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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone

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From the Chairman

Our efforts to stimulate discussion and consultation about affordable housing bore fruit, as 60 plus people turned up at the Parish Council meeting on 5th November, and even more to the Hyde Housing exhibition the day before. There was a robust exchange of views at the PC meeting, including two people who hope to become beneficiaries of the proposed development, both of whom had a sympathetic hearing, and spoke well in favour of it. Our impression, though, was that whilst the majority of us want to see some affordable housing provided in the village, this scheme is in the wrong place and is badly flawed.

The BVA committee met the following week and had its own careful and thorough discussion. We agreed that whilst we might each have views which differ somewhat, the BVA itself should take a position which, in its view, best represented the views and interests of the village. We therefore intend to object to the proposed application, if and when it is made, unless it is so radically different from what we have seen that we may wish to reconsider the whole matter.

Our chief concern is that the proposal is a serious breach of the Village Design Statement's clear objective to preserve the character of the village and its integral open spaces between settlements.

The VDS was produced in 2002, after very considerable consultation in the village. People have a strong

commitment to it and a sense of 'ownership' of its objectives. So, while we largely support the idea of providing affordable housing, we are adamant that this proposal is in the wrong place.

We have genuine sympathy with the two ladies who spoke at the PC meeting as potential tenants, but also feel that the TVBC breakdown of the levels of need in general among the 13 potential tenants shows only "moderate" on their chosen scale; enough, perhaps, to proceed with building 9 dwellings but not enough to justify building them where it is proposed.

Moreover, nine of the 13 only require a one bedrooned house, and the proposal only allows for three of them, so it is not fit for purpose. There are other concerns too about the likely quality of build, but we will be better able to make judgements on that when a planning application is made.

So we will be pressing our own Parish Council to object to the application, as not being in the best interests of the village as a whole, but also to request an urgent review of all the other potential sites which can be identified in the village (with a fresh look at all of them), so that those people on the list with strong village connections can have their hopes realised, and the character of Braishfield retained. And by 'urgent' we mean in the next few months, not years.

When the planning application is made, you will read about it in the Romsey Advertiser. Do please take the opportunity to write in with your views about it, whether in favour or against. If enough of us do, it will

mean that the matter will be discussed by our elected Borough Councillors, and not just the Planning Officers, and there will be an open meeting which villagers may attend if they wish.

From the Editor

A couple of drumbeats to start with:

a. Please note the BVA donations slip opposite; whilst the magazine lives comfortably from advertising revenue, any small donation to offset production costs is always welcome and will go towards improving the quality of the magazine; not to the detriment of your Christmas budget of course, but perhaps later in 2014!

b. Secondly I must draw your attention to the Affordable Housing debate. The Chairman opens the batting in his piece on page 3, including a 'steer' on how to register your response; this is followed later by the views of the Parish Council from their Chairman,

Mike Prince (Page 13), and then (page 14) by those of 3 parishioners.

Your involvement and views are vital, simply because the final outcome will bless or blight our village for those who follow us in the future.

Inside, Richard Brazier thanks all for their help in producing the excellent Variety Show. Let us thank him for his great vision and energy – and yes, here's to the next one!

The final wish from our enormous editorial team (!) is of course:

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very peaceful and successful 2014!

Braishfield Village Association Notice of Annual General Meeting

Village Hall Committee Room Thursday 23 January 2014 at 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 2014, 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 Seconder by 2nd January 2014. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

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 cost 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

Thanks

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee a very sincere thank you to all who supported this year's Variety Show. We raised an amazing £2400 for the Village Hall refurbishment fund. Although we still have a long way to go (and are still looking for the fairy god mother with a major donation) this amount and other fund raising events supported by the Village together with donations are moving us in the right direction. We plan a major push throughout 2014 when we will make further announcements as to our plans.

Back to the Variety Show.

With a cast of 130 (of which 30+ were children), a support crew of over 30 too and audiences of approaching 250 over the 2 nights, this can clearly be described as a VILLAGE event.

It takes a lot of guts to stand on stage and perform. All entered into the spirit, worked hard to hone their acts and from the feedback already received they were appreciated by an enthusiastic audience on both nights.

We must not forget all the support crew. Meri on the ivories, those running the bar, serving tea, selling raffle tickets, setting up and running the lights and sound, painting the backdrop, organising the cast on and off stage, recording on video, taking stills photographs and publishing the programme.

Not forgetting those in the box office and organising the pre event publicity with posters and fly drops. Also the local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle. Will it be repeated? I hope so !!

Richard Brazier
Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

**Why not keep your own momento of the Show to enjoy with friends and family? A DVD of the 2013 Variety Show is available for £7.50 (profits to the Hall) from Malcolm Ayres 368423 or ayres.malcolm@gmail.com
Stills can be seen on the Village website: www.braishfield.org**

Braishfield 200 Club

Here are the details of the winners and donations made during the last two months. Winners are Ian and Meri Knights and Bob Thomson.

Donations have been made to Help the Heroes in memory of Janet Cook and to the Jumbulance Trust.

We would welcome new members: please help us to do some good locally. Contact David Robinson on 368774 or email davidbrobinson@talktalk.net for details.

Letters & Notices cont.

Thanks

Shirley, Rusty and family would like to thank so many people from the village, the many customers of The Newport Inn together with family and friends from near and far for attending Janet's funeral on October 16th at All Saints' Church in Braishfield. The Service led by Revd. Canon Steve Pittis with Revd. Terry Hinks giving the Address recalled many aspects of Janet's life and was a wonderful tribute to her. Around 500 people packed the church and the Church Rooms with many braving the elements as they stood outside in the church grounds. Thankfully everyone could hear via the loud speaker system set up that morning.

As we thank Steve and Terry for leading the Service, we also thank Hannah for reading, Andy for playing the organ and the many people who helped in every way including Jane and Graham and members of All Saints' Church; Wendy and Peter for the use of their field for extra parking together with Jeremy and his great team of car park attendants; also Simon and the staff at Cheaters. We were also so grateful to and thank the loyal staff of the pub who kindly came to serve the large number of people who gathered at The Newport to raise a glass to Janet following the Service.

