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From the Chairman

This is my swansong! After five years, I am passing on the baton to Jimmy Chestnutt. I said I would serve for three, or possibly four years. It turned out to be five. I'm delighted that Jimmy has taken up the invitation to serve in my place and I have every confidence that he will do an excellent job.

It has been a privilege to be your chairman, and (mostly) a great pleasure. We've had a Royal Wedding and a Diamond Jubilee on my watch, both of which were great fun to be involved with, and with your committee we have tried to bring life and jollity to you in other ways each year with wine tastings and other entertainments. And of course, this Village News has just got better

and more extensive every year - for which I can claim absolutely no credit whatsoever!

Our secretary for the past 10 years, Rosie Groves, is also standing down. Behind the scenes, her contribution has been massive, not least in advising us on planning issues as they may impact on village life.

I am not leaving the village, and will still run the 200 Club lottery, play in the BUMS and serve in the village shop. Oh yes, and do a spot of litter picking!

We will continue to have a strong committee, and given the pressures on rural villages like ours from the continuing demands for more and more housing, they will need to be!

From the Incoming Chairman

I was honoured if somewhat surprised to be asked to take over as Chairman from David Robinson. He will be a difficult act to follow.

I would like to thank him for a very comprehensive handover and I now know just how many hours all the committee members put in on our behalf, attending meetings, maintaining the website, monitoring planning applications, producing this excellent magazine and promoting village events.

We have a great village with facilities that are the envy of many of our

neighbouring villages. We have a new football pavilion, a marvellous village hall, a super village shop, a whole range of flourishing interest groups, an excellent amateur dramatic group and let's not forget the BUMS.

David mentioned pressures on rural villages and I know that those pressures will only increase. We will do best for our village and fellow villagers if we all get involved in the debates and work together in a common cause. I will try to make that possible.

From the Editor

Belated of course, but a very Happy New Year to everyone, and once again I have to admire your incredible resilience and originality. I normally quake at the thought of the immediate post Christmas magazine – exhausted reserves, the New Year barely underway, nothing to say; well ‘shiver me timbers’, we’ve hit our occasional maximum of 48 pages! Thank you all so much as always for your huge support and contributions – keep it up, he said in awe!

David, our outgoing Chairman, and I (innocent fool) dropped simultaneously into this cauldron five years ago! With his knowledge of our village, he has guided Sue and me with clarity and humour through all the chicanes of local sensitivities and politics. David is perfectly capable of bringing down the Walls of Jericho on his own but let me briefly blow his trumpet!

Throughout his time he has been extremely proactive in generating a host of fundraising or simply ‘fun’ events for us all, and equally throwing the weight of the BVA behind many other activities. It is no exaggeration to say that he has strengthened a healthy awareness of Village identity and purpose. He has been a remarkably charismatic and successful leader of the pack. He and Viv are not leaving, thank goodness, and he continues to wield the 200 Club with vigour and intent.

And so to our new Chairman, Jimmy Chestnutt. I know him of old from a Naval overlap about 40 years ago. I will leave it to you to judge for yourselves of course – with the simple observation that, in my opinion, we could not be in better, more considerate hands for our continuum over the coming years. He is most warmly welcomed as our Chairman, and will have our full support.

Finally, and this is important, I must draw your attention in particular to the articles by Mike Prince and Michael Stubbs (pp 12/13) which respectively highlight recent, and continuing, activity to curb speeding, and the pace of housing development locally; they give a very coherent and timely warning of the future if we do not resist predation.

These articles are very relevant to the future direction and health of Braishfield, and I strongly urge you to read them carefully, make a judgement and then, if sufficiently fired-up, make sure that you voice your opinion strongly and clearly via every avenue and at every opportunity. It is all too easy to look the other way and then find that it is too late to deflect or avoid being overrun by the Planning steam-roller.

Much to enjoy, celebrate and think about in this edition.

Donations to Braishfield Village Association News

We would like to thank all those who donated toward the cost of the Braishfield News this 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 2015 and we would like to thank those who helped us this year. If you wish to make a donation please complete this slip and forward it to the address below and please make cheques payable to Braishfield Village Association.

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Thank you.
Jimmy Chestnutt - 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.

From the Parish Council Chairman

At this time of year, we look forward to the New Year, a year that is full of unknowns and new challenges, with the General Election in May creating uncertainties; and looking back at the year that has just gone, it has been a time of change and reflection on events in the Village.

The major issue during 2014 was the Planning Application for the 9 Affordable Houses to be built in the Village, the first Affordable Housing built in the Village for over 50 years. The issue split many elements in the Village, but the final decision was made by TVBC to approve the plans and the building on the site south of the Wheatsheaf, is due to start within a few weeks.

There is a legal agreement in place between the Housing Association and TVBC which specifies that the houses must be offered first to people with a strong Braishfield connection and then the neighbouring Parishes, not Romsey. We look forward to our new neighbours being welcomed by the Village.

The Council have supplied and installed a Public Access Defibrillator outside on the west wall of the Village Hall, with access to it via a code that will be advised following a 999 call made from the Defibrillator; an emergency phone has been installed due to the poor mobile signal near the Hall. The Council arranged 2 training sessions and approximately

40 Villagers attended. Staying with the Hall, we have supported the opening of the Village Pantry, and would encourage everyone to use it, to ensure its continued success as a major community asset and meeting point especially for the parishioners living alone in our village.

