

Braishfield Village Diary

December

7th	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council
13th	Monday	12pm 7.30p m	Lunch Club in Church Room – All welcome Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Christmas Workshop
16th	Thursday	7-9pm	Sherry and Mince Pies at the home of Shirley and Rusty "Eltoc"
21st	Tuesday	7pm	Carols by Candlelight at United Reformed Church
22nd	Wednesday	2pm	Mobile Library Service
24th	Friday	10-11am	Police Beat Surgery in Village Hall Carpark

January

4th	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council
10th	Monday	12.00	Lunch Club in Church Room - All welcome
11th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society—Garden Birds
18th	Tuesday	8.00	BVA Annual General Meeting
24th	Monday	10-11	Police Beat Surgery in Village Hall Car Park
27th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society AGM

Weekly

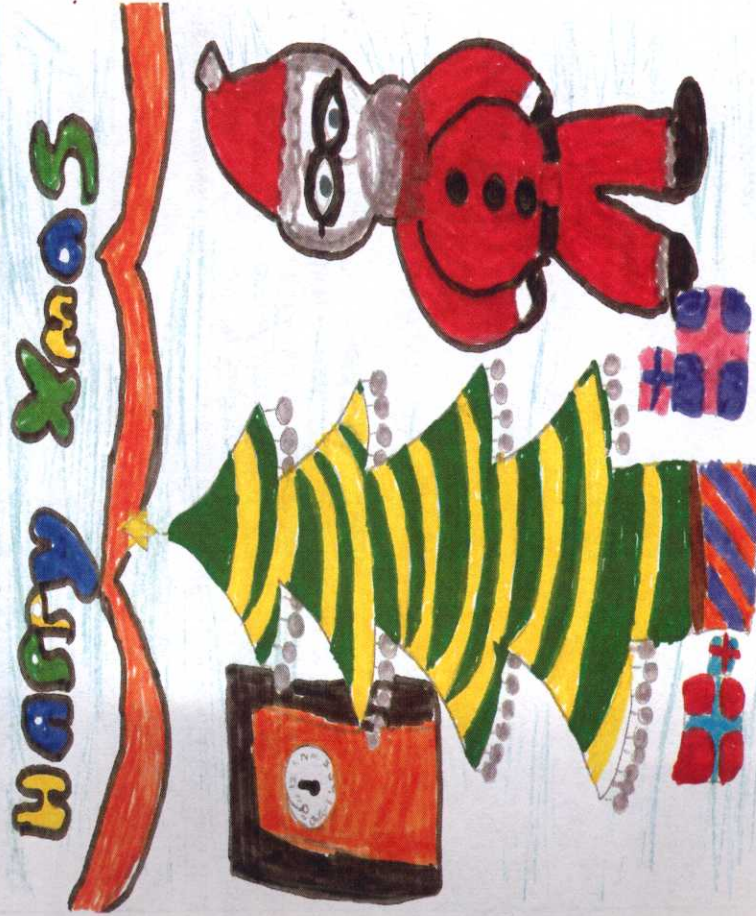
Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	Braishfield Toddler Group, Tel: 367710
Thursday	10.00 - 12.00	Braishfield Art Group

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BRAISHFIELD Village Association NEWS

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As always the children of Braishfield School have produced their own Christmas cards. This one is by Jasmine in Oaks class.

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 17th January 2011

From the Chairman

After my dismal failure in the culinary section of this year's Flower Show (Class 68 - Men's Special, Guinness Cake), which I managed to burn to a crisp, I've decided to have another crack at it as our Christmas cake. It's very fruity, and actually, when we'd shaved off all the burnt stuff the inside tasted quite good. No one will eat it of course - all too full of turkey and such - but it's the thought that counts. I might enlist some technical assistance with the icing.

You'll read a tribute to Bruce and Lucy Kington, who will be leaving the village in December. December 5th, I believe, will be Bruce's last service here. We all wish them both a long and happy retirement, and I cite one further achievement to their very considerable contribution to village life. I believe it was Bruce's idea but, if not, it was his very strong support which established the Village Lunch taking place each month in the Church Rooms. Not a 'churchy' affair, just a nice lunch of soup and pudding, and an opportunity to meet and have a gossip with friends.