Last but not least we thank everyone for the amazing number of cards and flowers we have received, the phone calls, the visits and the wonderful support we have had from so many people. The passing of Janet is enormous, and our lives will never be the same again. And of course, we are also saddened at the loss of The Newport after 72 years in the family.

Shirley and Rusty Smith

Braishfield United Reformed Church

Braishfield URC members wish to thank everyone who attended the Harvest Supper on September 30th. We had a really good evening with entertainment by the BUMS (the Ukulele players)--much appreciated!!

We also had a traditional supper of cheese and bread and pickle etc. The raffle raised £93.00 for our 2013 charity and donations after expenses, raised £88.85 for church funds.

Well done everyone and thank you to the organisers.

Please look out for future events.

Letters & Notices cont.

Childrens' Play Area

Following the refurbishment of the children's play area, the level of use has increased, and the Parish Council have decided to upgrade the ground around the various activities to an all weather safety surface.

We have obtained grants from Viridor and TVBC, which together with monies received through S106 levies on new developments, will cover the total costs of £20,000. The bark will be removed and replaced with a soft hard wearing surface.

The date of commencement will be advised with a notice on the entrance when this has been advised to us by the contractor.

School Oak Tree

Hampshire County Council have condemned the oak tree that is located in the school play area and have advised that it will be removed in February 2014 during half term. If any one would like a piece of the tree as a memento, please advise the Administration Officer at Braishfield School.

The Parish Council intend to plant a replacement oak tree as a commemoration of the start of the 1914-18 Great War in August 1914.

Mike Prince
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

Braishfield URC looking for organists!

Christine Kinch is to stand down as Braishfield United Reformed Church's weekly organist, at the end of the year. She feels able to play once a month for the shorter half hour communion service, but we are looking for people to help out by playing the church's reed organ at our other 10 am Sunday services. The hope is to form a rota with people playing once a month (or more or less), to accompany the church's enthusiastic hymn singing. We hope we can find some willing volunteers to help the church out from the New Year. To find out more please speak to the minister, Revd. Terry Hinks (01794 512163) or church secretary, Shirley Smith (01794 368447).

If you are an organist or pianist could you play for the church on a rota for say once a month? We need your help!

Letters & Notices cont.

All Saints' Braishfield Church Choir Needs You!

Braishfield Church Choir is in search of new members. We are a friendly bunch of people who sing to support the worship at All Saints'. We pride ourselves on being quite possibly the most democratic choir that has ever existed – personal favourites are given an airing with a greater frequency than certain other compositions. Our repertoire is wide – hymns and anthems ranging from pieces of music hundreds of years old to relatively modern Taize songs; African music and even Simon and Garfunkel! Those of you at the Variety Show will have seen us turn our hand to folk and Flanders and Swann.

Being in the choir is a commitment – we meet to practise on Fridays between 7.00 and 8.15 and sing in church once on a Sunday – services are usually at 9.30 a.m. That said, choir practice tends to be a social

occasion with a bit of singing on the side – an opportunity to meet and enjoy singing with friends, to relax and unwind at the end of the week. So if you think you would like to join us – particularly if you are of the male variety – do get in touch.



No previous singing experience is necessary and there's no "test" to pass – all you need is the willingness to make a regular commitment. All ages are welcome – it would be lovely to have some children in the choir again – perhaps there's a family out there who would like to join en-masse?

Sarah and Hannah Boothman - 368143

Wendy Quarendon - 368015

Kate Marshall - 367932

Senior Citizens

It's time to plan the Braishfield Senior Citizens party again! This year we face it without our wonderful friend Janet who, as you all know was the brains behind getting everything right! But we will try our best in memory of such a lovely lady. The party will be on Sunday 26th January and invitations will be out in the New Year. If anyone over the age of 65, living in the village, thinks they may be missing from my list and would like to join us, please ring Sharon Fielding on 368164. This event is funded by my committee fundraising, donations and great support from the village pubs and Social Club. We would like to thank everyone who has given generous donations towards making this wonderful event possible. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Sharon Fielding and Committee.

Letters & Notices cont.

All Saints' Harvest Supper

This was held in the Church Room on the Saturday 5th October. Over 50 people attended to enjoy delicious food. The ham was prepared and cooked by Drummond's butchers and accompanied by baked potatoes and salads and followed by Autumn pudds.

Between courses we were entertained by BUMS (Braishfield Ukulele Music Society) with their repertoire of popular songs and everyone was encouraged to sing along. It was a very happy evening. We were delighted to send £ 233.92 from the profits to the South Rwenzori Tree Nursery in Uganda.

So successful was the supper that the Church Room is booked for next year!

Maggie Brooks

All Saints' Braishfield Michaelmas Fair September 28th

After a few downpours earlier in the day we had a sunny afternoon for our Fair, held in the Church Room. Some enjoyed having their cream teas outside in the sunshine! It was a happy and sociable occasion and a financial success with a grand total of £433.33 raised for our church funds during the afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed the superb cream tea and cakes on offer. Stalls included Cakes, Produce, Books, and there was a Raffle - but the piece de resistance was a stall selling flower arrangements and table decorations incorporating old candle ends from the Vestry cupboard! Many creative and inventive means were found of using the candle ends - an excellent example of recycling.



Sarah Boothman

Letters & Notices cont.



Seasons Greetings
To All The Residents of Braishfield
A Very Happy Christmas
And
A Peaceful New Year
From
County Councillor Alan Dowden

Frisbee

Braishfield Ultimate Frisbee Sunday - winter season nights!

For the Winter season, 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.

Just turn up or contact me on: malcolm.baker192@btinternet.com or tel 368579, or facebook 'Braishfield Ultimate Frisbee' for more info.

VILLAGE LUNCH

The Lunches continue to be very popular and well supported. This is thanks to my wonderful team of hard working volunteer helpers, cooks, table and chair movers, entrance controller (crowds!) and those that come and dine with us. Our diners are keeping the pudding side very close to their hearts as they very often get seconds and don't want too many more people to join us since this would reduce it to only one portion each!