The Parish Council had 2 changes during 2014; our Clerk, John Rhodes, retired from the position after 15 years, and our thanks for his service which is greatly appreciated. We welcome our new Clerk, Kate Orange, to the role. Kate lives in the Village, and therefore, like John, continues a close interest in the future of Braishfield.

Our second change was the resignation of Dorothy Ross as a Councillor, and I thank her for her service to the Village. We welcome Wendy Dolby-Stevens to the Council and look forward to her valued input.

We have said a sad farewell to old friends in the Village; we all have our different memories of them, and reflect on their lives and how we have been touched by them during their lives in Braishfield.

May I, on behalf of the Parish Council, wish you a very happy and healthy 2015.

Mike Prince
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

Notices

HAMPSHIRE ALERT COMMUNITY MESSAGING SYSTEM from Hampshire constabulary

Residents can now sign up with Hampshire Constabulary's new "Hampshire Alert" service. You will receive emailed alerts about information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area. As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area. If you wish to learn more, or to register, please visit their website www.hampshirealert.co.uk .

I have been signed up to this service for a few weeks now and have received some useful information, regarding matters such as thefts from vehicles and rural crimes such as shot-gun and dog thefts. I repeat the alerts on the news section of the Parish Council website if they are of particular relevance to Braishfield residents. I also post a copy of the crime report from our local Police Constable Jo Cole. The Parish Council website is www.braishfield-pc.org .

Kate Orange
Clerk to Braishfield Parish Council
clerk@braishfield-pc.org

PAVEMENT PARKING

The Highway Code states that: "You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavements unless signs permit it" – there are no such signs in Braishfield. There are a number of places in the village where this is a regular occurrence. If you use a wheelchair, for example, or have a pushchair, it can be impossible to use a pavement if there are parked cars along it. Even pedestrians can have difficulty potentially brushing against a dirty car or getting caught in a hedge. In the extreme the pedestrian will have to use the road!

Parking half off the road maybe thought to help the traffic flow but traffic still needs to slow to negotiate the narrowed road – parking fully on the road will act more like traffic calming and so help reduce traffic speed through the residential area of Braishfield !

Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

The December draw was won by Maggie Brooks (nice Christmas present!) and the January one by Katharine Edmonds.

Looking back over 2014, we raised a total of £1938 for charity and paid out £1292 as prizes. Our only expense was the £20 licence fee which we paid to Test Valley Borough Council. The charities and good causes which benefited were:

The Countess Mountbatten Hospice; All Saints Church; The United Reformed Church; The Social Contact Group; PLANETS; The Genesis Research Trust; The village shop; ServeDirect; Romsey Young Carers; The Senior Citizens' Lunch.

We hope to do something similar in the coming year. We have already made a donation to the Countess Mountbatten Hospice.

New members are always welcome. It will cost you £5 a month for a chance of winning the prize of (usually) around £100, as well as helping local good causes or in support of villagers who are themselves engaged in fund raising.

Give me a call on 368774 or e mail on dbr33@john-lewis.com

David Robinson.

BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY 2015 SEASON

4 meetings are planned for this year.

Friday 27 March. We start with a warm up outing to Leckford GC.

Friday 1 May Alresford GC

Friday 10 July Southampton Municipal GC

Friday 18 September Tidworth GC

Those on the circulation e mail list will receive further details prior to each event. Anyone not currently signed up please let me or Lawrance know and we will ensure you receive details.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH MOWERS 2015

I will be starting soon to plan the rota for this year with a view to a meeting of Mowers in March. If there is anyone not currently on the rota who would like to join please call or mail me. It is not an onerous job. Just 2 sessions each season for Mowers in pairs which take an hour or so each time.

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Notices cont.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The first phase of our major refurbishment programme is now complete with the installation of a new heating system to the Main Hall and Foyer, and heating in these spaces is now free: no more meter-feeding.

The Committee room however is still heated as before by a meter.

All users are pleased with the new system which is very easy to operate. This phase has been possible thanks to a Grant from TVBC which matched funding from our own resources, and our thanks go also to Committee members who organised the Grant application and supervised the installation.

We continue to raise funds where we can and most recently we have received a donation from BMADS following their sell - out performances of Dandy Dick.

The Committee would be delighted to hear from anyone who could arrange fund raising events for us which together with Grants will push us towards being able to afford Phase 2 and beyond.

Richard Brazier Chairman Village Hall Committee

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BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

Monday 13 April 2015

7.30pm in the Committee Room

ALL WELCOME

Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We wish to thank anyone who donated or helped in any way towards our 2014 charity which was PLANETS. We can now announce that we have raised the sum of £2,388.17. We presented a cheque for this amount to Mr Neil Pearce on behalf of Planets during our church service on Sunday 18th January.

Thank you to all involved.

Marjery Randall
Church Treasurer

BRAISHFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Dear Friends

As we are nearing the end of Terry's ministry with us at the United Reformed Church we thought it would be good to have a service when invited people from the village could have the opportunity to say a few words to wish him and Elizabeth best wishes for their future with new congregations.

Although Terry will be with us on Easter Sunday April 5th for his final services at Braishfield and then Romsey, we are marking March 15th at Braishfield as a day for you all to come and join us for this special service at 10.00am, followed by coffee and a chance to chat.

