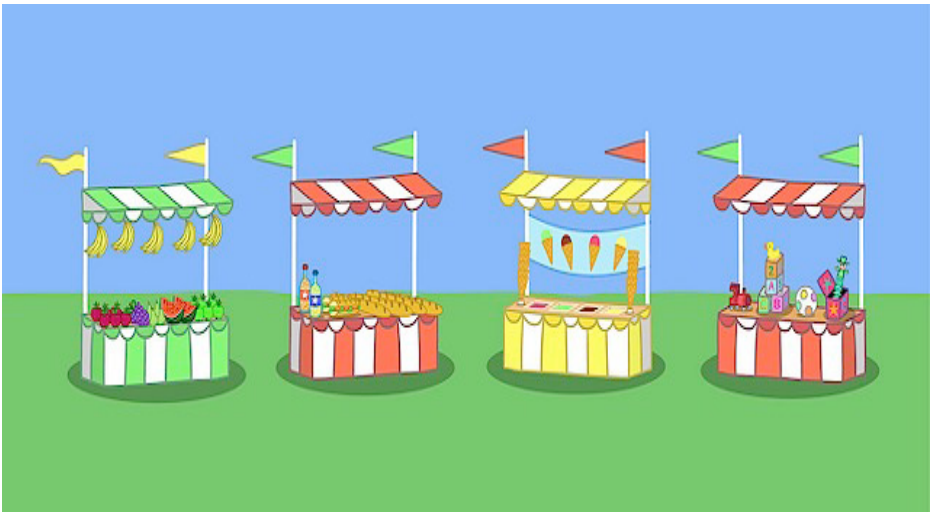




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From the Chairman

We've been somewhat preoccupied with the issue of affordable housing in the village over the last couple of months. In case you didn't know, Test Valley Borough Council, our own Parish Council and a housing association were looking at a site just to the south of the Wheatsheaf to build nine affordable houses to be let to people in need of housing, and who had genuine connections with the village. We (that is the Village Association) supported the idea but were opposed to the site, on the grounds that it was contrary to the Village Design Statement and would encroach on one of the patches of open farmland which is a feature of the village.

The Parish Council supported the site but objected to some aspects of the proposed design.

At a TVBC planning meeting in March the plan was initially rejected (by 13 voted to 5), but this was then rescinded in order to ask the housing association to reconsider its designs. At a second TVBC meeting in May the amended designs were available and the Borough Councillors voted unanimously in its favour. We spoke in opposition, as before on the site issue, but were unable to sway their views.

We had also conducted a survey in the village (not 'scientific' and not reaching everyone, and based purely on known e mail addresses) the results of which were shared with

both the Parish Council and TVBC councillors. Purely for academic interest now, the results were that 111 people living in the village objected to the site, 28 supported it and 19 had no particular view either way. On the other hand a petition in support of the site attracted 44 signatures.

This has all been rather divisive in the village. We (the BVA committee) tried our best to put forward a reasonable case for objection, and I personally felt very disappointed by the vote, and apologies to all those who agreed with us for not winning support from councillors, but what's done is done, and we will have to accept and live with the outcomes.

There is a huge national shortage of low rent accommodation, which includes Test Valley, which has its own huge waiting list, so our nine dwellings need to be seen in that light, and will be available only to those with connections to the village. So, the houses will be built, and it seems that work may start in the autumn and be completed by next summer.

The good news is that nine families or individuals will have decent housing in the village, near to their place of work or their families, or both. And we will welcome them and hope they will join our community, contributing to village life.

From the Editor

An interesting few months. Braishfield Road has writhed under the hammer of "Roadworks Inc" in all imaginable forms, both within the village in the shape of flood damage and repair and, on the outskirts, burgeoning traffic control erections (roundabouts, pedestrian havens) to reflect the Abbotswood development.

It is not yet clear how School Lane will evolve (closure or one-way?), and the time frame for the installation of traffic lights at the Winchester Road end remains unrevealed.

And of course, with the recent approval for the building of the 9 new homes just south of the Wheatsheaf, we can expect considerable activity in that area from this autumn to early

summer next year. In the round the best thing is just to 'grin and bear it' in the hope that options for loading up the minor country road which takes its name from the village will eventually run out – or should we aspire to grandeur and seek to join the B- road league!

Enough irony! This edition is a '48- pager', brimming with News, Initiatives, Opportunities, Observations, Events, and local Infrastructure plans. Furthermore, everything has been spontaneous. So once again, thank you all for all your contribution and help. For those who take their Summer holiday before the next edition, find some sun and have a wonderful time!

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

Dramatic news at the April Village Lunch, when the draw took place for both March and April. Both prizes were won by the same couple, Mr and Mrs Ted Still! Something of a statistical fluke. You will have noticed that they are now enlarging their house!!

The May draw was won by Mr Dink Eldridge, and we have made donations to our village social Contact Group and All Saints Church.