MEN ONLY Breaking with tradition, we invited the men to run a Valentine's Day lunch for us. We knew they would raise the bar and they did by making their own bread! John Hillier was baking for days!! It was a fun lunch, very relaxing for the ladies, and we hope to repeat it in 2014 but we need even more chocolates, chaps!!! Thank you for being so enthusiastic and even better still, I was approached by others who wanted to be included next time so the competition is hotting up!

HELP WANTED! Volunteers to make a pudding, soup and/or help on the day are always welcome (it helps to spread the workload!) and we are delighted that Julie Kemp has joined us as well as Caroline Anderson. I would be delighted to hear from you if you feel you could offer any form of help - this applies to both men and women!!

VILLAGE LUNCH DATES FOR 2014:

Our lunches, advertised in the BVA News DIARY, are usually held on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August), from 12 noon, in the Church Room. For 2014 they are:

MONDAY 13 JANUARY

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

MONDAY 10 MARCH

MONDAY 07 APRIL NB This is the first Monday (to avoid school hols)

MONDAY 12 MAY

MONDAY 09 JUNE

MONDAY 14 JULY

AUGUST – no lunch

MONDAY 08 SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 13 OCTOBER

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

MONDAY 08 DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Whatever your age, please come and join us. You will be warmly welcomed. For new villagers it is a wonderful way to get to know a lot of people quickly!

Meryl Balchin, Tel: 368427

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

On the 4th November, the draft plans due to be submitted to TVBC for the affordable housing in Braishfield were available to view at the village hall. The event was well attended with the usual difference of opinion to the plans being expressed.

The following day, at the November Parish Council meeting, between 60 & 70 parishioners attended, and the Chairman explained that as the plans were due shortly to be submitted for planning consent, any discussions would have to be on planning and not emotional grounds.

The Chairman explained that there is a need in the village with 13 on the housing list for the 9 proposed houses. It was also confirmed again that the houses would only be available for people with proven connections to Braishfield, not only now, but forever.

The proposals were discussed with strong opinions again being expressed both for and against the plans. Yet again there was opposition to the site, with again the site at the end of Hill View Road being put forward, with one parishioner stating he had spoken to the owner, Fullers, who stated that they had not been approached by TVBC. I have been advised that TVBC withdrew their possible support for the site on planning policy grounds, therefore, no approach was made to the landowner.

The meeting was attended by Graham

Smith, the Planning Policy Officer for TVBC, as well as our Borough Councillor, Martin Hatley, who is also the Planning Portfolio Holder for TVBC, who between them were able to answer most of the question raised on policy issues.

The previous meetings at which this has been discussed were as expected dominated by objections to the proposals, but on this occasion parishioners who are on the housing list attended and expressed their need and opinion, therefore confirming the need in the village, a factor which has been much disputed in the past.

The Chairman concluded the discussions by stating that previous objections had predominantly been on emotional grounds, which do not stand up on planning grounds and therefore this had given the green light to Hyde Housing to pursue this scheme. It was also stated that once the plans had been submitted, then any comments should be submitted to TVBC in writing, and these will then be published on the TVBC website, available for all to read.

The Chairman also confirmed that until the planning application has been submitted, the Parish Council would not be making a decision on how to respond to it, as currently the Council had not reached a decision on the scheme.

Mike Prince
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

AFFORDABLE HOUSING -

Rather than fill your pages with individual submissions, this is a collective note from Richard Brazier, Ben Holdaway and Mike Evans.

Only Richard was able to attend the recent Parish Council meeting and particularly the discussion on the vexed question of Affordable Housing. Mike did provide a written contribution which he asked to be read out at the meeting – however that request seems to have been ignored. Our purpose in writing is to try and ensure that all villagers who have an interest in this important subject are aware of what is happening and how they can try and influence matters, regardless of whether they are for or against the proposal.

As we write, no planning application has been made by The Hyde Group but we believe it is due any day. Once it has been received, then the Parish Council will debate it at their next meeting, and so it is important that villagers make our Councillors aware of their views, so that the Council can represent our collective views as they decide whether to object or not. Furthermore, all villagers can submit objections or letters of support to TVBC as they feel fit, but as with any planning application, there is a limited time window.

We are not against the idea of the provision of Affordable Housing within the village, either now or at some time in the future. However, we are keen that wherever such housing is to be sited, it should be integral to the existing village.

Demand. The latest information on demand for affordable housing, as circulated by the Clerk of the Parish Council, shows as of November 2013 some 13 applicants have a local connection with Braishfield. In our opinion, that is insufficient demand to justify the creation of 9 affordable homes. It is highly likely that for some reason or other, the new spaces will not appeal or be suitable to some of the 13, and if the 13 drops below the supply of 9 provided, then the balance will not be left empty, but filled by applicants who do not have a local connection (potentially having a connection with a local village). Don't forget that there is a large supply of affordable housing being created just up the road as part of the Abbotswood development.

Location. Our strong objection lies in the proposed location. In planning terms this site is, we understand, deemed to be "countryside". Normal planning applications would not be allowed to proceed on this land. This location, in the paddock just South of the Wheatsheaf, has the gas pipeline further to the South of it, which means that unless the Wheatsheaf ceased to be a Public House and residential permission was granted on that land, then these 9 affordable homes will always be set aside from the rest of the village and not integrated into the rest of the housing settlement. Indeed it might look like this was nothing more than an apologetic effort by the village to offer such homes.

Much more pertinent are the specific references contained within the Village Design Statement which has been

adopted by TVBC as Supplementary Planning Guidance and as such forms part of the Borough Council's policy for the village.

The following extracts are relevant:

1. Landscape & Surroundings
 - a. Recommendations (page 7) – “*All views throughout the village are very important and should be protected.*”
 - b. View 7, on page 5 is described as “*From both sides of Braishfield Road, between Kiln Lane and the Wheatsheaf, there are distant views to east and west of open countryside and woodland.*”
2. Settlement pattern
 - a. Recommendations (page 9)
 - i. “*The open space nature of the village, one of its defining characteristics, should be protected.*”
 - ii. “*Countryside at and near the centre of the village is particularly important and should be preserved.*”
 - b. Within the text on page 8 – “*Other important open spaces near the centre include the paddock by All Saints, the allotments, the recreation ground and the fields next to and opposite the Wheatsheaf. These open spaces and the trees they contain are valued and ensure that the rural nature of the village is retained at its heart.*”
 3. Buildings
 - a. Recommendations (page 17) – “*New development or building extensions should retain important open spaces and through views.*”

It is crystal clear to us that the proposed site is in direct and absolute conflict with these recommendations

within the Village Design Statement, and that should be sufficient grounds for objection from the Parish Council and refusal by TVBC.

