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One of many lovely Gardens in our Village

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From the Chairman

Summer's gone, Autumn's here.

The 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' according to Keats. Well, I don't know how you're doing but whilst we are doing reasonably well for mists, the mellow fruitfulness seems to have passed us by this year. Our little veg garden has only produced a fraction of what it normally provides, and our fruit trees (plum and apple) have been a near total disaster.

Usually we are trying to offload industrial quantities of cooking apples and, earlier in the year, accosting perfect strangers to try to press courgettes and beans upon them (which can lead to misunderstandings!). Not this year. And our young quince tree which last year produced about 60 good sized fruit has this year produced absolutely none.

I suppose it's been mainly the peculiar weather we had earlier, and maybe the bees were a bit late turning up for duty, (industrial action on their part? Were they being threatened with cuts?) The farmers have had a lean time too - yields down by around 30% in our area, and quality down too.

Thank goodness that we've had other things to feel good about, with the warm afterglow of the Jubilee celebrations and our brilliant staging of the Olympics and Paralympics still in our memories. Quite a few villagers made it to the Olympic park to join the throng, and everyone I've spoken to thoroughly enjoyed it.

We went to see Viv's two grandsons competing in the Paralympic Goal-ball contest. They didn't get anywhere near the

medals, but had a wonderful time, grew in stature both physically and mentally in the process, and now are turning their thoughts towards Brazil in 2016,

Currently they are 15 and 18 years old, so by then, if they stick at it, they'll be stronger, fitter and ready to take on the rest of the world!

There's lots to read in this issue, so please do. Our team were a bit stung by the remark we heard via one of the Jubilee committee members.

Some people were moaning that they didn't know anything about what was happening to celebrate it, in spite of our efforts to publicise and involve people in the build-up.

On being told that it had all been explained in detail in the Village News they replied to that they never bothered to read it but just put it straight in the bin!! (AAARGH!!)

So here, dear reader, is what you can do to help if you know such a person. Approach them carrying a rolled up copy of this issue and tap them firmly on the head with it, saying 'Read this (tap), it's good for you (tap) and stop (tap) being such (tap) a silly (tap) billy (tap)'.

Knowing them as you do, you may wish to change the wording slightly.

Thank you.

From the Editor

Once again many thanks for all your contributions; the articles, reports and, just as important, your letters which provide a vital nudge to make sure we keep in touch with reality up here in the ivory tower!

A very wide mix this time; in particular the very successful Open Garden Day, a great input from the School, but also a variety of experiences, not the least of which was the apocalyptic lightning strike on 30th August - nobody hurt thank goodness, but they were certainly shaken (pp 22/24).

Sadly though this was not the case for John Rhodes, who had a bad road accident on 4th September; he and his family have all our sympathy and wishes for a quick recovery (p 12).

A bit of boring editorial nonsense; I discovered quite late that I was not receiving anything on my mike@braishfield.org e-mail address. I think I recovered most of it by

'phone and use of my main address: mjmullane@btinternet.com. My apologies therefore if anyone sent in material which was either electronically rejected or simply disappeared.

The problem will be cured, but remember my main address if you feel you're not getting through!

Another note: I have not captioned photos this time. My thinking is that captions tend to be a bit trite and most photos are self explanatory anyway; if they were anything but, I wouldn't be doing my job! Your thoughts on that, please.

Finally have a happy and healthy Autumn and (I can't quite believe it) the next edition heralds Christmas!

The Braishfield 200 Club

The winner of the monthly draw in August was Mr J Metherall, and in September Mrs Rosalie Gurr. Rosalie's win was especially good as she and Alan are just about to leave us and depart to the wilds of Herefordshire, so it was a kind of leaving present from the 200 Club.

We are also making donations to the Football Club for their new pavilion, to All Saints Church for the upkeep of the Church Room, and to the Dugdales' work in Wobulenzi, Uganda.

New members are always welcome, and it's easy to join in. You could win a nice cheque (but unlike the Euro or national lottery, you won't have your lifestyle turned upside down nor will you lose all your friends!) Contact David Robinson on 368774. Simple!!

Remember the BVA Website: www.braishfield.org

Letters & Notices

Paradise over the Garden Wall

We wish to thank all the kind people who made the Village Gardens Open day such a wonderful event. We so enjoyed seeing behind those hedges.

