



# ***BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS***

Issue 215 February 2016



All you need is a saucepan lid and a stick to keep the beat! See page 11

Distributed free of charge by the Braishfield Village Association to the residents of Braishfield and the surrounding hamlets, and available in colour on the BVA website:  
[www.braishfield.org](http://www.braishfield.org)

## Braishfield Village Association

### Committee - 2016

Chairman	Jimmy Chestnutt	367953
Vice Chairman/Treasurer	Sheila Still	368384
Secretary/Website	Chris Balchin	368427
Editor	Mike Mullane	368099
Distributor	Sue Mullane	368099
Planning	Michael Stubbs	367867
Social	Julie Kemp	368894
Committee	Ian Jeffery	367282

### Editor's Notes

This magazine is produced by the Braishfield Village Association and the Editor reserves the right to elaborate, withhold or abridge material as space permits. The views expressed in this Magazine are not necessarily those of the Editor or of the Braishfield Village Association. Any form of reproducing or copying of this publication requires the prior written permission of the Editor.

©2003 Braishfield Village Association.

Written items for the 'News' should be sent to:-

The BVA Editor  
Hazel Cottage  
Braishfield Road  
Braishfield  
Romsey SO51 0PR by the date shown below.

Copy may be written, typed or on PC media but, ideally, by email to:

[mike@braishfield.org](mailto:mike@braishfield.org)

All items for publication must show the name, address and telephone number of the originator. Letters to the Editor should be on topics relevant to the villagers of Braishfield. The BVA attempts to deliver a copy of the Braishfield Residents Guide and the Village Design Statement to all new residents. If you have not received these publications, please contact the News Distributor on 368099.

BVA Website: [www.braishfield.org](http://www.braishfield.org)

**Latest copy date for the next issue is: 17th March 2016**

## From the Chairman

**H**appy New Year

I hope you all had a great Christmas and that your New Year's resolutions have survived January.

We held our AGM on the 21st January and you can read the reports on the BVA website. My thanks to those who gave up their evening to attend and approve the new constitution.

The new constitution recognises that following the creation of the network we are now able to provide a comprehensive information service. It prioritises supporting village committees and ensuring that Councillors and other authorities are made aware of issues that you consider important.

We also agreed BVA objectives for 2016.

Our most immediate objective is to work with the Council and organise an event to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday. Councillor Carole Renvoize will lead for the Council and we have decided to hold an open meeting in the Village Hall at 1930 on the 8th February to decide what sort of event we want, who will do what and the date. We are currently planning for the 11th June but are of course open to other proposals. If you have ideas or would like to help please come along.

The next big challenge is traffic. We have issues of speeding through the village and vibration from tractors

and heavy vehicles damaging houses bordering Braishfield Road. Braishfield has one road into the village and three single tracks out, all of which are now suffering from increasing levels of traffic creating passing points and damaging the hedges and road surfaces.

Councillor John Bevan is leading for the Council and he will get our full support to help get the right solutions to all of those problems.

Richard Brazier is the Councillor tasked with leading on planning and the responsibility of liaising with the BVA. Government housebuilding policy will result in more developments in this part of Hampshire and some of them may well affect life in our village. Richard will work with Mike Stubbs and brief us on the council's position on any development and we will use the network to get support for any required objection or request for mitigating measures.

The new shop looks terrific and will be a brilliant village facility and community centre. It will have a soft opening on the first February with a formal opening later in the year when all fitting out work is completed.

Well done to all involved.

## From the Editor

I always anticipate that the first edition of the BVN after the demands of Christmas and New Year will be a modest affair. No such fear! As you see, a full 48 pages. Thank you all once again for your interest and help!

I draw your attention in particular to: a clarification of the Village Defibrillator concept p8: an urgent Planning Alert to which I believe we should all respond p10: for those 'up to the mark', a detailed and helpful explanation of High Speed Broadband in the Village p14: an exciting and adventurous young initiative on the Scouting front p26. Beyond this, I hope you'll enjoy reading about the many activities which have and will take place

across the Village, for instance the Variety Show on 12 March, the Church Room Concert on 21 April and BMADs' re-emergence from a quiet 2015 with a production planned for late November!

As you know the BVN relies on voluntary contributions and comes to you free of charge - it says so on the front, so it must be true! However, now that we regularly achieve 48 pages it inevitably costs more to produce. Could I therefore ask you to cast your eye at page 5 (very easy, it is over to your right!) and consider a donation in support of the News: no matter how small, it will make a big difference. Thank you.

And finally, a very, very good 2016 to everyone.

### BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

Another year has gone by; Our income last year totalled £3290, a slight increase on the previous year. Our only expense was £20 for the licence fee we have to pay TVBC in order to operate the lottery. The balance was paid out in prizes (£1300, so averaging just over £100 per month to each lucky winner!), and donations to local good causes (£1950): the Countess Mountbatten Hospice, our own village Social contact Group, the Wessex Cancer Trust, All Saints Church, the United Reformed Church (for their year's charity, 'Rivers of Living Water'), ServeDirect (the charity operating in Uganda, in which several Braishfield have been very actively involved), the Village Pantry for their new extension, and the village's Senior Citizen's lunch. Some of the above received more than one donation during the year.

Test Valley monitors our activities and payments are certified by our Trustees, George Elliott and Tony Chant. Sadly we lost a few members during the year, but we gained more than we lost as new members have joined.

And there is no limit on the number of members permitted! so if you would like to become a member, with a chance every month of winning the payout of around £100, simply lift up the phone, dial 368774 and speak to the organiser, David Robinson. Or e mail him at [dbr33@john-lewis.com](mailto:dbr33@john-lewis.com)

## Donations to Braishfield Village 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 2016. 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.

BVA Treasurer  
Mrs Sheila Still  
Orchard View  
Braishfield  
SO51 0QB

Tel: 01794 368384  
email: [bva@f2s.com](mailto:bva@f2s.com)

Thank you.  
Jimmy Chestnutt - Chairman



I enclose a donation of £                      towards the running cost of the BVA.

Name (please print) -----

Address -----

-----

-----

Postcode -----

Tel: -----

email: -----

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.

## New Year Message from the Chairman of the PC

As we enter 2016, a year older and hopefully wiser, we reflect on 2015 and look forward to the challenges that this will bring for all of us. It was a year when a great milestone was reached when the Queen became our Country's longest reigning monarch, and this year achieves her 90th birthday.

The new housing in Oak Close was completed, with minimum disruption to village life, and the first properties are now occupied; we welcome the residents to their new homes and hope that they will enjoy being part of the village community.

The Village Pantry continues to move forward from strength to strength with the new building in place and the fitting out works currently being undertaken. At one time Braishfield had 3 shops, and these were very much the community heart of the village. Now that the Pantry is proving such a great success, the new building will greatly improve the opportunity for the Pantry to fill the very important role as a community hub for residents to shop and meet over refreshments and cakes. The Pantry could not exist without the dedication of the staff and volunteers who run it, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

In May this year we had 3 elections, the General Election, Borough Elections and Parish Elections. Braishfield again had one of the

highest turnouts and as the Parish Election was on the same day as the General Election, the high turnout meant that the result was far more representative than would probably have been the case if the election had been for the Parish only. As a result of the Parish election, 2 new Councillors, Richard and John were welcomed to the Parish Council, and I would take this opportunity to thank Beverley and Wendy for their service to the village as Councillors.

Traffic and pedestrian safety continues to be a priority for the Parish Council. The lack of a footpath from the roundabout to the Dog and Crook continues to be a major frustration as its construction is being funded by the Abbotswood development with the money being released after 600 homes have been occupied; however this figure should shortly be achieved. We have no timetable for the start but will continue to press the relevant authorities to get it built as soon as possible. Traffic calming and junction improvements by the school are also high priority for the Parish Council and are equally being pursued.

The Parish Council is continuing to review the way it operates in order to comply with the ever changing requirements of legislation imposed on it by Central Government with its agenda for open and transparent governance. As a result, all our procedures are being reviewed with

the assistance and guidance of Hampshire Association of Town and Parish Councils and, once agreed in Council, are published on our web site. This is not a quick process, and is being undertaken by Kate, our Clerk, and we are extremely grateful for all her hard work in achieving this.

Kate is currently working towards obtaining her professional qualification as a Parish Council Clerk and Financial Officer and we wish her every success in this. Kate's qualification will assist in ensuring that the Parish Council operates in a proper manner and complies with its statutory and legal obligations as

well as being part of the process of Braishfield Parish Council becoming a Quality Council, a status that I believe this Village deserves.

We reflect on friends we have lost during 2015, and their contribution to the life of the village as well as our own lives.

May I, on behalf of the Parish Council, wish you all a very Happy and Healthy 2016

Mike Prince  
Chairman, Parish Council

#### HEDGES

Hedges form a valued part of the characteristic landscape of the English countryside, and a well-maintained hedge is in most situations a method of demarcation visually preferable to anything man-made.

The downside to surrounding your property with hedging is that, of course, it never stops growing! While in most locations this may cause no problems, care has to be taken when a hedge grows immediately alongside a public highway (whether carriageway, pavement or public footpath/bridleway).

While maintenance of highways is the responsibility of Hampshire County Council as the Highways Authority, it is the frontager's responsibility to ensure that his/her hedge does not encroach over the highway. HCC cannot know of every such instance, though they will take steps to remind frontagers, and if no remedial action is taken, they will do it themselves at the frontager's expense.