We hope many of you will be able to be with us.

Sincerely
Shirley Smith, Church Secretary

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10.40-11.25am 3.5-5 yrs

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www.rugbytots.co.uk



Notices cont.

SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON...?

For some time now, we have been able to purchase fish at the door from First Choice Gourmet Foods – a legitimate company that has provided good quality fish in the past. However, a number of villagers have now been subjected to a visit from a man driving an unmarked white van, also selling fish. He is in his 30s, with a foreign accent, and is very pushy, bordering on intimidating. He reportedly made a series of visits to some elderly parishioners near the centre of the village and walked straight into their kitchen, uninvited and unannounced. Further visits resulted in requests for cash for petrol money, which were refused. Several local people have complained about his tactics. For some people, visits at the door by persistent salesmen trying to interest you in their wares is at worst annoying and irritating, but for vulnerable older folk or people living alone I think it could be quite frightening.

The local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator in Crook Hill was alerted to this. He has now been in contact with the Police and obtained some of the Trading Standards “We do not buy goods and services at the door” stickers for our local Neighbourhood Watch area (SO51 0QB). These are available to anyone who would like them. If you wish to obtain a sticker please contact Hampshire County Council’s Trading Standards department. If you have difficulties, John Bevan is happy to try to assist. (jandabev@btinternet.com).

There is also a “No Cold Calling Zone” scheme run by Hampshire Trading Standards. However, it seems to be a rather painful process to get a scheme up and running and may be more trouble than it’s worth. There is also the question about how much notice these traders take of schemes like this.

Ultimately, I think that the best deterrent for this type of thing is a good strong village community who will support the vulnerable and hopefully deter this type of behaviour. The Parish Council are aware of the situation and so are the Police.

Wendy Dolby-Stevens

THANKS TO ALL DISTRIBUTORS

My sincere thanks to our 14 Distributors who have been so reliable and generous with their time in all weathers over the past year delivering this magazine to your doorstep.

Sue Mullane

Speeding in the Village

At the Parish Council meeting on the 6th January, the Council discussed the results of its speed survey and how to move forward.

The visual Speed Sign has been a regular feature in the village reminding us all that the speed limit within the village is 30mph.

During the first week in December 2014, the sign was installed near the junction with Kiln Lane, but the Council had also hired and installed a device, fitted at the same location, to register speed and volume of vehicles travelling in both directions 24 hours a day, and it was clear that the speed indication device made little or no difference to the speed being driven on Braishfield Road.

The results of the device over the 7 day period indicated that 19,289 vehicles travelled on Braishfield Road, 9,370 from Romsey and 9,919 to Romsey. The average speeds were recorded at between 35 and 45 mph with higher

speeds being recorded from Romsey and with the maximum speed being 71mph, again from Romsey.

The Parish Council discussed the results and have decided not to renew the sharing agreement with Ampfield Parish Council for the speed indication sign, when it expires in June (cost of £450pa). We plan to hire the recording equipment on a quarterly basis (cost of £100 per hire) in order to obtain a true picture of traffic volumes and speeds.

Once the Parish Council have a true picture, with firm and provable data, we will then pursue with HCC as to the best way forward to introduce what traffic calming is most appropriate and workable for the village.

Mike Prince
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

A VACANCY HAS ARISEN FOR THE BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

Please contact our Chairman, Jimmy Chestnutt (jimmy.chestnutt@gmail.com) if you would be willing to become a member.

RESIDENTS GUIDE

We will be updating the Guide later this year and every household will receive a revised copy. We would be grateful for your help to ensure that the new production is as up to date as possible. Please let the Editor know of any changes, additions or errors you wish to see included.

Local Housing Development and Traffic Volume

Following concerns raised by villagers about the increasing volume and speed of traffic through Braishfield the Parish Council, as detailed opposite (p12) by the Chairman, Mike Prince, installed a traffic counter to quantify the problem; a good decision because the results are staggering.

In May 2014 an official police survey counted an average of 2,091 cars per day of which 72% broke the speed limit. By the first week of December, over 6 days, the PC's equipment counted an average of 3,026 cars per day – an enormous increase of 45% on the May figure in only seven months. All of the average speeds recorded exceeded the speed limit. The PC have said they will continue to monitor the situation to build a fuller picture of the trend. This is vital as a first step to addressing the problem, as we all know the decision makers in the Highways Department need facts and figures to back up what is obvious to villagers experiencing the problem daily, if they are to sanction any changes for the better in the future.

On a wider front, these figures underline how little consideration is being given to the strain on both existing infrastructure and the surrounding villages in the beautiful Test Valley by thoughtless, unsustainable and poorly integrated development around Romsey. Abbotswood is not even half occupied, so imagine what

the situation through Braishfield and the surrounding lanes will be when all 800 units are occupied. If you add in the proposals for Ganger Farm and all the other local smaller satellite developments the traffic from the new builds alone will be four to five times the increase mentioned above – you could argue 7,000 cars a day through Braishfield. SatNav programming exacerbates the problem. Residents really should be worried because I don't think we will be getting a Stonehenge- type tunnel solution any time soon.

This traffic issue alone should be enough to force a re-think by Test Valley BC to shelve any further plans for housing developments to Romsey as a whole, but particularly to the north and west which has now had its fair share. The blight threatening this area is in danger of spoiling all that attracts people here in the first place.

