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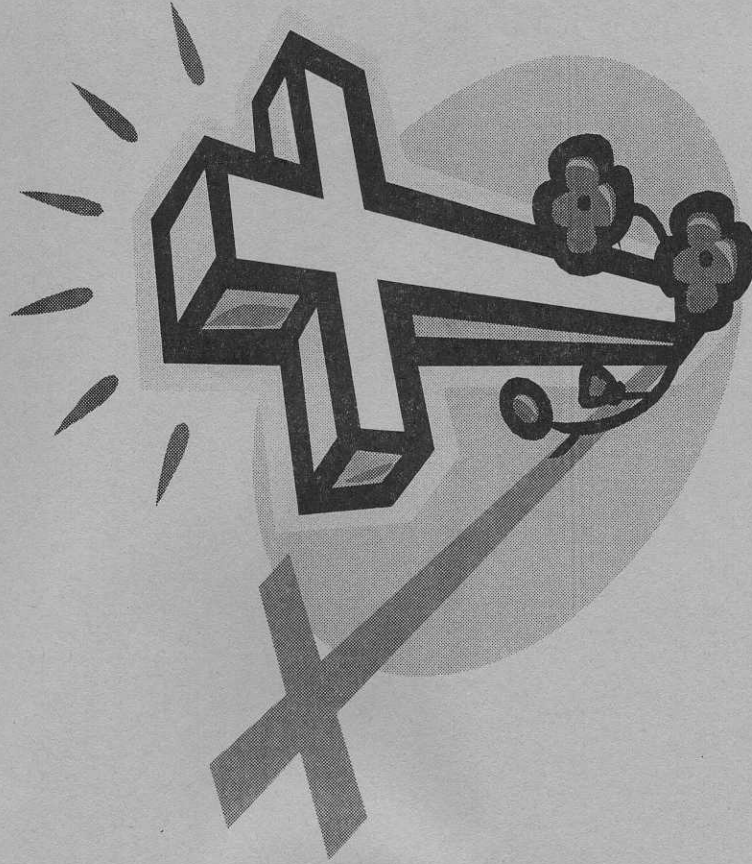
October			
5th	Mon	7-30	Wives Group Plus - Rectory Peter Grimes - Bee-keeping - "Is there honey still for tea?"
6th	Tues	7-00	Braishfield Parish Council
12th	Mon	12-00	Lunch Club in Village Hall - All welcome
13th	Tues	7-30	Braishfield Horticultural Society Gordon Massie - Six Magical Gardens
21st	Weds	12-2	Police Presence in Village Hall Car Park
22nd	Thurs	7-30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Eileen King - A talk on Coco Chanel
November			
2nd	Mon	7-30	Wives Group Plus DV - Trip to the Holy Land
3rd	Tues	7-00	Braishfield Parish Council
8th	Sun	10-50	Remembrance Service starts at the War Memorial
9th	Mon	12-00	Lunch Club in <u>Church Room</u> - All welcome
10th	Tues	7-30	Braishfield Horticultural Society - AGM
11th	Weds	10-50	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
18th	Weds	12-2	Police Presence in Village Hall Car Park
19th	Thurs	7-30	BMADS production 3 Days See Page 16
26th	Thurs	7-30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Dodi Stevens - Once Upon a Christmas Open Evening
27th	Fri	7-30	Village Quiz - see page 24
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

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forthcoming events to be published

BRAISHFIELD

Village Association NEWS

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Armistice Day Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Wednesday 11th November 10.50 am

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From the Chairman

Summer - even a deluged summer like the one just past - is always a precious time. The traditional activities in the Village have been remarkable in the range of activities, enterprise and enjoyable events that there have been. Congratulations to all those who have been involved and contributed including writing up the event for the News. In that way we are feel part of a close community which lifts our spirits and with an urge to take up the cudgel and join in.

