



# *BRAISHFIELD*

## *Village Association NEWS*

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Will Stavros and Son return? The answer will be revealed on November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>! Book your Variety Show tickets now to avoid disappointment.

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# Braishfield Village Association

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## From the Chairman

We need to talk. Not about Kevin – this is about **Affordable Housing**. Earlier this year our Parish Council sent every household a letter and short questionnaire seeking our views on a proposal to build 9 housing ‘units’ on land near the Wheatsheaf pub. In case you overlooked it, it asked your views on whether you supported the idea, whether you thought the site was suitable and whether you or one of your family might be interested in taking advantage of one of them.

There are roughly 330 households in Braishfield. The Parish Council had ONLY 38 REPLIES! Apathy reigned, it would seem. The Parish Council have indicated that they would like us all to take note of the results, however, and of the two ‘exhibitions’ which took place in July and August. A copy of the report on the findings will be enclosed with this edition of the Newsletter. Please read it. And if for some reason you don’t get a copy you will find it on line at :

<http://www.braishfield.org.uk/affhousing/AH%20consultation%202013.pdf>

<http://www.braishfield.org.uk/affhousing/Braishfield%20AH%20needs%2020713.pdf>

Note that of the 38 replies the majority (61%) were in favour of a ‘small development’, but only half of the respondents were in favour of the

proposed site. 76% were not interested in applying for one of the houses. This is not much of a mandate for the Parish Council to rely on.

The report also documents the comments made at the two ‘exhibitions’, which were rather better attended – an estimated 100 people. Please read them. They questioned the need for this housing, given the large number (320, I believe) of affordable units being built at Abbotswood, the size of the proposed units, the suitability of the site, traffic and various other concerns. My personal impression of the ‘exhibition’ that I attended was that it was mostly a sales pitch by Test Valley Housing Department and the developer.

It was extremely difficult to get concerns about the principles of the proposal across, and relatively easy to make comments on the details of the design. It was as if they were selling something which had been decided on and was not up for discussion. For me, this was not a good demonstration of local democracy in action.

A number of villagers attended the regular Parish Council meeting in early September ( I was away but my impression was that there were only about eight or nine present), and there was a fairly lengthy and robust exchange of views with our own councillors, who in a way are caught in the middle of all this. But, **yet again**, only a very small minority of villagers were present.

## Chairman (continued)

As I understand it, the Parish Council is now waiting for a revised proposal to come forward from the developer and TVBC and, as the chairman says in his piece in this newsletter, until they receive this they 'will not be holding any further meetings to discuss this'.

Your Association thinks that it is vitally important that further consultation (not 'exhibitions') takes place before a decision is made about this subject.

Some of our villagers have very strong views on it, whether in support of the proposal or against it (or against a part of it), and it seems to many of them (me included) that we are being steamrolled into having something thrust upon us by TVBC which we need to understand and consider

more carefully. So we strongly urge the Parish Council, when they have the revised proposal, to hold a village meeting to let people have their say, and we strongly urge you, dear reader, to attend, to listen, reflect and make any points that you think are worth raising!

To be fair to the Council, they have tried to consult us, and our response has been pretty pathetic - ONLY 38 REPLIES.

I'm hopeful that the Councillors will agree to this. It would be a bad move to sit on the matter and not let it have another airing. In fact, if the Parish Council won't set up a meeting, we, the BVA, will do it. Whoever sets it up, the most important thing is that **YOU TURN UP!!** Please.

## From the Editor

First of all welcome back from Summer, with the sincere hope that you all had a good holiday!

More serious matters. The Chairman's article deals exclusively with the subject of Affordable Housing in and around Braishfield, and the concerns which should be addressed by us all; to the extent that I have ceded some of my space to him - extreme sacrifice! I won't rehearse his points again here, but **do urge you to read carefully what he says**, in conjunction with the text from the Chairman of the Parish Council which appears on p7.

Same theme, but to widen the horizon, if you have access to a copy of the August edition of the Romsey & District Society magazine, cast your eye over the article on p7 there ("What Future for Romsey's Countryside?"). If nothing else it proves that Braishfield is not guilty of tunnel vision.

Finally, and cheerfully, see pp 6 & 13; the 2013 Variety Show - an opportunity to 'pack up your troubles etc!' Please give all the help and support you can - above all, come to the Show!

## Donations to Braishfield Village Association News

We would like to thank all those who donated toward the cost of the Braishfield News last year. We hope that the content of the News makes good village reading and keeps you up to date with events. We do not run it on a subscription basis but we obviously incur costs to publish. We would welcome any support you can give to keep the News viable during 2013 and we would like to thank those who have already helped us this year. If you wish to make a donation please complete this slip and forward it to the address below and please make cheques payable to Braishfield Village Association.

