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Village Association NEWS

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Grand Opening of Braishfield Village Pantry will be on

Saturday 9th August

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From the Chairman

This is written in the heat of late July. The floods are a distant memory for most of us, the barbecues have been working overtime and the harvest is in full swing. But given the vagaries of our weather system, and the necessary delay between writing and distribution the News, you may well be reading this listening to the rain outside and wondering if you should turn on the central heating! Let's hope not. May this super weather stay with us for a while longer.

Sadly, though, the past month has seen three of our number passing away. David Brown, George Smith and Tessa Allen were extremely valuable members of our community, mourned by those close to them and missed by many more. They all gave a great deal to the village, in quite

different ways, quietly and generously. You will read two tributes in the following pages (Tessa and David – perhaps George in the Autumn), and (if you're like me) be surprised about aspects of their lives of which you had no inkling.

They leave behind them their grieving relatives, and I have no doubt that neighbours will do all they can to support them through this painful and difficult time. I know from my own personal experience that the small acts of thoughtfulness and kindness do make a significant difference.

Meanwhile the show has been going on, as it were. You will find plenty of positive news reports in this issue about life in the village. And if you're waiting for exam results – good luck!

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

We have been able to support the two village stalwarts who were (or still are) planning to do impressive fund raising feats for very worthwhile charities. So in May we gave a cheque made out to PLANETS to Ben Holdaway, who took part in a sponsored cycle ride across the Pyrenees. PLANETS is about research into Pancreatic, Liver and NeuroEndocrine Tumours, and was started by Neil Pearce, who is based at Southampton General Hospital and lives in the village. Our June donation has gone to Varenna Othen who will be cycling 350 kms over five days in Tanzania (hot!) to raise funds for the Genesis Research Trust, which researches a range of conditions which affect the health of women and their new born babies.

Our July donation went to the new village shop, as a contribution to their start-up costs

Meanwhile the winners of the draws were Mrs Pat Taylor (in June), and Mrs Harriet Ashe (in July). Mrs Ashe has recently left the village, but asked that, if she should win in the year we should donate her winnings to charity for her. So another cheque is on its way to Neil Pearce's PLANETS appeal.

If you haven't joined the 200 Club and would like to, just phone David Robinson on 368774 for details.

From the Editor

I'm always advertising a hotchpotch of a magazine – and so it is again; sadness, irony, a bit of frustration and a lot of joy. As our Chairman reflects on the previous page, we have lost Tessa Allen, David Brown and George Smith since the last edition; you can read about Tessa and David's invaluable lives in later pages – and I hope for the same on George in the October version.

Irony? You're probably used to me banging on about 'that' roundabout! Just when we thought that TVBC's fevered planners had come to their senses in digging out the pointless (and dangerous) hidden mini-kerbs, and we were perhaps hoping for the alleviating gentleness of an attractive plant arrangement in the middle of the island, we find that they've embedded a towering handful of huge and quite unnecessary roundabout signs which, in anybody's wildest nightmare, could not be more inappropriate on an unregistered country road. It also seems to encourage (which I have witnessed) enormous 'rat-running' east-westbound articulated lorries to treat the 'obstacle' as if it were on a wide urban dual carriageway out of 'rush-hour'.

Ah well – perhaps we are seeing the first 'foot in the door' as The Planners insidiously pursue their dastardly plot to suck Braishfield into the outer perimeter of Romsey (and later, no doubt, Romsey into Southampton!).

Frustration? This reflects my sympathy for Meryl Balchin (see p25) as she stands down from her Village Lunch leadership in despair at the shallow fiddling of the dread 'Food Monitors' in white coats and rubber gloves who seem to assume the right to dictate what we are allowed to eat. I'm sure you'll join me in heartfelt thanks to Meryl for her dedication to this vital village event (and I, for one, will support her in her intended battle against poor, meddling laws and those who enforce them down to the last punctuation mark!); and of course in wishing the brave Julie Kemp every good luck - with our unstinting support - as she picks up the baton (cudgel?!)

Finally, much to celebrate and look forward to inside – the achievements of our School, young Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Beavers. For the less young(!) there are some excellent reports on visits, trips, future events and shows; in particular that most important event – the official opening of our Village Shop on 9th August. Don't forget – quite apart from the simple convenience it offers us all, the Shop is a vital, integral part of the effort to raise funds for the Village Hall refurbishment; it is already unofficially open, learning the ropes and limbering up – so hasten there and buy!

As always, our sincere thanks for your support in producing this edition.

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 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

Lest We Forget

At 11pm on August 4th 1914, the Prime Minister, Mr Asquith's ultimatum to Germany to respect the neutrality of Belgium expired without answer. Consequently Great Britain was at war with Germany.

Defibrillator Purchase

At the July Meeting of the Parish Council, Terry Kane, Community Responder Liaison and Training Officer from South Central Ambulance Service, gave a brief presentation and demonstration on Defibrillators in public places. Currently each year within the UK approximately 30,000 people experience a sudden cardiac arrest out of hospital, with NHS data indicating that a mere 18.5% of these people survive. Substantial reviewed evidence highlights the importance of defibrillators, stating that the first few minutes after collapse is the period for providing the best chance of saving a life. Cardiac arrest has no respect for age or gender and it can strike anyone at any time, without warning. Supplying defibrillators is a great public health opportunity with increasing numbers of successful incidents of patients that may have otherwise not survived.

It was therefore, unanimously agreed by the Parish Council to purchase an iPad AED (Automated External Defibrillator). The device, which can be used on both adults and children, will be placed outside the Village Hall in a suitable cabinet.

We would like to invite those members of the Parish, particularly those involved with organisations which use the Village Hall and Recreation Ground to attend a one hour training session, run by South Central Ambulance Service, in the Committee Room on Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm. We understand the equipment is very simple to use.

It would help with the planning if you could let me know if you would like to attend.

Carole Renvoize (stevecarole.renvoize@btinternet.com)
01794368766

Braishfield Village Hall

Flexible space available for social and sporting activities, clubs and groups at reasonable rates.

Email: katel.knight@googlemail.com

Tel: 01794 368173

Special Rates for Children's Parties

Notices cont.

£££ FOR LAND

We are a couple looking for a rural plot of local land to self build our dream home - Do you have any? Perhaps even part of large grounds or gardens?