The Parish Council are endeavouring to provide a first port of call for information about encroaching hedges, in the hope that a gentle nudge may forestall any more drastic action. Accordingly, if you observe within the parish outgrowth of a hedge which inhibits the passage of vehicles or pedestrians, please notify the Parish Council footpaths representative Peter White on 01794368203 or by e-mail to pwhite@pucknall.fsnet.co.uk

While the Parish Council have neither legal powers nor responsibilities in this area (so that no guarantee of success can be given), it is hoped that this arrangement will be of practical benefit to all parishioners.

# Notices

## DEFIBRILLATOR INFORMATION

I am concerned that time and money has been spent installing a machine at the Village Hall. It has an access code. There is no information on contact numbers. I think it admirable to have the machine there, in a village of so many elderly people but am concerned about its limited usage. As in all heart attacks speedy treatment is so important and I wondered if it would be possible to arrange access and training for villagers. Several of my friends have expressed an interest.

Concerned Villager  
*See below for an explanation*

## CLARIFICATION ON THE DEFIBRILLATOR

Braishfield Parish Council purchased a Defibrillator in 2014. Following extensive advertising, two training sessions were held in the Village Hall for interested Villagers. This was organised by South Central Ambulance Service prior to the purchase.

Following advice from South Central Ambulance Service the Defibrillator was placed outside the Village Hall. ***It is for the use of people using the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground.***

In the event of an emergency the procedure for using the Defibrillator is as follows:

Using the telephone on the wall, dial 999 which will connect you to the Emergency Services. They will give the caller the access code to the Defibrillator box once it has been established that the defibrillator is required.

***It is very important to dial 999 first as this will automatically call a Paramedic and an Ambulance.***

***Once the Defibrillator has been accessed simply following the instructions.***

***The device is very easy to use and you can't harm the patient. The Defibrillator is only an interim before the emergency services arrive.***

***It is not intended that the Defibrillator be used around the Village. If there is an emergency in your home you should dial 999.***

It is important to note that we do NOT have a First Responder Group in Braishfield.

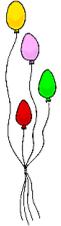
Carole Renvoize

## Story Time

# Story Time

## Village Pantry

### at Braishfield Village Hall



Thursdays 11 am -12.00



Drop in for coffee and a  
delicious cake, while your  
children enjoy a story

Children's books are available  
to buy or swap and to enjoy at  
any time while you shop.

**Donations of story books always welcome**

**Wendy Lord**

Story Time in the Village Shop has been taking place for almost a year now, and all toddlers are welcome to come along on Thursday mornings in term time to join in the fun. It's very much a casual event, just come when you can, there are always books available to share with your children in the shop or at home.

Wendy Lord

01794 367015

### NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

Thanks to all who turned out on a blustery January 1st for the NYDW2 and made it so entertaining. With the biblical quantities of rain we'd had, we didn't know who or how many would arrive, but a goodly turnout of the hard core were fortified with mulled wine before embarking on an invigorating and convivial walk through the local countryside. In the end the conditions were pretty good and despite the grey day, the view towards the South from the top between Hall Place and Windmill Cottage was stunning and reminded us all what a beautiful part of the world this is. We timed the weather window to perfection and the rain kindly held off until we arrived back at the Wheatsheaf wherein more festive cheer was consumed to good effect. Everyone enjoyed catching up with each other and there is a definite demand for more of the same next year – watch this space!

Michael Stubbs

## United Reformed Church thanks

We would like to thank everyone who supported us in any way during 2015 for our church charity "Rivers of Living Water" in Zimbabwe. Our grateful thanks to everyone who held events during the year and for the donations received. We were delighted to present a cheque to Margaret and Leslie Burridge during our service on January 17th for the wonderful amount of £1,767.30 together with many blankets that were knitted by a number of our church members, also members of Romsey URC and friends from the village and beyond.

Shirley Smith, Church Secretary

## Planning Alert

RFSF have been recycling road planings at a site in Bunny Lane on a rolling temporary license. This is not the same facility as the household recycling facility, but it is nearby. RSF are appealing against a decision taken by Test Valley Borough Council to deny them a permanent license and in the process they are attempting to increase the scale of the operation

In the appeal procedure they have applied for a variation of their planning application to increase the number of allowed HGV movements from 200 to 400 per day and an increase in working hours from normal business hours to a 24 hour a day 7 days a week operation. This is so that they can take delivery of road planings, re cycle them using a chemical process and then load out the recycled material for delivery to its end use. A lot of road maintenance is done at night to minimise traffic disturbance and this

is why they wish to extend working to 24 hours.