Villagers must, if they do not already, make their views known to their local councillor and MP who are both very approachable and committed and may yet show their mettle in defending this area against over development. I know they would both encourage villagers to respond, if they have not already done so, to any public consultation regarding local planning issues that affect them either directly or indirectly.

Michael Stubbs

Parish Council Elections, 2015

Our current Parish Councillors' tenure of office comes to an end this year, and fresh elections will take place on May 7th, along with the national and borough elections. Existing councillors may of course offer themselves for re-election, and the way is also open for other villagers to put themselves forward at that time. If there are more than 7 nominees, an election will take place, there being 7 places on the council available.

Anyone who is prepared to stand for election will need to acquire the nomination form (which will be available from our Parish Clerk, Mrs Kate Orange), and it must be handed in (not posted) to the Test Valley offices in Andover by no later than the end of business on 10th April (or earlier). Voting papers will then be prepared in readiness.

We plan to delay the publication of our next issue of the BVN until the middle of April, so as to give every candidate the opportunity to write a few words (100 max) about themselves and what they would bring to the Council if elected. It will help us if all those who do intend to stand will make early contact with us, via our editor.

There will be further information about the whole process on the TVBC website. The official who is managing the process is Ms Frances Cleland, who is very approachable and helpful, should you wish for more information. She will be organising a special briefing session on 4th March in Stockbridge for all candidates (and/or their agents) for the National, borough and parish elections. Her direct telephone number is 01264 368072.

Anyone who is not yet registered to vote in any of the three elections may do so before 20th April. Anyone wishing to have postal votes must do so before 21st April.

This is an important opportunity to ensure that our elected Council takes the Village into the future with vigour and commitment. Don't let it pass you by.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March

A global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action.

An annual opportunity for us to gather for a united service of worship and prayer, which is always a very thought-provoking and happy occasion. This year the event will be held at All Saints' Church at 7 30pm on Friday 6th March. The theme, chosen by women of The Bahamas who wrote the service, is the Christian example of radical love. Afterwards there will be tea or coffee and a chance to meet friends and to make new acquaintances. Do come along if you can on 6th March – you will be sure of a warm welcome. (By the way, despite the title, men are most welcome too!)

More information is available at www.wwdp.org.uk

Hannah Boothman and Sharon Whitfield (Local Organisers)



VILLAGE LUNCH DATES 2015

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	9 FEBRUARY	2015
MONDAY	9 MARCH	2015
MONDAY	13 APRIL	2015
MONDAY	11 MAY	2015
MONDAY	8 JUNE	2015
MONDAY	13 JULY	2015
MONDAY	14 SEPTEMBER	2015
MONDAY	12 OCTOBER	2015
MONDAY	9 NOVEMBER	2015
MONDAY	14 DECEMBER	2015

Julie Kemp Tel: 368894

New Year's Resolutions

Many of us contemplate making a New Year resolution and indulge in the traditional game each year but not too seriously! Others seek wider objectives but with one aim – a positive one which could embrace us all. Here is one example of a manifesto which portrays active participation and, also reflects life in our Village:

This is your life,
do what you love,
and do it often.
If you don't like
your job, quit.
If you don't have
enough time, stop
watching TV.
If you are looking
for love of your
life, stop. They
will be waiting
for you when you
start doing things
you love.

Stop over analysing, all emotions are beautiful.

When you eat, appreciate every last bite.

Life is simple, open your mind, arms and heart to new things and people, we are united in our differences.

Ask the next person you see what their passion is, and share your inspiring dream with them. Travel often, getting lost will help you find yourself.

Some opportunities only come once, seize them.

Life is about the people you meet and the things you create with them so go out and start creating.

Life is short, live your dream and share your passion.

The 'oak tree' is the village symbol and represents strength, maturity and a vigorous life within the community with 'hearts of oak'- as strong as the tree itself. The village should perhaps adopt a motto which drives us out in the community, to match our symbolic



oak tree, and to urge us to play our part whatever our resolutions might be:

'Habeo ut Dem' 'I have that I may give'

Our community has the attributes to match the motto in expectation. Resolutions are best shared – our life blood should circulate throughout the Parish where it can be demonstrated and be seen to grow and flourish.

From: www.holstee.com/manifesto

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New Year's Day Walk

The inaugural New Year's Day Village Walk commenced with 17 willing pioneers and two dogs dragging themselves out of bed to blow away the cobwebs. Most of the walkers met up as planned in the church car park and set off at about 11 O'clock.

The four latecomers were left a route and decided to intercept the main crocodile by using their local knowledge of short cuts. This worked. All were unaware that an intermediate foursome citing 'ligament trouble' had already taken the same short cut and, unbeknownst, were well ahead of the pack and on the way to the pub!

The route took an hour and a quarter or so and ended at the Wheatsheaf. The frost had abated so on the day the going was a little soft resulting

in the lower slung of the two dogs having a well defined tide-mark after negotiating footpath 13.

There was a great atmosphere both on the walk and in the pub with a roaring fire and the finest ale contributing to the conviviality. It turned out that everyone knew somebody, but no one knew everyone so it was a great way to meet fellow villagers in a relaxed setting which is what it was all about. By popular demand we shall repeat it next year.

Michael Stubbs



Women for Women Cycle Challenge, Tanzania & Zanzibar

What an adventure!