Have we time to stand and stare? Not often enough is the probable answer. For me the last time I was struck dumb was on the Farley Walk on the coastal path in Cornwall a few years ago; nothing more fascinating than Land's End - the tip of England in the mighty Atlantic Ocean. You will recall 'He created the heavens without any pillars'. Even with the vast ocean on three sides it still manages to make its mark - rather than engulfing it, the giant Atlantic has taken it in its lap. The power of the ocean and the strength of the cliffs can reduce you to a mere spectator of nature and makes you question the futility of your existence. Even the seabirds seem more worthy in the magical environment. The end of our land marks the beginning of a journey - the gateway to other places and path of discovery.

Let us cast our mind back to July when Henry Allingham, one of the founding members of the RAF, the last man to have witnessed the Battle of Jutland, and at the time of his death the oldest man in the world. And then Harry Patch, who fought in the trenches at Passchendale, died too, aged 111; our last living link with the horrors of the Western Front has been extinguished. Will we now forget? I am sure not if the national commemorative service, which is planned, is held to mark the sacrifice of the generation that fought in the Great War. But is our annual observance of Remembrance Sunday and the two minute silence on Armistice Day itself that will ensure that their sacrifice and those of today will never be forgotten. The Village Diary on the back cover of the News will remind you of the Remembrance Day Sunday Service on 8 November and the gathering at the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance on Wednesday 11 November at 1050 am.

Let us enjoy the closing days of summer while we can before the evening light fades but it is the autumn that sometimes has the richer bite to it. The colours will soon be with us and with them the unexpected joys of a new season.

George Elliott
 Chairman

Your Letters

Village Lunch Club

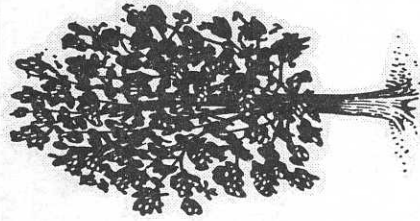
Good news - our newly renovated Church Room will be ready by November and we will be returning there for our November Lunch Club meeting on November 9th, and thereafter on the second Monday of the month. The Lunch Club meeting on October 12th will be in the Village Hall. All welcome.
Juliet Edwards 368465

Braishfield Senior Citizens lunch

It is time once again to start planning the Braishfield Senior Citizens lunch party. It will be held in on 31st January, invitation will be out in the New Year. If anyone aged 65 or over living in the village would like to join us for our 22nd year please ring Sharon on 368164. We would like to thank everyone who has given generous donation towards this great event. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Who knows what's in store this year!
Sharon Fielding and committee.

Seasonal Reminder !

As this seems to have been a particularly good year for blackberries, we would like to remind residents of their responsibility to keep pavements and paths around their property clear of overhanging branches. Not only blackberries of course, but other greenery which can also cause obstructions. The Parish Council endeavours to maintain the village footpaths but the co-operation of all local residents in helping to keep our pavements and pathways tidy would be much appreciated.
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Discovery and Fitness Trail

A project has been proposed to provide a Discovery and Fitness Trail on the village recreation ground. The proposal has been put forward by the BVA Committee. Funds for the project would be met by the Dr Hunt Legacy, given to the BVA in the 1990s, and a grant from Biffaward, which qualifies Braishfield to bid for a share of the proceeds obtained from recycling our waste.

The Village has a wonderful recreation ground which is well used by the Football Club, Primary School and community events. It is the village centre together with the Village Hall for sport, games and activities of every kind.

The aim of the project is to provide facilities and fun for the community that will encourage activities for both body and mind. The trail would counter the trend towards an inactive lifestyle and encourage structured physical activity in adults and children. The Trail would run from the Children's Play Area by the Village Hall on the far side of the recreation ground following the line of trees on the perimeter for one

hundred and fifty yards to the School. It would comprise 10 fitness stations to provide progressive activity for both adults and children: Leap Frogs (6), Stride Jumps (4), Gear Change, Jump and Touch Pole, Over and Under Hurdles, Balance Run, Tricep Dips, Step Ups, Press Ups, and Sit Ups.

The Discovery Trail will be linked with the environment, science and nature by sensitive signs or questions posed to children by a teacher/adult in order to alert their senses and the imagination. The School would decide the detail. The trail would blend into the landscape and make the maximum use of the edge of the 'open space'.