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Thank you.  
David Robinson - Chairman



I enclose a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the running costs of the BVA.

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As an alternative, a Standing Order form to make annual donations to the work of the Braishfield Village Association is available. Please contact the Treasurer, Sheila Still, and she will send you one.

## Letters & Notices

### All Saints' Cream Tea

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August we gathered in the lovely garden of Springbank, Newport Lane, by kind invitation of Mike & Betty Horton, for an afternoon of cream teas and music from our very own village Ukulele band BUMS.

The event not only raised £400 for Church funds but gave us the opportunity to meet together in such a lovely setting.

We would like to thank Mike & Betty for their hospitality, BUMS for providing the entertainment and to everyone who helped and supported the event.

Rector and Churchwardens  
All Saints' Church

### Coronation Afternoon Tea held on August 31<sup>st</sup>

Braishfield United Reformed Church would like to thank everyone who helped in any way at the tea held at Paddock View. We had a lovely afternoon-- the weather was great (the wasps were a bit of a nuisance).

Anyway thank you to all who came along and to anyone who contributed.

We made the grand total of £380.00 towards our 2013 Charity, The Don McMath Foundation School in the Gambia.

Thank you again

Margery and Bill Randall

### Variety Show

Thank you for prominently advertising the Variety Show in this and previous editions.

With a month or so to go we expect to have 15 or so acts but even at this late stage we can take more if anyone wishes to perform.

Also anyone who can help on the nights please get in touch.

We are also looking for someone to record the event on Video.

Any offers?

Richard D Brazier [rdbrazier@hotmail.com](mailto:rdbrazier@hotmail.com) Home: 368414: Mobile: 07768 020917

## Letters & Notices cont.

### Affordable Housing

Following on from the 2 exhibitions that were held in July and August to obtain the opinion of the village into the proposal to build 9 Affordable Houses on land lying south of the Wheatsheaf Public House, the questionnaires and comment forms have been analysed by Community Action Hampshire, an organisation independent of The Parish Council and TVBC, and a full copy is distributed with this edition of the BVA News.

The summary of the analysis is that there is a majority in favour of Affordable Housing being built but that the site is 50/50. The site was subject to much discussion, and was the 17th site looked at. This site is very restricted as the land to the north is owned by the Wheatsheaf, and no building can take place further south as the gas main runs through the field and no buildings can be within 50 m of the pipe.

TVBC housing officers have, as a result of the feedback from the exhibitions, re-looked at the housing waiting list and it has been

ascertained that the proposed 2 and 3 bedroom houses that were originally proposed do not meet the need which is for 1 and 2 bedroom accommodation. As a result Hyde Housing are re-designing the scheme.

The issue of Affordable Housing has caused heated discussions at the last 3 Parish Council meetings and the 2 exhibitions. However, as with many contentious issues, there are firm opinions on both sides and until we have new firm proposals based on the wishes of the majority, for a small development and the houses meeting the need, the Parish Council will not be holding any further meetings to discuss this.

**Please read the results, as the opinion of the village is important, and will be considered by the Parish Council when further proposals are put forward by Hyde Housing.**

Mike Prince  
Chairman  
Braishfield Parish Council

### Braishfield Road & Jermyn's/Sandy Lanes Roadworks

The Parish Council has been advised that work is to commence on October 7th and last for approx 18 weeks on the construction of the new roundabout at the crossroad on

Braishfield Road/ Jermyns Lane/ Sandy Lane. This has been agreed as part of the Abbotswood Development.

Mike Prince  
Chairman  
Braishfield Parish Council

# Letters & Notices cont.

## Security Advice

**BRAISHFIELD** ~ Crook Hill on the 07/09/13 during the day, person/s unknown have attempted to break-in to a property by throwing a brick and smashing the kitchen window. Entry not gained and nothing appears to be stolen - Please call Romsey Police on 101 if you have any further information.

### **GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE** - please read

Keep ground floor or accessible windows shut and locked

Don't leave doors and patios doors open.

Remember to lock up property before going to bed.

Remember insurance companies often will not pay out if a burglary is a result of poor security.

If you are taking the opportunity to do some DIY to the house, don't leave ladders and tools outside, keep them locked up.

Make sure you lock side or rear gates leading to you garden.

Do not do business at the door; often companies who tout at the door for gardening and home improvements turn out to be bogus and checking out your property.

If you are going out for the evening remember to use a timer switch on a lamp or radio/ TV to give the impression someone is home now the nights are drawing in.