The cause is becoming better known through Fern Britton's involvement (she cycled with the larger group, after ours). A fantastic challenge through

spectacular scenery with wonderful people, difficult at times due to the heat and very steep hills.

I raised £3,125, money

which goes towards research which promotes women and babies' health. So thanks to everyone in the village who supported me, both financially

(including the Braishfield 200 club who donated generously) and those who helped me with the clothes sale
THANK YOU



(for further information about the Genesis Research Trust, visit

genesisresearchtrust.com)

Varenna Othen
The Old Village Stores

Social Contact Group

Our members started the Christmas Season with a celebratory Christmas lunch at Dandy Ford Lakes, Sheffield English, which was thoroughly enjoyed in a warm and friendly atmosphere by the log burner and Christmas tree. The funding on this occasion was supported by the generosity of the 200 Club.



we are delighted to have a return visit from Jenny Maizel.

If you would like to join us we can assure you of a very warm welcome.

We have a variety of social events planned for this year and if you feel you would like to join the

Social Contact Group then please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone : 368339.

Hazel Prince

Our next event is a Coffee Morning arranged for Monday 2nd February at 10.30 in the Church Room when

Another Scam

A parishioner has highlighted what appears, on the surface, to be a gift from heaven – ‘The People’s Postcode Lottery’ (based in Spain, it seems) declaring that she had won £825,000.00. Superficially the letter ticks the boxes – logos, official ID/ ticket numbers, addresses.

It then entices you to collect your winnings via various contact options before slyly revealing that you must pay a ‘processing fee’ before collection; how much is not revealed,

but research indicates that it could be up to 10% - i.e. approx £80,000 in this case! After which you end up in limbo.

Similar fraud activities are legion, under different names. Don’t touch them, and let the police know so that they can be added to the international fraud file. Final observation - this particular letter was signed off by the ‘President’ who calls himself Baron Wheels; if ever there was a warning to steer clear, that is it!

Braishfield Village Voices

Last autumn an idea was formed to provide an opportunity for people with Braishfield connections to start singing for fun and has been met with much interest culminating in a Christmas sing-along, together with mince pies and refreshments at All

Feb 23rd.

March 23rd

April 27th.

The sing-along is completely for fun, informal, one does not have to have a trained voice, and further information



Saints' church room .

There were about 20 attendees, all retired and living locally in the village or in Romsey, and led by Wendy Quarendon with piano accompaniment from Meri Knights.

So successful has the venture been, that further get togethers are planned for the fourth Monday in every month at the church room at 2pm on Jan 26th,

can be gained from Wendy on 01794 368015, or Stephen Treglown on 01794 502150.

The photo shows Stephen and local stalwart, Shirley, getting to grips with a good old number from bygone years !

Stephen Treglown

Braishfield Horticultural Society

The Braishfield Horticultural Society started the 2015 programme with a talk on 13 January by Kelvin Mason of Sparsholt College. Kelvin gave us expert advice on growing vegetables.

He started off with preparation – digging and preparing the soil – a task for October onwards when the ground is cleared of the previous crop, emphasising the importance of adding organic matter to feed and to improve the structure.

The start of the year is the time to select the seed for the coming season and his advice to

us was to consider buying improved varieties for taste, productivity and disease resistance. He also reminded us to stagger sowing to avoid the problem of dealing with a large crop ready for harvesting at one time. Sowing the seed should be done when the soil was the correct temperature, 5-6 C, and attention should be paid to the correct depth. He also advised us to water the soil prior to sowing, not after sowing! The issue of watering was discussed at some length and Kelvin reminded us

that casual spraying with a hose or sprinkler is seldom an efficient use of water; much of the water falls on open soil and doesn't reach the plants' roots.

He advised that when the crop is established a seep hose should be laid alongside the plants. Kelvin finished his talk with a discussion on



various specific crops and answered questions from the members.

The spring sowing season will soon be upon us so hopefully this talk on vegetables will inspire us to prepare for the coming summer and enjoy bumper crops from our gardens.

Steve Renvoize
Chairman, BHS

Braishfield Brownies - Spring 2015

Our exciting news is that Brown Owl (Charlotte Marsh, nee Butterfield) and her husband Jim, have a baby son, Oliver David, born on 20th November. The Brownies are eagerly awaiting their first meeting with Oliver when Brown Owl brings him to visit on 4th February.

Last term Charlotte continued to lead until half term, when Nicky and Hannah returned as temporary leaders. All the Brownies worked for their Craft Badge. They made and decorated gingerbread shapes for our entry at the Christmas Tree Festival; 'The Gingerbread Tree'. The real challenge was learning to knit! Mrs Pat Old kindly came to help the aspiring knitters each week. Later on she knitted ten gingerbread men to adorn our tree.

Another activity was making calendars with a cup cake design. We visited Poppies Craft Room for a November evening to do Christmas crafts. The refreshment was one of their delicious ice creams.

The World Traveller and World Guiding badges are part of our programme for this term. We kicked off with some local travel on Saturday 10th January; "My mum dropped me off at the train station in Romsey. There we met the brownies. The train came in at 12 21. We got on coach B. I sat in seat 32. We saw trees, bushes, houses, ponies, camper vans, sheep, rivers and ponds and went through a tunnel. We saw Salisbury cathedral.