I've two other brief footnotes to articles you'll find in this issue. The first is a message I've had from the family of the late Dr Hunt, whose bequest made it possible for us to donate the Trimtrail to the village. His nephew said how delighted his uncle would be with the idea and, having no children of his own, he would have been so very

pleased to see the older children at the school swarming all over the equipment at the opening ceremony and subsequently. He loved children.

The other concerns the 11th November ceremony at the War Memorial, conducted with quiet dignity by George Elliott. One of those present was Molly Russell, who confided to a friend (who told me!) that this was her 80th occasion. She first stood there on 11th November 1930, in her Brownie uniform! Mollie herself had an interesting wartime career, but that perhaps should be left for another occasion.

Let me close with a seasonal anecdote. The school Nativity play: Jimmy, aged 7, has been drafted in as second Wise Man, carrying a parcel which he has to give to the baby Jesus. Trouble is, Jimmy can't get into his head how to pronounce 'frankincense', not made any easier by not knowing what it is and why you'd give it to a baby. Many rehearsals only add to his confusion, so in the end the teachers just offer a prayer that he'll 'be OK on the night'. So there he is, in front of the whole school, parents, governors, the lot. His friend Freddy hands over the gold. It's his turn. He shoves the parcel at Joseph, bright red in the face, swallows hard and says 'Frank sent this!'

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year.

From the Editor

Well another year flashes by in a blur-and to think that, as children, this was exactly what we yearned for so that we could move into the exciting adult world - no longer! Thank you as always for all your inputs - many unsolicited which delights me so please keep it coming for future editions - anything that crosses your mind.

One shortfall on my part. I have promised to put in a piece on Newcomers. I fear that, apart from welcoming the new Wheatsheaf team, I have failed on the Villager front, partly through lack of information and certainly my self-imposed need to clear it with the individuals. On that score, I would be delighted if any of you who have moved here in the last year, and obviously receive this magazine, feel that you are happy to be named and praised, please contact me directly and we can discuss individual angles. If you can make it by the next deadline (17th January) that would be good. As always, feedback governs the health of a magazine—please “bring it on” even if it lands on my chin!

I do hope you enjoy your read—and if not I suppose you could always light a Yuletide Log with it! A very Merry Christmas and excellent 2011.



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Your Letters

The Parish Council have been advised that irresponsible dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul the Recreation Ground and are not clearing up after them.

As you know, the recreation ground is used by many children of all ages, not just the school, and dog faeces can cause potential life threatening illnesses to young children.

The contamination of the football pitch is also a major problem for Braishfield Football Club as they have to check the entire pitch before they can play a game and clean up mess left by dogs. The pitch is then further checked by the match referee who can cancel a game if the pitch is not clear.

It has also been brought to our notice that contamination around footpaths in the village has also become a problem.

Please can we ask that at all times, dog faeces are cleaned up immediately.

We have a very pleasant village, lets keep it clear of this nuisance.

6Many thanks

Mike Prince
Chairman B.P.C.

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Your Letters (cont)

greatly appreciated. This month, the BVA committee would like to express special thanks to Colin Kemp of Eldon Lane who has recently 'retired' from his round centred in and around Lower Street, after many years of quietly ensuring that twenty-three households would regularly be able to enjoy 'a good read'. In September, Nicky and Peter Smith, ably supported by Carole and Steve Renvoize, kindly stepped in to take on Colin's delivery route ... thank you all.

If anyone else in the village would be interested in helping out in the future with magazine deliveries, I should be very pleased to hear from you; many hands make light work etc.! Please contact me on R. 368193 if you would like to get involved.

Anne Edwards.

Help for Heroes at the Newport Inn

We would very much like your support to sing Carols with the Michelmersh Silver Band on Thursday 9th December.

This is a small tribute to those brave lads coming home from the conflicts abroad with such dreadful and sad injuries. With bad legs myself, I feel very much for these brave and indomitable lads who have suffered the loss of limbs and other equally bad wounds.

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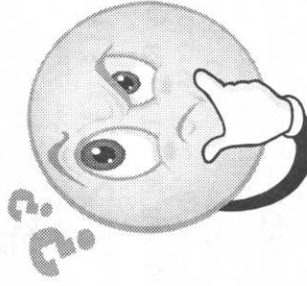
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Remembrance Day

A village paused to remember.....