Before selecting this site, some 15 other sites were considered within the village. Details of these can be found on the village website www.braishfield.org.uk. Of these sites, site 3 is immediately adjacent to the current proposed site, where a previous Wheatsheaf tenant kept his pigs. This site was determined as unacceptable because of “visual amenity issues from surrounding public right of way network; conflict with adjacent uses; Conservation area impact”. Surely the same objections must still apply to this site. now.

Design. From a brief review of the drawings at the exhibition in the village hall on 4 November, there will be three blocks, moderately uninspiring in design, each with 45 degree pitched roof, with gardens facing south. These will have a high visual impact on the street scene as one walks or drives north along Braishfield Road, from where it will be possible to see the back gardens, fencing, washing lines etc.

Whatever your views, supportive or not, make our Parish Councillors aware of your thoughts so that they can genuinely act in our collective best interests.

Yours

Richard Brazier, Ben Holdaway,
Mike Evans

Beauty, Business & Babies!!!

Another year has passed so quickly! Thank you to everyone who comes to Braishfield Beauty for treatment and for the strong support I have received from the village in the last two years. If you are not aware by now I am expecting baby number two around Christmas Eve, of all times, and will be on maternity leave from 1st December. However this year I have recruited a Therapist; Kerry will be covering for the period of time I am off. Please visit the website www.braishfieldbeauty.co.uk for all information and offers relating to this. I will still be contactable via email; many of you have recently received an update but for those who would like to be updated with beauty news please send me your email.

Moving on to the 'touchy' subject of affordable housing, thank you to

all members of the village council/committee for their time and the dedication put in to providing us with continuous updates on the development process. I will remain particularly grateful for further news because my family and I are suitable applicants for a house and wish to remain living and working within the community.

Lastly, next year, when I return from maternity leave, I plan to expand my services to provide professional foot care both in the salon and by home visits within the village; I hope to qualify as a Foot Health Practitioner by the end of the year. This again should be a help to some of you who find going into town a bit of a mission. If I don't see some of you beforehand have a wonderful Christmas

P.S. Thursday afternoon VH coffee and cake sounds great!

Laura @ Braishfield Beauty.

Worzel Gummidge

Derek Pykett thanks all who attended the launch of his Worzel Gummidge documentary DVD at the Michelmersh Barn on 22nd of September: a great success, and £800 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society and All Dogs Matter charities. Copies of the DVD 'Return to Scatterbrook - Memories of Worzel' can be bought on amazon.co.uk for £8.00: all proceeds go to the above charities.

The first DVD full length documentary of the cult 70's/80's television series, Worzel Gummidge, it features interviews with members of the cast and crew; rare archive footage of

Jon Pertwee; visits to the locations, and previously unseen continuity shots; behind the scenes photographs, and production designs. The story behind TV's most lovable scarecrow.

Worzel Gummidge is highly regarded today as a piece of classic television, making this documentary a special journey down memory lane for anyone who remembers this delightful, magical series featuring Jon Pertwee, Geoffrey Bayldon, Lorraine Chase, Mike Berry & Jeremy Austin.

Directed by Derek Pykett.



Celan Quartet delights Audience in Church Room

A year ago Braishfield had a 'first' with a string quartet concert in the Church Room, made possible by Christoph Gotting, a violin maker who arranged for some talented young players to come down from London to play for us, on 'his'/their instruments.

This year, lovers of chamber music have been lucky enough to repeat the experience with another rising group, the Celan Quartet. Before Christoph returned to Germany, he introduced David Munro, another violin maker who, miraculously, also lives locally. The aim was to give some up-and-coming talented musicians a chance to perform, and to give local people a chance to hear them. By filling the space we are able pretty much to cover our costs, so it was great that a full Church Room audience had the pleasure and privilege of listening to some of the finest young chamber musicians of the new generation. Mathilde Milwidsky and Tim Crawford, violins, Timothy Ridout, viola, and Tim Posner, cello, are now students at different music colleges – Tim Posner came over from Hanover – and get together periodically to play in a number of prestigious venues, including, on Saturday 19th October, Braishfield.

They started with an assured and lively performance of Haydn's Quartet in C op. 54 no. 2. From the start, it was clear that we were in for a treat – these are highly accomplished musicians, who play with a clear sense of line and beautiful tone, as

well as with infectious enthusiasm and commitment. They followed the Haydn with a searing rendition of the Quartet op. 3 by Alban Berg. This is, to many, 'modern' music, but was written as long ago as 1910.

The Celan players brought it to life with total conviction as an outpouring of romantic yearning – a performance that will, I suspect, stay long in the hearts and minds of those who witnessed it.

The concert ended with Mozart's delightful but fiendishly difficult String Quintet in E flat K614. In this the players were joined by their longstanding mentor James Boyd, a leading viola player and chamber music teacher. Together they played the Mozart with considerable élan and sureness of touch – a great close to the concert. Some convivial conversation, wine and nibbles following the music rounded off a very enjoyable evening. Thanks are due to the players, to David Munro for engaging them, and to Wendy and Peter Quarendon for organising the event. Anyone interested in learning more about the players can find further information at their website www.celanquartet.com. They are issuing a CD featuring the Berg in early 2014.



Richard Groves

Jumbulance Holiday to Nairn

In a remote picturesque Scottish fishing village, I have a wonderful memory of fourteen either disabled or elderly dependent people descending in their wheelchairs from one of the specially converted jumbulances. We, their voluntary helpers, escorted them around the tiny village of Plockton on the north west coast. They sampled fish and chips, bought little mementos and enjoyed the clear Scottish sea air on a dry sunny day. This was one day of my holiday with the Hants & Berks branch of the Trust: one of several arranged each year.



The Moray Firth

who may otherwise feel isolated in their homes, relaxing and interacting socially in ways we take for granted.