All lorries accessing this site night and day have to come through Romsey town and/or local roads and villages. The noise from lorries tipping road planings will carry a considerable distance and is likely to cause major disturbance. Our Parish Council have voted against it. If you would like to write a comment you can do so at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/application-details.htm?id=16927> where one can read comments already made, and also by logging on to:

Testvalleyplanning<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol/viewplanningapplicationsonline/view-planning-applications-online/>

The reference number is 15/03107/CMAS

Publicity expiry date is 15th February.

## Braishfield Village Voices



Our leader, Wendy Quarendon with stick and saucepan lid and Meri Knights our pianist keeping us in time at last November's Voices session!

And a New Year reminder that Village Voices continues to meet every 4th Monday in the church room from 2-4pm with a tea break in the middle. Having said that, there is NO meeting in February and the March meeting will be a week early on Monday 21st March.

2016 is to be the year we try to crack some harmony! Any music sounds fuller with more than one line of notes and it is made more enjoyable to sing. If there is anyone reading this who would like to join us, please do.

We (the church choir), sang a Gallery carol yesterday for the Anthem and it was such fun to sing; strong beat on the first note of the bar and straightforward harmony. You could imagine the singers having just put down their playing cards in the gallery of the church when it was time to sing! That's what would be fun to do. We'll have to look for some rustic songs to let rip with. Happy singing!

Meri Knights and Wendy Quarendon

## Church Room Concert April 21st

The first of our 2016 concerts is on Thursday 21st April. The clocks will have gone forward, the evenings will be longer, the birds will be singing and the sun will be shining! How better to celebrate the beginning of spring than coming to hear a very exciting concert, performed by Duo Bayanello.



repertoire covers a wide range of musical genres and periods and for our concert they will perform a variety of music from classical to more modern.

The concert will start at 7.30pm, with a short interval for the players. Then wine, nibbles and an opportunity to chat to the players as well as fellow attendees afterwards.

Duo Bayanello are a young professional duo consisting of Cecilia Bignall playing the Cello and Iosif Purits on the Accordion. Cecilia and Iosif have performed around the world, both in solo and chamber music projects.

This is the fourth of the BMADS supported concerts; if you have not attended before, do come to this one – it promises to be very enjoyable.

Tickets will be priced at £12 and can be reserved by contacting me on 368015 or [wendy@quarendon.net](mailto:wendy@quarendon.net)

The idea of forming the duo came in 2013 when Cecilia was performing in Moscow with her quartet, premiering two Russian pieces with renowned accordionist Owen Murray. Iosif, that year, won an award that brought him from Russia to London for his post graduate studies at the Royal Academy, studying under Owen Murray who is a Professor at the Royal Academy, the first time such a position has been held by an Accordionist in the UK.

Wendy Quarendon



Duo Bayanello was formed at the Royal Academy and has been performing since 2014. The

## HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY VILLAGE EVENT

The parish council and the BVA are discussing how best to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, and it will probably be with a community celebration. Planning of the event is in the early stages. If you are interested in being involved with planning, please get in touch with the BVA, or the Clerk to Braishfield Parish Council (Kate Orange, 07968 671604, clerk@braishfield-pc.org).

## **Sheep Matter at Elm Grove**

**A**s I write, water is pouring under the track from the village pond into our pond. This is good in a way as we had the pond emptied a couple of weeks before Christmas to get rid of a pernicious weed, little thinking that it would have overflowed a month later!

All this rain is bad news for Kate and the sheep. Feet get wet, human as well as animal, coats get wet, human as well as sheep, and of course it is difficult to drive over very wet fields to check the ewes, so Kate has spent many hours walking or pushing the pushchair in the mud, with Lucy who is only two and a half. Happy days! The rams have now been brought out of the fields with the ewes and lambing is due to start on April 15th. There were only 2 rams this year and they did seem to behave themselves, in that there wasn't any fighting when they were with the ewes. The thought has been that 2 fight, but if there are 3 there isn't the same problem; this theory has been proved wrong here this year. The rams are now resting, occasionally looking over the fence.

I expect by the time the next News comes out, the ewes will have been

scanned and Kate will have an idea about the number of lambs she will be dealing with.

The abattoir that Kate has used for the last few years is no longer working; it was on Jodie Scheckter's farm at Laverstock which has changed hands. This has meant that there hasn't been any Elm Grove lamb for people, which is a shame. The lambs have either been sold direct to other farmers or taken to market.

Various pockets of grazing have become available locally for Kate to use in the last few months, which is really good. It allows the land here to rest for a bit; the 'Orchard' as it is called, directly in front of the house, is Braishfield's very own water meadows at the moment.