We swanned through the gates of Braishfield Manor, up the sweeping drive of Braishfield's own Stately Home with its wonderful water features. The gardener gave us a very interesting talk on the history of the garden.

Then up the Hill to Windmill Cottage where David tempted us with Pimms while we enjoyed the sweeping views and heard tales of Dark Lane.

Next we whizzed down the drive and admired the wonderful vegetables growing in Chalk Pitt Cottage garden. Sadly, rain forced us into their cosy kitchen where we were forced to eat the best carrot cake in the world.

A warm welcome and more offers of tea and cake waited at Combe Willow, and stories of the Chalk Pit that swallowed trees so had to be filled in.

We sat on a swing and enjoyed a glass of sangria at Orchard Rise whilst admiring the ingenuity used on this sloping site. Tony even grows his own fennel.

Down Church Lane to the beautiful thatched Yew Tree Cottage, with its wonderful garden hidden behind the caterpillar hedge. 'What is the point of having such a beautiful garden, if you cannot share it with other people?' Hazel remarked as we drank yet more tea.

Our final call was Orchard View which even had its own grape vine for making Vintage Braishfield.

We were overwhelmed by the variety of gardens, so very different but all so beautiful. The hosts were so welcoming and we also loved the opportunity to meet other villagers.

Thank you all so much.

Janet and Ron Blizard

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Letters & Notices cont.

Dear friends

Just a note to thank you for your support for our charity concert for the Jumbulance Trust, A Summers Evening of Music at All Saints Church on Friday 20th July. I was delighted you could attend and thank you for your support. On behalf of the Jumbulance Trust I extend our sincere thanks.

Our Summers Evening of Music was a great success and we had a full church to hear our delightful singers and musicians who far exceeded everyones expectations. I think Kamilla Dunstan (mezzo soprano) and Edmund Taylor (violinist) we will hear of in the future and Edmund Danon (base baritone) should give up his job and hit the big time with his singing. With the accompanist Martin Yates, they were a delightful group of young people.

The event raised in excess of £2,500 so a very successful and happy evening. This money will be used by the Trust to subsidise the cost of hiring a jumbulance to groups who are struggling to raise money in these difficult times. Apart from the drivers and a part time secretary everyone else is a volunteer so the money always goes where it is most needed and does make a real difference to sick and disabled people's lives.

Thank you again for your support.

With grateful thanks.

Chris Chisholm

Trustee Jumbulance Trust

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The Castalian Quartet Concert

A final reminder for this excellent concert in Braishfield Church Room 7.30pm, on Saturday 6th October. (see page 30 August magazine for full details.) Only a few tickets remaining - to obtain yours, contact Wendy Quarendon on 368015.

Braishfield House Archive

Now that Rosalie and Alan Gurr have left the village, the position of House Archivist on the Committee is in abeyance. They have kindly agreed to continue with their considerable work on the Archive until a new Committee member is elected to take their place.

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A Braishfield Time Capsule

Since 2012 has turned out to be such a memorable year, we are going to purchase a Time Capsule (funded by the Parish Council), fill it with 'things' that typify life in Braishfield and bury it for some future generation of villagers to find.

It will contain a copy of the Village Design Statement, copies of the Village Guide, the Jubilee edition of the Village News and a Jubilee commemorative mug. It will also have on disk a copy of the village house survey (the story so far).

We would like to hear from each of the organisations in the village to see what else they would like to include – which could be a short document or an object which represents what they are and do. It is also open to individual households to suggest and volunteer something.

Provided it's not too big and we don't get too many of them we'll be very happy to include them. The internal dimensions of the capsule are 600mm x 145mm, in a cylindrical shape.

David Robinson will co-ordinate the collection of the contents, so do make contact with him if you are able to contribute something: telephone number 368774, or e mail

davidbrobinson@talktalk.net.

Savings on Oil and Heating Bills

We have 10 households interested in joining a consortium which is sufficient to set up the initial bulk buying scheme. This will be done.

However it is never too late to join in, and the more there are now or in the future, the greater the saving. If you use oil and are interested then contact Graham Bennett on 368109 or by e-mail to graham.d.bennett@btinternet.com

Scam Alert

Once more, a warning to remain alert to any suspicious attempts to extract money from you. Many forms; small businesses caught in a web of payment threats from spurious advertising companies, cold phone calls offering services you don't need and have not asked for, doorstep cold calling offering driveway block paving or resurfacing (most recently in Ampfield), odd malfunction alerts on your computer requiring you to call a number to clear the problem, with a fee involved.