Remember to shut car windows and sunroofs even if parked on your drive and keep the car locked at all times.

If you are working in the garden, remember not to leave expensive power tools lying around, even for a couple of minutes.

Scrap metal has a high value. Don't leave expensive gardening equipment out side unattended, check security of sheds, garages and outbuildings.

## **VILLAGE LUNCHES CHURCH ROOMS 12 NOON**

MONDAY 14 October

MONDAY 11 November

MONDAY 09 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

## Letters & Notices cont.

### All Saints' Harvest Supper

on Saturday 5th October

at 7pm in the Church Room.

Tickets £7 in aid of South Rwensori.

Bring own drink.

Entertainment by BUMS.

Tickets from Jane Bennett 01794 368109

### Coffee and Cake at the Village Hall

Excellent coffee and a choice of delicious cakes await you at the village hall every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoons during term time. Come along, indulge yourself, meet old friends and make new ones.

We are open from 9.00am .11.30 am and from 3.00pm Thursdays. All funds raised go to renew the heating and renovate your village hall.

The regular plant sales proved to be a hit earlier in the Summer but had to be abandoned faced with the endless drought. Donations of cakes, plants and produce such as jams will all be very welcome from September when we hope to have more regular sales.

Thursday afternoon tea seemed very popular especially with mothers collecting children from school and dancing classes. We plan to restart this in September. Volunteers to help from 3.00pm till 4.30pm one afternoon every few weeks would be very welcome.

Please come and support your village hall.



Marian Randall

## Letters & Notices cont.

### The Braishfield 200 Club

Who's in the money? The winner of the August draw was Sue Buxton, and the joint winners of the September draw were Nick and Harriet Ashe. The remainder of the money raised went to Serve Direct, the charity which supports the work of the Dugdales and others from the village in Africa (August), and All Saints Church (September).

We're always keen to welcome new members.

Talk to David Robinson on 368774 and he will spell out the route to unimaginable riches!! It's so easy, and you'll be supporting local causes.

### Moses: God's rescue plan



Sunday 13th October 2013

2 30 pm - 5pm

Awbridge Village Hall, Awbridge, SO51 0HG

MESSY ACTIVITIES      CELEBRATION      FEAST

Messy Church is for all children in the **BRAISHFIELD** Benefice including Farley Chamberlayne, Michelmersh, Timsbury and Awbridge and is organised by the Group of five churches in our Parish.

Children to be accompanied by parent/carer.

For info contact Pepe Alexander 340386 or email:

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or Mary Savage 367908 email: [savage@choiceplants.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:savage@choiceplants.freeserve.co.uk)

Event is free but donations always welcome

Remember the BVA Website: [www.braishfield.org](http://www.braishfield.org)

## Letters & Notices cont.

### Residents Guide

Please note that Malcolm Baker is no longer the representative for West Country Fires listed on Page 22 of your Guide.

### All Saints' Church celebration

We are celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
with a service at 10.30 am.

We welcome everyone to this service to celebrate the amazing contribution from volunteers within and outside of the village towards the life of our church, the upkeep of the church and churchyard and to those who have and continue to give so generously to church funds.

We hope you can join us for the service and afterwards in the Church Room for refreshments.

Rector and Churchwardens

### Frisbee

#### ***Braishfield Ultimate Frisbee Sunday - winter season nights!***

From early October, we are *playing* at the Romsey School Astro Turf (park in the school car park and walk round the back, to the floodlit pitch), Sunday evenings from 6pm until 8pm. All men welcome from ages 16-60! *If you think you can throw a Frisbee and run around a bit, join in and keep fit during those boring winter nights. We will play come rain or snow! This sport is really taking off, its big in the U.S. with professional leagues now.*

Contact me on [malcolm.baker192@btinternet.net](mailto:malcolm.baker192@btinternet.net) or tel 368579, or facebook 'Braishfield Ultimate Frisbee' for more info.

Malcolm Baker

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# Braishfield Beer Run

We decided to run the Braishfield Beer run together this year - a 1<sup>st</sup> for me as I am new to running; a walk in the park for Jonny, a seasoned runner, who had completed the London Marathon in April. We managed to recruit some family members to join us by promising a BBQ afterwards.

The weather was very kind to us and it was a beautiful day as we made our way to the start - the cricket green on Dummers Lane. This was a perfect setting to start the 315 entrants - the highest number yet. It must be the promise of the beer and cake at the end!

There was a great atmosphere at the start and then all too soon, we were off - the 5 mile race had begun. It started with a lap of the cricket green and we proceeded out and up to Braishfield Road. We passed our house and it was great to have some cheers from the children and family as we ran past.