Please call 07982 724710

Dean Wilkinson

STOCKBRIDGE: August 3rd: 10 am to 4 pm

- Free Parking & Transport by Vintage King Alfred Buses
- 110 Stalls lining the High Street
- Live Music & Street Entertainment
- Local Food, Drinks, Produce and Crafts
- Farm Animals & Vintage Agricultural Equipment
- Tractor Ted and Juggling Jake Circus entertainment
- High Street Draw, prizes given by fabulous local High Street Shops

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'N ABOUT!**

www.tnastockbridge.co.uk and www.facebook.com/TroutnAbout

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

May I thank the people of Braishfield & Farley for their support of Christian Aid Week. Through house- to -house and church collections we raised £753 56. The money funds food production and fresh water programmes, mainly in Third World countries. Particular thanks to the many people who delivered the envelopes and Peter Quarendon who counted all the money. As a result of their help many people will be in a far better state.

Hazel Davies

Notices cont.

Braishfield Parish Council

Household waste and recycling centres have your say

Hampshire County Council are looking at reducing running costs of their 24 Household Waste and Recycling Centres. The options are:

1. Closing one or more sites that do not represent good value for money.
2. Introducing measures to reduce the amount of trade waste wrongfully disposed of at sites
3. Accepting waste from small local businesses for a fee.
4. Charging for the disposal of DIY waste to help recover some of the cost of dealing with these waste types.
5. Reviewing our site opening hours to negotiate lower management costs
6. Working with charities or communities to increase reuse of furniture and other items

Our nearest site is at Bunny Lane and if this were to close the nearest alternatives are Eastleigh and Winchester.

How to respond

Paper copies of the consultation form are available from local council offices and libraries
- or

call Hantsdirect on: **0845 603 5634** to request one.

To respond electronically, and for detailed information, refer to the Hampshire County Council website:

www3.hants.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/hwrc-consultation.htm

Please respond to the consultation by Friday 22 August 2014 to ensure your views are considered.

Kate Orange
Parish Clerk

02/07/14

Notices cont.

A Village Outing to The Dorset Steam Fair

Thursday August 28th, travel by Test Valley minibus (seats 16) to experience this great fair in all its magnificence.

It's a working history lesson, along with lots of retail outlets and entertainment. Do join us.

Cost: £16 Adults: £15 OAP's: £7 Children: + £10 pp for the bus hire
Times: Leaves BVH car park at 1030 am, and leaves the Fair at 7.00 pm.
Contact David Robinson to book your seats. (tel 368774)

All Saints' Church Car Park

We are pleased to welcome visitors to our church and village and happy for cars to be parked for short durations.

Should you require 'long stay' please phone Wendy on 01794 368015 or me 01794 368109 so we know to expect you and we can advise where best to park

Jane Bennett
Church Warden

Singing for Fun!

Would you like to sing some 'Golden Oldies', songs from your schooldays perhaps, or just enjoy tunes you've not heard for a while?

All welcome to join in a very informal 'sing' - no auditions, no solos, no sight reading, no 'performance pressure'!

When? Mondays 2 - 4 on 11 and 18 August (taster sessions) and then once/twice a month depending on the interest.

Where? Church Room

With....tea/coffee as an incentive!!

This is just an idea, following up a suggestion and hopefully, many of you will come along for a sing - more information from.....

Wendy Quarendon - 368015/wendy@quarendon.net

Meri Knights - 368516/meri.knights@btinternet.com

Notices cont.

ZUMBA

Lose some weight and tone up without really realising, and have fun at the same time?

Sound too good to be true? Then come along to Zumba in the Social Club at 6.30 every Wednesday and find out for yourself!

Zumba is a Latin American exercise dance class to music. There's lots of wiggling and giggling and the infectious teacher, who makes it look all so easy, is very understanding when our hips don't quite do what hers do!

Zumba is suitable for all ages and fitness levels and you don't need any dance experience. The moves are soon picked up and then you'll be dancing like a pro!

Most of the class is made up of village ladies from 14 to 40+++ , and it would be great to have some new people to join us. It's a very social occasion and is usually followed by a drink in the bar. Come and give it a try – classes start again in September. after the summer break.

For more information contact Tracy Dyche on 07971636437 or e-mail dychezumbafitness@hotmail.com.

BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

6 ventured to Alresford GC on Friday 11 July on a hot and sunny day.

The course was in spectacular condition as for some was the golf, although the Stapleford scores were on the low side. Lawrance Randall, on his birthday, was equal first on points but was pushed into second place on count back.

Our next meeting is at a new venue - Tidworth G C on Friday 19 Sep., meeting around midday for a 1.30 tee off; cost £37.50 to include lunch.

We have had to guarantee a minimum of 12 players so we do hope as many of the Society will be able to attend.

New players and guests
are most welcome.

Richard Brazier

Home: 368414 Mobile: 07768 020917 rdbrazier@hotmail.com

Notices cont.

MIRTH, MARVELS AND THE MYSTERIOUS!!

The secret world of Charles Dickens

Saturday 25 October in the Village Hall

7 for 7.30 pm

£10 a ticket

Bring your own meal and wine etc. Why not make up a table of 8?

Tickets limited so do apply early to
Terry and Margaret O'Keeffe on 368037
terryokeeffe@btinternet.com

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT PLANS

(More details in the October magazine)

EXCITING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY !

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – 5/6/7 DECEMBER 2014

We are planning our first Christmas Tree Festival to take place at All Saints' Church, Braishfield from Friday 5th to Sunday 7th December 2014. The proceeds will be shared between All Saints' Church and Naomi House & Jackspace. We hope this will be well supported with entries from individuals, families and organisations.

More information and entry forms in the October issue of the BVA News but put the dates in your diaries NOW – you won't want to miss it !

Church Room Art will also be holding an exhibition in the Church Rooms over the 5/6/7 December.