Not as wet as Fishlake, which, interestingly, belonged to this farm several hundred years ago. We have seen no record of what it was used for, but presumably it was for grazing for cattle in the summer. A couple of the ceilings here were made of reed under the plaster and I imagine the reeds came from Fishlake.

Roll on the spring!  
Wendy Quarendon

## High Speed Fibre Broadband

Largely unannounced, some houses in Braishfield are now able to get high speed fibre broadband.

There is a government funded project in place to enable rural premises to receive high speed fibre broadband – and Braishfield is part of this scheme. The aim is to bring the advantages of higher speed broadband to everyone. Braishfield is planned to be part of “Wave 2” of the Hampshire rollout of the plan – taking place in 2016 and 2017.

However, we discovered at the end of 2015 that quite a number of premises in Braishfield have already been upgraded to fibre broadband and can as a result get much better broadband speeds. There has also been an upgrade to the Braishfield exchange that means that many of the rest of us have also received a broadband speed boost even without getting fibre broadband.

Most phone lines in Braishfield are attached to a cabinet – which you see at the roadside in particular places in Braishfield. Each cabinet has a number – and different phone lines are attached to different cabinets. “Cabinet 4” is near the War Memorial, while Cabinet 6 is on Braishfield Road opposite the junction with Newport Lane. A few lines, especially those further from the telephone exchange in Newport Lane, are not attached to a cabinet and are termed “exchange only lines”.

Whether you can get high speed

broadband depends on which cabinet your telephone line is attached to. Cabinet 3 and Cabinet 6 have been upgraded to high speed broadband. I am told by the Hampshire Rural Broadband team that Cabinet 1 will be upgraded in phase 2, between July 2016 and June 2017. Cabinet 4 is due for upgrade in phase 4, between July 2017 and June 2018. The exchange only lines have no date at the moment.

Cabinet 6 largely seems to serve properties along Braishfield Road. I have not managed to find out which properties are served by cabinet 3.

What does it all mean for you?

1. Find out if your phone line can get high speed broadband.

Go to this webpage and enter your phone number:

<https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/main.html>

You will be presented with a page of information about your phone line:

- it will tell you which cabinet your line is attached to

- it will list the broadband products available to your line and the likely speeds available

- e.g. “FTTC Range A” is “fibre to the cabinet” – i.e. high speed broadband and may give download speeds up to 48 Megabits per second (Mbps)

- e.g. “WBC ADSL 2+” is a medium-speed version of broadband that you may already be able to get – download speeds up to 24 Mbps

- e.g. “ADSL Max” – the basic broadband offering – download

speeds up to 8Mbps

You can check the actual speed you are getting with your broadband right now using the BR speedtester here:

<http://speedtest.btwholesale.com/>

If you see an “FTTC” product listed for your line – then you can get high speed broadband. HOWEVER – to get high speed broadband you need to

- a) get your line enabled for “fibre broadband” and
- b) get a new broadband router installed in your house that can support “FTTC”

– to do these things, you will need to talk with your broadband supplier, or alternatively talk with one of the many other broadband suppliers.

You may have to sign up a new contract at a higher price – and you may need to purchase the new router.

This website lists the available broadband suppliers:

[http://www.ispreview.co.uk/isp\\_list/ISP\\_List\\_Superfast\\_Broadband.php](http://www.ispreview.co.uk/isp_list/ISP_List_Superfast_Broadband.php)

2. Good news even for phone lines that cannot get high speed broadband

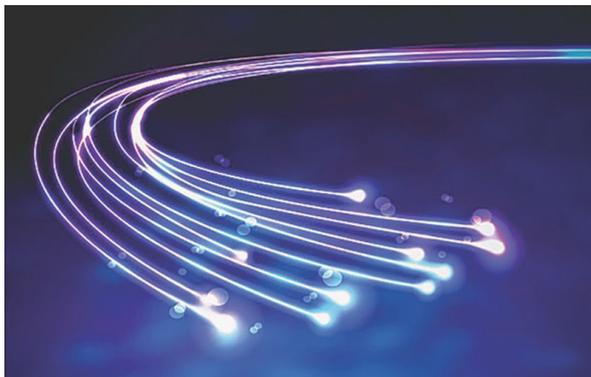
As part of upgrading the Braishfield exchange itself to provide high speed broadband, the exchange was also upgraded to support something called “ADSL2+”.

This is a faster version of the standard “ADSL Max” broadband that has been available for some years. The main point about ADSL2+ is that it supports higher speeds –

up to 24Mbps rather than 8Mbps for ADSL Max.

For my own line, speed went up from about 6.5Mbps to about 13Mbps due to the upgrade to ADSL2+.

You may find that your broadband speed has already increased due to ADSL2+ – but ONLY if the broadband router in your house supports ADSL2+.