Just after the 1<sup>st</sup> mile marker we turned left onto Paynes Hay Road and I was pleased that I had done the 1<sup>st</sup> mile in a better time than I thought. Jonny had shot ahead at the beginning and I knew I wouldn't be able to catch him, but running in an event was fun and a great motivator to keep up the pace.

We turned left onto Lower Street and up that horrible steep hill before

heading down Kiln Lane. As we approached the turn back onto Braishfield Road, there were people there cheering us on which made a huge difference and spurred us on as we made our way back along Braishfield Road, which feels pretty uphill as we approached the school.

There was a very welcome pit stop by the school with water being handed out to us, which was greatly needed given the heat of the day. More cheers from people standing along the road and off we headed past the recreation ground, which we knew was where the finish line lurked, and on towards Newport Lane.

I knew this next section would be hard and it was, heading up the steep hill after the Newport Inn, and back onto Kiln Lane. Down Kiln Lane and left onto Braishfield Road, the entrance to the Rec couldn't have come sooner for me. What I hadn't realized was that we were to run a lap of the rec before we were allowed to finish!

Finally, it was done, and greatly enjoyed despite the hard work. The atmosphere was fantastic at the finish with the reward of cake and beer very welcome. The race was very well organized by Romsey Road Runners and the route was a great loop through our beautiful village.

Tor Williams



**Braishfield Village Hall Committee present**

# **The Village Variety Show**

**An evening of fun provided by local talent in aid of  
the Village Hall refurbishment.**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> (preview performance) and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
2013**

**in the Village Hall.**

**Doors open 7.00pm for a 7-30pm start**

**The booking office is now open.**

GRAND DRAW, Bar and Refreshments available.

**Tickets: £6 Adults £3.00 Children for Friday  
and £7.00 Adults £3.50 Children for Saturday  
available from Terry and Margaret O'Keeffe**

**Tel no. 01794 368037**

**Book early to avoid disappointment!!**

**AND DISCOVER IF BRAISHFIELD  
HAS OR HAS NOT TALENT!!**

# Braishfield Gardens Open Day

On a very hot day, Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> five gardens in Braishfield opened to the public. After two weeks of high temperatures and no rain, the owners were hoping some of their plants would still have flowers - and indeed they did!

Hemerocallis and Crocosmia which overlooked the rolling lawns and specie trees. By the abundant vegetable and fruit beds there were huge dark orange and yellow sunflowers and a further mass of Penstemon, Veronicas and Campanulas.



Chalk Pit Cottage looked out onto two huge beds full of colour, one with subdued pink and blue plants and the other with bright phlox, Achillea, Geums and

Alstroemeria.

Organised by the Horticultural Society, the day was a follow-on from last year when six other gardens were open in September.

In contrast, round the corner was a restful white garden around a sundial, full of white Phlox, Hydrangeas and Chrysanthemums.

Braishfield Manor garden looked cool around its lovely lake with water lilies. The white courtyard was dominated by a beautiful mophead Hydrangea.

The vegetable beds were thriving and the meadow grass looked cool and invited you to walk through the mown paths. The scones with jam and cream were delicious!