United Reformed Church Events

BRAISHFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Margaret and Jack Batchelor invite you to a Coffee morning on



Saturday 16th August

10.30am - 2.30pm

at 2, Common Hill Road, Braishfield

Bring and Buy, Raffle
Funds raised will go to our 2014 charity
PLANETS

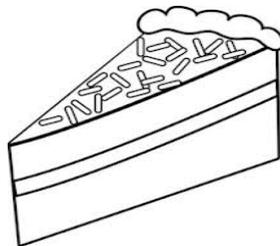
All welcome. Enquiries 01794 368125

We will be holding a Red, White and Blue afternoon tea at
Margery and Bill Randall's
Paddock View, Newport Lane, Braishfield

on Saturday 30th August

2pm - 4pm

Tea with sandwiches, scones, cakes etc
Many stalls including Tombola, Cake stall, Bric a
Brac, Bring and Buy, Raffle
Adults £3, children free, in aid of our 2014 charity
PLANETS



All welcome. Enquiries 01794 367738

AND.....Another date for your diary

URC HARVEST SUPPER

Monday 22nd September 7.30pm in the Village Hall

(Braishfield Ukulele Music Society will be playing)

All Saints' Events

Sunday 10th August

BBQ 12.30pm

at Mike and Betty Horton's home
Springbank, Newport Lane

£7.50 to include a glass of fizz and lunch.

Please bring any other drinks

Tickets available from Jane Bennett Tel. 368109



Choral Evensong at All Saints'

Sunday 21st September 6pm

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
Our turn to host this year.



Harvest Supper

Saturday 4th October 7pm

in the Church Room with entertainment from
BUMS (Braishfield Ukulele Music Society)

Auction of Goods and Promises

Saturday 18th October from 2.30pm

Afternoon Tea in the Church Room

Proceeds will be shared between church funds and PLANETS

Social Contact Group

The Social Contact Group had a wonderful trip to Meon Shore in June thanks to the kind invitation of Hazel and Peter Davies.

The weather was sunny although windy (as you can see from the photo below) but we all sat on the beach enjoying the cream tea and cakes that Hazel had made for us. It was a lovely afternoon watching the activities on the Solent and we were all reluctant to leave having been made so welcome by Hazel and Peter.

We are also grateful to the 200 Club whose donation covered the cost of hiring the TVBC mini-bus, driven by Tim Howkins. The journey went past Titchfield Haven and our enjoyable visit concluded by seeing the black swans in the harbour.

Hazel Prince



All Saints' Day Out to the Isle of Wight

At 9.30am on Sunday 22nd June, 21 members of All Saints Braishfield met at Lymington Ferry Terminal for a Parish day out to the Isle of Wight. What a wonderful day it turned out to be!

It was hot and sunny and the sea was very calm. On arrival at Yarmouth on the Island we set off on foot for Freshwater Village via the old railway line. We arrived in time for a pub lunch at 12.30 followed by a short service of worship in the Parish Church of All Saints, Freshwater, led by Steve Pittis.



Outside All Saints' Freshwater

At 3.30pm some of the party returned to Yarmouth and home, whilst the others walked on to Freshwater Bay for a paddle in the sea, sunbathing and a cream tea. We then made our way back to Yarmouth by an alternative route on the other side of the River Yar to catch the ferry home. Everyone was very tired and hot but glad to have had such a great day of fellowship, fresh air and fun.

Jumbulance Open Garden and Tea Party

With the Braishfield Bums Ukulele Band



To raise funds for the Jumbulance Trust

3pm Saturday 2nd August 2014

at Oakfield, Farley Chamberlayne, Romsey, Hants, SO51
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Homemade Cakes and Cream Teas, Raffle, Bring and Buy, Tombola, Cakes &
Jams, & Plants and a Bookstall

Children and well behaved dogs on leads welcome:
Gypsy caravan, woodland play house, a potager and lots of
space with garden toys to explore.

Teas and Stalls in the Barn if it is wet

RSVP for catering purposes 01794 368120



The Jumbulance Trust takes sick and disabled people on holidays and days
out in the jumbulances (specially equipped, part ambulance, part coaches)
We are one of many local affiliated groups. The care and support is provided
free by local volunteer nurses, doctors and helpers

The money raised at this event is for the Jumbulance Trust to help subsidise
the cost of the hiring of the jumbulances and to provide much needed
respite breaks. Many vulnerable people are struggling as personal care costs
increase and funding is reduced. In this difficult climate our organisation is
still growing and we are more than ever aware of the need for people to have
a break.

I am happy to collect books or plants etc if donated

I am also looking for 2 helpers for Jumbulance Trips; one for Scotland
(September) and one for Lourdes (October)

Chris Chisholm (address /answer phone as above)
or cookchrism@aol.com

JUMBULANCE TRUST (Charity No 1090731)

Our New Village Shop



Your new community village shop opened on 21st July with little fanfare so that we could all find our feet. We have had a wonderful response from villagers offering to help. Our two hygiene sessions on the regulations about working in a food shop were both very well attended. Now we have 40 signed up volunteers all of whom will do a couple of sessions in the shop over the summer to familiarise themselves with the stock, the till and the routine. This means that by September when the school re opens we will be well able to service the extra volume of customers.

We are open 9-11:00am and 3-6:00pm. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

We have our GRAND OPENING on Saturday 9th of August at 10:00am, so please do come along to celebrate and buy everything up. We have some wonderful stock: cheese from Lyburn Dairies : free range eggs from Kings Somborne: lovely fresh bread from Reeves, and Hampshire jam. We

are working hard to get the stock right so please come and then give us feedback. The coffee shop will be running alongside so you can relax and give us your opinions at your leisure!

Please do bring us your garden gluts and home made offerings to make the shop truly local and special.

The empty book shelf in the committee room corner is awaiting donations . Depending on the book we will charge 50p or £1.00 to buy, or you can exchange one. All books that do not sell will be given to Oxfam if the shelves are too full.

If you would like to help, please let us know. You will be extremely welcome. Looking forward very much to seeing you, whether as an assistant or customer!



Our first customers

Marian Randall

Braishfield Flower Show

At the Braishfield Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show, Ron Watts scooped the highest points for fruit and vegetables winning the Watkins Cup, the Atlee Cup, and the King Cup. Hazel Prince topped another list, winning the Hephlethwaite Cup for highest points in the culinary section, the Vine Cup for flower arrangements, and the Fuschia Cup. The Rev Terry Hinks presented the cups, giving the Braishfield Parish Council Cup to Denise Bright for highest points in four other flower arrangement classes and the Dawkins Cup for the most outstanding exhibit in the Flower arrangement section.



Watts takes the lot!

took the best entry in the Culinary section for Margery Randall and Steve Renvoize, the society's Chairman, won the Men's Special with his Cider Loaf cake.

