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From the Chairman

We need to talk about speeding. I have picked up comments and concerns about the number of people travelling through the village at speeds far above the limit of 30 mph; above, even, the previous limit of 40 mph on the straight stretch between the top of Crook Hill and near the school. It's especially a concern from those who walk children or dogs along that piece of road, and from those who live there and need to back out of their drives to go about normal business.

I have to declare an interest here: I am one of those who find the increasing use of 30 and even 20 mph limits a bit over the top in some cases, especially if I'm in a hurry. But then I say to myself 'What would happen if the totally unexpected occurred – dog runs into road, child trips and falls in front of car, some lunatic coming the other way swerves into my path etc. I end up killing or injuring an innocent third party. I'd be at least partly to blame, wouldn't I?'

So, as poacher turned gamekeeper, I'm saying can we all, please, just remember that the roads through the village are potentially dangerous, however good and sensible we may think we are as drivers. The police have done random checks on speeds through the village and will arrange

to do some more in the near future. If that confirms what we are hearing, then several possible next steps might be taken. One that we think might help, and which stops short of prosecutions, is to have a group of volunteers operating a radar speed checker, noting down the car details of anyone going over the limit and giving the information to the police. The police then send a warning letter to that individual, first time, and if further infringements occur, take firmer action. We will keep you posted on this.

Meanwhile, if you are one of the occasional speedsters, do us all a favour and slow down!

On a more positive note, congratulations are in order to:

The Cricket Club, on a very successful season,

The Football Club on last season's successes, and good luck to them in this one

The Village Shop, about which much more is to be found later in this issue. They have all done extraordinarily well and, as always, support the very strong ethos of our remarkable Village!

See back inside page for news of the 200 Club

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From the Editor

Taking my cue from the cartoon that heads this edition, I note that some of my acquaintances wisely chose to holiday abroad over what turned out to be a very grinding fortnight leading up to the Scottish referendum. With blinding hindsight I commend their wisdom, as I remained dourly wedded to my desk throughout. It was probably the most infuriatingly overhyped and exaggerated experience I have ever suffered.

I'm not one particularly entranced by politics at the best, or worst, of times, but the sheer displays of arrogance, misrepresentation, lies, persiflage and gobbledegook were breathtaking. In the midst of this, we attended a 70th birthday party of a dear naval friend (we share equal godfathership of two daughters), where I met a very wise Ulsterman and equally wise Englishman, both of whom predicted precisely the final outcome ('No' by 55% to 45%). I came away mightily reassured but also furious at the cost and waste of energy involved.

Now it seems we are to be treated to even further insult as every Tom, Dick and cranny of the UK bounces on the pogo-sticks of devolution – increased powers for the Welsh Assembly, Devo-max (dreadful expression!) for Scotland, no doubt complete autocracy for Cornish crabbers and Dorset thatchers etc. etc! You begin to wonder where this madness ends.

The Greeks, gave us the concept and word Democracy, and a great deal beyond. The Romans gave us a large part of our language and civilising laws; and respectively Greek and Roman histories endure with no quibble.

So what is so wrong with The United Kingdom of Great Britain which, in 3 short centuries, did as much for the total globe as the Greeks and Romans did simply for the Mediterranean and Europe? And why do self-absorbed politicians always have to fiddle so disruptively with something of clear and proven worth? Quite rightly allow the crabbers, crofters, shepherds, cattlemen, city grafters etc their proper share of national wealth – but don't break up this close-knit group of people who inspired the Industrial Revolution!

Most particularly, please let us avoid fracturing our society when faced with, undoubtedly, the greatest evil to have infected the globe – Fundamental, Extreme Islam. They have emerged under several acronyms, most of them sounding like a doctor's prescription – how absurd.

And finally, on a much gentler note, a short reflection on the passing of Norman Fielder. I have no words yet, but hope for some personal memory to include in December's issue.

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



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Braishfield Parish Council

Defibrillator Training

We mentioned in the last edition that the Parish Council will be purchasing an AED (automated external defibrillator) for use by the public in the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest. It is to be located outside the Village Hall.