The School and Football Club support the project. The Parish Council and BVA Committee would like to hear from you before 16th November if you have a view or any suggestions concerning the Discovery and Fitness Trail. The decision how to proceed with the project will then be taken.

George Elliott, Chairman BVA.

Rubbish News

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

Recycle weeks beginning 12th & 26th October. 9th & 23rd November
Household weeks beginning 5th & 19th October. 2nd, 16th & 30th November

Braishfield School News

Braishfield School Open Day Monday 28th September

In order to give you the opportunity to spend some time in our school we are holding an Open Day on Monday 28th September 2009.

You are welcome to pop in at any time during the day and stay for as long as you would like.

You will discover at first hand that we have a welcoming, warm, inclusive ethos where all our children are valued and all personal needs are met.

The oldest children will just have returned from a week's residential in France and will no doubt be eager to share their experience with you.

Our youngest children will have really begun to find their feet and I'm sure they will want to share their achievements with you. With

only a maximum of 14 children in each year group and plenty of adult support our children receive the very best education from a team of excellent teaching and support staff.

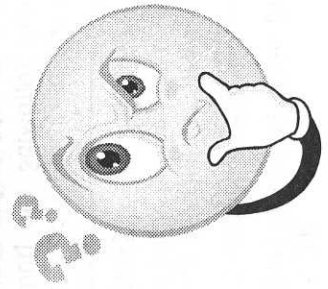
The Admin staff ensure the wheels run smoothly and will be able to talk to you during visit.

All our staff are more than happy to answer questions during your visit - but my advice would be to ask the children - they are the really important ones!

Please pass the word to friends and neighbours with younger children due to start school in September 2010 as this is the perfect opportunity to see the school and get a good idea of our friendly family atmosphere.

Mrs C M Carter -Frost
Headteacher

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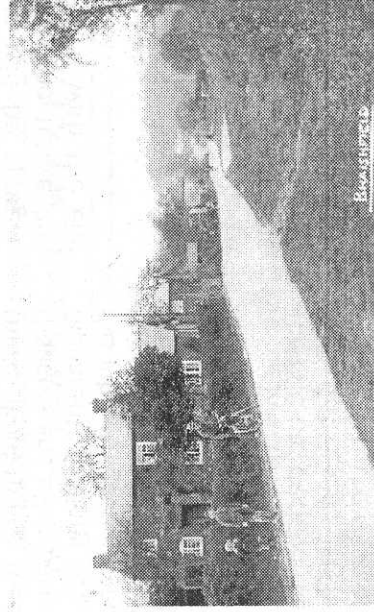
Braishfield Village History

the hope of prompting more replies. If you have mislaid your form, please contact us and we will bring you a new one.

We hope that you will wish to participate in this valuable local project. Any information, however insignificant it might seem at first, will be helpful in building up a picture of the history of people and their lives in Braishfield.

Rosalie & Alan Gurr
The Old Village Stores
368315

rosaliegurr@talktalk.net



The House Archive

We sent out a questionnaire with the February 2009 issue of the BVA News asking for information about the history of your house. We would like to thank those of you who have gone to some trouble to return the form - making a valuable contribution to this project.

We are still hoping for many more returns, so we shall be delivering more questionnaires progressively around the village in

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All Saints Church & Church Room Building Project

By the time you read this all the Church Room building work will have been completed and we will be trying to finish the project by making the curtains perhaps sitting on the new chairs!

Those of you who came to the Open Day will know that there has been an amazing transformation of the old, rather sad looking Church Room, into one which has modern facilities and all the requirements under today's rules and regulations. The room is a wonderful asset for the village, which we know will be appreciated by many in the future and the PCC is thrilled with the end result.

In addition to the planned work we have taken the opportunity to pipe water up the main church path and install a tap near the Church as well as moving the tap in the car park to inside the church gate so as to make life easier for those tending graves. We have also realised it was essential to have a loft ladder for accessing the storage area over the Church Room kitchen. These benefits will cost us an extra £2000.

It is absolutely wonderful to be able to say that, through the generosity of so many people, we are within £3500 of our target of £255,000, which is quite amazing!

What an example of community spirit!