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Open Gardens Day

On September 2nd the Horticultural Society organised an Open Gardens Day for the village. Although the weather was not ideal, over 60 people from the village and beyond viewed the seven gardens open for the afternoon and enjoyed sharing gardening experiences with their neighbours.

An added attraction was the provision of refreshments at most of the gardens. Sheila and Ted Still at Orchard View proudly showed to the amazed visitors their grape vines and explained their plans for those areas under development; they were ably assisted by Bob and June Thomson who served the teas. Hazel and Mike Prince at Yew Tree Cottage had a steady stream of visitors, who seemed to enjoy the teas as much as the garden, once settled under the gazebo with a cuppa and an enticing plate of cakes it was difficult to venture out into the drizzle.



However for those who did explore there was a wonderful array of flowers and vegetables to admire. Tony and Jean Lowe at Orchard Rise entertained their visitors with sangria on

the terrace, from where the garden could easily be admired.



Their newly created hard landscaping and combined vegetable and herb garden were a particular attraction.

Chalk Pit Cottage attracted many visitors and Marianne and Lawrence Randall, not to mention the cat and two chickens were on hand to point out the various features of the garden. It took quite a while to see everything, and the productivity of the vegetable garden was envied

by many of the guests. Lawrence and Marianne were admired for their organisation which enabled them to guide people around the garden as well as serve numerous teas to all the visitors.

Elizabeth Elliot was on hand at Coombe Willow to give visitors a history of the garden, which she and her husband George have been developing for a long time; the

many mature trees are a special feature here.

Elizabeth provided tea on the terrace, which enabled the visitors the opportunity to appreciate the blending of the shrub and tree plantings. Of particular note is the large flowering cherry which has exceptionally long horizontal branches.

We were privileged to be able to view the gardens of Braishfield Manor, through the generosity of Mrs Sandra Dunn, and although this was not the best time of the year for a show of flowers, we were nevertheless able to appreciate the fine landscaping and harmony of the house with the garden.

The presence of the head gardener, Neil Montgomery gave visitors the opportunity to learn more about the management of this exceptional local garden.

For those who could manage the altitude there was Windmill Cottage, a garden of unique character where the battle against the wind is won with high hedges at the front but is contrasted at the back by the stunning view from the terrace, which is where David and Viv Robinson entertained their visitors with Pimms.

Steve Renvoize

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Parish Council

As usual, the Parish Council did not meet in August, but we met in September. We welcomed our new member, Peter White, whose legal knowledge will be very valuable to the Council. The September meeting was overshadowed by the road traffic accident to our Parish Council Clerk, John Rhodes earlier in the day and our discussions were somewhat curtailed as a result.

However, we had a presentation from Hyde Housing and TVBC on an alternative site for affordable housing in the Parish, and the site put forward is on the land south of the Wheatsheaf Public House and this was given our support to explore, subject to details being presented on the scheme in the future. A public meeting will be called to present the plans to the village for their opinion before the Parish Council make their decision.

The plans for the replacement Football Pavilion have been submitted and lease terms were discussed and further meetings with the football club were to be arranged.

John Rhodes

John Rhodes, the clerk to the Parish Council, and long time resident in Braishfield, was involved in a road traffic accident on Tuesday 4th September in Bunny Lane. John was seriously injured and had to be cut from his car and taken to Southampton General Hospital by Air Ambulance.

John will be in Hospital probably for 4-5 weeks having to undergo several operations and we wish him well and a good recovery.

Our thoughts go to Glynis and his two sons during this worrying time.

Mike Prince

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However it didn't rain and spirits were up; with 3 evidently drying days to go beyond our visit, things would get better and better for the incumbents.

The stalls were as lively and cheerful as ever and, yes, I came away with a knapsack full of stuff I really really wanted to keep but had to give away to my grandchildren!



The horses were inspiring and it was easy to remember how deeply rooted they are in our rural history. Next year beckons!



A footnote. There is a similar annual event, running with increasing support for the last 4 years, on the north western edge of Basingstoke.

Called the 'Hampshire October Fest', it's run by the Hampshire Museum and Galleries Trust, a self-funding charitable organisation; held at the Milestones Museum Festival Site, it runs 13th & 14th October this year.