Medical evidence highlights the importance of defibrillators. Use within the first few minutes after collapse provides the best chance of saving a life.

This is a reminder that you are invited to attend a one hour training session, run by South Central Ambulance Service. It will be held in the Committee Room (Village Hall) on Wednesday 1st October at 7:30pm. The event is free of charge.

Please contact Carole Renvoize if you would like to attend. (stevecarole.renvoize@btinternet.com or 01794 368766)

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BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY PROGRAMME 2014/15

Fourth Thursday in the month 7.30pm Village Hall,
Braishfield.

Oct 23 Flora Maestro Please Eileen Hickson

Nov 27 I'll be home for Christmas Emily

Broomhead

Open Evening (see advert)

Jan 21 AGM (please note Wednesday)



Change of Venue for 2015 – Church Rooms, Braishfield

Feb 26 Inspired byPauline Hurran

March 26 Well Read Volume II Allison Finch

April 23 Flowers in Fashion Ann Clark

Notices cont.

BMADS AUTUMN PRODUCTION

Rehearsals have started and words are being learned. How can it be that time already?

The play is Dandy Dick by Arthur Wing Pinero and is a Victorian farce involving a hard up Dean, his daughters, their beaux, his sister and an old friend, the groom of the old friend, not to mention the butler, a policeman and his wife. Great fun.

The production dates are Friday 21st November and Saturday 22nd November with an extra performance on Thursday 20th November, all at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available nearer the time from Margaret O'Keeffe. Notices will be put up and fliers will abound.

Put the date in your diaries now!

ROMSEY LIBRARY

The Library is working hard to publicise and encourage greater use of their facilities –

Following their WW1 exhibition (which included our own compendium of Braishfield and Farley Chamberlayne memories – 'The Bugle Sounded'),

Romsey Library now seeks to involve anyone in the village who is interested in a 'Family History - Getting Started' course. It costs £50 or £37.50 for over 60s. Other concessions are available. The tutor will be Jane Fox, the sessions will be on Wednesdays 12th, 19th, 26th November, and 3rd December 2014 in the Romsey Library building.

In parallel, the Library is looking for volunteers who have experience in researching family history on-line. Sessions are held at the Library on the 2nd Thursday of the month between 5-6.45pm. No car park charges after 4pm! One to one guidance will be given with the library's laptops for those with little experience of the Internet.

Contact: e-mail romsey.library@hants.gov.uk

Tel: 01794 513341

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HELP NEEDED - ALL SAINTS' BRAISHFIELD



Can you give an hour about 4 times a year to help clean Braishfield Church? Volunteer cleaners work in pairs to hoover, dust, and polish if they feel they have time, at a time to suit themselves. A few people who have been volunteer cleaners for a very long time need to hang up their dusters, and replacements are required!

Please speak to Nicky Ayres, 368423, to add your name to the list or ask for more details.

SINGING FOR FUN.

We had our two 'taster sessions' and it was very enjoyable.

There were 19 of us for the first and 24 of us for the second session. We sang a mixture of songs, ranging from those remembered as having been sung at school, to rounds of simple rhymes. We have prepared songs from the shows as well, ready for next time.

We are going to continue to meet, on the 4th Monday in the month in the church room from 2pm until 4pm with a tea break in the middle. In December we may have an extra for singing Carols.

Anyone can come; by its nature most people are in the older age range, but we welcome younger people and we had 6 men at the second session.

So, open to all.

If you want to know more, please contact:

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Notices cont.

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks to Warren Collins 'nearly' six years old for his amazing sponsored bicycle ride. His route took him along the Test Way from Horsebridge Station to Stockbridge and back. Warren raised the great sum of £118.45.

Well done Warren!!

Also thanks to all who attended or helped in any way at Margaret and Jack Batchelor's coffee morning which raised £219.45.

And thanks to all who attended or assisted in any way at Marjery and Bill Randall's afternoon tea which raised £210.00.

Proceeds from all these events will go to 'PLANETS' - our 2014 charity.