At 11 o'clock on 11 November, 92 years to the second that the guns fell silent on the Western Front, many of us [28 to be exact], once more stood by the War Memorial in an act of private recollection of those who fought and, in too many cases, died for our country.

The steady tolling of the bells of All Saints by Hannah Boothman on the eleventh hour, a measured mellow sound, could be distinctly heard by those at the Memorial - an abiding moment. Three days later on 14 November, Braishfield All Saints and Braishfield United Reformed Church held a United Service of Remembrance which began at the Memorial.

The Very Revd Trevor Beeson and Hazel Roberts, URC Lay Preacher, officiated. Over 100 residents assembled from the village, including Molly Russell who has loyally attended the Remembrance service for 80 years - a magnificent record! Also present was a representation from all sections of the two Churches: the Church Wardens and members of the All Saints choir, the uniformed Scouts and Cubs, and Brownies.

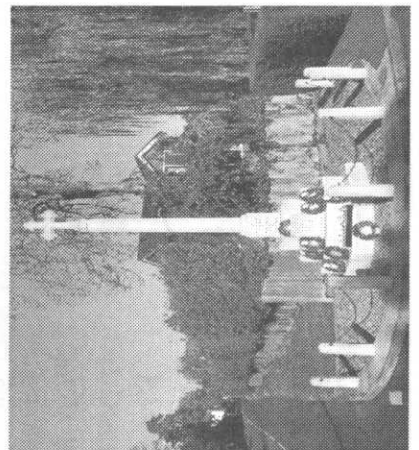
Adults and children alike were there to mark the occasion. It was very moving to see the two Brownies Katherine Maxwell and Olivia

Denham, both aged 9, laying a wreath with infinite care and earnest intention - beautifully done. Also later, the 'gathering' proceeded back to All Saints and after receiving of colours, the Service continued.

Rebecca Weare of the Scouts paraded the colour with great steadiness of purpose, up the aisle to the altar to be received by the Very Revd Trevor Beeson. It was 'uplifting' for all of us to participate in this ceremony of Remembrance, executed quietly without fuss or demonstration, to show our gratitude and sharing in our thanksgiving for the freedoms we have - democracy and rule of law.

We can gather strength from our collective identity on these special occasions and for being part of a community of which we are proud.

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Obituary : Alan Fielding

Alan was born in Romsey Hospital on the 15th August 1955, he was the son of Sam and Dorothy and they lived at 1 Common Hill Road and Alan spent all his life living at that house.

He attended Braishfield School where his passion for sport thrived under the watchful eye of Mrs Shepherd; he then went on to Romsey School where his love of sport continued.

He left school and 2 weeks before his 15th birthday he started work at Howarth castings and many people will remember him cycling to work every day; he completed 40 years service this year.

He followed in his father and brothers footsteps by playing football for Braishfield and played for them for his entire career.

Alan married Sharon (who was also born in the village) on a very hot June day in 1986, 2 years later Craig was born and then in 1991 Laura followed. He was a true family man and was very proud of both his children.

Apart from football his other passion was his garden and he spent many hours digging his vegetable patch but gave most of his produce away.

Alan died on the 30th October 2010 following a short illness and was buried at All Saints Church, not only was the church full to capacity, and as many people again had to listen to the service from the church yard.

Alan was a quiet honest man and was well respected by all who knew him; he will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

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“KEEP THOSE DITCHES CLEAR”

Say the county as the heavens open. Hampshire's highway bosses have urged residents to clean out their ditches and watercourses in a bid to prevent flooding.

It follows heavy rain across the county this week that has led to flooding on some roads. Drains have been blocked by fallen leaves and water has run off fields and on to roads in some areas.

Hampshire's cabinet spokesman for the environment, Mel Kendal, said “It's impossible to stop all flooding, but some fairly basic tasks, done regularly, can make all the difference in minimising damage.

We can all do our bit, for example by making sure that ditches and watercourses are kept clear of leaves and vegetation, and not depositing grass cuttings or other rubbish in them. Drainage systems in Hampshire are at least 50 years old and were not built to cope with the levels of rainfall we are now experiencing.”

Remember the BVA Website www.braishfield.org

Rubbish News

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

Recycle weeks beginning 6th & 20th December, 3rd, 17th & 31st January.

Household weeks beginning 13th & 27th December, 10th & 24th January.