Apart from a car-crushing tank derivative, none of the normal heavy, mainly steam machinery dared tackle the ground. Gloriously it was the 'Heavy Horse' who proved how enduring and indomitable they are. In a wonderfully choreographed Musical Parade, more than 10 paired Shires pulled harrows around an arena to the backing of all the usual musical suspects: Dam Busters, Great Escape, River Kwai etc!

For further details: www.hantsmustrust.org/octoberfest If anyone goes to it, please give me a short report.

Mike Mullane (Editor)

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Twelve months ago thinking caps were on - what to do for the carnival for 2012?! As Glastonbury wasn't being held it was suggested we bring Glastonbury to Romsey - tents, tie-dye, MUD - what else would a group of Cubs & Scouts need - it would be just like summer camp!

Add to that iconic music, camper vans, hippies and rock stars and we have a winning carnival entry!

After the weather we have had this year it was likely to be perfect for Glastonbury. So the planning started, sketches were made, begging lists sent out and jobs were issued. The weather continued in true British style to be a total wash out!

Waterproof gloss paint was used, a top was on the lorry, peace and love reigned! The time was nearly here - James organised his troops, flowers were cut and coloured, records were found and were hung, cardboard speakers made and the "secret ingredient" put together and painted.

Carnival day dawned bright and sunny, and the teams of helpers arrived to put it all together.

Finally the lorry is ready, but it doesn't look like a lorry - it looks like a VW CAMPER VAN!

The Cubs, Scouts, parents and happy helpers are dressed as hippies, muddy campers (we had to make our own mud - the natural stuff had dried up!) and - would you believe it - we even had Elton John & David Bowie on the float!

It was fab driving through Romsey and seeing so many people out on the streets supporting the carnival - there were smiles, waves and people dancing along to the music!

There were some really good entries this year and the competition was tough, so we were very pleased to receive 1st prize for Vehicle Tableau!



Well done to everyone who helped in the preparation and who took part on the day. Thanks to everyone who provided equipment, painted, coloured and stuck stuff together - but HUGE thanks to Brian for lorry storage, By-Pass Driver Training for the "camper" lorry, Michael for driving it and the biggest BRAVO ever to James for getting us there in style!

Peace & Love everyone!

Sarah Beaman

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Consecration of the extension to All Saints' churchyard: the end of a chapter

More than ten years ago the PCC of All Saints Church set out on a journey to re-order the interior of the church to provide an easy access door, renovate the Church Room and extend the churchyard. One project has run straight into the other - indeed has overlapped with the others - and now we are delighted, and relieved, to report that ten or more years on we have achieved our objective.

The extension to the churchyard is to be consecrated on Sunday 21st October (see below). Along the way we have amongst other things re-roofed the North side of the church, provided a new mower shed and compost bins and replaced all the gates that lead onto Church Lane. On Saturday 13th October from 9.30am we will be spreading a delivery of gravel over the car park and church paths. That will mark the end of a very long and demanding, but successful and worthwhile chapter, in the life of our church.

While the churchyard is managed by the church it is there for the benefit of all who live in the village. We are grateful to the Parish Council for their assistance with paying for the work necessary to prepare the extension for use which has included applications for planning permission and change of use, clearing, levelling, removal of hedges and planting of new ones.

The Bishop of Southampton will be joining us on Sunday 21st October to consecrate the extension to the churchyard, to dedicate the new main gates (given by the Lalonde family) and to celebrate other gifts to the church over recent years. You will be most welcome at the service.

Sarah Boothman Hon Sec PCC

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Remembrance

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Soon it will be Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and the poppies that once blew among the crosses in Flanders' Field will be blooming again in the lapels across the land. Yet as public affection for the gesture surges, it is important that we also remember the substance of what is being honoured. The national ritual and ceremony of remembering can be dignified and almost serene in contemplation; the raw horror of war was, and is, anything but. The distinction between the two is nothing new. It lies in the gulf between the romantic patriotism of Rupert Brooke's lines:

'If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England.'

and Wilfred Owen's searing fury against those would tell:

'With such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory
The old Lie: *Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori*'.

But then Brooke died in 1915, before he could glimpse the Front, while Owen witnessed its savage grotesqueries at close quarters, almost until the end of the First World War. His poor mother received the telegram informing her of his death on Armistice Day.