Do join the Club! You need to contribute £5 a month, £3 of which goes to charities and good causes, and £2 goes as prize money. The monthly prize is around £110.

Call David Robinson on 368774 for details.

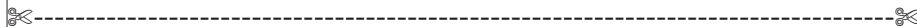
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We would like to thank all those who donated toward the cost of the Braishfield News last year. We hope that the content of the News makes good village reading and keeps you up to date with events. We do not run it on a subscription basis but we obviously incur costs to publish. We would welcome any support you can give to keep the News viable during 2014 and we would like to thank those who helped us last 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.

Notices

The Bugle Sounded
Commemoration of the Fallen in Two
World Wars from Braishfield and Farley
Chamberlayne



We are extremely grateful to the Parish Council for providing the funds for the printing costs for the commemorative booklet 'The Bugle Sounded'. It is now in circulation and is proving to be widely appreciated

Thank you very much for supporting this initiative.

Yours sincerely
David Robinson
Chairman

Contact any Committee member to obtain your copy for a small donation. The proceeds will be shared between our Churches and SSAFA (Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen's Families Association)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

At the Parish Council Meeting on the 6th May the Council voted 6 to 1 to support the Planning Application to build 9 Affordable Houses on the site on Braishfield Road, south of the Wheatsheaf Public House, and to withdraw its earlier objection to the revised design.

On the 13th May at the Southern Area Planning Committee of TVBC, this application was again debated. Mike Prince, David Robinson and Laura Bevan spoke to the Committee and after due discussion the Committee voted unanimously to agree with the Planning Officer's recommendation to grant permission for the development to go ahead.

The developer, Hyde Housing, have stated that they hope to be on site in the Autumn with the houses ready in less than a year. In the spring of 2015 TVBC will organise, with the Parish Council and Hyde Housing, a 'pre-allocation' event which will be open to local people to attend, to understand how to bid for the homes that will be ready in the Summer of 2015.

TVBC will also arrange a competition to name the road as well as an event to celebrate the first spade in the ground.

Mike Prince
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

Notices cont.

RETIREMENT

At the Annual Parish Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council, the Chairman of the Council, Mike Prince, presented the retiring Clerk, John Rhodes, with a framed drawing of his home in Lower Street and a bouquet of roses to his wife.

John has been clerk to the Council for 15 years, a period that has seen many changes in the village, and the Chairman thanked him for his valued service to the Council and the village. The Council have appreciated his guidance over those 15 years and wish him well for the future with more time to enjoy his many pursuits.

Mike Prince
Chairman,
Braishfield
Parish Council



APPOINTMENT

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Kate Orange to the Council as our new Clerk following the Retirement of John Rhodes after 15 years as Clerk.

Kate is a resident in the village with children in the village school, and the Council is delighted to take this opportunity to move forward with Kate's help and guidance.

Mike Prince
Chairman, Braishfield Parish Council

Notices cont.

LOCAL RESPONSE TEAM

At the Annual Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council on May 6th, a presentation was made by Neil Jenkins from HCC. Neil is an Emergency Planning Officer with the Emergency Planning and Resilience Corporate Services who were responsible for the emergency actions taken during the flooding problems in Hampshire earlier this year.

Neil talked about the role of Local Response Teams (LRT) and as the Parish Council is the local body able to form an LRT that would be acceptable to HCC, we have decided to investigate the formation of a Braishfield Team and further information will be advised in future editions of the BV News.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Following a question raised at a Parish Council Meeting by a Parishioner, the Parish Council has agreed to pursue the possible formation of a First Responder Team in Braishfield. As part of our investigation we are considering the installation of a Defibrillator at a central location in the village which will be available 24/7.

We have contacted the Ambulance Service and they wish to have an opportunity to come and talk to Braishfield residents as to the way forward and the Parish Council are arranging this and the date will be advised.

Mike Prince
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

OAK TREE

As you will have noticed, the Village Oak Tree has now been removed and the School do not wish to have it replaced in the playground.

Can you please let us know if you have any ideas as to a possible new high profile location in the village.

Mike Prince
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

Notices cont.

CHURCH NEWS

Looking ahead: dates from All Saints' Church

There won't be a service in our church on Sunday 22nd June as we are having a Parish Outing to Freshwater, IOW, that day.

On Sunday 10th August there will be a BBQ at 12.30pm at Mike and Betty Horton's home, Springbank, Newport Lane.

If you are a fan of Choral Evensong you may like to come along to All Saints on Sunday 21st September at 6.00pm. All Saints' Choir will be joined by choirs from Copythorne and Chandler's Ford for a full choral service. This has become an annual event, travelling around the three churches involved. Our turn to host this year! The choirs will rehearse in the afternoon and have tea together before the service.

Our Harvest Supper will be on Saturday 4th October at 7.00pm, in the Church Room, with entertainment from BUMS.