Garden waste green bags are collected the same week as household waste, on a Friday morning.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Collections will be on their usual days between 20th-31st December
No collections on Monday 3rd January so collections will be a day later
from Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th January 2011

Only reasonable side waste will be collected between 27th December & 8th January 2011.

No Garden waste collections between 20th December & 3rd January 2011.
Collections will be as normal from Monday 10th January 2011.

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Trim Trail Opening

In mid 2008 George Elliott, having visited a Trail at King's Somborne, circulated an article on obesity and suggested that a good project for the BVA to donate to the village would be a Trim Trail, mainly for use by the school, but open to all.

Involving many people and local organisations, negotiations carried on well into the Autumn of 2010. Amongst others, this involved Mary Mortimer and Caroline Carter-Frost, Donna Smith, the Schools Sports Coordinator at Romsey School, Mike Prince, Chairman of the Parish Council, and Trailblazers, a

into the monetary lake; initially the legacy to the village from Dr Hunt (please read the Chairman's piece early in the magazine for the background), then a solid contribution from Biffa, and a top-up from the BVA reserves. At the end of this,



GE opens the Trail

Sheila Still declared it a financial runner!

As a pure aside, slipped in here conveniently, there is also a plan for a Discovery Trail to be placed on the line of the wood which runs along the east side of the Trim Trail; not too costly, but it will provide an enchanting opportunity for the children to get close to birds and probably squirrels (they are

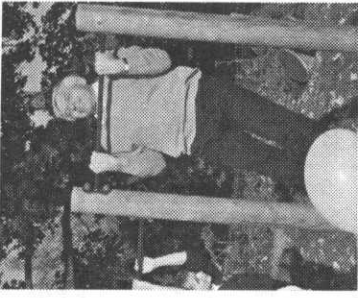
always there!), or any other fauna that pops up. Waltec will be involved in helping to finance this.

Anyway, based on George Elliott's unflagging initiative and boundless energy with terrific help from many others, and Sheila's financial blessing, the Trim Trail moved forward until, gloriously, it opened on October 12th at 3.30 in the afternoon.



The Chairman on the parallel bars

Thank goodness - a dry day with firm soil and sun, and everyone was able to nip around without skidding and getting covered in mud - particularly the young! And we had a lot of those; of course, that was the whole point! George seemed to govern the afternoon—and quite rightly. Some of the photographs in this article give the impression of a benign Pied Piper



The Parish Chairman emulates Tarzan

mustering his clan for the occasion, before cutting the tape to open the Trail.



Gill Fahy shows the way

A microsecond after that, the young were all over the Trail, pursued only a blink later by the young-at-heart, determined to enjoy this Trail for all ages!

This is a wonderful addition to the village treasury, for which we can only thank George and his team's initiative, and all who have helped to finance it.



The Pied Piper

Hampshire activities group. On the financial side a combination of tributaries flowed

Sheep Matters at Elm Grove

Well, Kate has sold all her lambs which she is very pleased about; most of the ewe lambs went for breeding. With the summer grass being so dire for grazing, she didn't have many to sell directly to people for their freezers, as she likes the lambs to be at their very best. If you know that you would like one next year, do let her know on 368794, and she'll make sure your name is on the list.

There was great concern earlier in the year about the amount of grass that could be cut for hay. Basically there was very little; none here and something like a third of the amount of last year got off the field over the road. The sheep had to be given hay in September as the grass was so bad, then, nature took over and we had rain with warm temperatures, the fields seem to have recovered and grass is growing again. Due to the very bad growing season, hay is very expensive to buy this year but the sheep will need to be given it in the winter. The hope is that it will not be cold for as long as it was last winter.

The ewe lambs that Kate bought last year will be used for breeding this year and she recently bought some new stock to be used in 2012, which came from Yorkshire. She buys in her ewes, replacing some each year; using her own lambs is not an option as they are the wrong breed.

The rams have been having extra rations in readiness for going in with the ewes in December; they had been in Tim Howkins' paddock and Kate brought them closer to here a few weeks ago for ease of looking after. However, they began to show too much interest in the ewes in a nearby field and as the timing of the rams going in with the ewes has to be controlled to make lambing easier, she had to move them over the road to the allotment field where they seem to have been behaving themselves.