When we got to Salisbury we walked to the Playhouse, then we had lunch.

We ate sandwiches, veg sticks, fruit, cakes and more. Then we went into the main theatre to see Mother Goose."

Ellie Windebank, Lily Haylock, Jodie Newborough, Anna Williams.

A great day was had by all and the Brownies were a delight to take out. Other challenges will include packing a bag for an overnight stay, discovering about the four World Guide centres, tasting food from these countries and learning their songs. To prepare for Thinking Day (22nd February) when we remember members of the Guide Movement all over the world, we are sending postcards [or emails?]

to Brownies or Guides in other parts of the UK and hoping for a reply so that we can be in touch and think of each other.



The Brownies

look forward to welcoming our Senior Citizen friends (those who live alone or are housebound) to our annual Coffee Morning at the Church Room in March. They love the opportunity to do some cooking at meetings beforehand!

Nicky Ayres, Wise Owl 368423
Hannah Boothman, Barn Owl
368143

Brownies is for girls aged between 7 and 11. Our pack is not full. Please phone us or email: Brownies@braishfield.org

Christmas Tree Festival December 2014

The recent Christmas Tree Festival, held in All Saints Church on 5th/6th/7th December was organised initially to raise money for Naomi House/ Jacks place and All Saints Church but, as it turned out, it proved to do more than that! This was the first time a Christmas Tree Festival had

been held in the Village and it was with some trepidation we arrived at the Church on Wednesday 3rd to receive the trees, not really knowing how it would work!

The previous day Malcolm Ayres and Peter Quarendon had done a magnificent job installing the planking across the pews with numerous trails of electric cabling for the various lights. As the Wednesday progressed, more and more people arrived and began

setting up their trees - there was a real buzz of excited chatter within the Church. The final tree was installed at 8.00pm that evening bringing the total to 24. Entries came from

the village school, the churches, local clubs, families and individuals, each tree being uniquely decorated.

How Malcolm managed to deal with all the lights was unbelievable as by the next morning there wasn't a cable in sight!



The following three days found a succession of people coming

to see the display. The Village School came in two groups wending their way down Church Lane. Their faces lit up as they viewed their trees – Baa Humbug (delightful pompoms made into sheep) and Baubles, Bangles and Beads. The BUM Tree (Braishfield

Ukulele Musical Society) caused quite a bit of amusement decorated with miniature ukuleles and also an accompanying musical Carol quiz. Dorothy Ross on behalf of the Horticultural



Society did a splendid job creating vegetables out of modelling clay for their tree decoration! The Social Contact Group's entry – Stars of the Village - looked so wonderful on the

font that it was decided to leave it in place for duration of the Christmas Services.

If you visited the festival you would have been amazed at the creativity and imagination of people within the Village. However, the most thought provoking tree had to be the entry from Naomi House/Jacksplace. Made out of cardboard and designed by the children themselves, it was covered in their hand and foot prints. We were delighted on Saturday afternoon when two mini buses came with some of the children from Naomi House/Jacksplace to view the trees. It was made really special as the choir sang Carols throughout their visit. As organisers we couldn't have been

more delighted with the support. It was wonderful there were so many entries and visitors, who all played a part in helping to raise money both for Naomi House/Jacksplace and All Saints Church.

There was such a positive feel to it all with a lovely sense of involvement by the whole community. The festival closed on Sunday afternoon with a short service in a full 'tree lit' church and was followed by mulled wine and festive fair. The total raised from the event was £900 enabling us to give £450 each to Naomi House/Jacksplace and All Saints Church.

Carole Renvoize and Jane Bennett



Cheque presented to Sarah Hudson from Naomi House by Steve Pitts

Dandy Dick – A Review

A Victorian farce by Arthur Wing Pinero

An evocative title most certainly. This allows the imagination to take off in more than one direction. A more absurd and imaginative story would be difficult to find – a hard up Dean who needs to raise money to repair the Minster spire, his extravagant daughters and a race-horse called Dandy-Dick.

The curtains opened to reveal a stage imaginatively set with colour and lights to be altered with subtlety as the play unfolded. A masterpiece of ingenuity. The cast totalled 11, all of whom performed with great aplomb. Salome, the Dean's eldest daughter who was the first to appear on stage – fluttering eyelashes with the urge to giggle appeared to be her natural pastime and delighted us all. Rumour, made public by twitter of course, that Melanie Legge had never graced the stage before Opening Night; star rating - she set the standard for all!



Words chosen must be selective here – my friend in the very front row 'fell' for the Dean's youngest daughter Sheba, Becky Hougham, whose activity on stage proved remarkably effective in capturing attention. I know we, other poor males, were doing our



best to hide our interest too. Perhaps we should look out for the inevitable 'breaking news'!

We were not disappointed as the riveting story told was centred on the Dean, the Reverend Augustin Jedd so sensitively played by Peter Quarendon. A true man of the Church, quiet, thoughtful and engaging and very clever with it. Most sensitively and beautifully acted throughout and so astutely achieved by Peter. Astonishing to all – we wondered just how he remembered his lines without a single prompt?

And Georgiana, the Dean's sister, was played enthusiastically by Penny Brindle who ranged across the stage with confidence, determined to be listened to. She certainly made a ripple or two adding to the intrigue.