Abbotswood Health Walks

Join us for some gentle and easy walks with our small and friendly groups led by qualified leaders. Walks last about an hour, sometimes a bit longer. No gym fees. Walking is Free!



Meet every Tuesday at 10.30 am at the temporary Abbotswood Community Centre (near to the Show Homes) off Braishfield Road, SO51 0AX except.....

The last Tuesdays of the month, meet at Braishfield Village Hall (SO51 0PN)

Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD AMATEUR TABLE-TENNIS SOCIETY (BATTS)

BATTS was formed in April 2013. Initially with a small group of 6 mixed ability players coming together at Braishfield Social Club on Thursday evenings to play Table Tennis and get a bit of exercise in the company of like minded local people.

Since then our numbers have swelled to approximately 16 (too many for 1 table!) and we have recently therefore purchased another high quality table utilising the subscriptions paid by BATTS members on a weekly basis to cover room hire at Braishfield Club and a little extra to go into the kitty, which together with a grant of £250 secured in May this year from WALTET the local recycling company, provided sufficient funds for us to purchase our second table.

We are currently open to new members of all age groups who may wish to come along and have a go and have a few spare bats for those who don't have their own kit. We do however insist on the wearing of suitable footwear to protect the floor of the hall.

BATTS meet most Thursdays between 7.00pm and 9.00pm at Braishfield Social Club, Common Hill Road. There is a small charge for adults of £3 only and a reduced rate for juniors (under 16).

STEVE LUMB

BATTS Chairman

(See page opposite)

New exercise class for older people coming to Braishfield! Having a fall can have a serious impact on anyone's life - but for older people the consequences are even greater, including a loss of independence, mobility and confidence and recovery time. Classes are taught by qualified postural stability instructors, specifically trained to deliver exercise that helps to reduce falls in older people. There is a new class coming to Braishfield Village Hall, Braishfield starting on Tuesday 16th September. The hour long class will

start at 1:15pm and will be led by Postural Stability Instructor Jenny Pawson. The class will cost £4.00 a week but you can come along and try for free! Booking is essential for your first class so please contact Jenny Pawson on 07845 530855

Sophie Jevons

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Better
balance
for life

steady AND
Strong

Build confidence and stay
independent for longer...

Class starting on
Tuesday 16th September 2014

1:15pm – 2:15pm

£4.00 (First class FREE!)

Braishfield Village Hall,
Braishfield

Community exercise class aimed at
improving stability and strength to
help prevent falls in older people.
Specifically aimed at frailler older
people who are having trouble
with their balance and walking.

Contact Instructor:
Jenny Pawson on **07845 530855**

Please call the instructor before
attending

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SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY 2015

Its that time of year again to start organizing the annual Senior Citizens party, this year it will be on Sunday February 1st 2015: invitations will be through your door in the new year. Any new comers to the village that are 65 or over or any villager that has qualified this year please ring Sharon Fielding on 368164 to be added to the list. Looking forward to seeing you all in February.

Sharon Fielding and committee
Thanks Sharon

Private Landlord & Letting Agents Forum



A FREE LOCAL EVENT

Thursday 6th November 2014 from 9.00 -12.30
The Council Offices, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ

The aim of the forum is to provide Landlords and Letting Agents with topical information on residential lettings. November's forum is a continuation of going back to basics with topics such as Tenancy Agreements and Inventories; with discussions on best practice. Rob Evan from the Home Office has been invited to give a presentation on the sanctions & interventions directorate and what the obligations will be on Landlords.

Please contact Tracy Conway on 01264 368075 or tconway@testvalley.gov.uk for further information and to confirm your attendance.

www.testvalley.gov.uk

Notices cont.

**Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society
Open Evening**
On Thursday 27th November 2014
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Braishfield Village Hall



'I'll be home for Christmas'
Demonstration by Emily Broomhead
(Silver Gilt Winner Chelsea 2014)

Tickets - Members £6.50 Visitors £8.50
to include coffee and mince pie on arrival

Raffle and Sales Table
Supporting
The Children's Liver Disease Foundation

For further information and tickets please contact: Hazel Prince 01794 368339
or Carole Renvoize 01794 368766

Social Contact Group

Thanks to the kind hosting by Stan and Roch Hougham our members enjoyed afternoon tea under the trees in their lovely garden. The sun shone and it was the quintessential summer tea in an English garden.