On Saturday 18th October there will be an Auction of Goods and Promises with Afternoon Tea in the Church Room, from 2.30pm. Proceeds will be shared between church funds and PLANETS. (This event replaces the Auction and Supper planned for May 10th)

Sarah Boothman, PCC Secretary

BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

6 of us ventured out to The Hampshire Club on a lovely sunny afternoon for our first outing of the year.

Ian Bailey took the honours scoring a creditable 36 stapleford points and winning on countback and the Presidents Trophy (kindly presented by George Elliott).

Our next meeting is planned for Friday 11 July at Alresford Golf Club and a calling e mail will be sent out to members in early June.

Please make a note in your diaries NOW. New members are always welcome.

Richard Brazier
368414

Notices cont.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Starts 6pm Sunday eves on Braishfield Rec. for the summer season. The object of the game is to score points by passing the disc your team player in the opposing end zone. All new players welcome. Tuition given, there is a fun practice session before each game. Informal rules and suits all players 16 - 60. Contact: Malcolm on 368579

BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Amendment to the Flower Show Schedule for 2014.

Page 7 – Culinary judge is now Helen Conn due to David Protheroe being unavailable.

Thanks

Margaret O’Keeffe
BHS Show Secretary

BRAISHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Governors

We had a very positive response to our appeal last year for new school governors. Over the last nine months three parents and one community governor have joined our committee. This notice is to let you know that there is one further vacancy on the governing body. This is a most rewarding and interesting role, supporting the education of children in our school. It requires a fair commitment of time over each term, with at least 4 meetings together with other responsibilities.

If you would like to find out more, please contact our chairman, Oliver Robinson,
3 Common Hill Road 368714 ol.rob@outlook.com

Hannah Boothman (School Governor)

Braishfield Village Hall

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Tel: 01794 368173

Special Rates for Children’s Parties

Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Come and discover what plans the Committee have for the Hall

Tuesday 24th June 2014 from 2.30 pm to 8.00 pm

**We do hope you can join us at sometime over the day to view our ideas.
Following tremendously positive feedback you will also have the
opportunity
to preview the SHOP and meet with members of the Shop Committee.**

**Drinks and nibbles will be available and Committee members will be
on hand to answer your questions, hear your feedback and get any
ideas
you may wish to offer.**

**Please make an effort to attend and alternatively Coffee and cakes will
be available as usual in the morning from 9.30 to 11.30am.**

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

The Committee wish to appoint a new Treasurer following the intention of Jerry Metherell to retire.

Some Accountancy or Book Keeping experience would be an advantage.

The job is not onerous. It involves attending approximately 4 meetings a year, preparing annual accounts, annual returns to the Charity Commission, maintaining the Bank accounts and dealing with all financial matters as required.

It is an important and challenging time for the Hall with its plans for a major refurbishment and the start of a Community Shop.

This is an opportunity to join the Committee and make a difference for the Village.

Jerry will be very happy to effect a controlled handover with training as required.

Please contact me in the first instance on 368414 or by e mail:

rdbrazier@hotmail.com

We are also looking for general Committee members too.

Richard Brazier - Chairman Village Hall Committee

VARENNA'S TANZANIAN CYCLE CHALLENGE

Can you help me to support Professor Lord Robert Winston and the work of the Genesis Research Trust?



The Genesis Research Trust was established to raise money for the largest UK-based collection of scientists and clinicians researching conditions that affect the health of women and babies. This vital research is aimed at improving prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a range of conditions which cause premature birth, miscarriage, genetic disease and cancer. Despite countless breakthroughs in medical science, we still do not understand why some pregnancies will end in tragedy. As a midwife with over 16 years experience I am only too aware of how important the Trust's work is.

Women for Women organise fund-raising challenges for women in support of the Trust. These range from long treks to cycle challenges, and they are hard! In 2006 I did my first Women for Women challenge in support of the Trust, cycling an arduous trail in India. I raised almost £3,000 while cycling through remote villages with some 80 other women, all of whom raised similar amounts (a total close to £250,000 on that challenge alone). The camaraderie experienced by everyone involved was inspiring. The lives of every woman taking part was touched by the issues that the Genesis Research Trust seeks to tackle. It was also great to meet Professor Robert Winston, the Chairman of the Trust.

Now I'm doing it again! This time I'll be cycling 350km over five days through the African heat in Tanzania. I need to raise a minimum of £3,100 to participate. I have already raised a third of this and really need your help to achieve my target (please note - all money raised will go to the charity - I am funding all my own travel costs).