Everyone loves a Butler; found appropriately in Mike Allen who portrayed the traditional character wonderfully well—always polite (?), with a calming presence, forever helpful but could be said to be a little devious. He added fatherly decorum matched only by Mr Carson of Downton Abbey!

To continue the appraisal – the two military stalwarts who served the Crown, Richard Clifton and Mark Tomlin, showed a quiet presence without the need to stamp a foot when matters wavered. They brightened the stage and kept us waiting expectantly for a crisis.

In contrast Sir Tristram Mardon played by Richard Groves, an old friend, was full of sparkle and wit which lifted the story to a new level of expectation— but it must be said politely to Rosie Groves that Sir T. must be difficult to live with?



Then on to Hatcham, Sir Tristram's doughty groom played confidently by Sam Kemp giving the impression that he is well worth employing – yes, as a groom - but at what price? The Braishfield News will follow his career with interest and update us, I feel sure. His future is bright.



Templeman and Peter Scrivener, were caught up in a clever play on words and an intriguing farce involving the Dean being locked in a cell. This alarming situation commanded our full attention with a reminder that the Law will prevail ... but with a happy ending.



Finally but no means least, the players



Richard Groves, our adapting Guru, is to be congratulated on untangling the tale so that the 'simple' could appreciate and understand fully the events surrounding the drama of Dandy Dick.

Congratulations also to the Production Team of twenty in addition to others who prefer modestly to lie low. All deserve recognition and grateful thanks. One further bonus should also be mentioned. Loyalty is a prize possession and the Society has won

Hannah and Noah Topping, Elizabeth

the trophy. Every new production is supported by a significant number who have left the village and return each year to lend their support –both Rosalie and Alan Gurr never fail to do so.

In conclusion, but please forgive the quote:

The actor and the streetwalker. The two oldest professions in the world, ruined by amateurs

Alexander Woolcott

I hasten to proclaim the contribution made by BMADS – our non-professionals



and very proud amateurs. The freshness, originality and the characters displayed by members never ceases to amaze. Wonderful talent which seemingly is found from nowhere provides amusement, fun and laughter for us all each year.

But this is achieved not without effort, only by time and inspiration given generously. So, to the members of the Society, a huge thank you from the appreciative on-lookers from the floor who enjoyed every moment of the evening.

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Church Room Art Exhibition

The Church Room art class has been meeting now for over 3 years. Our tutor, Jamel Akib, has for some time been suggesting that we hold an exhibition (good for us!). He takes classes at Odiham and they put on Exhibitions twice a year in the wonderful Cross Barn which is right in the town, so there are plenty of people about and they drop in for coffee and cake looking at the art work at the same time.

Braishfield is a bit different! However, when the idea of a Christmas Tree Festival was mooted I had a 'light bulb' moment and thought we could run the exhibition alongside the Tree Festival, in aid of the same charities and each event would 'feed' the other. Which is what happened.

It was lovely to chat to those who came in; some had seen the event advertised, others had come to the Trees and popped in to see us. Equally we sent the people who had come to the Art over to the church. Coffee and cake proved popular.

The standard of the art-work was extremely good, there was some painting going on and plenty of

room to stand back and look. We have been able to put aside some money towards producing some eye-catching notices for the future, as advertising is vital. The Church Room is a delightful venue for an exhibition, but whether we could hold a stand-alone one, without the lure of something else going on, we have to decide.



The class was very pleased to be able to donate £200 to the charities, from sales of art-work and refreshments, helping to make the £900 total over the weekend. Not bad for our first attempt!

Wendy Quarendon

Kidnapping in Braishfield! (by permission of BMADS)

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 'Dandy Dick' production.

What a wonderful evening. The West End comes to Braishfield in style.

We are so lucky to have so many pleasant and efficient people who contributed to this event. I would like to thank them all for their efforts.

The Cast were all first rate but sadly

with three exceptions. I feel that I have no choice but to take this matter up with Trading Standards.

The Cast List stated that the Dean of St Marvells was played by Peter Quarendon. This is a lie. I know this man personally. He attends Church, cycles round the village and even has a slight interest in computers.

Besides, he was far too busy designing and building the set to learn all those lines. I think it was very wicked of BMADS to kidnap a Dean to play the part. I only hope that they returned him to his congregation in time for Sunday duties.

I am not sure where they dug up the Police Constable but no way could that have been the face of a 21st

century man. I hope they reburied him with dignity so he could control the riotous Christmas behaviour of the departed souls.

Likewise the splendid racing-mad Georgiana whose aristocratic pedigree was inherited, not learned at RADA. She must have been abducted from some local Manor.

No doubt BMADS will be contacted by the appropriate authorities in due course but all villagers would be advised to keep their doors locked when the next play is planned.

A lowly villager (name and address supplied).

With apologies to Penny Brindle, Peter Quarendon and Peter Scrivener.

String Quartet Concert in the Church Room

You may recall that BMADS supported the production of string quartet concerts in October 2012 and October 2013, both of them being very favourably received. Now the opportunity has arisen for us to support another concert, which we are very pleased to be able to do.

David Munro, violin-maker, who lives near Romsey and liaised between the performers and ourselves last time, has another quartet in mind. Currently he is busily trying to fix a date. I had hoped to be able to give final details by the deadline for the News, but all I can say is that there will be a concert, hopefully at the end of March. Beatrice Philips who leads the group plays a David Munro violin!

before or who showed an interest and will be putting up notices and fliers, so hope to see a lot of you there!