As well as Plockton, every day was a delight: we saw Urquart castle in its beautiful setting on Loch Ness during our boat cruise; we had a delightful picnic in Culbin Forest amongst the pines so quiet and peaceful; a warm welcome was waiting at a Whiskey Distillery; the drama of Culloden and the glorious views from the top of the Cairngorms on the funicular railway near Aviemore completed our week. It was a varied and stimulating few

days and we were blessed with blue skies every day.

It is most unlikely that the majority of these remarkable people would have had the opportunity to enjoy any of these days or a holiday at all without Jumbulance. The Trust is a positive and responsive organisation; the drivers and the team go out of their way to ensure



Culbin Forest

everyone benefits and comes home full of lasting, possibly unique memories.

Having planned and organised the trip, Chris Chisholm then did an amazing job in leading it.

If you are interested in becoming a helper, she is always looking for volunteers. Apart from having a change of scenery yourself, and although the work is hard, the rewards for volunteers are countless. I can guarantee you will return tired but happy, and with the knowledge that you have just made a positive difference to peoples' lives.

Why not give it a go, you won't regret it. Here is the website:

www.jumbulance.org.uk

and Chris can be contacted on
01794 368250

Sue Mullane

Braishfield Primary School

The children returned from the Summer break re-energised and ready for the challenges of the Autumn term.

The Y5/6 pupils enjoyed a fabulous week-long trip to PGL Summer Camp in France, during which they participated in a wide variety of adventurous activities, and also included the culture of Mont Saint-Michel. It was an excellent way to start the new academic year, fully drawing the new Year 5 pupils into the existing Oaks' class.

This year we are introducing a residential trip for the Y3/4 pupils to the Hampshire Mountain Centre in the Brecon Beacons, and I am sure that it will be just as effective at encouraging our pupils to challenge themselves, as well as learning how to look after themselves away from home.

The Year R pupils have enjoyed a visit to Hilliers Arboretum where they carried out autumnal art and investigations, Y1/2 to the Royal Victoria Country Park to learn about the life and work of Florence Nightingale and Y3/4 have visited Stonehenge, learning about the henge's construction and those who built it. The money given to fund sports in Primary schools has been used to fund a day at Calshot Activity Centre for KS2, as well as providing swimming lessons for KS1 pupils, training and development for staff and coaching for the Junior Rock Challenge.

We have received the sad news that the beautiful oak tree in the playground

will be removed during February half term, as it is being destroyed by a fungus and has been declared unsafe: but apparently it will be replaced close by with a mature sapling next year so that Braishfield will not be without its symbolic oak tree.



paddling their own rafts

We are now preparing for our Christmas celebrations. We have enjoyed a Harvest Festival and Remembrance service at the All Saints Church in Braishfield, and have a Christingle arranged for Wednesday 11th December at 2.00 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Our Christmas production will be led by the KS1 pupils and will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December at 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., and Wednesday 11th December at 10.00 a.m. Please contact the school office for tickets nearer to the time.

We have also booked for the whole school to go to the pantomime in Salisbury, which should be a real treat, to be followed by Christmas lunch on our return.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with joy and laughter shared with those you love.

Frances Hardy
Headteacher

World War II Veteran takes RAF Falcons' Salute

This year's Families' Day was a very special occasion for one of the visitors, WW II veteran, LAC (Retd) Edward George Still (No 975540), who was accompanied by his wife Sheila and the Chairman of Romsey Branch of RAFA, Mr Bob Sankey and his wife Jackie. Ted enlisted in the RAF on 16th December 1939 as a Fitter 2E (Aero Engineer). After training at Padgate and Morecambe, he was posted to Brize Norton in late February/early March 1940 working on Airspeed Oxfords. In

1940 the airfield was bombed three times; one hangar and several aircraft were lost, sadly one civilian lost his life, and others together with some airmen were injured. Ted was among the lucky ones but well remembers the occasions.

In July 1941 Ted was posted overseas, but wartime rules kept the destination secret. He boarded at Liverpool, sailed to the Clyde and joined the convoy which left on July 28th, destination unknown. After about 5/6 weeks (at one time they were only one day's sailing from Canada) they left the convoy and sailed into their destination – Capetown! His



Ted with the Falcons at Brize Norton

contingent were placed on a train for about 3/4 days and arrived at Potchestroom (Transvaal) where they stayed a short while (tentied) before heading to Standerton (also Transvaal) where they were informed that they were setting up a new training unit, No. 25 Air School, for fighter pilots, flying Miles Masters and then Harvards. And there they remained until many of them arrived back to the U K, disembarking at Liverpool Jan.28th 1945. After leave, Ted was posted to Coastal Command, Gosport, with many

different aircraft there, both British and American. They were all later transferred to Thorney Island (The Fleet Air Arm were taking over Gosport). Then, after VE day on May 8th 1945, there were thousands of personnel, Air and Ground crew, who became "surplus to requirement", so many of the ground crew were sent off on temporary detachments to various places.

Ted enjoyed spells at several units, St David (Wales), St Eval (Cornwall), Wick (Scotland) Northwood (HQ Coastal Command). He was finally posted to 35 M.U at Heywood, near

Manchester where he remained until March 1946 when he was finally released.

Returning to RAF Brize Norton this year on 7 Sep, Ted was hosted at the Station Families' Day by Wing Commander Dave Turner, Officer Commanding Base Support Wing. The Station Commander, Group Captain Steve Lushington, invited Ted to take the salute from the Falcons parachute display team on his behalf. Sheila, Ted's wife said; "When Steve asked him to take the salute to the Falcons with him he was on cloud nine".

Ted was also asked to help pick the winning tickets for the Tombola, raising money for Help for Heroes. After a wonderful day of exchanging memories, they took the opportunity to drive around to find 18 Devon

Place where Bob and Jackie used to live during Bob's posting to Brize Norton between 1966-1969. Ted said; "As you can imagine we had a little difficulty in finding it due to the changes and enlargements which have taken place since Bob & Jackie were there. However, we succeeded and we were delighted to find it and to see that it was being renovated for future use. We were also very pleased to see first-hand the houses which had been renovated by the RAF Association and see how the money we raise has been put to good use."