Kate has got a new puppy; it is from the same place that Tilly, her working dog was from, so it will undoubtedly end up a very good working dog as well. Poppy is still keeping Tilly company; she sometimes chooses not to walk round the fields and just waits by the gate, which Kate allows her to do as she is getting old. Kate does have another assistant now though - you might have seen Isabelle helping round up the sheep, she calls out instructions to Tilly, which Tilly obeys! She also stands with her arms wide spread to encourage the sheep to go into the right direction - not bad for a two year old!

Kate is now having to do all the glamorous jobs such as trimming feet and cleaning up rear ends so that the ewes will be in good health for their pregnancies. Such is life!

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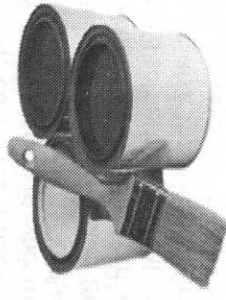


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The Action for Children Collection 2010

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Farewell to Bruce and Lucy

It seems unbelievable that it's twenty nine years since Bruce and Lucy arrived at the Rectory. However, if we remember that Luke was a baby of just a few months then maybe that gives us pause for thought! When Bruce arrived he said he would be here a maximum of ten years but we know there's something special about our village and the Kington family decided to stay.

Bruce soon made his mark, supported as always by Lucy, and church members responded to his confident, friendly style. We were fortunate to have a countryman and former agricultural engineer who had a real understanding of farming. And yes, we'll miss the vintage tractors on the screen at harvest time!

Seriously, it is a challenge to pay tribute to three decades of ministry in this short article and much must be left unsaid. In more recent years, at weddings, Bruce has often been able to say that he remembers baptizing the bride or groom, and this continuity of ministry to many families has been greatly valued. He has been there to support parishioners in their joys and in their sorrows and has always been a faithful hospital visitor.



Bruce was particularly interested in encouraging the children and younger people in church activities and demonstrated an ability to find the right person to do each job - and to persuade them to do it (even Doug Bell!).

Lucy was a Pathfinder leader for many years. The groups went on Pathfinder camps to Cullompton, Devon and Wellington, Shropshire. Bruce and Lucy were active and enthusiastic leaders who clearly enjoyed being with the teenagers. The days were active- wide games, outings, plenty of food and always with the desire to communicate

their Christian faith. They were memorable and happy occasions.

Another challenge was helping us adjust to being part of a United Benefice of four parishes - and then five when in 1998 Awbridge joined us. As well as having an already demanding role, Bruce was appointed Rural Dean in 1995 and held this role until 2006. His appointment as an honorary canon of Winchester Cathedral followed in 2002, recognition of his service to the diocese.

As their four boys grew older, Lucy worked part time at Braishfield School, but was still able to play to the full her part as a clergy wife. Wearing some of her many 'hats' she has run the Wives Group, held a regular morning prayer group, and led the working party which created banners for the church. Ten years ago she started the Lent lunches.

But Bruce's ministry has not just been about worship in Sunday services. A central theme to his ministry is the teaching of the Word: he has led countless study groups, arranged Alpha courses and Lent suppers. He was always there to encourage young people and adults to baptism and confirmation. Who remembers the Pageant, Handel's Messiah on Easter evening, the Feast of Tabernacles at Harvest and the Passover suppers in Farley,

Michelmersh and Braishfield?

In addition to his pastoral role, Bruce has been a key player in the reordering of the west end of the church and the refurbishment of the Church Room, not forgetting all that was entailed in building the new Rectory (the previous study was a shed in the garden!) with the move in 1995.

Apart from being our Rector, Bruce was Chairman of the School governors. He trod the boards in several early BMADS' productions. In his limited spare time he is a bee-keeper, a keen gardener and a motor enthusiast - who remembers the Daimler? Among the livestock at the Rectory was Lottie the donkey, who we remember in the Palm Sunday processions and at the church fetes.

As Bruce (as Canon Emeritus) and Lucy prepare to retire to Littleton, we hope they will cherish the memories of the United Benefice of Braishfield.

We wish them a very happy retirement and we say thank you for their dedicated and faithful ministry here in Braishfield.

Jane Bennett
Andy Brooks
Churchwardens



Village Variety Show

(in aid of Restoration Funds for the Village Hall)
Friday 8th and Saturday 9th April 2011



BRAISHFIELD HAS TALENT

The Village Hall Committee, under the Chairmanship of Richard Brazier, invites regular users of the Hall together with all groups operating in the Village to participate in one form or other: helping behind the scenes, a sketch(musical or not), a dance performance, reciting a poem - whatever. Everything will be welcome. We intend to have a lot of fun.