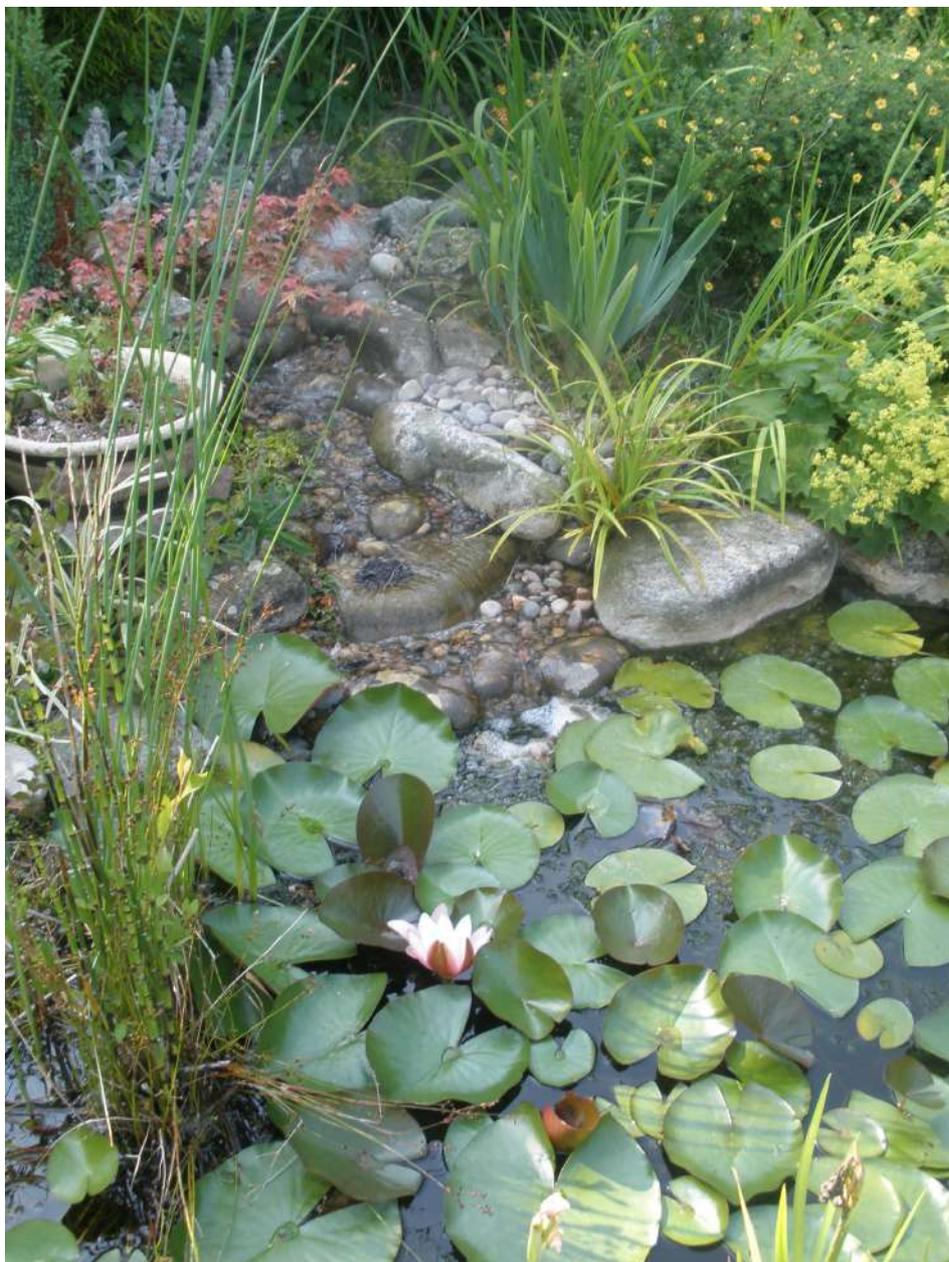
In contrast, the Mediterranean bed was a riot of bright orange

The Old Stables appeared cool and lush, partly because of the shade from

its huge bordering trees overlooking this most attractively shaped garden.

A lovely pond area with running stream and water lilies was surrounded by grasses. A 'hot' bed gave bright colour from Dahlias, Hemerocallis, Aliums, and sweet peas. Lavender and Nepeta bordered the patio. A delicious choice of five cakes was offered for tea!

Orchard View had a long bed of tall purple Verbena, Eringium, and Phormium leading to a sweet smelling Honeysuckle and a little gate to 'Sheila's garden'.



Here the vegetable patch was full of broad beans, celery and runner beans. Past a bed of white borage and a restful line of blue grasses and pebbles, was 'the cabin', an inviting summer house with yellow summer-Jasmine climbing over it. Blue and purple Clematis, together with sweet peas climbing up a trellis, led back to the driveway.

Springbank had a mass of bright Geraniums around the front entrance steps. The lawns were surrounded by huge beds, one full of white and pink

Astilbe, Hemerocallis, yellow Ligularia and white Chrysanthemums.

There was a bright red bottle brush tree in full flower, a green house full of ripening tomatoes and many blue and purple Clematis climbing the pergolas. Wine and canapés were very generously offered!

Thank you to all who kindly opened their gardens and provided very enjoyable visiting.

Viv Robinson

# Jumbulance - making travel possible

## Open Garden Party and Jumbulance Reunion Lunch weekend at Oakfield 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your very generous support at the Open Garden Party for the local Jumbulance Group over that weekend. In spite of a good start to the Saturday afternoon with sunshine in the garden, we then had rain and hailstones which brought the temperatures down quickly and made it quite difficult for all the stall holders, and supporters having tea.

A m a z i n g l y however, even with less people and people leaving early, you generously raised over £450 on the Saturday afternoon (with a d v a n c e donations of over £360 bringing it up to £810.)