As you can see we still need £5500 and there is still time to make donations to the fund. If you would like to do so please contact the Treasurer, Graham Bennett on 368109, or pick up a leaflet at the back of the Church.

We are so grateful to Dick Ord, who has been our main contractor for the project. It has made our lives so much easier to have someone doing the work who is not only very good at his job, but is also someone who doesn't panic, thinks about things, listens to our thoughts and ideas patiently and (apparently) calmly gets on with the job with good humour. It has been great to have his son Ben working alongside and his brother Mark has been part of the team for a good few weeks.

The PCC has decided that to start with, just to see what happens, we will 'let' the room on a suggested donation basis; the type of usage will also have a bearing. We have to cover the running costs, i.e. electricity, water, insurance, safety checks, cleaning and maintenance, which in the past has come out of Church funds as there was very little income from the use of the room. The aim is not to make a lot of profit, just enough to pay the bills and to have sufficient put by to paint the

outside for example, when it is needed. Having gone to the extremes that have led to the transformation, we do have to look after it!

The official opening is on November 1st when the Bishop of Winchester is coming to a special service to celebrate all the work we have done and completed on the Church and Church room in the last few years. All will be most welcome at the service, which will be at 11am, and to refreshments in the Church Room afterwards.

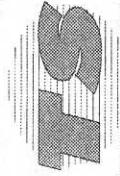
If you would like to use the room for a meeting or function of some

kind, you can make enquiries by either telephoning me on 01794 368015, or emailing braishfield-churchroom@googlemail.com

where I will pick up any messages. We are making our own entry for the Braishfield web page, which we'll be able to finish when we have photographs of it complete, with beautifully made curtains!

Wendy Quarendon
On behalf of Braishfield All Saints PCC

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ALFRED HENRY BLAKE 1939 - 2009

Alfred Henry Blake was born at Yokesford Hill, Belbins on 5th December 1939. He was the sixth son of a large family. He enjoyed walking in the woods and swimming in the lake that bordered the garden. Alf attended Timsbury School then on to Romsey Boys School in Station Road and from there to the Secondary School behind the Plaza which was commonly known as "The Cow Sheds".

At fifteen Alf started work at Carters Plant, Yokesford Hill as a machine driver alongside some of his brothers. From there he moved to Reed and Malik as a welder for many years and then transferred to Reema Construction, North Baddeley where he was unfortunately made redundant when the work's closed in 1976. Never to be out of work, Alf carried on welding for several local companies and in 1982 took a job with the local Council as a refuse collection driver and initially thinking this would be a short term role he ended up staying nearly 22 years.

As a young man Alf enjoyed going to the local dances where he met Irene at an Ampfield dance. They married four years later in 1962 at All Saints Braishfield. They set up home in Braishfield Lodge and then went on to rent a cottage off Hursley Hunt Kennels which they later bought and then they moved to The Harrage in Romsey in 1975. Alf and Irene had two sons, Michael

who unfortunately died as a baby and Christopher their surviving son who married Charlotte who then gave Alf great joy of having two grandchildren, Hannah and Grace which he adored.

Alf was a quiet man who valued his family and provided well for them. His pleasures were his home and garden and was always to be found in the greenhouse or his shed tinkering. He could turn his hand to most things - plumbing, electrical or repairing his car, which he would do a day before a long journey to go on holiday. His interests included photography, walking, motor cycle scrambling and grass track as a spectator.

In later years Alf and Irene took a caravan which they travelled throughout the UK. This unfortunately became too much for Alf and he had to take early retirement in 2003. He was unfortunately not to be in best of health and was in great pain, but never complained. The one wish he had was to go to Canada which he managed to fulfil only last year.....

Irene and Family



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CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that the Children's Play Area in the Recreation ground is to be completely refurbished with the installation of all new play equipment, seats, fencing and gates at a cost of approx. £40,000.00.

The current equipment is about 30 years old and is showing signs of its age as well as struggling to pass its annual inspection. Following visits by members of the Parish Council to other play areas to view equipment, and discussions with various children and also the Braishfield School Council, 2 children from each year group, a specification was drawn up of the equipment required.