Sheila added; "To return to Brize was something that Ted has talked about for years and to achieve that and be looked after the way we were was beyond his dreams."

Braishfield Brownies Autumn Term

In the summer holidays we visited Hyde in the New Forest for our four day Brownie holiday. We took part in cooking and craft activities and played games. One day we went on a treasure hunt and the present was an ice cream! We had a visit to Moors Valley Country Park for our outing day and got to ride on the train and walk on the tree top trail as well as play on the play equipment.

This term we learnt the Green Cross Code, Country Code, and Water Safety Code. The new Brownies Anna, Hannah, Zoe and Francesa made their Brownie Promise. We had a Pudding Night full of cakes and crumbles which raised money for The Malala Fund and Southampton Sight. We picked the blackberries for the blackberry and apple crumble and coloured the invitations for our parents.

We made harvest collages one evening. For the Braishfield Variety Show we are singing Auntie Monica and it's fun! (They did and it was! Ed.) Performing the song will count towards our Entertainers Badge.

By Charlotte, Anna, Hannah and Zoe.

Variety Show

A year ago a few people sat around a kitchen table drinking red wine when Richard Brazier had the idea of doing another Variety show. After the second glass everyone thought this was a good idea and after the third it was clear that this would be easy to do as Braishfield had talent in abundance and no shortage of people willing to help put the show on.

The moral of the story is that not all decisions taken after significant amounts of red wine are necessarily bad ones!

The resulting formula was simple: Over 80 people on stage + 25 people to help make it happen = 15 super acts and 2 wonderful evenings. The



Arco and Pizz

2013 Braishfield Talent Show was a great success from all aspects; funds raised for the refurbishment programme, a fitting tribute to Janet Cook who organised the original talent show over 30 years but sadly recently passed away, and the fun everyone had either putting their acts together or watching the fruits of their labour.

The acts ranged from our youngest

performer aged 3 to, a little bit older than that. The children played an important role in the evening: Arco & Pizz playing the violin, The Braishfield Bugsy's and the Fidelity School of Dance both with their own dance



The Brownies

routines and the Brownies providing a rendition of "Auntie Monica"

We had solo performances from John Edwards and Hannah Boothman who gave their impersonations of "some Welsh chap" and Joyce Grenfell respectively. Other sketches came from Mike Allen and Wendy Quarendon in a Shakespearian (ish) duet with Beth Thomas, Malcolm Ayres, Chris Balchin and Tony Wilmott not being outdone with their performance of an Egyptian Night (mare) and the Church Mowers recounting the tale of the evil Baron and how the Mowers and their French "Amis" thwarted his evil intentions.

The musical entertainment came in a variety of forms, from the harmonised singing of the church choir, the Braishfield Ukulele Music Society (BUMS!), to the rousing community

singing led by the Village Association at the end. From the sophistication of Second Wind and their 4 saxophones to the foot tapping rhythms of “Jezebel’s Midnight Diggers”. From the Rock of Max Marshall and Lee Woods aka “The Civilians” to the “rock garden” of the Horticultural Society (the Hortis) and their version of Braishfield Country Garden. And in which other show could you find Abba (albeit an Alternative one) on the same bill as a Ukulele Society?

We couldn’t possibly list all the people who made the Talent Show a great success but two people do deserve a special mention. Meri Knights, for both her piano playing as well as the support and guidance she offered to a number of the acts and, of course, last but not least, Richard



The Hortis

Brazier who was the driving force behind it all and the Compere in front of it.

So while we reflect on some great fun had by all and perhaps even start to think of what we could do in the next couple of years, just be very, very nervous if you get an invitation from Richard Brazier to come round and share a bottle of red wine!!

Iain Coleman

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Braishfield Horticultural Society

Once again Christmas is almost upon us; Santa is polishing up his reindeer bridles and our Society members are wondering where the time since last year has gone. We have enjoyed yet another year of interesting topics, presented by well chosen Speakers.

The final presentation for the year was in October when John Baker came to speak on the Gardens of Japan. His wife had been due to share the talk with him but sadly had to cancel. It proved to be a contrast to the style of gardening we enjoy in this country; We also saw a great deal of the countryside from the excellent accompanying photographs; this also emphasised the massive reconstruction that had taken place following the end of WWII. John obviously knows Japan well and we did enjoy a very interesting evening.

Early November heralded the Village Variety Show. There were many very talented acts which included the thespians of our Society appearing as garden gnomes, singing their hearts out , prancing around to a familiar tune with new words which seemed to imply a high degree of enthusiastic “Arm Bending”! It was a lot of fun, enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience. Congratulations to all who took part.

A few days later, the Horticultural Society AGM was held; it is always a very popular event, enjoyed by our Members, because it is a very social

gathering, possibly the most popular meeting of the year. Business matters are always completed in a very short time, no one ever complains about anything! This time, there were thirty five members present and Society matters were completed in exactly that number of minutes.

It has often been suggested that it is the tasty morsels and the wine on offer that is the main attraction. But there were a couple of notable items on the Agenda this year. Sue Ransom had expressed her wish to retire from the position of Hon. Treasurer. Sue had looked after and managed our finances in a very efficient manner for the past ten years. Peter Davies had agreed to take over and was duly elected. Well done Sue and thank you Peter. We also now have a new Hon. Secretary; Geoff Daniell had agreed to step in to the position and was also elected by a unanimous vote.

Chairman, Steve, thanked the departing duo for services rendered and went on to thank everyone for their continuing support. So there you have it, all set for another year for which another interesting programme has been arranged. As always, there is no meeting in December.

Moving on into 2014, on Tuesday 14th January, Hilliers’ Kevin Hobbs will be with us to talk about the search, selection, trial and introduction of new, rare and unusual plants. Following that, on to Tuesday 11th February,

we will welcome Christine and Keith Hayward who together will present their subject, 'Behind The Scenes At Hampton Court', and share their experience of displaying Cannas at this famous show. Now, of course, is the time to renew your membership, and your new Treasurer will be very grateful to receive subscriptions from members who have not, as yet, done the deed. Where else could one enjoy so much for so little? Just a mere £7.50 per year. That completes

my final epistle for this year. It now remains for me, on behalf of your Committee, to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and, hopefully, more peaceful New Year. Whilst celebrating, do spare a thought for those suffering across the World as a result of freak weather conditions.