I'm working on my fitness levels now, and you will see me training around Braishfield in the next few months. As part of my fund-raising I will be holding a 'nearly new' clothes sale at the Church Rooms on June 28th. Any contributions of good, but unwanted clothing would be gratefully received. Any kind donations can be dropped off at the Old Village Stores, or give me a call on 01794 368038, and I could pick them up. If any of you are moved to make cash donations, I'd be happy to receive them either at the Old Village

Stores, or it is easy to donate on my Just Giving website at

<http://www.justgiving.com/Varenna-Othen>

With very many thanks in advance for your help



Women for Women

Varenna

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ROMSEY HOSPITAL

Including the new Lung clinic mentioned in the last edition of the BVN, there are now 15 outpatient clinics operating from Romsey Hospital covering a wide range of medical interest; upper stomach, lower bowel, eyes, gynaecology, pulmonary, urology, ENT, skin, vascular, arthritis and rheumatism, Parkinson's, Elderly Care, minor skin operations , and general checks.

Most are run by consultants from Southampton General Hospital. Also now available:

Blood Testing: Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 7.30 am – 10.30 am
Saturdays: 9.00 am – Noon

Walk-in X-rays: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8.45am – 12.45
& 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm.

Romsey Hospital Direct line 01794 834706

The League and the associated Appeal have paid for equipment for many of these clinics in recent times. If you are interested in joining the League, donating or offering help in any way please contact:

Jean Denham, League of Friends of Romsey Hospital, 51 Riverside Gardens,
Romsey SO51 8HN

BEN HOLDAWAY: SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE FOR PLANETS

I am taking part in a sponsored cycle ride across the Pyrenees from June 16-21 for the charity Planets (Pancreatic, Liver and NeuroEndocrine Tumours) , started by Neil Pearce (Newport Lane) and based in Southampton.

I start the ride on the Atlantic Coast and then go over the Pyrenees before dropping down to the Mediterranean; a total of 720km with 19 mountains to cross, all in under 100 hours!

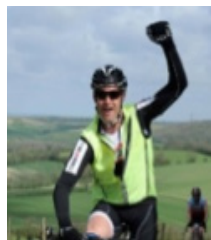
I aim to raise between £3000-£6000; currently I've passed £1600.

The Charity is well known and supported in the village and I hope many of you would like to sponsor me.

The link is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BenHoldaway>

If you can't sponsor via a computer I'm very happy to take a cheque.!

Many thanks
Ben



St George's Day/Shakespeare Celebration

The event was initiated by the BVA, in co-operation with BMADS, on the basis that we might put together an evening on the themes of Shakespeare, St George and the English.

The entertainment would intersperse a supper of three courses that the audience would bring to the Village Hall and eat at tables laid out by the BVA – suitably decorated with St George's flags. The BVA handled publicity and ticket sales, and the creative geniuses in BMADS were to devise the entertainment.

Unsurprisingly, BMADS took the challenge and responded magnificently, with a programme of various 'performances' spread across the evening. These took place on a small raised platform on the floor of the hall by the side wall, creating a cabaret-style effect with the performances close to the audience sitting at their tables.

Hosted by Tony Wilmott, who with remarkable skill managed to keep proceedings in order, the first item was a BMADS-scripted and acted short play featuring several characters - an American (played by John Edwards, with a tremendous Texan drawl), a German professor (a very convincing Tony Wilmott, switching from MC to actor in the blink of an eye), and a supercilious and richly comical Frenchman (Richard Groves) who all meet at Heathrow airport, trying to

leave the country on St George's Day.

Their fair and not so fair reflections on England were interrupted by a London cabbie called, appropriately enough, George, who it turned out knew the complete works of Shakespeare by heart (a magnificent cameo by Malcolm Ayres, who also did a mean impersonation of Brian Blessed). If all this sounds bizarre - well, you had to be there.

The piece ended with the airport announcer (laconically rendered by Elizabeth Templeman) informing the assembled passengers of the cancellation of their flight, followed by their frenetic scramble to get on a BA departure instead. Lurking quietly in the background throughout was Peter Quarendon's taciturn barman, reliably delivering the wrong drinks at all times and seemingly unable to either understand or speak English.

After a pause for the next course came the quiz, authoritatively led by Tony Wilmott, reverting to MC mode. This took the form of a series of mimes of famous(?) lines of Shakespeare, delivered 'con brio' by a number of members of BMADS, which the audience had to identify from a list.

Follow-up questions, some Shakespearean, some on St George, some on neither of the above, kept the audience on their mettle. A fair degree of lively interaction between diners and performers was the order

of the day!

Eventually, the results were declared, and the winning table was awarded the appropriate prize of a set of Scrabble made of chocolate. To close the evening, the floor was handed back to David Robinson who read Prospero's speech 'our revels now are ended' from *The Tempest*. And at that point, indeed they were.

Our thanks are due to John Edwards and the team from BMADS for putting together the entertainment - notably Wendy and Peter Quarendon for

organisation and set, and Malcolm Ayres for technical direction.

John and Richard devised the format of the evening and Richard wrote the very funny script.

Proceeds from the evening went towards the purchase of a freezer cabinet for the village shop.

The question now is: how do we repeat this success next year?