The funding for the refurbish-

ment has been met by Grants awarded from Sita Trust (£20,000), Viridor Credits (£10,000) and Test Valley Borough Council (£10,000), and the Parish Council are very grateful for the award of these grants.

Sita Trust and Viridor Credits are major Waste Management Companies which operate landfill sites within Hampshire and the funding is through the Landfill Communities Fund from which the two companies distribute funding within their area of operation.

The Parish Council is planning to complete the project by the end of this year which will offer the children of the village an opportunity to enjoy the new play equipment.

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Sheep matter at Elm Grove

The main excitement in the last few weeks was at the beginning of September when the lambs were weaned from their mothers. Kate had to gather ewes and lambs in suitably sized groups, run them through her 'race' directing lambs and ewes in different directions (a very noisy process), then load the lambs into her trailer ready for their little trip up to the fields on the right of Braishfield Road and Sandy Lane, which is their new home for the next few months. Those of us who live round here had a very noisy time while the ewes were working where their lambs had gone. At the same time the ewes are supposed to be 'starved' for a day or two after weaning, to help their milk dry up, so quite a stressful time for them. After 36 hours Kate moved them into another field and we haven't heard a thing since. Probably forgotten about their children already!

It is wonderful to see Kate working with the sheep, Tilly her working sheep dog alongside, loving being busy controlling things. Her dogs are very happy dogs, lovely, good, friendly, and so obedient. Her oldest, Kimmy, who Kate had as

a young dog, died a few weeks ago. She became poorly and a tumour was discovered; Kate had her home for a week or two and was able to spend time with her, but inevitably, she died. There is still Poppy who is a darling but doesn't actually do any work, and Tilly who is a credit to her breed.

The next job for Kate is to select the ewes that will be chosen for keeping to breed from. She does this by checking that their udders and teeth are in a good state. It seems obvious that the udders have to be working well, but teeth? Ideally they have a healthy set, if there are gaps and loose teeth they can't feed well enough to remain in good enough condition to carry lambs; if they have no teeth at all they can cope quite well with feeding. I suppose the grass and hay is sort of mashed up with their gums, a lovely image! After this inspection, those that aren't in good enough condition will be sent to market.

Did you know that each lamb has to have a tag in an ear, which identifies it and its place of birth, a sort of proof of existence. Any lamb that will be used for breeding purposes, ei-

ther a ram or a ewe, has to have a second tag, in its other ear. This is a repeat of the original tag, in place so that if one falls out there is a second. If one does fall out it has to be replaced. It reminds me of a comedy program where a cow died and it couldn't be disposed of because its tag had been lost so there was no proof it had existed!

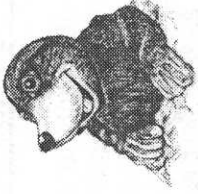
The hay is sitting in the Dutch barn ready for the feeding the ewes in the winter. Ian was very lucky to have a 'window of opportunity' to make hay and he took it, working into the night, then holding his breath hoping for a dry few days so the

work could be safely completed. It is always comforting to have lots of bales in the barn.

Don't forget, if you would like an Elm Grove lamb at the end of the year, give Kate a ring and she will make sure she keeps enough to fulfil orders. You can order a half rather than a whole and it doesn't take too much space in the freezer. Her number is 368794.

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Sir Robert and Lady Chiltern are the couple who have everything at the centre of glittering 1890s London society. But the arrival of a mysterious woman from Vienna threatens to ruin Sir Robert's life when she blackmails him over the dark secret that launched his political career.

In desperation, Sir Robert turns to his best friend Lord Goring who is romantically involved with Sir Robert's sister Mabel. Can Lord Goring spare time from coining

Willean epigrams to save his friend? Or does the mystery woman perhaps have a dark hold over him, too? And will Lady Chiltern, Sir Robert's adoring and up-right wife, also be brought down by shady compromise?

Brimming with sharply drawn characters, melodrama and comedy, Wilde's 'new and original play of modern life' is startlingly relevant today. Featuring both familiar BMADS players and new faces, this promises to be an entertaining and stimulating evening.