So let us, by all means, take pride in the wearing of the poppy, but let us remember too that if our ghosts could rise up and speak, they would urge us first of all to look after their comrades among the living..

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Thursday 30th August - 6pm

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The whole house shook, the alarm system self-detonated, the power went off - and amazingly came back on practically immediately.

I ran through the house, managed to turn the alarm off, and then looked in absolute amazement from my kitchen at the state of complete carnage in our back garden.

One of my mature evergreen trees had taken the strike and had exploded! There was debris all over the lawn - one very large section of trunk - took big for me to lift, had been thrown 20 metres.

Taking all this in, I wondered if the house had been hit too, and in the ensuing pouring rain, I ran round the outside of the house to ascertain that indeed our chimneys were still intact.

I then checked on the roof to satisfy myself that thankfully there was no physical damage.

Our dog, not surprisingly, was completely out of sorts and wouldn't leave my side. It was at this stage we began to realise the scale of the damage that we had in fact actually suffered - through the electrical surge.

Our landline was knocked out, modem fried, computer fried, satellite disabled, alarm system damaged, TVs out of action and a few other sundry electrical devices disabled.

Most of which have now been repaired, thankfully. Sadly, we had no choice but to have what was left of the tree taken down, the trunk was split right the way down to the ground.

We later discovered that Chalk Pit Cottage and Coombe Willow suffered similar damage from the surge. All in all, a simply terrifying experience.

Mike Evans



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Calamity at Home

On 30 August, I was busy sitting upstairs in front of my computer immersed in trivia. I glanced at my watch, it was 6.15 pm, and looked out of the window - a black cloud was looming from the north-west but with a lighter sky beyond and would soon pass over.

I never gave it another thought and even the roll of thunder passed me by. And then an almighty 'crack' and 'explosion', all in one, directly over head within feet of me; similar to an IED exploding at head height except this was not Afghanistan.

I heard a cry from Elizabeth who was in the bedroom upstairs close by - frightened, she came running out exclaiming that she had felt the tingle - electricity - running down her right arm, while I was left transfixed in the 'crouch' position with an open stare - dazed and unthinking.

We slowly picked up the pieces mind and body, both badly shaken. The computer was still on and yet the electricity was off (tripped), no telephone, no security ADT, no Aid Call personal security, no water from

the bore hole - the innards of each were burnt out! 'We' and the 'house' were in shock with plenty of unanswered questions - why was the computer and television still functioning when the rest went down?

The TV aerial must have been struck and yet....? Four tall and ancient oaks in the garden remained untouched but yet next door their tree was split and shattered.

Horrific!

The experience can only be described as a 'close call' or as Lord Wellington would say 'a close run thing.'

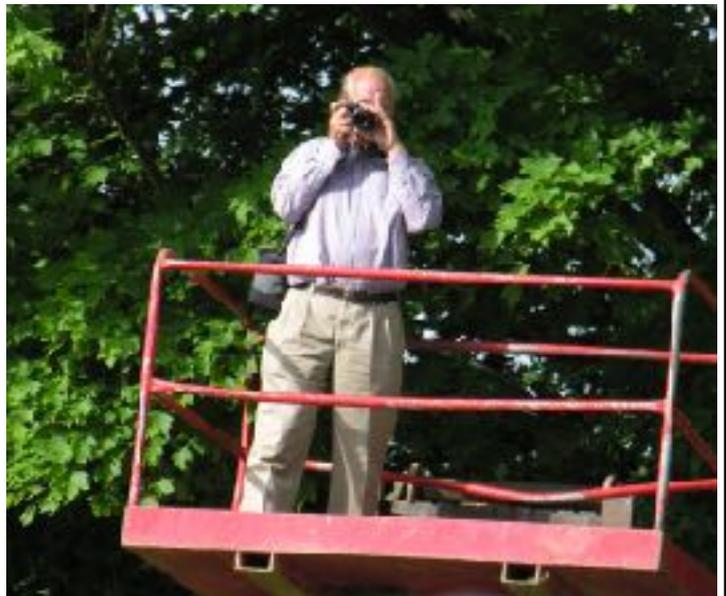
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Braishfield School Update

There are always lots of exciting things going on at School. It was lovely to get to know the school and its children during the summer months and I am very pleased to be looking after the school until Christmas. I asked a few of the year 6 children to tell me a bit about the school, what they liked and some of the changes we had talked about making. Here are their views:

Jeremy Thompson- Headteacher

New Year at Braishfield School

Braishfield is a healthy and happy school. It always welcomes new pupils in, whether they start in reception or join in a certain year. The School gives plenty of opportunity to all the pupils that attend. All of the teachers and helpers at the school always make sure that all the pupils understand their work and will always comfort or help any troubled pupils. The school cooks always supply enough food for everyone and if any of the pupils get hungry at lunchtime bread, fruit and raisins are available at the end of the corridor.