Many of the more modern broadband routers do support ADSL2+ – so you may find that you are already benefitting from higher broadband speeds. And the great news is that you don’t have to pay one penny more to get this speed boost.

You can check if you are able to get ADSL2+ from the webpage in 1. above – look for “WBC ADSL 2+” in the listing for your line. You will need to check if your broadband router can handle ADSL2+ – you can ask your broadband supplier about this. If your router can’t handle ADSL2+ then you will have to consider replacing your router.

Mike Edwards

Braishfield Parish Council

January 12th 2016

## News from BMADS

This is the time of year when the thoughts of BMADS turn to the autumn! That is to say, we start to think seriously about our autumn programme - in other words, the planning and rehearsals that lead to our annual production at the end of November. It seems a long way off but the year soon starts slipping away.

The starting point is the choice of play. Last year, as many will know, we were unable to stage the play of our choice, so the search is now on for the right play for 2016.

To that end, we will be holding two meetings in the coming weeks, to which all are welcome, to discuss possible plays for us to stage. The meetings will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th February and Thursday 17th March, both in the Church Room. If you would like to take part and join the discussion, please come along. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Additionally, anyone who wishes to become involved in any way with BMADS is always welcome to contact Wendy Quarendon (368015), John Edwards (368465) or Richard Groves (368178).

## Village Lunches

Thank you Julie and all the helpers and providers of the Christmas spread for giving us a lovely start to the festive season with delicious treats, mulled wine and crackers! What a happy bunch of lunchers.

**February lunch is another special - a Valentine one.**

**The soups and puddings will be made by the men!**

### LUNCH dates - NOON IN THE CHURCH ROOM

MONDAY	February 8th	MONDAY	July 11th
MONDAY	March 14th	MONDAY	September 12th
MONDAY	April 11th	MONDAY	October 10th
MONDAY	May 9th	MONDAY	November 14th
MONDAY	June 13th	MONDAY	December 12th

*No lunch in August*

A great way to meet and chat over a bowl of delicious home made soup and puddings. Contact Julie Kemp 368894. Helpers and donations of soups and puddings always welcome.

Julie Kemp Tel: 368894

## Braishfield Horticultural Society, Gardening Club

At our first meeting of 2016, Martyn Cox inspired us with a talk about 'Clever ways with vegetables'. Martyn is a gardening journalist, writing in National magazines such as 'Gardeners' World' and 'Kitchen Garden'.

He loves to grow vegetables in innovative and decorative ways. He showed us different types of vegetables which are new on the market such as a climbing golden courgette 'Shooting Star' and a round-based carrot called 'Romeo'. We saw different sorts of pots to grow them in from terrazzo to Zinc, wooden crates, and recycled objects like a colander. His use of square foot vegetable beds was interesting where he divides a raised bed into 'square feet' and fills it with an assortment of vegetables, one type in each square.

There were also tiered square beds and 3D ones. His ethos was that vegetables are decorative and can be incorporated into flower beds or stand alone in potagers, hanging baskets, wall troughs or even a

whole front garden devoted to a vegetable display.

It certainly made us think about how we might include some of his ideas in our own gardens.

### COMING NEXT .....

Tues 9th February

GARDENING WITH FLAIR – John Negus returns to give ideas with extra interest.

Tues 8th March

IDYLLIC ITALIAN GARDENS – Rosemary LeGrand takes us to Italy for romance and history.

DON'T MISS THESE! Meetings held in the village hall at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome.

Viv Robinson



### **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2016 TUESDAY MAY 3RD, 8PM, VILLAGE HALL**

Although the meeting is run by the Parish Council, it can be used by any community or village group to report to residents on events that have taken place, progress with projects, plans for the future or any other matters of interest to the parish. It can be a good way of reaching more people than just your own members. If your group would like to take part in the APC, please contact the Clerk **before Monday 4th April 2016**.

Kate Orange, Clerk to Braishfield Parish Council  
clerk@braishfield-pc.org 07968 671604

## Braishfield Primary School

The Autumn term flew by and we could look back on an eventful few months.

The children enjoyed a wide variety of trips and visits including Danebury Hillfort and the Andover Iron Age Museum, (see photo below handling artefacts from the



museum). The Early Years and KS1 pupils went to the pantomime at the Mayflower Theatre and the KS2 pupils participated in a joint venture between the Mayflower Theatre and the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens to create an art installation based on the pantomime, Aladdin, which was on display at the Gardens throughout the Christmas period.

We enjoyed creating our entries for the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church, and hope that you had the opportunity to see them during December. We also held a Christingle in All Saints Church to which parents, carers and other members of the school community were warmly welcomed.

At the end of November the Year 6 pupils joined their peers who are now 18

in Year 7 at the Romsey School to perform in the Music for Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Our pupils had been rehearsing since the Summer term, with the music staff from the Romsey School visiting us weekly. The evening was an unforgettable spectacle and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our pupils – a fantastic time was had by all.