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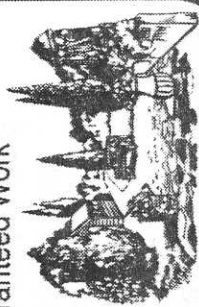
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Remembrance

The dignity and appropriateness of the Village Memorial built in stone to the 28 soldiers killed in the two World Wars speaks for itself. Those who pause to pay their respects can recognise the statement; the indestructibility of the human spirit and it also proclaims a resilience against those who would, in one way or another, remove our freedoms.

As a people, we are exceptionally good at memorials. This may be an immodest claim. Even before the wars and destructions of the last 100 years, we had perfected the art of the epitaph, with its combination of honesty and wit: they are to be found in almost every parish church in England. They accept death as a frequent visitor to the parish; but they accept, too, that life goes on.

When we read the walls of these churches, we see a world very different from our own: women dead in childbirth at 21 or 22, men living life to the full in preparation for death that often comes in the fifties or sixties, couples who were survived by perhaps only two or three of 11 or 12 children. There is regret, of course, in these stone tablets; but rarely pity. It reflected the inevitability, for many, of an early demise.

For these reasons, it is the memorials from the Great War that cause a true sense of pity in those who look at them. There was nothing inevitable among these young men's deaths, at least not until

they got to the front. Simple tablets in church, or crosses on plinths on village greens, record the deaths of what must have been a whole swathe of the local population.

It is here that one first notices the contrast between the British way of dealing with such a holocaust and that of other people. Understatement is almost always the key. It would be a fine world if we lived to see no more monuments raised in our parks and on our streets, and in our churches; it would mean no more wars, and no more senseless acts of violence against entirely innocent people. Yet we know that memorials will one day be needed for the dead in Iraq, and now with horrible frequency, in Afghanistan.

It was in July when I sensed a change. It was after the sudden and tragic death of 22 of our soldiers that month, with 94 wounded, which coincided with the parade through Romsey of two companies of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. As I stood in the crowd I felt the resolve grow within and all about me, as if we were one, and it was extraordinarily uplifting. It was a feeling above politics and quite uncomplicated. We were there standing cheering our 'Boys and Girls', who had shown the way. Somehow we all knew that we, the Nation, had been here before... the chips were down as in times past ... the future had to be faced and we were ready.

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Braishfield Horticultural Society

With the summer, such as it was, now fading away, the time has come to embark on the final activities of our annual programme. As with last year, we were promised a hot summer but once again the experts got it wrong. Forecasting appears to have become a hit or miss affair.

At the start of our September Meeting, the members stood in silence as a mark of respect for two ladies, now sadly no longer with us, Meryl Simms and Betty Ayres. They will be long remembered by their many friends, having been not only very much part of our Society, but also for their involvement with all that went on in the Village.

Bryan Madders was our Speaker for September. It was his first visit to Braishfield and his subject was, 'Some Unusual Perennials'. Bryan gave us an interesting talk on a large number of plants, most of which were grown in his own garden and a number of which came from countries as far away as Japan and South America. The talk was as usual, supported by a slide show.

On Tuesday October 6th, we will welcome Gordon Massie who will take us on a journey from Aberdeen to the South of France through Six Magical Gardens. Be sure to come along. The Autumn Show will also be held on the same evening. Please do

your best, all ye with green fingers, to support this occasion. For the benefit of anyone unable to find their programme, 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). Go to it.

The Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies has this year, decided to create a Website. All gardening clubs and societies have been invited to be included. The idea being to make available, details of the activities of the various groups and locations, in particular, to enable anyone wishing to join in, find a suitable venue. Braishfield will be included. There are no further details to hand at the moment but we will pass on all information once we have it.

A number of clubs and societies do have their own websites. A whole list of these can be found by carrying out a search on Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies and clicking on, e.VOLve Directory Listings.

Time now to mention the last act for 2009, the Annual General Meeting which will take place on Tuesday 10th November. As always, it is sure to be an enjoyable evening with much socialising once the business has been dealt with. Be sure to come along, have your say if you have ideas to put forward and above all, be among many

friends. Nominations to serve as Committee members should be passed to me prior to the Meeting.