Abbey

The great thing about our school is that everyone is always your friend, and the teachers are patient with you and help you to do the best that you can. There are lots of lessons that will help you learn different skills, such as Numeracy, being an author and being a painter, with more as well. Everyone gets the support they need to go a little bit further. Everyone learns right from the beginning, and no one is teased if they struggle to keep up to a high level. The teachers help you to show the right attitude, and the work they give you will always be a challenge, but they make sure that you'll be able to complete it. From my point of view, Braishfield School is the best school you can get!

Grace

Last term was very exciting. The Oaks class made their own slippers in their Design and Technology sessions. They had to plan, gather materials, sew and assemble their own slipper design independently. This took some time but the finished slippers were worth waiting for. In the last few weeks of the Summer term the Saplings and Oaks went swimming at Shirley pool, once a week for three weeks. At the end of term Braishfield School did not only have to say goodbye to the Year 6 children but also to their loving Headteacher Mrs Carter Frost. Although her retiring was sad Mr Malessa-Thompson would be taking her place until the school found a suitable head.

The Autumn term has got off to a good start. Back at school the classes couldn't just do fun things - they had to do their English and maths too! In maths Mr Malessa-Thompson taught the Oaks all about square roots and in English they have been writing poems about a chosen colour. Art has also been fun as Oaks have been creating collages with different materials for blind people to explore the textures. The Big Acorns had an important job finding which area of school had the most leaves. They explored the classroom, the playground and the recreation ground counting leaves. The teachers took photos while the leaves were falling and everyone was smiling.

At the end of the first week back on Friday afternoon the school held the first 'Celebration Assembly'. Mums and Dads were invited and were able to see the Oaks perform the class poem they had jointly written. Mr Thompson welcomed new pupils and everyone said goodbye to another student who was leaving. Star of the week and learner of the week certificates were awarded by each class teacher. The reception children will be joining the fun of this assembly soon.

India

Coming School events for your diaries:

“Auction of Promises” :

Saturday 13th October in the Village Hall
(see August magazine p40 for details)

School Bazaar: Saturday November 24th in
the School.

Times to follow (See Village Notice boards
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Braishfield Horticultural Society

With the summer, if you will pardon the expression, now over, it is once again time to resume our monthly meetings and enjoy, not only the visits of the Speakers we invite, but also the opportunity to enjoy the company of the many friends we are fortunate to have in our Society.

Our September Meeting proved to be a great success when John Wood came along to talk about Hinton Ampner, where he has been the Head Gardener for the past twelve years. John presented a history of the sixteen acre site which dates back to Norman times.

The Church is in fact Norman, although the house is not the original, it having been demolished in the belief that it was haunted. The gardens, as we saw from the excellent photography on screen, were very beautiful with lots of colour.

Lord Sherborne was the creator of the gardens which John described as twentieth century with an eighteenth century feel. The evening was a great start to the final period of our year.

On Tuesday October 9th, Phil Crib, former Head of Orchid Research at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, will be our final Speaker for the year.

Phil has travelled the World in search of orchids and has written many books on the subject. Be sure to mark your diaries.

We then move on to our popular annual event, the Annual General Meeting when we not only talk about the past twelve months, but also plans for the coming year, followed by a grand social hour or so spent chatting to good friends whilst sampling the good food on offer along with some excellent wine.

It really is an evening not to be missed. We do, of course, have certain duties to perform,

the main thing being to elect a Committee who will ensure that the Society continues to present a programme, worthy of the members they represent.

We are in need of some new blood on the Committee and would welcome nominations for anyone willing to have a go. Do give the matter some thought. Without a viable Committee at the helm, there would be no Society.

There being no other matters to report at this time, I will now take my leave and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Bob Thomson
BHS Secretary & Scribe.