Be lucky.

Bob Thomson.

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

On November 10th, a bright and calm morning, the Very Reverend Trevor Beeson led a United Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial, attended by a large congregation of parishioners, which included the Church Choir, Church Wardens, the Scouts and Brownies.

The Two Minutes Silence was perfectly signalled by the bugle calls played by Stephen Coulter of the Chandlers Ford Boys Brigade Band. Wreaths were then laid on behalf of All Saints and the United Reformed Churches, the Parish Council, the BVA, the BHS, the Braishfield Scouts, and Brownies.

As before, the Church Wardens then led the procession to All Saints Church, where the Service continued. A collection was taken for the British Legion Poppy appeal which, with gift aid, raised £378.88.

The next day, November 11th, a short Service was held at the War Memorial to mark Armistice Day. This was led by George Elliott, and attended by a remarkable number of parishioners despite the wet and windy weather. A

further wreath was laid on behalf of the Village of Braishfield.

In the afternoon, our School attended an Armistice Day Service at All Saints Church, and laid their wreath beneath the Roll of Honour.



All Saints' Roll of Honour

As always our Services were very well attended. It is worth noting that, on a broader canvas, there appears to be a national reversal of the previous loss of focus during the '70s and '80s replaced now by a growing, humble acknowledgement of the sacrifices, past and present, made by both military and civilian organisations alike.

Obituary: Nick Shepherd 14/01/51 - 31/10/2013

Nick, the younger son of Mrs Elizabeth Shepherd, Head Teacher at Braishfield School for many years, moved into the old School house with his mother and brother Edwin in the early 1960s, and was involved in village life for the next thirty years. Educated at Peter Symonds School in Winchester, he read Chemistry at Reading and then worked as an industrial chemist, firstly at Loveridges in Southampton and then for an international company in Bedford.

On the first committee of the Village Association, he took part in early BMADS performances and was closely involved with All Saints Church, in the choir and as a member of the PCC. Music was central to his involvement with the Church, and the rest of his life. His deep bass was instantly recognisable wherever he sang; choir, the folk group, University Operatic Society or RAODS; and his interest in music ranged wider than singing, playing guitar, mandolin and enjoying music of all genres. Inheriting skilful hands from his father, a carpenter, he made his own musical instruments, built and restored clocks and was heavily involved in the conversion of the old Plaza Cinema to today's RAODS theatre, and in building sets there for many productions. He also inherited a love of cycling from his father. Once, when RAODS were performing at the Minack theatre in Cornwall, he cycled there to support them. On the first day he cycled from Braishfield to Tavistock, over 170 miles, and was

at the theatre by lunch time on the second day! Although reserved, he changed completely in front of an audience: the more outrageous the role the better! Pantomime was his forte; unforgettable as the Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk, or dancing the Sugar Plum Fairy wearing a tutu and hobnail boots! He loved performing, developing his talent in the old WI Hall in the variety shows staged during Christian Aid Week by 'the young folk'. Tim Wilson, one time organist of All Saints Church, sums up many aspects of Nick's character: his staunch support of his friends, zaniness and way of finding practical solutions to problems: "When I pranged my first car I shall never forget Nick helping me take off the bent front wing; we jumped up and down on it in the School playground until it was the right shape again but distinctive in its finish!"

Above all Nick was kind and gentle, always thinking of others. Diagnosed with terminal cancer, his main concern was to order his affairs so as not to cause problems for those left behind. Right until the end he maintained a sense of humour, joking and teasing the hospital and home care staff. As he said, "it's the hand you've been dealt, you have to play it as best you can."

An inspiration to us all in adversity, Nick will be sorely missed.

Sarah Boothman (based on the tribute written by Nick's brother Ed and read at his funeral)

The Tribute to Janet Cook by the Reverend Terry Hinks

For everything there is a season
A time for every matter under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to weep and a time to laugh.
A time to mourn and a time to dance.

Today we come to celebrate one of the great characters of our village – a great landlady and entertainer, a star in our midst, a woman who faced many challenges in life, shed tears but also laughed. A unique character the like whom we shall not see again.

We come into this church near where Janet's husband Bernard is buried, to sing a song and to say a prayer; to bring our memories and our thanks, to place Janet into God's safe hands. We'll go out into the churchyard to commit Janet's body to the ground and to know that she is at peace. And we'll gather in the Newport to raise a glass to our friend and to remember the many years of song and hospitality that have been enjoyed in that place.

Janet Marian Cottle was born on the 18th May 1933, the eldest daughter of Alec and Elsie. Her parents had met at their work at Spencer, Turner and Bolderall, a drapery firm in London. They worked together in what they called 'the Firm' and Alec was a travelling salesman. Work took them down to Hampshire and they moved to New Milton in 1934. In later years Alec enjoyed telling people that he had been a commercial traveller selling ladies underwear - and babies' clothes.

Janet's sister Shirley was born in 1935. Janet attended the Thornhill school; recently Shirley found a copy of Janet's school report – it shows Janet have been a bright pupil ready to go far.

War broke out and Alec served in the fire service and then the opportunity came to take on an inn and land attached in a little village called Braishfield. The rest, as they say, is history.

In the book Braishfield Memories Janet shared some of her own childhood memories of those days, writing how the Newport was a typical farm pub (I must admit as a townie I hadn't heard of such a thing.) The pub had fifty acres of land for arable and livestock farming. Janet remembered how pigswill was collected and sent down from Middlesex and how farming rather than beer earned most money. Another source of income came from Americans



stationed nearby at Hursley. In times of rationing the GIs were keen to barter and parachute silk came in useful for dressmakers.

Janet attended the Braishfield School as did Shirley and had good memories of those days. Janet's 11th birthday was a very special one – on that day her youngest sister Edna was born and the family was complete.

Janet won a scholarship to Southampton Girls Grammar School. As the war drew towards a close the threat of doodlebugs and V1 rockets meant the school moved to Bournemouth and Janet commuted daily by bus and train.