The Autumn term always brings our Remembrance tributes and fund-raising for Children in Need. We sold a variety of child-friendly products in place of the traditional poppies, held a two-minute silence at 11 o'clock on November 11th and in all raised £96 for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. For Children in Need we all dressed as our childhood heroes, enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the day and held our now annual Braishfield's Got Talent at the Social Club, raising around £400 for Children in Need. Along with the rest of Europe, we held a minute's silence on November 16th to give thought to the victims of the Paris terrorist attacks and their families. On each of these occasions, I feel that it is important for even the very young children to reflect on their own good fortune, happiness and well-being and to be able to contrast these with the lives of others who are suffering across the world today.

As part of Black History month, the children have experienced capoeira, a Brazilian martial art that

combines dance, acrobatics and music. This was led by capoeira experts who worked with all of the children throughout an afternoon in November. (see photo)



Having completed our loft conversion to create a learning support room and staffroom upstairs over the Summer holiday, and

a library downstairs, we are now looking to overhaul the outside of the school to produce purposeful learning, recreation and reflective areas. We have worked alongside the Hampshire County Council Landscape Strategy team and representatives from all areas of our school community including governors, pupils, parents and staff, to create a vision for our outdoor areas. This will be the focus of our fund-raising enterprises over the coming two years.

In my September article I mentioned the excellent attainment of our pupils in the KS1 and KS2 SATs. We have since received Test Valley and national comparative data. We are delighted to find that nationally we rank in the top 1% of all schools

for attainment in Reading, Writing and Maths combined at Level 4+ and in Maths we are the top school in the Test Valley. We are in the top 19% of all school for progress between KS1 and KS2. These statistics are remarkable for such a small school and we should be very grateful to have such a

dedicated and skilled team of staff with pupils who have a love of learning and who will push themselves to achieve their very best. We should also thank our parents and carers who support their children's learning through excellent partnership with the school.

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you or anyone that you know would be interested in this position, then please contact the school office on 01794 368359 for more information. All up-to-date information about the school can be found on the school website at: [www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk](http://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk)

Frances Hardy  
Headteacher

## Christmas Tree Festival, All Saints' Church 2015

Following the success our first Christmas Tree Festival in 2014, there was some debate amongst the CTF Committee as to whether we should repeat the event in 2015. However, during the year it became apparent that villagers were already thinking about their next tree exhibit and there even seemed to be some secrecy behind their ideas! It was decided therefore to organise the

festival again. A suggestion was put forward that this year we should have a 'Pre-View' evening on the Thursday, followed by a candlelit supper in the Church Rooms. This event proved to be a resounding success with the tickets selling out fast. Guests were able to wander round the church with a glass of mulled wine and take in all the

beautifully decorated trees before ambling to the Church Rooms where they were greeted by candle lit tables and the wall decorated with some of the splendid paintings taking part in the Art Exhibition. A three course dinner followed interspersed with festive entertainment. Hannah Boothman, Wendy and Peter Quarendon performed a nostalgic

glimpse into the life of a young Braishfield lad Sidney Scorey. They told the story through his eyes of how he spent Christmas Day before the First World War. Sidney was involved in the church for over 90 years and in the choir for decades. The performance gave a wonderful insight into life in those days. Following this performance, John Edwards very kindly offered

to demonstrate to us how to make his Welsh Grandmothers Christmas Cake. Among the various ingredients was a bottle of alcohol (cold tea!) which John felt necessary to sample at very frequent intervals as he assured us this was a most important part of the procedure. Unfortunately we never actually

arrived at the finished product as John, doing his famous BMADS act was forced to retire to his seat clearly under the influence !!

Following the desserts Sarah Boothman, Kate Marshall, Wendy Quarendon and Peter White gave a most entertaining rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas! The cheese course would have lasted



well into the next day had we not reminded ourselves there was a Christmas Tree Festival taking place! Now to the Festival itself. We had 28 trees enter this year, all so imaginative and colourful and with entertaining titles too: 'Christmas time, brussel sprouts and rhyme' (Braishfield Primary School), 'Colin the Caterpillars Christmas Journey' (Braishfield Horticultural Society), BATTs in the Belfry (Braishfield Amateur Table Tennis Society) to name but a few. They ranged in height from 5ft to 8in !! It really is impossible to single out one tree, for each one offered something different. A very big thank you must go to everyone who entered a tree for the second year and also thanks to our new entries, Braishfield



Bridge Club, The Wheatsheaf, The Village Pantry, Alan Olden and who could forget the amazingly knitted figures on the tree from Jean, Irene and Rosemary ! The proceeds this year are to be divided between All Saints Church and Jane Scarth House. The Jane Scarth House tree entitled 'Butterflies of Hope' was particularly poignant.