In the Craft section, Beth Thomas won the Cottle Trophy for best handicraft entry with the highest points. Theo Varrell took the Chairman's prize

for pre-school entries with a miniature garden on a saucer and Hattie Orange and Isobel Roberts of years 1 / 2 jointly won the Braishfield Women's Institute Cup for a miniature garden on a seed tray and a

flower collage.

Diane Lottt took the Rose Bowl and Simone Trophy for the best entries by a novice. Carole Renvoize won the Braishfield Horticultural Society Rose Cup for a single specimen rose. Dorothy Ross won the Bartlam Cup for highest points for fruit: Sheila Still took the Bacon Cup for flowers and fruit. Entering 5 white potatoes, Janet Ballantyne won the President's Challenge Salver for best overall entry in Flowers, Plants, Fruit and Vegetables. A pot of strawberry jam

The Hobcraft Cup for collage, clay pot and thank you card was won by Summer Hughes in Years 3/ 4, and Alice Stubbington and Troy Marsh from years 5 /6 took the Vine Trophy. Zoe Orange won the junior Floral Challenge Cup . The Girlie Old Cup in the photography section was won by Michael Taylor with an entry entitled 'Water'.

Viv Robinson

Braishfield Horticultural Society June Garden visits

Twelve members attended our first visit, on 5th June, to Fritham Lodge.

The lodge was built in the mid 17th century and although the style of the garden has undoubtedly changed over the centuries, certain aspects have been maintained in a form today which the original owners would probably recognise. The present owners have tried to perpetuate some of the gardening practices of their forbears, most notably the box hedges, the rose garden and the orchard.

We were taken round by the owner, Sir Chris Powell, starting with the wonderful mixed border which begins at the front of the house and extends down one side, leading to the pergola. At the back of the house there is a quadrate rose garden with a striking collection of heritage rose varieties. Beside the rose garden there is an impressive arched path of climbing roses skilfully blended with several different clematis, which at the time of our visit were looking their best.

Beyond the roses is a potager garden in a quadrate design, again a reminder of the long history of this garden. Looking at the large catalogue of plants for the garden it is clear that there is interest throughout much of the year and visitors would be rewarded whatever the season. After our visit we all enjoyed supper at the Green Dragon pub in Brook.

On 17th June 25 members visited Durmast House, Burley. The visit started with an informative introductory talk on the history of the house and garden given by the owner, Philip Daubeney. He has done much background research on this Gertrude Jekyll designed garden in order to ensure as authentic a restoration as possible. Amazingly some of the varieties specified by Gertrude Jekyll are still obtainable. Where unavailable they were replaced with substitutes of equivalent merit. Although the garden was restored to the 1907 design of Gertrude Jekyll it did incorporate some features dating from the Victorian period, most notably the rockery and orchard.

This is a garden with a bit of everything; rose garden, azalea walk, lily pond and two beds dedicated to Michaelmas daisies! As a contrast to the flower beds there is a woodland area with several fine trees of considerable age. Later we had supper at the White Buck Inn.

Finally, on 24th June, 20 of us visited Heathermoor House, Hale Purlieu. We were shown round this garden by owners Andrew and Judy Pownall-Gray. Although notable for its Azalea and Rhododendron display, which of course were over, this garden has much to offer. It is a perfect complement to the house, with herbaceous beds and a sweeping
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lawn leading to a woodland garden with a fine collection of mature shrubs.

Of special interest is a spectacular clump of the bamboo Chusquea, which is clearly thriving in spite of the rather acidic soil.

As a contrast to the formality of the lawn and flower beds a wild flower meadow sweeps down to the forest trees. In addition to the tranquillity

of the garden the owners have a cabin retreat overlooking a woodland plantation, where they can relax and observe the local wildlife.

After our visit we all retired to the nearby Woodfalls Inn for supper.

Steve Renvoize

Braishfield School

As the Summer term comes to a close we can now reflect on another fabulous year for Braishfield Primary School. Both the Year 2 and Year 6 pupils achieved really well in their SATs – a credit to themselves and the teachers who have supported them during their time at Braishfield. To celebrate the end of SATs week, the Year 6 pupils enjoyed a day of sea kayaking and coasteering. (See photo opposite) We were the first primary school in Hampshire to take our children coasteering and we had an amazing day in which the pupils set themselves physical challenges and really supported one other to achieve them.

The Year R pupils enjoyed their first trip by coach, visiting Marwell Zoo as part of their Animal topic. They all spoke of the animal-handling with great enthusiasm – particularly the snake and crocodile!

The start of the Summer term saw the pupils engaging in Science week.

For the whole of the week pupils were in mixed-age groups for half of each day, carrying out a wide range of Science investigations and activities. The week finished with Mad Scientist and Nutty Professor Day, with a visit from Ian Dunne who used to be a Physics professor at Southampton University. He now travels around the UK performing Science shows that really engage pupils in the potential of learning about Science.

As part of Science week, the KS2 pupils visited Tadburn Meadows local nature reserve where they pond-dipped to identify and classify creatures from the stream.

Although England's participation in the World Cup was short-lived, the pupils at Braishfield enjoyed World Cup Day, learning about the traditions and cultures of the Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Uruguay and Colombia. At lunchtime there was a penalty shoot-out competition and pupils went home with arts, crafts and food created on the day.

The annual Summer Fayre was, thankfully, another gloriously sunny day. We attracted visitors from the village and beyond, raising in excess of £4,000 towards our library project. Many thanks to the BSA for organising this super event.

The children in Year 5/6 participated in a competition to present learning about farming in World War 1. Their work was judged last week by four

chose Romeo and Juliet, which they studied in literacy lessons and chose the accompanying music. Their performances last week were exceptionally good, demonstrating the many talents of our children.

We are still on the look-out for a Community governor – if you think that you could support the school's strategic direction in any way, please contact Mrs Ewens at the office



judges from the Romsey Agricultural Society and they were praised for their knowledge and standard of their work. Our work will be displayed on a stand at the Romsey Agricultural Show.

This year, for the first time, the Year 5/6 class did a full-scale Summer production. The children ambitiously

for more information. You can find out details of activities, ethos and curriculum from our website at <http://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk/>. Hopefully the lovely sunny weather will continue into the holiday so that our children and staff can enjoy a well-earned break.