We have other trips planned for the future and if there is anyone who would like to join our group then please do not hesitate to contact me; you would be made to feel most welcome.

Hazel Prince

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This was followed up by a visit for morning coffee to the Leckford Estate Coffee Shop where we also enjoyed the late summer colours in the long herbaceous borders.



Braishfield Horticultural Society

On the 9th September we welcomed Tim Woodland once again to speak to us, this time on planting in containers to give colour all through the year.

Planting in containers has several benefits, they can be a variety of shapes, colours and sizes and also materials, not just clay pots but anything from wooden crates to old boots. They enable us to control the soil type and also have the advantage of portability, they can be used to provide colour in parts of the garden where it is difficult to establish plants in the ground.

The plants which Tim recommended were mostly grown from bulbs or tubers. He started the year with snowdrops and these were followed by Crocus. After this came the daffodils, the numerous varieties of which will provide a show through to May. Tulips and Hyacinth will likewise provide colour from early in the year to May.

These bulbs can be planted with companion plants, which will extend



the time of the display.

For summer Asiatic lilies can provide a splash of colour to July and later Begonias and Dahlias.

By the time Christmas is approaching Hippeastrum will give an impressive show, which can be maximised by planting larger bulbs giving several flowering stems.

Tim brought with him a selection of bulbs suitable for containers, which many members were eager to purchase, so we can expect some colourful pots in Braishfield gardens next year.

Steve Renvoize

Braishfield Village Pantry

The VH Committee was overwhelmed with the turn-out at the official Opening on Saturday 9t August - apparently it peaked at about 150. A soft opening some 3 weeks earlier proved the right decision, allowing some live training for Volunteers prior to the big event. Being on holiday, I was sorry to miss the opening, but my thanks go to David Protheroe for performing the opening ceremony, and Malcolm Ayres who did the intros on behalf of the Committee.

Now, 2 months on, all the mechanics are in place. A warm welcome to Elaine who is there every morning, providing the continuity which allows Marian both time off and time to anticipate stocking levels and keep on top of our suppliers. We also have Claire keeping the books, Michael and Will and, of course, our Shop Committee - Marian, Ros, Ian and Clive managing the 40+ Volunteers. Thank you to everyone. We really could not operate without those of you who give your time and energy so freely to the cause.

The Community Shop is working ! Everyone is pulling together and new friendships are being made. Villagers are enjoying coffee and cakes and are buying the fayre. We need this to continue, flourish and increase so think of the shop first before heading to Romsey! Remember what we have in stock and perhaps buy those items from us. We now have a card machine

which is proving popular. We always need feedback from you particularly on items you think would be worth stocking.

The Village Hall Committee is responsible for the Hall and each of us act jointly or severally as Trustees of the Charity. The Shop is very much part of the Hall and consequently the responsibility for the Shop rests with the Committee as a whole. If you wish to discuss anything regarding the Hall, including the Shop, please approach me as Chairman of the Committee in the first instance and all my Committee will offer you this route. My contact details are below.

Change is inevitable in all walks of life and the introduction of a Community Shop into the Hall is probably the biggest change to the Hall since its inception. The Committee has worked hard leading up to the opening and continues to do so to ensure existing users are accommodated. Indeed we have several new hirers signing up recently and the School is back on a regular basis. Whilst always sorry to lose long standing groups, this is inevitable and in the case of the Flower Club it was due to ever increasing numbers - very good news for them ! We look forward to seeing them back for their "big night" in November in the main Hall (with new heating in place !)

So, in summary, A HUGE THANK YOU - to those with the first vision, those

who have worked hard to realise the reality, those who continue, whether paid or unpaid,to give their time and energy to the Shop; and finally to all who will use the shop, hopefully on an increasing basis, to ensure that its medium and long term future is secure and that, as a Village, we maintain

a Community facility in a busy Hall which, in turn, will ensure its future.