This spectacular event will resurrect an old tradition in the Village when The Braishfield Seven used to put on a Variety Show each year in the WI Hut (the forerunner to the Village Hall) back in the 70's

Who remembers those days? Who remembers Janet from the Newport singing a song about a chicken with the bird under her arm!!

BMADS, effectively the successor to the Braishfield Seven, together with members of the Village Hall Committee, will be organizing the event but other volunteers are needed and welcome.

We desperately need a pianist (Musical Director). Is there someone in the Village with the necessary skills or do you have a friend who can help?

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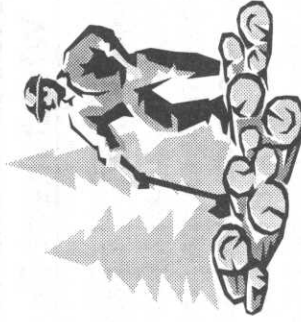
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8.00pm**

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the BVA. Join us to hear about the Association's activities during the past year and what we hope to achieve in 2011, and also to let us have your comments and ideas.

Please contact Rosie Groves (368178 or RosieGroves1@aol.com) if you are unable to attend but would like an issue raised. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Committee please submit your name along with those of a Proposer and Seconded by 3rd January 2011. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

The Wheatsheaf Re-opens

On Thursday 7th October, after a period in the doldrums, The Wheatsheaf re-opened (David Gower cutting the tape), under the new management of Karl, (the Owner) and Simon (the Chef). Karl's experience involves similar responsibilities in Salisbury, Wimborne and Cruise Liners. Simon separately also spent 8 years in Cruise Liners and worked for a further eight years at the Grosvenor House and English Garden; although trained in classical French Cuisine he aims to return to the roots of English cooking (although I doubt that he will forget his French training should you need it! - Ed.) I'm sure we all wish them every success in this venture.

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Christingle: 4pm Christmas Eve, All Saints

Holy Communion: 11.15pm Christmas Eve, All Saints

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Sherry and mince pie evening. 16th December 7pm - 9pm. Venue—"Eltoc", Kiln Lane, the home of Rusty and Shirley. Bric a brac, tombola, raffle. In aid of The Society of St James. Everyone welcome, please support.

Carols by candlelight in the Church. 21st December 7pm, followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome. In aid of The Society of St James.

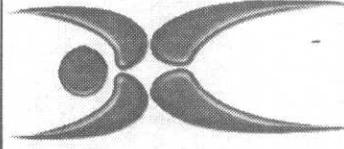
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Having been Headteacher of this marvellous school for 12 years in January 2011, I felt it was perhaps a good time to reflect on the changes we have been through together and give you readers perhaps a little insight into your local village school.

Built in 1876 the structure of the Victorian building is still very sound. When I arrived in January 1999 the first thing we needed to achieve was to give the Year R their own space to enable them to get on with the creative aspects of learning while the Year 1 and 2 (Big Acorns) moved into the classroom opposite them and really got down to some hard work ready for the National Standard Tests SATs. All children take these in Years 2 and 6. The Year 2 assessment now is much more teacher assessed with the tests just backing up their judgements. The old Library was converted into a small but well equipped Year R

Classroom (Little Acorns) and the books were moved into the corridor space with the existing cloakroom moved to a space outside my Office. (The obstacle course of bags and coats becomes quite interesting at times!) The oldest children, the 9-11 year olds, Years 5 and 6, (the Oaks) moved into the largest classroom. That leaves the year 3 and 4 - 7 to 9 year olds, (Saplings) in the smaller central room. The Government then provided us with some Disability Act funding and something called a 'Seed Challenge' where they matched any money we raised. Our Parents Association, the BSA, organised an intensive year of fund raising which included a couple of very exciting auctions led by the late Andrew Lalonde and a free evening of entertainment from Lawrie McMenemy himself! We were very well supported by the village and donations came pouring in. The end result was the building of a Music/Drama Room in 2002, a large toilet and shower with a changing bench for the disabled and my office was moved across a few metres. It was well worth all the chaos as we finally had somewhere to gather the whole school for Collective Worship instead of moving all the tables and chairs in the Oaks Classroom every day!