On Sunday (protected from continuing poor weather by the barn!) we had our annual lunch reunion for over 90 people who have travelled with our groups this year plus our volunteer nurses and helpers without whom no group can go on holiday. A further £260 was raised on the stalls and Raffle plus a generous donation of £200 bringing the total to £460.

Thus a fantastic total of £1,270 (after deducting all outgoings) was raised for your local group.

Every bit of help and generosity is enormously appreciated, especially now when fund raising is difficult. We need to raise £4,000 to support every group that goes out and next year have 5 holidays planned so the ultimate target across the Berkshire/Hants group is £20,000. If you know of anyone who might benefit from a holiday, or a nurse or helper who might volunteer to come with us, please ask them to contact me.

Without more helpers we cannot grow.

For 2014 we have holidays planned to Germany (April), Norfolk (June), Holland (July) Scotland (Sept) and a pilgrimage to Lourdes in October. In the

meantime we still have our last two groups going out this year, both in September, to Minehead and Scotland.

Happy travelling

Chris Chisholm

Nurse Group Leader Berks Hants  
Jumbulance Group.

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# Romsey Good Neighbours

**D**o you know of anyone who is frail or elderly and is having difficulty getting to a medical appointment? Do you have any spare time, your own car and would like to help your community?

If the answer to either of these questions is yes, then Romsey Good Neighbours would like to hear from you.

We are a voluntary organisation that has been running for over 30 years providing transport for the frail and elderly in Romsey, Braishfield and Ampfield.

For a small fee to help towards the driver's expenses, a driver will pick up a client from their home, take them to their appointment, stay with them and then take them home again.

We transport our clients for a wide variety of medical need- hospital clinics and procedures, doctors surgeries, dentists, podiatrists, physiotherapy etc.

We have our own wheelchairs available so if a client has minor mobility problems particularly when faced with miles of hospital corridor

to navigate, we can assist with some wheels!

Our drivers have a very good knowledge of our local hospitals and parking, usually knowing where the clinics are and the quickest and easiest way to access them- an advantage when a client is anxious and pre-occupied prior to a hospital appointment.

We also find that with some elderly clients it is really helpful for them to have someone to talk to about information that might have been given concerning treatments or future appointments.

Our team of drivers and co-ordinators all say that they get as much benefit

from volunteering as our clients do from the service.

The beauty of volunteering is that your availability can be completely flexible to accommodate your life. If you can only spare a few hours a week then that is fine.

You meet some really interesting people and certainly see a wide variety of places and people.

If you want to help or use our service then please contact Barbara Harper on 01794 522803



# Braishfield Horticultural Society

At the time of writing, it would appear that summer is now over and that the traditional Indian Summer has also deserted us. Maybe it will return, but be thankful we did for a change have a summer this year, albeit a little too hot on occasion for some. Day by day we are told of the effects of global warming on our planet, but quite recently I was reading that we are now in a period of global cooling and that parts of the arctic sea has already re-frozen, a process expected to continue for the next decade or two. Who do we believe? I think that we should go back to Granny and her predictions, arrived at by sticking one finger in the air and feeling the wind, much more reliable.

We began the final period of our year in September, with a talk by Sandy Worth on "Ponds in Garden Design". She spoke at length on the subject, which was supported by her excellent photography, for all of which, she was responsible. On this occasion, it was unfortunate that many of our members were away and attendance was low, but those of us there enjoyed another interesting evening.

There has been a programme change for the October meeting. It will now be a talk given by John and June Baker on the Gardens of Japan. Please amend your diaries.

November brings us once again to the climax of our year with the ever popular AGM. Always an enjoyable evening when most of the time is spent eating, drinking and socialising.

There is, of course, a serious side to the event; we do have to elect or re-elect a committee and we do need some nominations. Organisations such as ours will only continue to flourish providing there are enough bodies to carry out the various duties.

In connection with the AGM, we have, this year, a special request. It would be very much appreciated if members were to pay their annual subscriptions at the October meeting. This would make life much easier in November especially for Mike as he collects the dues and updates the membership records. Normally, whilst he is sat in the corner, busy with the task, everyone else is joining in the fun. Lastly, offers of "Tasty Morsels" for the evening, greatly appreciated.

Finally, we turn to the Society's entry for the Braishfield Talent Show which will take place, once again, in November. The Committee, in their wisdom, decided that we offer something similar to our previous effort, which proved to be a great success. The music has been chosen, the lyrics have been written and the BUMS have agreed to provide the musical accompaniment. All we now need is a few singers, ideally, about eight in number. How about some volunteers in time for our October meeting? Failing that, we may have to resort to some painful arm-twisting. Be prepared. I will now sign off with a final plea that thought be given to the AGM and the Talent Show requests. TTFN.