With that I will take my leave, but
Bob Thomson



Braishfield Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Braishfield Horticultural Society will be held in the

Braishfield Village Hall on Tuesday 10th November 2009 at 7.30 pm

The Chairman and Committee cordially invite all members to be present.

Nominations for Committee Members should be sent to the Secretary before the Meeting

Following the business of the evening there will be a Social Gathering with wine and refreshments
We look forward to your company

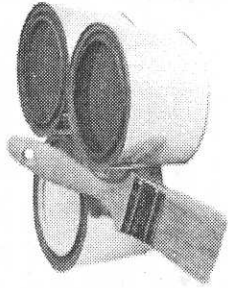
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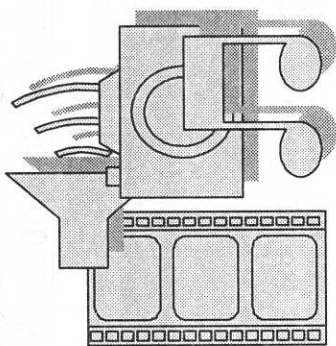
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Friday 27th November

7-30pm

Braishfield Village Hall

Teams of 4* £3 per head

Entries representing Village Associations,

Activities and Groups encouraged

Bring your own refreshments

*Teams can be formed on the night

FUN PAGE (Say What You See)

R O A D S
R O A D S

1. t-junction
2. split roads
3. cross roads
4. cross junction
5. four roads



1. just round the corner
2. rounded corners
3. just four edges
4. just around the corner
5. just around four corners

KNEE
LIGHTS

1. Neon lights
2. Night lights
3. lights under
4. down lights
5. put on the lights



1. Apple pie
2. One and a half apple
3. Apply for shares
4. Apple in a pie
5. Applicables

J U S E
I O I S I I

1. just u & me
2. just btw the two of us
3. just btw you and me
4. its just you and me
5. just by you and me

G N I K A M
(S) (S) (S) (S)

1. gaining for lost time
2. making lost sounds
3. making up for lost sounds
4. making up for lost time
5. making lost rhymes

P R O M I S E

1. the promise
2. by promise
3. broken promises
4. split promise
5. broken promise

JACK

1. jack black
2. route around jack street
3. locked-up jack
4. jack in a box
5. squared jack

1. I understand you undermine my undertaking
2. I stand to make you mine for the taking
3. I understand you undertake to undermine my undertaking
4. I understand you undermine my undertaking
5. I undermine my undertaken I undertake

economy

1. rising economy
2. growing economy
3. large economy
4. varying economy
5. my economy

STAND TAKE MINE TAKING
I YOU 2 MY

Do you have something that can be shared on the FUN PAGE.

Please E-mail it to mike@braishfield.org

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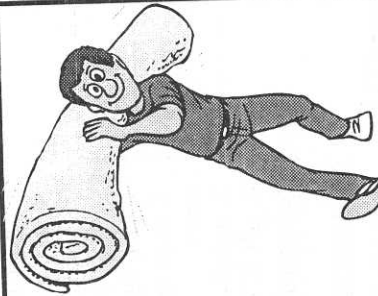
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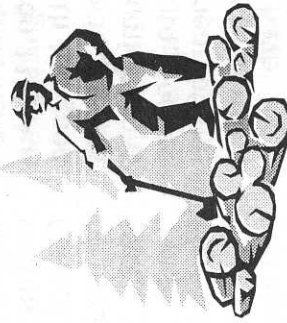


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Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers the Council's meetings held on 21st July and 1st September. Additionally there was an extra meeting on 11th August to discuss the playground grant applications.

You might recall in the last newsletter it was mentioned that there is now a Councillor vacancy owing to the resignation of Simon Palmer. Unfortunately nobody has stepped forward to fill the vacancy and so no appointment was made at the September meeting. If anyone is interested, please will they contact the Chairman, Mike Prince, at Yew Tree Cottage in Church Lane.