Our next challenge was a decent office space for the admin staff instead of sharing the staff room. The Government began providing

Capital Funding which could be used for buildings and IT hardware. So, we saved it up for a few years, asked The Romsey School to help us, bought enough computers to satisfy requirements and had a decent Office built in 2006 - more chaos but again, well worth it! We now have a lovely entrance area and a designated staff room and office space.

A week long Ofsted inspection in 2002 and another for one day in 2008 recognised us as a good school that made creative use of its small space! Our cosy classrooms are considered to be successful learning environments and I have to thank my hard working and dedicated staff for ensuring this!

The school had a very stable staff for many years but the inevitable began to happen as older staff turned their thoughts to retirement and suddenly there were a number of staff changes in a very few years. The last member of the teaching staff who was in the school when I started is retiring at Christmas and some young blood is coming in to reinvigorate us all in the form of Peter Stuart.

I was invited to include photographs with this article - but I would ask you to have a look at our website if you can. www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk which Mrs. Jill Briggs, a Classroom Assistant and recently appointed Clerk to the Governors works hard to keep up to date.

Of course, the most important element of any school is its children and their parents. Our children are

a delight with a real hunger for learning which is a joy to see. I am pleased to say we have a very good partnership with our parents, an essential ingredient of any successful school.

We are constantly striving to increase our Community links and would like to welcome you into the school at any time should you wish to have a closer look at us! (I can recommend a school lunch - we have a wonderful cook, Mrs. Sue Kemp, and the majority of our children have a healthy cooked lunch every day.

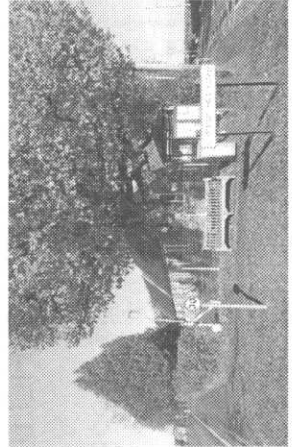
Should you have any ideas for increasing our links with the community of Braishfield please do let me know and do remember you are always more than welcome at any of our social or fund raising events during the year.

M y e m a i l a d r e s s
iscaroline.carter@braishfield.hants.sch.uk

There is so much more I could share with you but I feel at this point it is time to bid you farewell and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Headteacher:

Caroline M Carter-Frost B.Ed.
NPQH



Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Programme for 2010

Dec 13th Christmas Workshop – please note—Monday

All meetings are held in Braishfield Village Hall at 7.30pm
4th Thursday in the Month (nb—Monday 13th Dec)

Membership is £18 per year.

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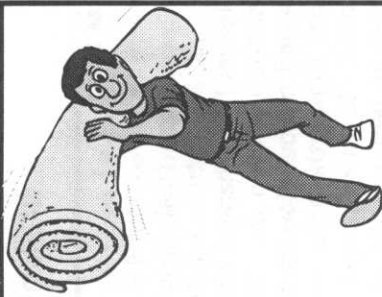
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THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2011

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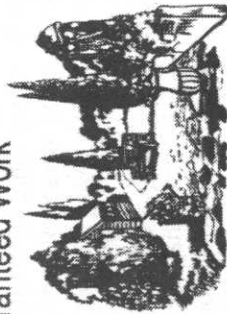
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Braishfield Horticultural Society

The final countdown to Christmas has begun. The leaves have changed colour and are showering upon us. The frost has killed off our flowers and the rain has turned the garden into a quagmire. So what's new? It is just a repeat performance of what feels like a happening of just a few weeks ago. Hey ho!!!

In October, due to circumstances beyond our control, it became necessary to find another Speaker for our meeting. A few Speakers are available at short notice, but most require more time. On this occasion we obtained the services of Peter Chivers, who's subject was to be, "Autumn Fireworks". Well, things do not always go to plan. We are all aware that fireworks need careful handling and perhaps, as a result of the wet weather of recent times, the sparklers became a little damp and our evening's entertainment was not quite what we expected. Even the slides appeared reluctant to move on at times. Fortunately, we are blessed with Members who, without doubt, enjoy a good sense of humour and many a titter was to be heard around the room. Some of those present were lucky enough to take home a prize. Never has a group of apples been put to such good use. At the end of it all, I believe that we all had a good laugh, which

goes to prove that a little tolerance goes a long way.