Frances Hardy

3rd Romsey Scout Group, Cubs and Beavers News

HIMALAYAN BALSAM PULLING AT THE CADNAM RIVER, OWER

On Thursday 10th July the Cubs & Scouts of 3rd Romsey Scout Group teamed up with Catherine Chatters, the New Forest Non-Native Plants Officer of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, to help her remove Himalayan Balsam along the Cadnam River at Ower.

This is the second year that the Cubs & Scouts have joined with Catherine to help local landowners by pulling the invasive non-native Himalayan balsam from local watercourses.

The Cubs started in the fields along the river and were not deterred by the stinging nettles in the meadow they were clearing; their enthusiasm was amazing as they cleared the field – and all their hard work made a big difference ready for the Scouts to take over.

The Scouts moved to another field and the island in the stream. The Scouts were faced by the Balsam before even climbing over the gate and were quickly pulling and stomping to make room for the whole Troop to get

through. It was amazing how dense the Balsam was and how high it grew, some was even taller than our Leader Simon!

We were all very grateful that we were working in the shade as it was a very hot evening and regular water breaks were needed. However, after a couple of hours of pulling we were able to look at the results with pride - we had made a massive difference and cleared well over half of the area. The pulled up plants can be left in heaps to rot down or, on a hot sunny day, they dry out quickly and are soon killed. Some of the piles of Balsam pulled by the Troop were as tall as our Scouts.

After being rewarded with snacks at the end of the evening the Scouts headed off home for a well-deserved sleep.

Thanks to Catherine for organising the evening, if you would like to volunteer or you would like some help with controlling Himalayan Balsam on your land please get in touch with her at Catherine.Chatters@hiwwt.org.uk

Sarah Beaman

3RD ROMSEY GO KART ENTRY

3rd Romsey Scout Group put their go-karts from last year's carnival to good use on Tuesday evening 15th July at the inaugural Romsey Carnival Go-Kart Race.

Three Scout teams applied to enter, and then it was time for the thinking caps as a theme and costumes

needed planning. With hammers, nails, glue and cable ties the three carts were transformed into World Cup Wonder, Castle Chaos and Hogwarts Hotshots!

Tuesday evening was sunny with blue skies as we assembled in Alma Road car park ready to be judged on the best decorated go-kart prior to the off.

The Mayor and the Carnival Chairman, John Ray, inspected the seven entries closely prior to making their decision – and the winner of the best decorated kart was Hogwarts Hotshots (Kathleen & Lucy) – a good start for 3rd Romsey! The karts then lined up for the off, and as the chequered flag dropped they were off like a shot! Hogwarts Hotshots had a flying start round the car park closely followed by the other two entries from 3rd Scouts. Then it was down Love Lane and up The Hundred, through the Cornmarket where World Cup Wonder took the lead. The karts then raced down Bell Street into Newton Lane and up Narrow Lane before heading back through The Square and back down

The Hundred. The final leg of the race went back into Love Lane to Alma Road car park. World Cup Wonder (Marcus & Adam) won the race closely followed by Castle Chaos (James & Polly) and then Hogwarts Hotshots – so 1st, 2nd and 3rd and best decorated – not a bad evening's work!

Thank you to the carnival committee for putting on the go-kart race – it was great fun and all 7 teams enjoyed taking part! It was a well organised event and nice to have an event for the under-16's to take part in during the Bed Race evening - we can't wait to take part next year!

Sarah Beman

3RD ROMSEY SCOUTS: NEW BEAVER SECTION

Prospective parents and Beavers gathered with the 3rd Romsey Scout Group leadership team in the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury for the official launch of the new Beaver section. They were welcomed as they arrived by Bertie the Beaver, the mascot for Romsey's Beaver section.

Vanessa Slawson (County Development Officer for Hampshire) then set the scene with an introduction to Scouting, emphasising the fun and activities that Scouting offers young people would not be possible without the volunteers. Tony Moles (Assistant

District Commissioner for Beavers, Romsey) then introduced Mat as the new Beaver Scout Leader, along with Kathryn who will be assisting



Sarah Beman with Bertie the Beaver

as an Explorer Young Leader. There was also a slideshow of the Group's activities over the past year to give
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a taster of activities the Beavers can look forward to in the future.

After the presentation Mat took the restless youngsters to the back of the hall for a taste of things to come... 'mini pioneers' using spaghetti and loom bands: the idea being to assemble a small structure using the bands to hold them together. Not as easy as it sounded – so time for the backup plan: some helicopters kits for each Beaver (and Scout helpers) to make which kept the prospective Beavers and their helpers busy whilst parents asked questions.

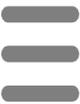
The Beaver Colony will be opening in September with 12 Beavers and unsurprisingly, given the popularity

of Scouting in Romsey and across Hampshire, the Beaver waiting list already has names on it.

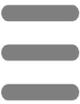
Mat said “We're looking forward to starting in earnest next term; planning for the programme has already begun and will probably include: more mini pioneers (using something stronger than spaghetti), navigation, knots, plant pressing, fencing; and away from the hall we will be climbing, learning about astronomy, visiting Domino's Pizza... and lots of fun games!”. So watch out Romsey – 3rd Romsey Obuasi Beavers are on their way!

Sarah Beaman

Village Quiz

Q. 

It will be fun!!

A. 

Friday 10th October

@

7.30pm

Please support *your* Village Hall

Village Lunch: Farewell

A big thank you to everyone who has given me such great support while I have been running the Village Lunch – to all the kitchen helpers, chefs, donation collector (Colin Kemp) and setter upper (Chris Balchin) my very grateful thanks – and to all those that have come and enjoyed the food. It could not run without you. It has been great fun and very rewarding but I have decided to step down following the imposition of EU driven Food Standards Agency (FSA) legislation. I was unable to attend the last lunch but was delighted to receive a rose. My very warmest thanks to you all for your kind gift. Julie Kemp has very kindly offered to run the Lunches so please give her every support when they start again on Monday 8 September.

So that the rumour mill does not run, I am stepping down because the FSA decided to designate me as a Food Business because up to 40 people meet for lunch 11 times a year. This was all triggered by the Parochial Church Council's request to have the kitchen inspected. Test Valley Borough Council's Environmental Health's Principal Officer was not prepared to take a pragmatic approach and would not back down despite our lengthy discussion last November.