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Braishfield Village Pantry.

We are packing an enormous selection of stock into our corner of the village hall, with a an increasing number of delicious goodies every week, including many products in small portions that are suitable for those living alone. In particular, the new supply of fruit and vegetables is excellent. The fennel, strawberries, pak choi and lots of other fresh Autumn bounty are going as quickly as I can order them. The here is Thursday is brought in 9 am. Please your first port supplies for the more who use us maintain regular produce.

best day to come when everything fresh at about try to make us of call for your week end. The the easier it is to supplies of fresh



Elaine has for us every 9:00am till 12:00 extends the We are delighted her. She will papers to David Nicholls at midday so, in future, they will only be available in the morning. I am sorry if this is an inconvenience, but you may order in advance.

started to work morning from midday , which shopping hours. to have found return unsold

We are planning a generous cheese and wine tasting on Friday 14th November, with live music and a superb selection of wines and food for Christmas . Tickets and details will be available at the shop from the beginning of October. This should be a very 'fun greedy gourmet' event! Please put the date in your diary. There will be lots of Christmas hampers on show and hopefully the evening will allow you to place orders for Christmas food and gifts.

Marian Randall

Armistice Day 2014

You may remember Monday 4 August when we were invited to mark the centenary of WWI by leaving only a single light or candle to emphasise the moment:

'The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our life time'.

Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, said in his memoirs that he could not recall uttering this lament for Europe at dusk on August 3, 1914. Nonetheless they were the prompt for a nationwide act of commemoration on the centenary of the declaration of war on Germany. The candles would be snuffed out one by one, only a burning oil lamp would remain at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey until 11pm to mark the exact time the British Empire entered the war.

Those named on our Village War Memorial are not forgotten. We are reminded of this every time we pass by.

'Our dead through whom we live'
These words may inspire and encourage you to take part in the Armistice Day Act of Remembrance at the Memorial at 10.50am on 11 November.

George Elliott

Origins of the Remembrance Poppy:

Below is one of the most famous poems of World War I, written in 1915 by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a surgeon in the Canadian army, who died in 1918:-

In Flanders Field

In Flanders field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep.
Though Poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

It was this poem which led to the Poppy being adopted as the Flower of Remembrance for the war dead of Britain and the British Commonwealth. To this day John McCrae's poem is read aloud at Remembrance Day ceremonies on every 11th November throughout the nations of the Commonwealth.



An American teacher, Moina Belle Michael, was so moved by the poem In Flanders Fields that she bought Poppies with money collected from her friends and colleagues, and sold them for the benefit of American ex-servicemen.

In 1920 the Poppy became America's national emblem of Remembrance; and in 1921 a French woman, Madame Guerin, sold millions of Poppies in America to raise funds to help the recovery of parts of France laid waste in World War I. She also organised the sale of poppies in London and persuaded Field Marshal Earl Haig to adopt the British commemorative emblem.

The Royal British Legion was founded

in 1921 with the aim of supporting the survivors (and their families) who had fought World War I but were unable to look after themselves once the war had ended.

Thanks to Earl Haig, the first Legion Poppy Day was held on 11th November 1921 and the sale of poppies has continued in the lead up to Armistice Day each year to raise money to ensure that the Royal British Legion continues with its work.

Peter Spira - The King's Royal Rifle Corps



Bad News? Good News? Of course Good News!

Particularly from Wobulenzi, Uganda

It is probably fair to say that much of the mainstream news from 'Africa' (huge continent*, not a single country!) is often alarming (ebola, civil wars, terrorism) and deeply concerning (shocking poverty, endemic corruption, extreme climate). So it is easy to think that is the norm. But good news stories and positive developments flourish everywhere, but rarely make it to the front pages. And on that note.. what news from Wobulenzi and the Serve Direct team (all Braishfield-ites!)?