David Robinson



Richard Groves, Tony Wilmott and John Edwards

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Following the success of our Open Evening in November, we were very pleased to be able to present a cheque for £500 to Mr Neil Pearce, founder of PLANETS (Pancreatic, Liver and NeuroEndocrine Tumours).



This is a relative new charity based in Southampton. Neil will already be known to many of you as he lives in our village and has, deservedly, already received much support from the people of Braishfield.



Our March meeting gave us the opportunity to recognise one of our long standing members – Ruby Payn. Ruby has been a great support to the club for over 30 years and she has run the monthly raffle for most of that time which produces much needed funds. We felt it only right to recognise her achievement by presenting her with an Honorary Members Certificate.



We continue to have a full and exciting programme of demonstrations for 2014. Details can be found in the Braishfield Village Diary. New members are always welcome.

Carole Renvoize

Armed Forces Day 28th June 2014

You will be sure to notice the two Union Flags flying at the entrance to the Village Hall.

In this particular year we should remember the brave heroes of air, sea and land, who showed immense courage in the conflicts of history not only WWI in the centenary year, but also WW2 on 6 June 1944, 70 years ago.

On that day, Allied troops landed on the Normandy beaches as part of the largest amphibious invasion in history. This year on 6 June, a handful of surviving heroes will return to Normandy for what could be the final time for most are in their 90s so this may be the last major anniversary of D-Day that our veterans will witness. It will be a sad and poignant moment for them standing together on the sands of Sword beach, at Pegasus Bridge and the surrounding villages, where so many comrades were lost and where wreaths are laid annually.

'We cannot afford to fail' - these were the words of General Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander, in the run up to D-Day. Failure would give Hitler the opportunity to initiate an eleventh-hour attempt to save Germany and launch his new V- weapons against British cities. Success would mean the beginning of the end of the Third Reich.

Shortly after midnight on 6 June 1944 and after two years of meticulous preparations and planning, Operation

Overlord, the Allies' audacious strategy to invade and liberate northwest Europe, got underway

At 00.16 on 6 June, a force from 6th Airborne Division, led by Major John Howard of the 52nd Light Infantry, joined with a detachment of Royal Engineers to capture the two bridges - the first over the Caen Canal and the second, the bridge over River Orne. German machine gun posts guarded the bridges, but the men managed to land with surprise - arriving in gliders, piloted with perfect navigation and skill to land on time and on target, within a few yards of each other.

The two bridges were captured after a fire fight and defended successfully in the ensuing hours.

Control of the two bridges restricted the German defence and allowed the Allies to breakout from the beaches. This operation was a triumph, launched at midnight, and the first success for the Allies who were later to fight and skirmish from Normandy to the Baltic. The 'cease-fire' sounded on 5 May 1945 and VE-Day was declared a few days later.

Join our salute to those who fell,

Those standing and those who serve today

George Elliott

Braishfield Primary School

I can't believe that we're coming to the end of another academic year, one in which the school has moved forwards still further and has continued to benefit from the support and engagement with such a fabulous community.

In March the Year 3/4 pupils enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Brecon Beacons, catering for themselves and really developing their independent skills. The weather was very kind and the children participated in caving, water-falling and hiking in glorious sunshine, all of them conquering anxieties and fear of the unknown. They came away with an uplifting sense of achievement and an increased understanding of and care for one another.

The Year 5/6 pupils are currently embarking on an Enterprise project for which they have to grow £5 into more money for charity. They have to decide on a business that they will create, research costs, resource their business and ultimately run their business on a public stall. We have approached the Romsey market for a stall, and of course we have our School Summer Fayre on Saturday

June 14th should the market not be available. At the time of writing the Y6 pupils are preparing for their SATs. Last year Braishfield Primary School was among the top 1000 primary schools in England and 5th in Hampshire for progress and attainment, with two of our pupils being among the top 10% in Hampshire – a fabulous achievement for such a small school.



I know that this year's pupils have worked extremely hard and should be proud of the effort that they have put in – whatever they achieve it will be their absolute best.

The younger children have also enjoyed trips and visits, with the YR pupils visiting Mr and Mrs Knight's farm to learn how to care for sheep and lambs. The



Year 1/2 pupils have more recently visited Beaulieu Motor Museum for their Going Places project and have been visited by both an airline pilot and a racing driver!

You will have noticed that the oak tree is now gone. I know that it meant a great deal to many of the residents of Braishfield, and I am pleased that we have been able to offer some of the wood to the community so that

there will be many mementoes of the tree. Alistair Park, a renowned wood-carver, is going to work with the children to create wall plaques that they will be able to take home – another way of sharing a much-loved symbol of Braishfield.

Over the course of the academic year, the whole school has been decorated so that each classroom has a fresh and bright feel. We are currently fund-raising to build an extension above the Year 5/6 classroom so that we can house a proper library in the school – please let us know if you have any excellent fund-raising ideas!