Wendy Quarendon
368015



We will be contacting those who came

Jumbulance update January 2015

Our local group have had another very busy year running 5 holidays for sick and long term disabled people in 2014. To Germany in April , to Norfolk in June , to Holland in July (our very successful 18-30 group) to Scotland in September and finally a pilgrimage to Lourdes in October and some days out for local Disabled People's Clubs.

To match this our local group have to fund raise and each trip is subsidised by £4,000-£5,000 so with the added day trips we had to raise the necessary £22,000.....not just in Romsey but also in my old home area of Newbury, West Berkshire where I started the original group. There are groups like ours all over the UK and we are growing thanks to a lot of support and goodwill from everyone and our wonderful volunteer helpers, nurses and doctors on whom we depend.

Last year we started with the a mini winter reunion in February with a Craft Day with lunch at Poppies, where the Mayor of Test Valley, Janet Whitely joined us and presented the volunteers with certificates for their voluntary services. In April we took part in the highly successful Romsey Relay Marathon, where Team Jumbulance, the only team to put in a mixed team of able bodied and disabled runners, had such a fun day. We then had a very successful weekend of Fundraising at our annual Garden Party in Farley , with the BUMS entertaining us in the barn

throughout the afternoon on the Saturday. Next day 90 turned up for our local Lunch Reunion of the people we had taken on holiday in the last year. Further afield in Newbury we also had Concerts and other events ending with a Carol Concert at Yattendon Church near Newbury in early December.

Looking ahead we have 4 holidays planned for 2015, to Brittany in June, to Austria in July (18-30 group) to Lourdes early October and to Cumbria in late October. We have dropped a trip because David Lumsden has "retired", aged 75, from being a Group leader so we are looking for some younger blood and another leader. Would you be interested? It is a non medical role and we would support you. David is still involved and keeps the books in order. It could be life changing and give so much pleasure to people whose options in life have become limited. We open the door again.

Anyone who feels they would like to get involved in any capacity or who knows of a sick or disabled person in need of a supported holiday please get in contact with me.

Chris Chisholm 01794 368250
email cookchris@aol.com

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

We finished our year on another 'high' with the success of our Open Evening on November 27th in the Village Hall. Over 100 people came to see Emily Broomhead with her demonstration 'I'll be home for Christmas'. She gave a most entertaining demonstration, recapturing her return to Wales for the annual family gathering. Each arrangement prompted a memory which she happily shared with us. Emily is a very talented Demonstrator and not only did she produce 10 arrangements on the evening, but also produced another 10 which she had prepared earlier (in true Blue Peter style!).

This gave rise to a rush for more raffle tickets and lucky winners were able to take home some beautiful arrangements at the end of the evening. For the second year running the husbands of the committee were resplendent in their Christmas Aprons serving the coffee and mince pies with their usual charm! They have clearly established themselves as an essential part of the evening – they seem to enjoy it too!



Each year we aim to make a contribution to a charity suggested by one of our members. This year was no exception and Beth Thomas asked if we could contribute to The Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Beth and Graham have first-hand experience of this wonderful organisation with their granddaughter Megan who has successfully been treated for the disease. We will be presenting a cheque for £550 to the CLDF at our meeting in February.

As our numbers have increased over the year, we shall be leaving our usual venue of the Village Hall after our AGM in January and relocating to the Church Room where we will have more space.

SO PLEASE NOTE – FROM FEBRUARY 26th ALL FLOWER CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM from 7.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you in February when Pauline Hurrans' demonstration is entitled 'Inspired by'.

Carole Renvoize

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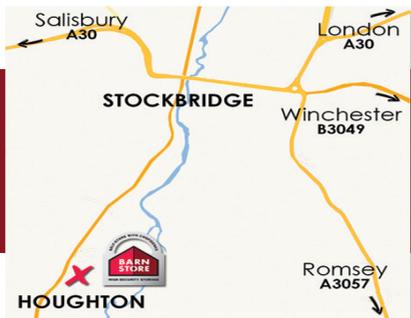
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Rubbish News

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

Recycle weeks beginning: 9th & 23rd February: 9th & 23rd
March

Household waste weeks beginning: 2nd & 16th February: 2nd,
16th & 30th March



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 ex. Aug	3 Feb	3 Mar	7 Apr
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2nd Mon ex. Aug	9 Feb	9 Mar	13 Apr
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2nd Tues ex. Jun, July, Aug	10 Feb	10 Mar	14 Apr
Flower Arrangement Society 	Church Room	7.30	4th Thurs ex. Aug, Dec	* 26 Feb	26 Mar	23 Apr
Art Group	Football pavilion	10 - 12	Every Thursday except August			
The Pantry & Coffee Shop	Comm. Room Village Hall	9 - 12 3 - 6	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Saturday 9.00 -12.00			
Toddler Group	Comm. Room Village Hall	10 - 12	Wednesday - tel 367710			

*Meetings now in Church Room

Events 	Where	When	More Details
Women's World Day of Prayer	All Saints' Church	Friday 6th March	7.30pm
Special Service	United Reformed Church	Sunday 15th March	To mark Terry Hinks' leaving
Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	Monday 13th April	7.30pm
Braishfield Village Voices	Church Room	Monday 23rd Feb Monday 23rd March	2 - 4pm

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