September, same as the UK, marks the beginning of a new school term in Wobulenzi, but in Uganda this is the third term (think public exams + end of year fun), so there is plenty of academic work ahead! As the school is known for providing low-cost, good quality education, many students travel very far (without parents) to get back to school, and it takes a full week for the school to really get going. From Day 1, they start arriving by coach, by minibus taxi and by boda (motorcycle taxis), and some on foot.

Each boarder brings a metal trunk,
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plus a mattress, jerry can for water, and bucket. Everyone must contribute 2 brooms, 2 rolls of TP (toilet paper!) and a 'ream' of printer paper plus pay a small medical and library fee. And in the metal trunk? Literally, 'life in a box' - basic school uniform, sheets, toiletries, exercise books, pens, shoe polish, soap, a bag of sugar (if you can afford it), flip-flops and that's it really. No personal clothes, no luxuries and most definitely no mobiles or knives - woe betide those that try! It's a world away from our annual visit to WH Smith or Staples to buy yet another new pencil case for September - something I always seemed to fall for. Each student brings termly fees (about £40) or most will pay it in two instalments. Everyone has to pay something - although there are some lower rates for deserving and proven cases of poverty.

But students return with big smiles and great expectations. School is a good place to stay and secondary schooling is seen as one of the keys to a brighter future. At Wobulenzi they often talk about two main steps up and out of poverty: Education and Health. In fact, many see it as a three step process, naming Faith as the 3rd vital, but optional step.



In November, a new Serve Direct team of 12 Romsey/Braishfield friends from New Life Church are coming out for two weeks to work hard in the heat with the Wobulenzi students and run an exciting end of term programme and celebration - already there is great excitement at school about their visit. We (Jerry, Elspeth and Michele) are enjoying an extended time back in Braishfield for a while and loving this summer weather, cool fresh air, and drinkable tap water - not to mention the village shop! Phil was back for a while but is now back in

Kampala with work.

Still one of my favourite quotes, from a previous Wobulenzi student from the worst of backgrounds is 'I'm going to be someone in Uganda'.

Good news - school can turn a 'nobody' into a 'somebody'. Good news indeed.

Elspeth Dugdale

(*For Geography fans, Africa is larger than.... China, USA, India, Japan, France, UK, Eastern Europe, Italy, Germany , Spain, Switzerland and Benelux all stuck together- what potential!)

Also see page 23 - a Barn Dance in support of Serve Direct

Newport Inn CC 2014 Season Update

After a very frustrating start to the summer due to rain and standing water on the ground, we finally got our season up and running on 1st June. Since then, the glorious weather has meant that we have managed to get most of our fixtures in.

From our 27 games, we have won 14, lost 8, drawn 4 and tied 1. The one tied game will live long in the memory not only for the tense finish to the game but also for the fabulous setting in which the game was played. The game, vs The Yew Tree XI, was the first one to be played on our tour to Shropshire and Herefordshire in late June. The tour was very kindly organised by one of the club's former Captains and now occasional player, Carl Evans. Carl moved to that part of the world a couple of years ago and was kind enough to allow us to camp in his garden for the weekend – the weather started off a little damp but brightened up in time for the cricket.

The ground which Carl had picked for the first game was set on a sprawling country estate, on the front lawn of the stately home owned by a mad cricket enthusiast. The perfectly manicured ground was a real beauty spot with fantastic views of the surrounding valleys. Having scored 220, we were quite satisfied. But Carl's eldest son Jos began to make light work of the total for the Yew Tree XI. Having played quite magnificently for 122, we finally got him out and managed to get back in the game but with one

over left and 4 to win the Yew Tree XI looked to have the game in the bag. But with the scores tied on the final ball, some great fielding and quick thinking effected a run out to end the game in a tie.

Our second tour game was equally as enjoyable and set in the pretty Herefordshire village of Almley, with the Black Mountain on the Welsh border as a back drop. Our hosts were very welcoming and we managed to win another close game before heading back home. All in all a very successful tour and we can't wait for next year's return trip!