The Lunch will now be inspected once a year by the FSA, given a star rating and a certificate just like a cafe!! Form filling is also included. The legislation is to protect the vulnerable and

the young but several “vulnerable” people help! The lunch has been running for 14+ years without any problems at all. All the food is made and cooked in people's homes but the FSA obviously cannot visit up to 30 people's homes so the law is unworkable!! They seem fixated on the Church Room kitchen where the only food preparation undertaken is to re-heat vegetable soups and cut bread. I could not bear to have someone's food spuriously rejected at the inspection nor do volunteers need the stress of an inspection. This legislation came in last July.

Hampshire County Council supports Age Concern's Village Agent scheme which offers support to the needy in villages and encourages village volunteers, but Test Valley Borough Council seems bent on destroying the volunteer base. I am continuing my own fight against this badly conceived legislation. Few European countries take note of these nutty laws. Whatever happened to commonsense! If you are interested, follow this link:

http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/enforcement/food-law/additional-resources/guidance-enforcement/community-hall-guidance/#.U8_7yU1OXcc and click on pdf at bottom of page under 'Related Items'.

Meryl Balchin

(see Page 27 for future lunch dates)

Ukulele Record Attempt

A World Record Attempt took place on Friday 18th July at St. Mary's Football Stadium in Southampton. The intrepid Braishfield Ukulele Music Society (BUMS) took part in this amazing event to create the world's greatest Ukulele ensemble. The previous record is held by Japan with 2134 players and we were expecting 2400 for this mammoth attempt. The music had been written especially for the occasion by Jan Stroud for this world premiere



performance. The event was planned and organised by Hampshire Music Service and as you can imagine the majority of the players were under eleven; there were schools from all over the area. In addition adult groups were also needed to swell the numbers and they came from all over the South of England.

Justin Fletcher (presenter and actor on the BBC pre-school television channel CBeebies) led us in a number of songs relevant to the youngsters as a warm up activity with much excitement and anticipation of

what was to come. Before the record attempt we were led in the singing and playing with one of the BUMS favourites "You are my Sunshine". All ukulele players joined together in performing the song "Uke 'n' Sing" for the attempt, which lasted five minutes including instrumental interludes.

The cheering and shouting at the end filled the stadium. Naturally, as we were on "The Saints" home turf we finished with "When the Saints go marching in". You may have seen us playing at many

events around the village, or at the "Dog and Crook" where we continue to entertain an enthusiastic audience on the last Wednesday of the month. Look out for signs at the pub for the next dates. We have travelled further afield to Romsey, Bournemouth and Alresford where we entertained, lively groups of seniors and care home residents. With much audience participation the enjoyment is felt by all. We invite all to come and watch us or even dare to join BUMS.

Alan Lord

CRICKET FIXTURES

AUGUST

- 3 Sunday HYDE Away 14:30
6 Wednesday CRAWLEY Away 18:15
10 Sunday RIOTEERS Home 14:30
13 Wednesday MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY Away 18:00
17 Sunday PRIMARY CLUB Home 13:00
24 Sunday WILLOW Away 14:30
31 Sunday COMPTON CHAMBERLAYNE Away 14:00

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Sunday HYTHE Home 13:30
14 Sunday WEST MEON Home 13:00
21 Sunday KNIGHTS VALLEY Home 13:00
28 Sunday NEWPORT GENTS Home 13:00



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	08 SEPTEMBER	
MONDAY	13 OCTOBER	
MONDAY	10 NOVEMBER	
MONDAY	08 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Meryl Balchin - 368427 or meryl@balchin99.fsnet.co.uk

Tessa Allen: a Tribute

Shortly after Tess told us about her illness the family gathered in Braishfield for a weekend and, while the rest of us kept going outside for a cry, she was incredibly calm and positive. She sat in her chair in the kitchen looking out into her garden and said to me - "It's all right. I've had a very happy life and I've been very lucky." She was right, she had a great life and except for her health which she couldn't control, she was lucky. People make their own luck; Tess had a great life because of the person she was. Her life was too short, but she packed so much into it. She was always my protective older sister, and she had a very happy and secure childhood thanks to our parents. The first love of her life was her pony, Muffin, and I remember her cycling miles every morning to feed him in his field before school, caring for him as lovingly as she later did her family.

Although she didn't have ambitions for a whizzy career Tess was very clever. She passed her 11+ but went to the secondary modern because they didn't have enough places for girls in the Epsom grammars back then. Yet she still achieved excellent O levels and, despite ruining a family holiday fretting about the A level results waiting at home, she did brilliantly in those too. After her law degree at Sheffield she worked as a solicitor in London which is how she met the second and lasting love of her life, Michael, in the unlikely romantic setting of the early train from Epsom Downs to London Bridge. They each thought the other was a boring commuter until they got chatting on the train and embarked on their own journey together.

Their relationship became the perfect template for a strong and loving marriage.

Kate, Laura and Sophie soon appeared, and I know they had a lovely secure childhood which was also a lot of fun. Michael's work moved them to Braishfield, and Manor Cottage was chosen partly because it had a field for a pony and Kate was, like her mother before her, horse mad. Even after they officially left home the girls returned to Braishfield time and again, with and without their partners, because they actually enjoyed the company of their parents.

Tess was a brilliant Mum, but she was also much more. She poured her energies and talents into the Braishfield Memories project; Tess was the lateral thinker, always the one to come up with the most original ideas to enhance the book. She and Michael were also very involved in the Braishfield Amateur Dramatic Society, where Tess designed and painted sets, and showed her acting talent with a brilliant 'Miss Prism' in the Importance of Being Earnest. She also cared deeply about other people. She volunteered for Riding for the Disabled and for years gave her advice free at the CAB. She wasn't afraid to share her strong opinions and was proud to have marched against the Iraq War.

A rock for her family and friends, she was brilliant to me during my dark times and she always put Michael and the girls – and later the grandchildren – before herself. Sometimes she took her protective instincts a little far; she once tried to insist a teenage Sophie and her friends wore

white pillowcases on a nocturnal visit to the Braishfield pubs so they wouldn't get knocked down!

Lots of things make me smile about Tess - her terrible puns, how she 'mainlined' Earl Grey tea until the appropriate time of day for a gin and tonic! Radio 4 was always on and Tess was a one-woman Gardener's question time panel. She could have been a garden designer. Her borders at Braishfield were as pretty as anything at Chelsea, and she put her heart and soul into them. She adored her meadow orchids, forever counting them and delighting in how they multiplied year on year. Even in the last few weeks of her life, confined to bed and confused, when I asked her what 'that nice purple thing' was in the front garden, she reeled off the latin name and how to care for it.