We have continued to enjoy use of the village hall for productions and

conferences, and more recently we turned to the social club to host our Easter production of Dragon which was a super show performed by the Year 3/4 pupils.

The Year 5/6 pupils are staging Romeo and Juliet at the end of the Summer term – please keep an eye on our school website: www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk for more details.

I will finish by wishing you a long summer full of sunshine and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Fayre.

Frances Hardy
Headteacher



BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

will hold the

The Annual Flower Show

On Saturday 12th July in Braishfield Village Hall at **2pm**

All villagers are welcome to enter – See Show schedule in the Newsletter for all details.

All entries will be on display Admission to hall – 50p School children – free

Plant and produce stall, Raffle, White Elephant stall

Tea Room – Home-made cakes

Presentation of awards at 4.00pm by Revd. Terry Hinks

Braishfield Football Club

On 26th April 2014 Braishfield held their nerve to win a crucial title decider against Montefiore Halls and deservedly secure only their second Saturday league title in their 107 year history!

Although the club has enjoyed numerous successes in Sunday football, until now the only Saturday trophy they have ever won was when the newly formed Reserves won Junior Division 8 way back in the 1979/80 season. Both sides went into this crunch fixture knowing that only victory would secure the title, and started nervously. Montefiore began to get on top as Braishfield took their time to settle, but once they did then chances were soon created.

A good cross from Scott Shepherd on the right side flashed across the goal mouth, agonisingly just beyond the reach of top scorer Marc Beston. Braishfield grew in confidence as the game progressed, creating more chances but couldn't seem to get the vital breakthrough. It was not all one way traffic, however, as the visitors had their moments on the counter attack but impressive defending by club stalwarts Craig Fielding and Adam Beston ensured there was no way through.

Braishfield made a strong start to the second half. Wide men Luke Shergold and Shepherd took the game to their opponents. On 50 minutes the deadlock was broken when a clinical



effort from the impressive Josh Harfield gave the visitor's keeper no chance. Cheered on by a large crowd, Braishfield took control with Beston and Harfield both going close.

As expected, Montefiore never gave in and scored - but Braishfield's second goal arrived when good work from Beston released Luke Shergold for a simple tap-in. There were more near goals in the final stages, but Braishfield held on to clinch the title and regain their Junior 1 status at the first attempt; a superb team effort and just reward also for the many people who work so hard behind the scenes - *most notably club legend Dave Old, who spent many hours ensuring the pitch was playable after heavy rain the day before.

With our fantastic new multi-purpose pavilion and thriving youth set-up the future looks very promising. Following the opening of the original pavilion in 1975, Braishfield proceeded uphill rapidly; let's hope history now repeats itself.

For further news on Braishfield FC, please visit their website at: www.clubwebsite.co.uk/braishfieldfc

Lee Whitelock

***NB** Dave Old was nominated by the club for a Senior Volunteer Award, reflecting 61 years as player, manager, chairman and his subsequent tireless support in all areas, including fund-raising for the new pavilion. At a dinner held at St Mary's Stadium, he was shortlisted from 220 nominees down to the last 3. Very well done, and watch this space!

Braishfield Horticultural Society

At Members' evening on Tues 13th May, Derek Sapsford showed photographs of his recent visit to the Caribbean including flowers, birds and animals. Viv Robinson showed pictures of The Gardens of the Bay in Singapore and a combination of the Sapsford's and Robinson's visit to the Orchid Garden also in Singapore.

There were photographs of Braishfield gardens open to the village last summer. Geoff Daniell gave an amusing talk on Organic gardening, specialising in weed killers with the discovery that vinegar is as effective as Weedol for killing plants and much

cheaper!

June Garden Visits :

Thursday 5th June at 6.30pm – Fritham Lodge. Supper venue – Green Dragon at Brook

Tuesday 17th June at 6.30pm – Durmast house, Burley. Supper venue – White Buck Inn

Tuesday 24th June at 6.30pm – Heathermoor House, Fordingbridge. Supper venue – The Woodfalls Inn

Viv Robinson

Braishfield Brownies

On Sunday 18th May Brownies from Braishfield took part in a relay walk across the area of Hampshire West. The girls walked from Braishfield up to Woodley, carrying a small cuddly owl. At Woodley we met the next group of Brownies walking to the centre of Romsey and passed

celebrate the Centenary of Brownies. Many thanks to those of you who joined with us to place a light or display in your window on 'Thinking Day' in February to show you were a Brownie yourself. This was just one task for The Big Brownies Birthday Badge the girls are working towards



on our Owl before enjoying well earned refreshments. At the end of the afternoon Brownies from all over Hampshire met up at Foxlease for a celebration, along with numerous cuddly toys to be donated to a children's hospice.

We were kindly guided through the Hilliers Gardens by Fran Clifton, along with Oscar and Yelena Clifton (also pictured).

this year. Other challenges include learning to read a map and compass, playing games and tasting food from Switzerland, trying Yoga, identifying wild flowers and thinking about the importance of education.