Although cricket is a team game, there is always healthy competition within the club to do well individually. Congratulations therefore to John Fahy for scoring his maiden half century this year and securing his first 5 wicket haul, Ben Brown for scoring his first half century and Andrew Gregory for scoring his first century. There have also been a number of other noteworthy individual performances but they are too many to name here. As I write, we have 2 games remaining and the competition for the much coveted 'Duck Trophy' (for the most ducks scored in the season) is warming up nicely with Geoff and Andrew Briggs, Jason Forty and James Hardy all in contention.

2014 has been another successful year for the club and we only hope that the winter is kinder to us this year.

The 2015 season will start with our annual quiz to be held at the village hall in April and I will let you know the date as soon as possible.

Regards,

James Light
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Obituary: Eric George Ernest Irish 30.6.24 - 2.8.14

Dad was born on Monday 30th June 1924 in Middlesex, the first born of George and Dorothy Irish. The family came to live in Romsey when Dad was six weeks old. He was to be the eldest of six children – Eric, Stuart, Kathy, Larry & Beryl (the twin) and Stan. When Dad was ten years old his mother, Dorothy, died and he went to live with Aunt Lill and Uncle Harry in Woodley. One of Dad's great sadness's was that he never knew his mother, that she was not there as he grew up.

At fourteen Dad began work at Eastleigh Carriage Works and he told us about the great steam hammers that were used to form the intricate parts of the steam locomotives. Dad also told us that he walked to work from Romsey to Eastleigh along the railway line – not a feat we would want to do today! But working in a factory was not what Dad wanted and, at fifteen, he went to live with Aunty Ethel and Uncle Tom at Fairbornes Farm. Ostensibly this was to help with caring for his young cousin, Daniel Martin, but the nursemaiding did not last very long. Dad had found what he wanted to do; open air, working with nature in growing crops and caring for animals. He started working on the farm - firstly for a Mr Pitts but when the farm was sold to Felix Cook, Dad stayed on and a relationship that lasted many years began.

When wartime came and Dad was old enough he was unable to enlist as he was in a reserved occupation. So he did the next best thing – he joined the Homeguard. The stories Dad told of the escapades were very similar to those of the TV series 'Dad's Army'. Mr Cook sold the farm to a Mr Chalk

who went on to found the Meon Valley Timber Company and Dad stayed on at Fairbornes Farm. By now he was married and had two children. It was one evening in 1947 that young Jean Emery was told by her mother to go out because Jean was in a bad mood. So Jean went out with her sister, Kathy – they were going to the speedway in Southampton. As the two young ladies waited at the bus stop they met two young men – two sisters and two brothers.

In late March 1949, our Dad went to see our Mum's dad and all was agreed. Mum's mum was so keen on the wedding taking place that she went straight to the Abbey and booked the date, church and everything. Three weeks later, on 18th April, 1949, Mum and Dad were married in Romsey Abbey. Their wedding cake was baked by Mr Williams aboard the Queen Mary as it sailed from New York to Southampton. They honeymooned abroad – Newport on the IoW – and they took their Best Man, Dad's brother Larry, with them. Mum and Dad lived in Mitchell's Close for about three years. Graham was born in May 1950 and I followed in 1951. We moved to Fairbornes Farm, where Dad was working, in January 1952. In 1956 Kevin and Hilary, a twin, were born and Sharon was born in 1958.

In 1955 The Dog & Crook pub, then a thatched building, caught fire. Dad and Norman Pitman were driving the herd of cows down the lane when Norman saw the smoke. They both rushed down to the pub to help save this oasis of enjoyment. It was probably a toss up as to whether they saved the furniture or the beer – the

furniture won!

In 1958 Fairbornes Farm was sold and we moved to Sunlight Cottages on the Hursley Estate where Dad took a job working for Sir George Cooper. But large farms and the worker politics were not for Dad and, after ten months, we moved back to Fairbornes Farm.

When Fairbornes Farm was again sold in 1963 Dad took a job at Velmore Farm, Chandler's Ford. It was here, in 1966, while attending a calving that Dad was butted by the bull that ran with the dairy herd. He was knocked into a concrete block wall and was saved by Jim Windibank who beat the bull off with his bare hands. Dad was in hospital for nearly a week with a fractured skull and broken ribs.