She did well at school and developed skills in technical drawing. She joined the drawing office at Vickers Armstrong and worked for them at Hursley alongside other girls from Braishfield. Friendships lasted from those days and many office parties from IBM took place in the Newport. In the late 1950s she worked for a few years at the Polygon Hotel in Southampton and met many stars who were performing in the Gaumont Theatre – now the Mayflower. She herself had always been destined for the stage – though only fairly locally. In 1950 she was a founder member of the Braishfield Seven Concert Party and provided wonderful entertainment with her sisters and friends and, for many years they gave two variety shows a year. Their performance of Cinderella was a notable one – first in 1951 and then some years later. When they gave it again everyone changed parts – apart from Janet and

Girlie who were determined to remain the two ugly sisters!

In those days a young man called Eric was the love of her life. Sadly Eric was killed in an accident at work – a loss that touched Janet very deeply.

Entertaining and piano playing was at the heart of Janet's life. As a child she followed her mother in learning to play the piano and in time she was playing at the Newport. She played the piano for Valerie Malcham (then Edom's) Tap Dancing School. Often she would sing in old people's homes with her mother Elsie on the piano. Her big number was Burlington Bertie – as Shirley told me 'she loved that song and sang it so well.'

She helped to form Romsey Night Lights Concert Party with Peter Peace and others entertaining across the area. So on countless occasions Janet entertained people in village halls and hospitals and homes – always wanting to make others happy and to encourage them to sing along. She met and married Bernard in 1969 – a wedding at which the village Brownies provided a guard of honour. Then in 1971 they took on the Newport following Alec and Elsie's retirement determined to maintain the traditions of that grand old pub. And there of course Janet was in her element – the Saturday night 'sing along' became famous across Hampshire – a good old fashioned sing song.

She had a kind heart – and over the years the pub has supported so many charities and Janet has done so much for our village. For instance she was one of the founders of the village's

annual senior citizens lunch.

Shirley and Rusty have received many many cards from people touched by Janet's death. Over the years Janet worked with so many different people, young and old, and in between in the bar – making so many ploughman suppers, cutting so many huge chunks of bread, thick ham and lots of cheese and butter. Hospitality was of the essence and Janet would want to thank the team here today and all the loyal staff over so many years. And for the support of Gales and Fullers – represented here today.

Of course Janet and Bernard were a funny old couple at times – and Janet could certainly be stubborn and outspoken; she was a force to be reckoned with. I guess a few of you here today may have been banned from the pub at one time or another! In recent years both Janet and Bernard struggled with ill health and with keeping the pub running and, with Bernard's death, that struggle got harder.

Janet suffered for many years with her legs and the pain they gave her, and these last few years have involved many times in and out of hospital. The support of Shirley and Rusty and Janet's friends have been so crucial in these final years.

Christmas at the Newport was something special and on boxing day last year Rusty wheeled Janet to the piano for what was to be her last performance.

There she played all the old favourites: "She'll be coming round the

mountain..." .

"Show me the way to go home..."

"Where be it blackbird to? I know where he be;
he be up yon Wurzel tree and I be after he!"

Janet's poor health meant that, in these final months, she has been cared for in Cedar Lawn Nursing Home. Shirley and Rusty visited virtually every day and many friends called by too. Earlier in September Cedar Lawn held an autumn event where Barry and David played all the songs from Newport days. As they sang the 'Wild Rover' Janet sang out and shared in the songs – a glimpse of the old entertainer at work.

An era has ended – time has been called; yet the memories will last. Outside the Newport today the ground is strewn with acorns from a nearby tree – each with the potential for new life – a mighty oak; each a symbol of hope for the future.

For everything there is a season
And a time for every matter under heaven.

Today is a time to remember and give thanks.

But also a time to look forward – to place Janet into the love and peace of God. 'Peace' Jesus says 'is my parting gift - such peace as the world cannot give.' The time of tears and suffering is over; the time for peace has come.

Janet, may you rest in peace – the peace of Christ - and rise in glory. Amen."

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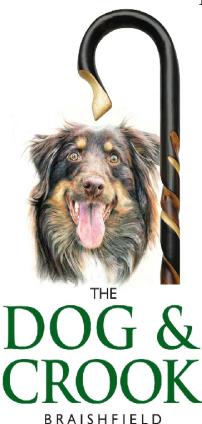
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Rubbish News

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

Recycle weeks beginning: 2nd, 16th & 30th December,
13th & 27th January 2014

Household waste weeks beginning: 9th & 23rd December,
6th & 20th January 2014

Garden waste green bags are collected the same week as household waste, every other Friday morning, except over the Christmas period. **There will be a collection on 13th December; the next one will be 10th January 2014.**

Christmas and New Year Bin Collection Days

Week beginning 23rd December - collection will be TWO days later than normal. Week beginning December 30th - ONE day later.

Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings **Where** **Time** **When** **Next meetings**

Parish Council	Committee Room, Village Hall	7.00	1 st Tues exc. August	7 Jan	4 Feb	4 Mar
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2 nd Mon exc. August	13 Jan	10 Feb	10 Mar
Horticultural Society 	Committee Room, Village Hall	7.30	2 nd Tues exc. June/July/Aug	14 Jan	11 Feb	11 Mar
Flower Arrangement Society 	Committee Room, Village Hall	7.30	4 th Thurs exc. Aug/Dec	22 Jan (Wed)	27 Feb	27 Mar
Art Group	Committee Room, Village Hall	10.00 - 12.00	Every Thursday except August			
Coffee & Cakes	Committee Room, Village Hall	9.00 & 3.00	9.00 (Tuesday) 3.00 (Thursday term time only)			
Toddler Group	Committee Room, Village Hall	10.00-12.00	Wednesday – tel: 367710			

Events  **Where** **When** **More Details**

Braishfield School Xmas Production	Village Hall	10.00 Tues 10 Dec 6.00 Tues 10 Dec 10.00 Wed 11 Dec	Tickets available from school office
Braishfield School Christingle Service	All Saints	2.00 Wed 11 Dec	All welcome
BVA AGM	Committee Room, Village Hall	8.00 Thurs 23 Jan	All welcome

 Please see BVA News or Notice Boards for further details

Please refer to www.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