Charlotte Butterfield

This was one of many events to
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Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

Lambing has come and gone and to those of us not directly involved, it seemed to happen very smoothly. School had broken up for Easter and the daytime weather was perfect.

Isabelle had a wonderful time helping Kate in the fields, catching lambs, seeing if the lamb was male or female for the rings to be applied, giving the ewes their feed, explaining to the Brownies all about it on their visit. It was a joy to see. Little Lucy loves being out there and watched everything with interest from her pushchair.

The nights were chilly and early on Kate had a lamb that was probably not going to live as it was cold despite being in a box next to the hot water tank. I offered Kate the Aga, she tried the warming oven for size and the box just fitted. We hoped all would be well.

Two or three hours later it was trying to stand up in its box; Kate gave it a squirt of its Mum's colostrum which it took. When taken to its mother she accepted it, which is amazing considering all the human contact there had been; perhaps the smell of colostrum was stronger than the smell of humans. The lamb became Isabelle's favourite and she has called it Agy! Very Archers.

In May 1904, there was a report in the Romsey paper that a thrush had hatched young in Mr Abraham's shed, (I think this must be what is now The

Old Village Stores) so that when he went to the bake house he had to go past it each time. Well, we can do better than that. Kate has a trailer that she uses to transport sheep in 2 tiers. She hadn't used it for a while but during lambing had to transport some ewes and lambs to their new abode up the road.

When preparing the trailer they noticed a blackbird sitting on a nest in the trailer on a small ledge behind a flap that has to be lowered when using 2 tiers. Fortunately they didn't need to use 2 tiers, but were very concerned about moving the trailer, which they had to do several times over the next few weeks.

Each time Mum found where the trailer was and continued to sit on her eggs. Sometimes the eggs seemed cold and Kate feared the worse. Then one day there were little fluffy birds in the nest. They had some trips up the road with the sheep and each time Mum would continue the care on their return. They have now flown the nest and Kate can use the trailer without fear!

Wendy Quarendon





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www.3rdromseyscouts.org.uk for articles and photos of our small, but very enthusiastic, Scout Group.



When the Pack re-opened our Executive Committee made the decision to limit the size of the Pack to ensure we build strong foundations for the section and the

Leaders enjoy the chance of spending quality time with all the youth members.



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3rd Romsey Scouts Group

CONGRATULATIONS to the 8 Scouts from 3rd Romsey who were presented with their certificates at Thornden School by Scouting Ambassador, James Ketchell.

This is an annual event - and all Scouts who have gained their Chief Scout Award Gold in the past year are invited to attend.

Proud evening for parents, grandparents, friends, 3rd Romsey Chairman - and not least the Scout Leader! You were all brilliant, your achievement is fantastic - and

never underestimate what you have achieved, and how far you have come since you joined the Troop at 11!

As for James Ketchell - not sure if he is inspiring, mad or just a man who knows how to follow his dream! What an interesting talk - and what a life so far, and more still to come!

Brilliant evening - thank you Hampshire!

Sarah Beaman

3rd Romsey Scout Leader - Ashanti Troop



Village Shop News

Lots has happened on the shop front. We have all been very busy. The survey was given out by willing volunteers to about two hundred houses and we had 180 replies. There seems to be enormous enthusiasm for the project with 166 households saying they would use a shop in the village hall and more than fifty people offering to help in some way. There were lots of interesting ideas about stock but the general feeling was, milk, nice bread, essential groceries and some good local Hampshire produce.

We are in discussion with David at Woodley about supplying newspapers. He has been the village newsagent for so long that we do not want to do anything that will reduce his trade.

We have obtained two large chiller display fridges that needed heroic strength and ingenuity to get into the Bar at the hall - Malcolm Ayres and Chris Balchin supplying the muscle amongst others.

Anne Edwards and Ros Taylor attacked the Herculean task of cleaning the bar, and Ian Barrow has spent hours with paint and wood turning the back of the bar into the Village Pantry. The transformation is amazing and will hold plenty of stock. A visit from Helen Pugh, the local environmental officer for Test Valley was extremely positive and helpful so registration should not be a problem.

All going well we should be able to open on the 19th July and to employ a part time manager from September but in the meantime please be patient with the amateurs who will be learning the ropes. At present even the new till is challenging.

One very kind couple have donated £500 anonymously to the shop fund. With gift aid this is worth £625. Thank you so much and I hope you will feel your trust in us is well rewarded.

The BVA have bought the shop a generous display freezer, again thank you very much to all concerned. It will be really useful, allowing us to stock frozen food and ice cream.

We are in the Hall every Tuesday morning for coffee and Thursday afternoon in term time so come and see what is happening for yourself.