Braishfield Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Braishfield Horticultural Society

will be held in the Village Hall

on Tuesday 13th November 2012

7.30pm

The Chairman & Committee cordially invite all Members to be present

Please ensure all Nominations for Committee Membership are

submitted to the Secretary prior to the Meeting

Following the business part of the evening there will, as usual, be a

Social Gathering with wine and tasty morsels on offer.

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Olympic Fever

You could inspire the next Hampshire Olympian! As Olympic fever gripped the nation, more than a thousand people across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight vowed to make sport happen in their communities.

Before the torch was even set alight at the 2012 Games, a nationwide 'Sport Makers' programme was established to make it easy for people who want to create sporting opportunities in their area.

By giving motivated individuals the support needed to establish sports activities at grass roots levels, the programme will help more people get the chance to take part and excel at sport.

Volunteers who contribute to this scheme are already becoming part of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sports legacy.

Potential 'Sport Makers' could be someone already involved in sport or someone inspired to create new opportunities; like setting up a regular game of five-a-side football with friends, motivating a group of friends to go to a weekly Zumba class or helping out at a local Park Run or badminton club.

Amy Hewick is a 21-year-old student from Andover and Sport Maker coaching the University of Portsmouth staff netball team and intramural netball league; her keen involvement has boosted attendance for both.

She says: "Sport Makers inspired me to encourage more people into doing what I love the most, sport! Turning sport into a fun and sociable workout helps to motivate all types. Their delight and smiles are such a reward. And as a registered Sport Maker I

also get accredited for the hours I volunteer, which is great for the CV."

Lucie Rawlins, from Sport Hampshire and



IOW, implementing the scheme in the region, says: "So far in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight 1389 people have registered to become a Sport Maker, which is fantastic.

But we want the success of our Olympic athletes to inspire even more people to take a lead in creating sporting opportunities for their communities and in doing so become sporting heroes too.

"Being a Sport Maker is a chance to have fun, meet people and make new friends, gain further qualifications and enjoy unique experiences."

For more details about the Sport Makers programme visit www.sportmakers.co.uk or www.spothampshireiow.co.uk/volunteering

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A few lambs died within days of birth but that is to be expected and they seemed to have wet weather for weeks after they were born. Heavenly weather makes life so much easier.

They were weaned a couple of weeks ago as some of you will have noticed; it was rather noisy as the ewes and lambs could hear each other, but they are happily living separately now.

Ian took the plunge and got the hay in when there were 4 good days of weather earlier on, which was fortuitous as otherwise he would have had to wait for a long time to have enough dry weather.

The big bales are neatly stored in the hay barn ready for feeding the sheep in the winter.

Getting in the hay was not without incident; Ian's baler went wrong so Kate had to follow the tractor in her Land Rover.

As each bale was passed out she had to jump out of her vehicle, change the position of a lever on the baler, get back in to follow the tractor for the next bale.

This went on for something like 120 bales!

Don't forget - any orders for lamb should be given to Kate soon - 368794.

Wendy Quarendon.

Autumn Alpha Course

When and Where:

The course is running on Wednesdays for 8 weeks: 3, 10, 17, 31 October, 7 November still to run.

Each evening commences at 7.30pm prompt with the meal and ends by 9.30pm.

The venue is Poppies, Choice Plants, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury.