In 1969 we moved back home – to Braishfield; this time to Inglenook, and dad worked at Farley Farm. He was a regular sight commuting back and forth on his Fordson tractor. Then, when the farming policy changed at Farley Farm, Dad found work at Pucknall Farm and moved to Hill View. When the dairy herd was sold at Pucknall Farm Dad was sixty-four years old and found work at Fish Ponds Farm and indulged in the work that he loved – gardening. For several years Dad dug, tidied, clipped, planted and sowed in several gardens around Braishfield. He drove tractors, combine harvesters, lorries and cars on the farm all his life but didn't take his driving test until 1984!

In 1988 Dad retired. At the back of the house in Hill View was a piece of derelict land owned but not maintained by the council. Dad took it on himself to tame the wilderness; assisted by Mum they created a garden out of the tangles. Dad loved growing chrysanthemums and used

to put little waxed paper bags over the blooms to protect them from the rain. In 1993 that he became involved in the Michelmersh and Timsbury Horticultural Society and in 1996 he joined the Braishfield Horticultural Society. he loved entering the shows. Perfect fruit and veg were his delight. He spent hours cleaning, selecting and preparing. He always said that he never did well showing his produce – despite having a fistful of firsts, a handful of seconds and a few thirds along with the odd highly commended and a host of best in show. A visit to Hill View resulted in leaving with bags full of fresh vegetables; whether you wanted the cabbage or a few runner beans or not you were going home with them!

Dad loved his children – all five of us – and his ten grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. He was not a man who had pride in possessions but he took pride in his family and his garden. He loved growing plants, he loved seeing nature work. He loved feeding the wild birds. He loved the simple things – he took so much pleasure from them. We all have our treasured memories of Dad. We had to be quiet on Wednesday evenings as Dad liked to listen to 'Journey into Space'; and quiet on Saturday while he listened to the football results and checked his coupon. We remember Sunday evenings sitting round the wireless and listening to Sing Something Simple.

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Wednesday Nights	-Zumba 6.30pm
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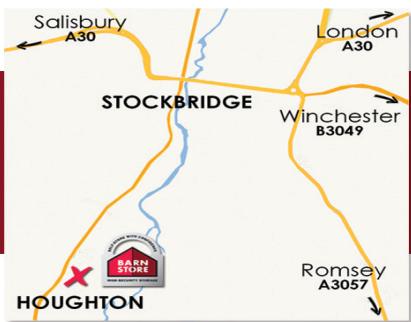
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Rubbish News

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Recycle weeks beginning:

6th & 20th October: 3rd & 17th November

Household waste weeks beginning:

13th & 27th October: 10th & 24th November



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Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings Where Time When Next Meetings

Parish Council	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1st Tues ex.Aug	7 Oct	4 Nov	2 Dec
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2nd Mon ex. Aug	13 Oct	10 Nov	8 Dec
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2nd Tues ex. Jun, July, Aug	14 Oct	11 Nov	9 Dec
Flower Arrangement Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	4th Thurs ex. Aug, Dec	23 Oct	27 Nov	none
Art Group	Church Room	10 - 12	Every Thursday except August			
The Pantry & Coffee Shop	Comm. Room Village Hall	9 - 12 3 - 6	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat (9 -12)			
Toddler Group	Comm. Room Village Hall	10 - 12	Wednesday - tel 367710			

Events  Where When More Details

Village Quiz	Village Hall	Friday 10th October	7.30pm Teams of 4
Barn Dance	Village Hall	Saturday 11th October	7.30pm see page 23
Mirths, Marvels & the Mysterious	Village Hall	Saturday 25th October	7pm for 7.30pm
Armistice Day	War Memorial	Tuesday 11th November	Meet at 10.50am
BMADS 'Dandy Dick'	Village Hall	20, 21, 22 November	7.30pm see page 7
Flower Society	Village Hall	Thursday 27th November	7pm for 7.30pm see page 13

 Please see BVA News or Notice Boards for further details.