The extra meeting on 11th August was to deal with the good news that the Council now has sufficient money promised to it in grants to allow it to proceed with the refurbishment of the playground. The meeting noted that sums have been promised from TVBC (£10000), SITA UK (£20000) and Viridor Waste Management (£10000). The last two have been promised out of funds which waste management companies may

pay out of landfill tax.

However, the Council has not quite got all this money because it has to pay the companies a fee for it. This might seem a little odd, but the waste management companies are not allowed to pay for the administration of the landfill tax grants out of the grant pot itself. Someone has to pay so they charge a fee which is approximately 11% of the grant. The Council hopes to be able to cover these fees with what is known as Section 106 monies. These are funds levied by TVBC on new properties in the village at the time of granting of planning permission. So there are some funds from one or two houses in the village waiting to be spent and the Council is applying for them to be used on the playground project.

The extra meeting finalised the design of the playground and agreed to pay the 11% fees to the waste management companies.

On other matters the July meeting asked the clerk to obtain an honours board which

will record the names of Chairmen and Clerks since the creation of Braishfield Parish Council in 1951. The board has now been received and an order for engraving will probably be given in October after the next meeting.

Getting back to the Section 106 levy on new properties, it turns out that a number of planning applicants (in other Parishes) have had the demand for the levy overturned on appeal where there has been no clear need for the money. Consequently Test Valley Borough Council has asked Parish Councils to nominate any projects which require such funding. In Braishfield, the playground is an obvious project but the replacement pavilion has also been mentioned as a possible.

Two important topics are under discussion by the Council. The first of these is affordable housing. Readers will doubtless know that the provision of affordable housing is attracting increased prominence and so the Council is giving it some thought. Call it what you will, but there has been no construction of 'social' housing in Braishfield for 50 years. Hill

View (right hand side) and Common Hill are pre-war and Hill View (left hand side) is 1950s, followed by Hill View bungalows and Chapel Close.

The Council recognises that this is a very sensitive subject and that no site in the village is likely to get unanimous agreement from parishioners. A number of sites around the village have been suggested by Community Action Hampshire, but all rejected by a combination of the Council and TVBC planners. However a subsequent site opposite the School has received a favourable response from the planners and this is now being investigated. If it turns out that it becomes possible to build affordable housing on this site, then the Parish Council will hold a public meeting to discuss it.

The other important topic under discussion at the moment is the question of the rural settlement boundary review. This obviously needs an explanation. The policy of building houses in Test Valley as defined in the 2005 Borough Local Plan is that there will be no building in the countryside (ie outside Romsey and Andover) except near to the centres of

rural settlements (eg Braishfield) as shown on maps attached to the Borough Local Plan. These maps show lines along the roads where it is permissible to build new housing, though it is recognised that most of the lines are opposite existing housing where it is not possible to build anything more.

settlements.

Rather than lines along roads on a map, the places will be defined by areas. Where there is a line today, it is likely that in future the line will be extended around the back of the houses to create such an area. If there is a wish to prevent the construction of housing behind existing houses (so-called backland development) then the line round the back will be drawn fairly tightly near to the rear of the building even though there might be a deep back garden.

The 2005 Borough Local Plan was accepted by the Government Planning Inspector of the day but an adverse comment was made about the 'line' policy as it was too restrictive in certain situations. These maps will form part of the 'Core Strategy' (which will replace the Borough Local Plan) about which rude comments have been made by a Government Planning Inspector, as you may have read in the Romsey Advertiser. Given the enforced delay to the production of the Core Strategy and the adverse comments made four years ago, TVBC has decided that it needs to push on with a different system of defining where housing may be built in rural

Anyway, having said all that, Parish Councillors attended a training session with TVBC and Ampfield Parish Council and it is considering how to respond to TVBC's call for suggestions. This is happening throughout Test Valley and not just in Braishfield. Needless to say, TVBC will produce their ideas on a draft map which will be available for consultation as is always the case with such plans.

John Rhodes

For information on planning applications in Braishfield and for copies of Parish Council Minutes etc, you can find these on www.braishfield.org.uk

Braishfield Residents guide

The next Issue of The residents Guide will be delivered with the February 2010 News

Do you run a club or society within Braishfield or the surrounding area that you would like mentioned in the guide

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