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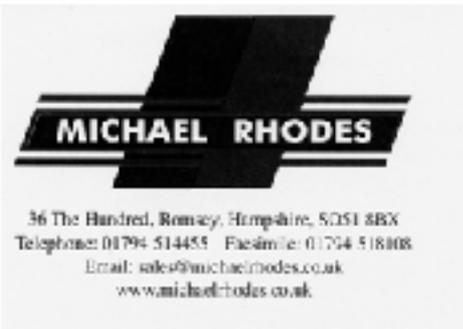
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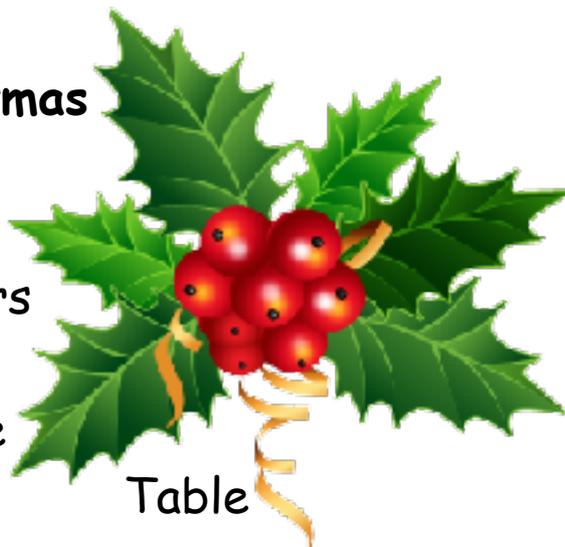
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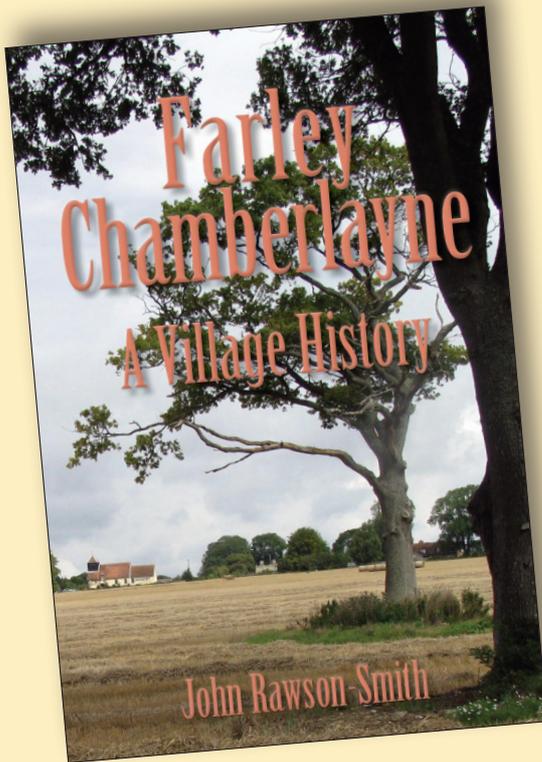
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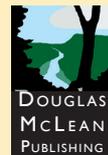
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Programme for 2012



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Nov 22nd 'Evening of Christmas Festivity' Katy Baxter
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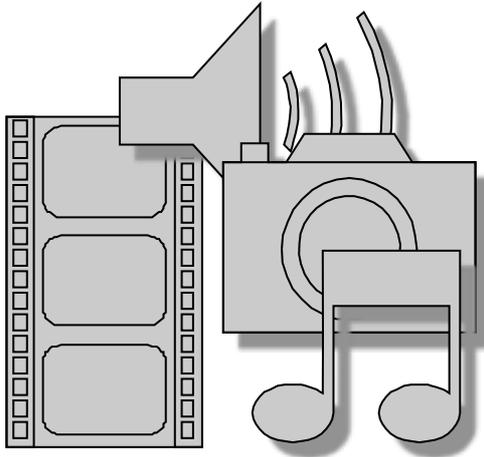
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Braishfield Village Diary

October

1st	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship - Church Room Marion Fowler - Antartica
1st	Monday	7.00	URC Harvest Supper – Everyone welcome
2nd	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council
6th	Saturday	7.30	Castalian Quartet Recital, Church Room; see P30 Aug News for details.
8th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
9th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society - Phil Cribb, former head Orchid Research at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
10th	Wednesday	1.15 – 1.45	Mobile Library – Village Hall Car Park Use it or Lose it ! - Nov/Dec dates unkown
13th	Saturday	7.30	School Auction of Promises – see P40 Aug News for details
25th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Eileen King - The way to Santiago

November

5th	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship - Church Room Life so far... Steve Pittis
6th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Parish Council
11th	Sunday	10.50	Remembrance Day: War Memorial, followed by Church Service
12th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
13th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society - AGM
22nd	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society – open evening Katy Baxter – Evening of Christmas Festivity
23rd	Friday	7.30	The Village Quiz – see News for details

December

4th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Parish Council
10th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome – Christmas Lunch
11th	Tuesday	10.30-3.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society – All welcome Christmas workshop with lunch in Church Room

Weekly

Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00	Braishfield Toddler Group, Tel. 367710
Thursday	10.00 – 12.00	Braishfield Art Group

All functions take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated
Please refer to Braishfield.org or your Residents Guide for contact telephone nbrs
Please send details to the BVA News Editor or Web Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events to be published