November was soon upon us and once again we gathered for the Annual General Meeting. The various matters on the agenda were dealt with and accepted by the members present. We still enjoy a healthy bank balance, our Membership level remains fairly constant and the quality of our Speakers has been good. Again this year, there were no nominations for election to the Committee. Tony Chant who has served on the Committee for a number of years had decided to retire. We are grateful to Tony for all his input during his time served and are sure that he will always be available to help in the future. A proposal that the existing Committee Members be re-elected, was accepted by the Members present. It was at this point that a change to the present duties within the Committee was announced. Jill Fahy decided to step down from her roll as Chairman and Steve Renvoize agreed to take her place. Jill has been an excellent Chairman for the past six years. She has worked hard for the benefit of the Society, always down to earth, always with a smile and always with lots of humour. We are indeed fortunate that Jill is to remain on the Committee and as Steve commented on taking over, she will be a hard act to follow. We can be sure that the roll of

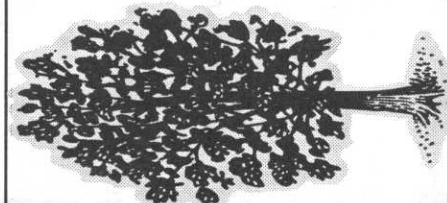
Chairman has been passed on to a safe pair of hands.

There is, of course, no Meeting in December as is the norm and so we move on into January 2011 when on Tuesday 11th we will welcome David Rowling, a Speaker For The Royal Society for the Protection Of Birds. David, no newcomer to us, will on this occasion have as his subject, Garden Birds. He will be followed on Tuesday 8th February by Peter Barwick, who will talk to us on all aspects of Soft Fruit Cultivation.

It has been noticed that the 2011 Programme, now in circulation, has a misprint on two items. The September Meeting should read, Tuesday 13th and the November AGM is Tuesday 8th. Please amend your programmes.

Finally, with thoughts of December and all that it means firmly in our minds, I, on behalf of your Committee, wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, a Happy and Prosperous New Year and the hope that the World may start to become a more peaceful and civilised place in which to live.

Bob Thomson,
BHS Secretary & Scribe..



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The TVBC and HCC Planning Authorities dealt with applications as follows:

10/00567/ FULLS	14, Hill View	Infill dwelling	Withdrawn
09/02386/ FULLS	Lionwood, Braishfield Road	Detached garage	Permission
HCC/2010/008 0	RF Salvidge, Bunny Lane	Remove requirement for bund	Withdrawn
10/00528/ FULLS	Chalk Pit Cottage, Braishfield Road	Rear extension	Permission
10/00702/ FULLS	Ampfield Cottage, Dores Lane	Two storey extension	Withdrawn
10/00849/ FULLS	Hazel Cottage, Braishfield Road	Single storey extension	Permission
10/00631/ FULLS	Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	Withdrawn
10/01441/ FULLS	Ampfield Cottage, Dores Lane	Two storey extension	permission
10/01039/ FULLS	14, Hill View	Additional dwelling	permission
10/00875/ FULLS	Dog & Crook PH, Braishfield Road	Extensions	permission
10/01410/ FULLS	Meadow View, Newport Lane	Extension	Withdrawn
10/01421/ TPOS	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work	Part consent/part refusal

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

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

10/00164/ FULLS	Merriemeade Farm, Church Lane	Extensions	No objection
10/01031/ RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Highways reserved matters	Objection
10/01039/ FULLS	14, Hill View	Additional dwelling	Objection
10/01441/ FULLS	Ampfield Cottage, Dores Lane	Two storey extension	No objection
10/01505/ FULLS	Apple Cottage, Braishfield Road	Extension	No objection
10/01334/ TREES	Berberis, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection
10/00875/ FULLS	Dog & Crook PH, Braishfield Road	Extensions	Support
10/01421/ TPOS	Colsons Barn, Church Lane	Tree work	No objection
HCC/2010/01 75	Hunts Farm sandpit, Rudd Lane	Changes to conditions	No objection
10/01572/ RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Recreation areas	No comment
09/02621/ FULLS	Fairbourne Bungalow, Braishfield Road	Replacement dwelling	Objection
10/01410/ FULLS	Meadow View, Newport Lane	Extension	Objection

John Rhodes