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 12th November  
7.30pm

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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.

We look forward to your company

Bob Thomson, Hon Secretary,  
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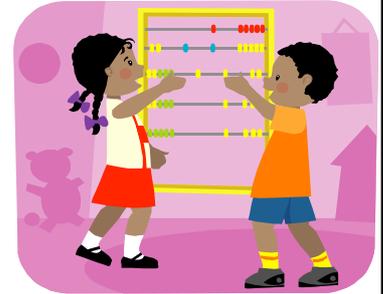
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## TIMSBURY PRE-SCHOOL

We currently have vacancies in our caring and stimulating pre-school, located in the Jubilee Hall in Timsbury - a 5 minute drive from Braishfield.

The hall is light and roomy and we have a spacious and enclosed garden which allows the children to safely explore the outside environment.



Our recent Ofsted inspection - in which we were rated as “Good” - commented that “children are welcomed into a, friendly setting where they are valued and included to ensure that none are disadvantaged”.

Come and find out why by calling 01794 368976 to arrange a visit or visit our website page on



[www.michelpershandtimsbury.org/preschool.htm](http://www.michelpershandtimsbury.org/preschool.htm)

Our session times are:

**Mondays - 9.30 - 12.30 (or 1.30 with lunch-club)**

**Tuesdays - 9.30 - 12.30 (or 2.30 with lunch-club) Thursdays - 9.30 - 12.30**

**Fridays - 9.30 - 12.30 (or 2.30 with lunch-club)**



# String Quartet in the Church Room

Following on from the great success of the String Quartet concert last October, there is going to be another. The concert, supported by BMADS, will take place on **Saturday 19th October at 7.30** in the church room.

We are very lucky that Christoph Götting, who has returned to Germany,



*Mathilde Milwidsky, Tim Crawford, Timothy Ridout, Tim Posner*

was able to introduce us to David Munro, another local violin maker, who has engaged a young String Quartet to play for us.

He writes: “It is a pleasure to take over the direction of chamber music concerts from Christoph Götting. There is an astonishing revival of interest in chamber music playing among the better young players, which I think will be exemplified in this concert. I am delighted to have secured the Celan Quartet to play. Without a doubt they are destined for great things, and we are fortunate to have their visit at this stage in their career. The great classical composers saved many of their finest

efforts for this medium, in the case of Haydn and Mozart in particular, perhaps because as fine string players it was their great joy to meet with other able colleagues and play each others’ music as possibly it has never been played since; with love, huge respect, and understanding. Oh yes, and Fun.”

The Celan Quartet will play Haydn op. 54 no.2 and Berg Op. 3. To finish they will play Mozart quintet in E flat Major K614. They are going to be joined in the quintet by James Boyd who is one of the group’s main mentors

and one of the finest viola players in London. He said: “On sober consideration, it’s possible that was the finest string quartet playing I’ve ever heard.” -

BMADS is hoping that we can fill the 64 seats to cover costs. Tickets are £20 each and refreshments will be served. If you would like to come, please get in touch with me to check availability and book your ticket. It promises to be a really super evening.

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# Cricket Club

## 2013 Success Story for NICC

What a fantastic summer we have had! I really can't remember a cricket season where so few games have been called off due to the weather - just two all year! Much of the cricket we have played has matched the good

introduced himself at the quiz earlier in the year and has played a handful of games proving a valuable addition to the club. Ed is primarily a bowler so he was delighted when he struck his first ever 6, ironically in our defeat by Upper Clatford in July.

He recently showed us that he has a hidden talent for building camp fires too and is a good all round bloke, who doesn't mind a bit of banter about the misfortunes of his country's cricket and rugby teams!

But, as the season draws to



weather too. We enjoyed a winning streak of 8 games throughout July and August with the heatwave bringing out the best in us!

Of course this summer has been an Ashes summer. A victorious Ashes summer at that! We have all watched the action with great anticipation and excitement. It is nice to be able to watch our boys in action with expectation rather than the usual blind hope.

It was excellent then, to welcome an Australian into the fold this year. Ed, a keen young athlete from Sydney,

an end we can reflect well on 2013, managing to play 31 of our fixtures and winning 22 of them.

Winning is all well and good but what counts the most is the camaraderie, the spirit and the sense of belonging among friends. And above all else - having a pint in the pub afterwards and dissecting the game blow by blow!

Until next year!