Tess and Michael were great entertainers with many close friends but they also shared a rich and exciting life away from home. For a spell they lived with the girls in California, and they travelled and walked in many far-flung places. Tess was also very cultured. She loved the theatre, the gloomier the better - she had no time for musicals - and the vast numbers of books lining the walls in Manor Cottage demonstrate what a reader she was. But her tastes weren't all highbrow - she also loved Monsieur Hulot's Holiday and boxed sets of Tenko, and she laughed at 'Elvis the singing Santa' at Christmas time.

Braishfield Christmases were a legend - typical of Tessa's generosity of spirit. Tess was the beating heart of the family Christmas. My daughter reminded me the other day of how miserable she was when

it was time to go home. Apart from the free-flowing food and drink there were the games - charades, sardines, and chatting around a 1000 piece jigsaw that had to be finished before any of us went to bed, usually at about 5 am. Tess demonstrated one of her idiosyncracies at Christmas - ever honest, her first question at opening her present would often be - "will they take it back?" But also her tolerance; despite not being a dog lover she put up with my hound with great good humour, even in the year the sausages and turkey were left unattended and he got to them first!

Last Christmas was as good as ever, better in some ways. Tess was already very poorly but at no time let her illness define her. She didn't rage against the dying of the light, but accepted it with fortitude and courage, never complaining, always appearing upbeat, and always thinking of her family. It was wonderful that she was well enough in April to enjoy Sophie's brilliant wedding at the Trafalgar Tavern in Greenwich. Tess danced along with the family to 'YMCA', doing all the actions. Wonderful too, that she lived to see baby Marcus born and go home from hospital with Laura. One of the last words I heard Tess speak was simply "baby". A few days later she slipped away.

Tess, I know you weren't religious, but your spirit lives on in the people you left behind, in the way we live our lives, in our memories and in our hearts.

Tamsin

Professor David Brown: a Tribute

In 1947, a significant encounter took place on the back row of a lecture theatre at Sheffield University. During a talk by the eminent academic L.C. Knights on George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, a pretty young Mancunian woman turned to the handsome young Kentish lad by her side and said "My name's Elizabeth. What's yours?" "David," he replied. Thus started a loving and fruitful partnership that would last for 67 years – the courtship and marriage of long-time Braishfield residents Elizabeth and David Brown – and a partnership that sadly ended with David's death on 20 June 2014.

Like Elizabeth, David had a wartime childhood. He was born in 1929 in Gravesend, Kent, in that part of the Thames estuary known during the War as 'Bomb Alley'. Indeed, one of David's more vivid childhood memories was his mother pushing him to the ground and protectively hurling herself on top of him when bombs suddenly rained down on the adjacent Meopham Waterworks.

David's mother was Constance, known as 'Connie' or 'Bob', a small but redoubtable woman born and raised in London's East End, who'd shocked local Gravesend society by insisting that the 'I obey' clause be omitted from her wedding vows. His father, Bertram, known as 'Bert' or 'Pops', was a manager at the Johnson & Phillips cable manufacturing company based at Charlton and instilled in David a love of literature

and walking.

Despite the best efforts of the Luftwaffe to nip David in the bud, he survived the War and even as a teenager was showing the musical talents that would underpin his future life – he was a very talented pianist. In 1947 David became a combined honours undergraduate at Sheffield University where he met not only Elizabeth but many fellow students who would become lifelong friends and share his joy of music-making.

After gaining both his BA and BMus, David went off to serve his country.

Flight Lieutenant Brown, as he became, started his two years of national service with six months of somewhat tedious basic training at RAF Bodmin. He enjoyed a much more satisfying experience when he was selected to train as a Russian interpreter on the Joint Services language course at Cambridge: fellow students included two young men fresh from school named Alan Bennett and Michael Frayn. Despite being commissioned into the Intelligence Corps, fortunately David never had to use his Russian to interrogate captured Soviet spies, and would put his new language skills to more benign use as they became the impetus behind his increasing focus on Russian music.

After a five-year engagement David and Elizabeth married on Christmas Eve 1953 at Hulme Church, Manchester. Soon afterwards they moved to Gravesend, living usefully

close to David's parents as two daughters were now born to them: Gabrielle in 1955, and Hilary two years later.

On starting his professional career as a teacher, David immediately confronted a most demanding and unforgiving audience: the boys of Crayford Secondary Modern in Kent. Yet they taught him an invaluable lesson that would inform the rest of his life as a teacher and lecturer: how to grab his audience's attention, and to keep it. The countless students who passed through his hands at Southampton University, and anyone who's attended his many public lectures for charitable causes, will doubtless remember not only his profound musical knowledge but also his enthusiasm for his subject – he was, in short, an exceptionally gifted communicator.

In 1959 David's career took off in another direction when he was appointed Music Librarian at London University. Three years later he began his career as an academic when he became a lecturer at the newly formed Music Department at Southampton University, where his colleagues included the composer Jonathan Harvey.

David is remembered not just as an expert and inspirational tutor and lecturer. He was also extremely active within the university's music-making sphere, forming and conducting the University Madrigal Society which gave frequent broadcasts on Radio 3, and contributing his talents as a pianist to various concerts, both within and outside the university.

One of his greatest pleasures was to perform chamber music with his cellist daughter Gabrielle and her friends, many of whom went on to professional careers in music and who've expressed their profound gratitude for both his coaching and encouragement.

David had a very broad output. He worked as an editor, reviewer and broadcaster, wrote concert programme and DVD sleeve notes and contributed countless articles to various journals. One of the most rewarding areas of his work was 'reconstructing' the lost parts of English Renaissance choral music (two such pieces were played at his funeral).

But David's greatest academic legacy is his work as a music biographer, and he was unusual in that he focused on two very different areas: music of the English Renaissance and that of the nineteenth-century Russian school. His first major book, published in 1969, was on the English madrigalist Thomas Weelkes, a colourful character described by David as 'the most spectacular drunkard in church history'. It earned him a PhD. This was followed in 1974 by Mikhail Glinka: A Biographical and Critical Study, the first major study of the composer in English, and his concise study of another madrigalist, John Wilbye.