Marian Randall



Newport Inn Cricket Club

The start of the 2014 season has been very frustrating for us. The winter has not been kind and has been so wet that we have had a river running through the ground right up until the beginning of April. This has put us way behind schedule and as a result we have missed our first five fixtures. In this time we have been trying to do as much work as we can to make it look like a cricket ground. As I write, the sun is shining and there is a fresh spring breeze so it is definitely feeling more like cricket weather.

We have now finally started the season, on the 18th May – away to the Vagabonds in beautiful Bentworth. The weather was fantastic and we got off to a great start, scoring 194 batting first. Content with the first half, we were unable to bowl the opposition out. Agonisingly we needed just one wicket to win but both teams in the end were happy to walk away with a draw.

Friday 16th May saw the Club's main fund raiser for the year – the annual quiz at Braishfield Village Hall was a massive success. We would like to thank the school for the use of their P.A system, the Wheatsheaf for donating a raffle prize and for all Braishfield residents who attended. Early indications suggest that we managed to raise in the region of £1000 for the club. This will be used to help maintain the ground throughout the year.

As always we would love for anyone to come along and watch, have a cup of tea or even join in and play. I can be

contacted on 07751 683621.

Kind regards
James Light
Club Captain, Newport Inn CC

Upcoming Fixtures

JUNE

- 1 Sunday ROYAL TOBIES Home 14:30
- 4 Wednesday ROKE Home 18:15
- 8 Sunday COMPTON CHAMBERLAYNE Home 14:30
- 13 Friday ALDERNEY Home 18:15
- 14 Saturday ALDERNEY Home TBA
- 18 Wednesday LECKFORD ESTATE Away 18:15
- 22 Sunday RIOTEERS Home 14:30
- 24 Tuesday WINCHESTER COLLEGE Home 18:15
- 28 Saturday SHROPSHIRE/HEREFORD TOUR
- 29 Sunday SHROPSHIRE/HEREFORD TOUR

JULY

- 2 Wednesday LECKFORD ESTATE Home 18:15
- 6 Sunday DR HARDINGS Home 14:00
- 9 Wednesday ROKE Home 18:15
- 13 Sunday WINCHESTER COLLEGE Away 14:00
- 16 Wednesday KINGS SOMBORNE Home 18:15
- 20 Sunday UPPER CLATFORD Away 14:30
- 23 Wednesday ARQIVA Home 18:15
- 27 Sunday ROTHERFIELD PARK Away 14:30
- 30 Wednesday ROYAL TOBIES Home 18:15

VILLAGE LUNCH DATES 2014

Please keep up the excellent support for the Lunches; it's a great opportunity to catch up with local new, and enjoy each other's company.

Help: Volunteers are always wanted and welcome throughout the year- to make soups and puddings and/or help on the day. Please get in touch with me if you can offer help in any way and you will be royally welcomed! The lunches have thrived because of our willing team of helpers including those putting up the tables and greeting everyone.

MONDAY 09 JUNE

MONDAY 14 JULY

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MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

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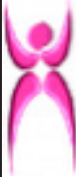


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BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2014



June 26th: Summer Party, Church Room.

July 24th: 'Room to Room' Denise Bright.
Competition; Arrangement for the
Dining Room.

Sept 25th: 'The Power of White' Diane Norman.

Oct 23rd: 'Flora Maestro Please' Irene Hickson.
Competition; Halloween

Nov 27th: OPEN EVENING 'I'll be Home for Christmas'
Emily Broomhead.

All meetings held in Braishfield Village Hall at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.
Further information from Chairman Denise Bright 02380 741299
or Secretary Eileen Norman 02380 731162.

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 June; 14th & 28th July.

Household waste weeks beginning: 9th & 23rd June; 7th & 21st July.

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

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Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings	Where	Time	When	Next meetings		
Parish Council	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1 st August	3 June	1 July	2 Sept
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2 nd August	9 June	14 July	8 Sept
Horticultural Society 📖	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 nd June/July/Aug	9 Sept	14 Oct	11 Nov
Flower Arrangement Society 📖	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	4 th Aug/Dec	26 June	24 July	25 Sept
Art Group	Comm. Room Village Hall	10.00 - 12.00	Every Thursday except August			
Coffee & Cakes	Comm. Room Village Hall	9.00 & 3.00	9.00 (Tuesday) 3.00 (Thursday term time only)			
Toddler Group	Comm. Room Village Hall	10.00- 12.00	Wednesday – tel: 367710			

Events 📖	Where	When	More Details
Hort. Society	Fritham Lodge	Thurs 5 June, 6.30	
Summer Fayre, BSA	Recreation Ground	Sat 14 June, 12.00 – 4.00	See BVA News and Notice Boards
Hort. Society	Durmast House	Tues 17 June, 6.30	
Future of the Village Hall	Comm. Room Village Hall	Tues 24 June, 2.30 – 8.00	See BVA News
Hort. Society	Heathermoor House	Tues 24 June, 6.30	
Flower Show	Village Hall & Recreation Gound	Sat 12 July	See BVA News

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