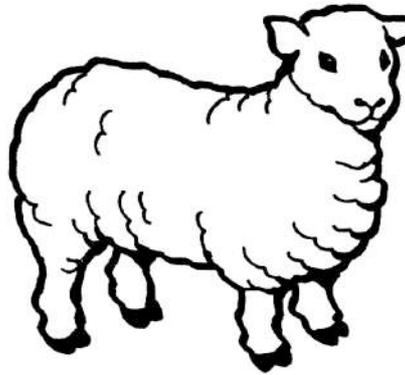
James  
Club Captain, Newport Inn Cricket Club

## Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

Just to say that we seem to have had a nice quiet summer but, naturally enough, with concerns about the weather.

As Kate sold a lot of ewes before lambing, we are fortunate that this year there are fewer to graze, because the glorious summer weather means that grass just hasn't been growing.

The top field is brown and the others aren't wonderful; sheep have to eat lots of grass!



Pregnant ewes need to be kept in top condition, so they will probably have to be fed with the hay that was made early summer, rather sooner than Kate had hoped. Hopefully the winter won't be too hard.

The rams have been living happily in the orchard; they seem to get on well together. Kate will be putting them in with the ewes soon and the whole

cycle starts again!

Wendy Quarendon

## Armistice Day

Next year, 2014, will mark the Centenary of the outbreak of the 1st World War. Throughout the year, across the country and the wider scope of the old and current Commonwealth, indeed a host of other nations, there will be many events and services to remember and honour those who gave their lives for freedom and dignity. As always they will also honour those who fell in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and the many other conflicts which have attended the past Century.

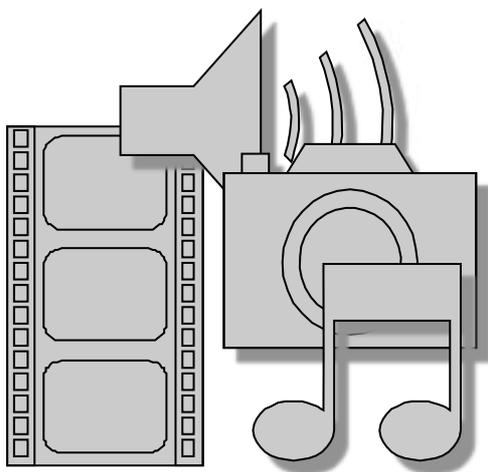
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At 10.50 on Sunday 10th November the Service of Remembrance will start at the War Memorial, continuing in All Saints' Church.

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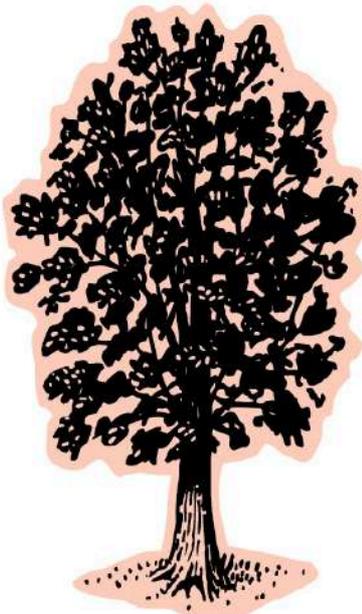
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4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November

Household waste weeks beginning:

14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November

Garden waste green bags are collected the same week as household waste, every other Friday morning.

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# Braishfield Village Diary

## October

1st	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council
5th	Saturday	7.00	All Saints' Harvest Supper in Church Room
7th	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship – Church Room
8th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society John Baker - 'Gardens of Japan'
9th	Wednesday	1.15	Mobile Library in Village Hall Car Park
13th	Sunday	2.30	Messy Church - Awbridge Village Hall
14th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
19th	Saturday	7.30	Celan Quartet Concert in the Church Room
24th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Ann Marie Dicker – 'It's a Gift'

## November

3rd	Sunday	10.30	All Saints' Day Service in All Saints Church
4th	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship – Church Room
5th	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council – not the Houses of Parliament
6th	Wednesday	1.15	Mobile Library in Village Hall Car Park
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday & Saturday	7.30	Braishfield Variety Show - Village Hall - see News
10th	Sunday	10.50	Act of Remembrance Service starts at the War Memorial
11th	Monday	10.50	Armistice Day Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
11th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
12th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society - AGM
22nd	Friday	7.30	Village Quiz - see News for details
28th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society – open evening Michael Bowyer, NAFAS National Demonstrator – 'A Carol for Christmas'

## Weekly

Tuesday	9.30 – 11.30	Coffee and Cake in Village Hall
Thursday	3.00 – 4.30	Coffee and Cake in Village Hall – Term time only
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 numbers  
 Details to the BVA News Editor or Web Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events  
 to be published