Then came his major literary achievement: his four-volume life and works of Tchaikovsky, a mammoth task, its publication spread over 14 years. It may surprise you to

know that, prior to starting on his biography, David was no particular fan of the composer, and like many dismissed him as one who stimulated the tear-ducts rather than the heart and intellect. Livia Gollancz, the redoubtable doyenne of the famous publishing house, had other ideas however. She was relentless in persuading David to take on the task of writing the biography, and he soon discovered just how wrong he'd been about the work of this tortured but very 'human' composer. As his admiration and fascination grew, one volume turned into two, and then three, and then four. David's magnum opus garnered not only widespread critical praise, but also the Derek Allen Prize from the British Academy and the Yorkshire Post Music Book Award.

'There is simply nothing comparable on Tchaikovsky in any language, not even in Russian' wrote one critic, and even the official Soviet reviewer had to admit, 'Frankly, we have nothing like it'. It remains the largest life-and-works of a Russian composer ever published, and fundamentally altered many people's appreciation and understanding of Tchaikovsky.

In 1983, David was given a personal chair as Professor of Musicology at Southampton University. A year previously he and Elizabeth had moved from Southampton to Braishfield, making many new friends in the village and relishing their rural surroundings. In 1989, the year that Elizabeth was set to retire, David decided to take early retirement so that they could enjoy more time together

and he could concentrate on his work as a biographer. David produced three more books: Tchaikovsky Remembered in 1993, Mussorgsky: His Life and Works in 2002, and Tchaikovsky: The Man and His Music in 2006. They were also delighted to be blessed by the arrival of their two grandsons, Tom in 1986 and William in 1990 – a delight experienced again three years ago with the arrival of their great-grandson Orlando.

But even as he worked on his final book, David was aware of the onset of the disease that would blight the remainder of his life. It was a disease he dreaded, and he felt fated to fall prey to it. Some forty years previously, he'd witnessed the way it turned his sweet-natured father, Bert, into a confused and aggressive man, not to mention the terrible strain it imposed on his mother. Neither he nor Elizabeth would ever forget the horror of seeing Bert literally taken away by 'the men in white coats' when he was sectioned and committed to Stone House Mental Hospital. But unlike his father, David did at least benefit from the drugs that can now delay the onset of Alzheimer's, and he still managed to enjoy many of life's pleasures – especially listening to music – almost to the end, if on an increasingly limited scale.

That end came on 20 June at Durban House Nursing Home in Romsey, where David was cared for with great attentiveness during the final weeks of his life as his condition rapidly deteriorated. Together with their

daughters, Elizabeth was a devoted carer to David throughout his illness. But don't attempt to praise her for this. "Of course I cared for him," she'll tell you. "He was my husband. That's what you do. He was worth it." Which brings us back to that fateful encounter on the back row of a lecture theatre in Sheffield all those years ago and to what became, as they themselves wryly dubbed it, the team of 'Brown & Brown'.

It's a truism that music brings people together, through both performance and appreciation. But never has it been truer than in the case of Elizabeth and David.

Yes, they had other shared passions. Country walks, touring holidays in France, a day out to the coast with lunch at some rural pub, their beloved pet cats, and the city of Venice, which they discovered in later life and returned to again and again. But it was music, both professionally and personally, that bonded them throughout those 67 years. Just as Elizabeth had supported David when he struck out towards a new career as an music academic, David gave Elizabeth unstinting support when she took on the dual roles of Concert Manager at the Turner Sims Concert Hall and Staff Tutor in Music for the University's Adult Education Department – two supposedly part-time jobs that turned out to be anything but. In 2009, David and Elizabeth were both deeply touched by the wonderful concert staged by the University at the Turner Sims to celebrate their 80th birthdays,

to which artists of the eminence of Trevor Pinnock and Dame Emma Kirkby willingly contributed their services. The year was topped by another honour when they were both given the City of Southampton Award for music services to the city.

Last Christmas Eve, Elizabeth and David celebrated their Diamond Wedding. It was a bitter-sweet occasion – an occasion that David was still able to enjoy, despite the ravages of his illness, and the celebration of a long and devoted marriage, but overshadowed by the tacit acknowledgement that this was likely to be their last wedding anniversary, as sadly it proved to be. There's a lovely photograph taken on that occasion, which shows David smiling broadly and enjoying a glass of champagne.

And that's how we should remember him: a loving husband; proud and devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather; a kind, wise and entertaining friend and colleague; internationally renowned musicologist and biographer; server of his community; a man who even when blighted by Alzheimer's could still acknowledge that he'd had a blessed and fulfilled life - a man philosophically raising a glass of champagne to the world.

Hilary Brown

(An edited version of the Eulogy read at David's funeral at All Saints, Braishfield, on 1 July 2014)

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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: 11th & 25th August: 8th & 22nd September.

Household waste weeks beginning: 4th & 18th August: 1st, 15th & 29th September.



(One day later for the BANK HOLIDAY week, August 25th)

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

Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings	Where	Time	When	Next	Meetings
Parish Council	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1st Tues	2 Sept	7 Oct 4 Nov
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2nd Mon	8 Sept	13 Oct 10 Nov
Horticultural Society 📖	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2nd Tues	9 Sept	14 Oct 11 Nov
Flower Arrangement Society 📖	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	4th Thurs	25 Sept	23 Oct 27 Nov
Art Group	Comm. Room Village Hall	10 - 12	Every Thurs	7 Aug	then each week
Coffee & Cakes	Comm. Room Village Hall	9 & 3	9 Tues 3 Thurs	5 Aug 4 Sept	then each week
Toddler Group	Comm. Room Village Hall	10 - 12	Wed	Tel	367710 for details

Events 📖	Where	When	More Details
Village Shop Opening	Village Hall	Sat 9 August	see inside page 17
All Saint's BBQ	Springbank	Sun 10 August	see inside page 13
URC Coffee morning	2 Common Hill Rd	Sat 16 August	see inside page 12
URC Tea, produce	Paddock View	Sat 30 August	see inside page 12
Choral Evensong	All Saints'	Sun 21 Sept	see inside page 13
URC Harvest Supper	Village Hall	Mon 22 Sept	see inside page 12
All Saint's Harvest Supper	Church Room	Sat 4 October	see inside page 13
All Saints' Auction of Promises	Church Room	Sat 18 October	see inside page 13
Magic Man evening	Village Hall	Sat 25 October	see inside page 11

📖 Please see BVA News or Notice Boards for further details.