the winner with Viv Robinson coming second, followed by Elizabeth Brown. Our congratulations go to these three ladies, together with our thanks to all those who took part.

In May, Douglas Stewart came down from Humberstone once more, this

time to explain to us, the manner in which plants and insects converse. It was a fascinating subject and one can but wonder at how on earth, those who research these matters, ever reach the answers. As usual Douglas's talk included a great deal of humour, he is a man who can hold ones interest, no matter what the subject. I am sure that the name of Douglas Stewart will appear on our programmes again in the future.

In June we will embark on our annual visits to some of the gardens included in the National Garden Scheme and which raise money for various charities. The first such outing, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, will take us to Durley, where, after spending time at "Flintstones", we will adjourn to the Robin Hood Public House for the usual arm bending exercise. Some will no doubt remember a visit to the Robin Hood some years ago, a little hostelry, where we all sat shoulder to shoulder. It is now much larger and has moved up-market. The food is excellent.

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of June we have planned a visit to Fritham Lodge, which has been well recommended. The "watering hole" on this occasion will be The Lamb at Nomanstand, A well known family run venue where again, the food is good.

The final trip away from home base will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, when we will be expected at "Braemoor", Bleak Hill, Harbridge,

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Nr Ringwood. Apart from the garden, there is a small Nursery attached which will be open during our visit. Later that evening we plan to move on to the "Old Beams" at Ibsley on our return run, another excellent hostelry.

Full details of these garden visits can be obtained from either myself or Jill Fahy.

When the Braishfield News is next dropped through your letterbox, a copy of the Flower Show schedule will also arrive. Do study it well. There are a few changes this time around, which, we hope, will encourage those among us, who maybe think we are not in the competitive league, to take part. It is important that the number of adult entries is an improvement on the numbers recorded last year.

Remember, also, that we plan to hold a Car Boot Sale, which it is

hoped will attract more visitors. Providing we can once again collect enough books we will be holding the usual sale of all kinds of literature. Once more the plea is, has anyone got books for which they would like to find a new home? Please let me know but hold on to them for a little longer as I am restricted for storage space.

In August we will all take a break again and prepare for a new start in September when we will welcome a new Speaker, Bryan Madders, who's subject will be, Some Unusual Perennials. Meanwhile, keep your fingers crossed for a good summer. The forecasters predict a warm summer, but they did that last year and look what happened.

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## Cricket Tests the Boundaries

As I was making my way to Winchester I passed a cricket match in progress on our village ground. The sun was still shining, the shadows were lengthening, and the scene looked like an English idyll of peaceful contentment. That, of course, is cricket at a distance. Up close - particularly if you are playing as a low-ranking batsman with a match to save, or as an incompetent fielder with an impossible catch to take - cricket can be a hell of fear, panic and recrimination.

Having played a good deal of club cricket over the years, and have the knackered knees to prove it, one recalls the makings of a team. By and large they are a tolerant, easy-going bunch, characters of all ages ranging from 13 to

89! Before the coin has spun they are cracking jokes, gossiping idly, winding each other up and fretting at moments pending when they will be held in judgment. The Captain is at the dynamics of male relationships - the joshing banter, the genuine sympathy, the sudden moment of cruelty, tension and rivalry.

Many in the past have seized on cricket as an emblem of England itself. The time of play allow events to unfold as each player of the team plays his part, which can prove a satisfying and at times provocative state of village drama. The English Game is a blinder that can knock us all out for a six. Catch it!

## BMADS PROVIDES TWO DONATIONS FOLLOWING LAST YEAR'S PRODUCTION

The BMADS production last year of Gogol's 'The Government Inspector' was very well attended and this contributed to an overall financial surplus for the year. Thanks to everyone who came and to all those who helped make it such a success.

As a result we decided at our recent AGM to make two donations, each of £100. One is to support the rebuilding of the Church Room, which we use for our rehearsals. The other is for Naomi House.

BMADS is grateful to all who have made this possible.

Richard Groves  
Treasurer, Braishfield Music and Drama Society

## Fixture List 2009

JULY		
5 Sunday	DR HARDINGS	H 2.30
8 Wednesday	LECKFORD	H 6.15
12 Sunday	CRAWLEY	A 2.30
19 Sunday	WEST MEON	A 2.30
26 Sunday	UPPER CLATFORD a	H 2.30
AUGUST		
2 Sunday	ROTHERFIELD	H 2.30(1)
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## FUN PAGE—HOLIDAY SPECIAL

This was sent around from Thomas Cook Holidays - listing some of the guests complaints during the season. " Some people should not be allowed to go on holiday!!!!" (Survey by Thos Cook and ABTA)

"I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."  
 "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time this should be banned."  
 "On my holiday to Goa in India , I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food at all."

"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."

A tourist at a top African game lodge overlooking a waterhole, who spotted a visibly aroused elephant, complained that the sight of this rampant beast ruined his honeymoon by making him feel "inadequate".

A woman threatened to call police after claiming that she'd been locked in by staff. When in fact, she had mistaken the "do not disturb" sign on the back of the door as a warning to remain in the room.  
 "The beach was too sandy."

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as yellow but it was white."

A guest at a Novotel in Australia complained his soup was too thick

and strong. He was inadvertently slurping the gravy at the time.  
 "Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women."

"We bought 'Ray-Ban' sunglasses for five Euros (£3.50) from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."

"No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled."

"It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England it only took the Americans three hours to get home."

"I compared the size of our one-bedroom apartment to our friends' three-bedroom apartment and ours was significantly smaller."

"The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the accommodation'. We're trainee hairdressers - will we be OK staying here?"

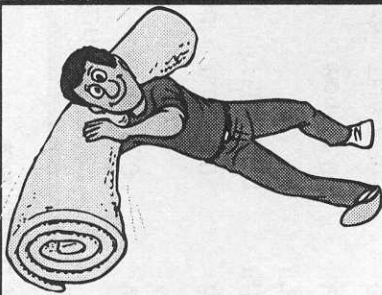
"There are too many Spanish people. The receptionist speaks Spanish. The food is Spanish. Too many foreigners."

"We had to queue outside with no air conditioning."

"It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

"I was bitten by a mosquito - no-one said they could bite."

"My fiancé and I booked a twin-bedded room but we were placed in a double-bedded room. We now hold you responsible for the fact that I find myself pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we



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