On Saturday afternoon the Church Choir created the most wonderful atmosphere with their carol singing. It was such a joy to see so many people sitting in the pews with their coffee

and mince pies enjoying the singing. Sunday afternoon saw the close of the Festival with a special Church Service followed by refreshments. It was then time for the trees to be taken away to continue to be used as part of the Christmas festivities.

We hope you all enjoyed seeing the Yew Tree outside the Church decorated with Christmas Lights for the first time – thanks to Malcolm Ayres for negotiating the installation and Steve Renvoize for holding the ladder!

Alongside the Christmas Tree Festival the Art Group yet again produced another splendid exhibition which contributed £376 towards our final amazing total of £1500.

Organising the Christmas Tree Festival really is a joy. To see the various organisations and individuals coming together to create such a beautiful display in our lovely church is very gratifying. As to next year – well, who knows!

Carole Renvoize & Jane Bennett

## A Miracle and the “Queen’s” visit to Braishfield

On December 9th I toddled along to the first ever BUMS Singalong, drinks and nibbles in hand. Being rather short sighted and hard of hearing I knew I would enjoy the evening as I could always turn off my hearing aid if the sound became unbearable. There were about 60



people there; from teenagers to nonagenarians.

What a brilliant unbelievable occasion. However, several male members of the group, although very handsome, had been bald for many years, but here they were on stage sporting not just hair, but hair that had grown long enough to be plaited into pigtails. One member had even grown horns and had developed a red nose! Was this regrowth a miracle or something triggered by drinking red wine at rehearsals?

In the first half, those of us who had remembered to bring our glasses, used the BUMS Song Book to Singalong to old favourites; Molly Malone, Delilah, You are my Sunshine etc.

Then followed an interval when we

enjoyed mince pies and sausage rolls provided by BUMS.

In the second half, we all joined in to the BUMS Christmas melody of carols and songs, even if we had to hum the words, finishing with a rousing Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer.

By this time the sherry was beginning to work and I closed my eyes and put my head on my arms, when I heard our compère David Robinson tell us we were in for a surprise.

The ‘Queen’ had decided that this year, her Christmas message would be more relevant if given in the language used by many of her subjects - Rhyming Cockney Slang. However, she needed to practise on a live (almost) audience to see if she had got the accent right. So she chose the BUMS Singalong as a trial run. Well what a speech!

I thought she did quite well considering her posh upbringing and gave her 7 out of 10. She finished with “Well, ‘I’m off up the apples and pears to Fakey Ned now.’ Best wishes, your runner bean. Know what I mean?”

A right Royal evening enjoyed by all.

Sue Doh Nym  
(A lowly villager)

## BUMS Activities in 2015

On 12th January this year the BUMS were 4 years old! Definitely past the toddling stage and getting a bit above themselves perhaps! Last year, 2015, was a good year for us though. The band stabilised at 10 active members, and we established a regular pattern of meeting to practice twice a month, hiring the Church Room as a venue. We did about 16 gigs during the year, for a variety of different audiences, including the Harvest Suppers at both All Saints and the United Reformed Church, several Rest and Nursing Homes. We've discovered that music featuring songs from the 60s and earlier, with a singalong has very beneficial effects on dementia patients, and we've had some very good experiences seeing them perk up and join in. We also played at Hockley Gold Club at their annual dinner for their guests from the Entretat golf club in France. We even managed a couple of songs in French!

We don't make any charge for our services, but people are invited to make a donation to our charity which last year was the Romsey Young Carers.

During the year we must have raised something over £500, with the lion's share of that coming from the golfers - a very fierce French lady took the collection box around and made it very clear to all present that she did not accept coins!!

Another step forward for us has been the purchase of some decent sound equipment, which we have taken time to adjust to, but which gives us a better balance between the ukuleles, Jim's bass, and the voices. It also means we can survive in larger rooms. Maybe not the O2 arena yet, but you never know.

Sue Mullane produced the second edition of our song book, which is distributed to the audience and the words to sing along with us. This version 2 has 45 songs in



it, all of which we claim to be able to play, though some better than others perhaps. And we also have additional ones which so far haven't made it into the 'official' repertoire.

For 2016 we are taking on a different charity, which will be the Jane Scarth House organisation, Romsey based and giving specialist care and support to cancer sufferers. And we have four bookings in the first three months! Fame at last.

David Robinson

## Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Another very successful Open Evening was held on Thursday 26th November in the Village Hall with over 100 people attending. Dennis van Wonderen gave a light hearted, inspirational and humorous demonstration entitled 'Christmas is Coming'. There was much laughter as the tables were raised by about 6 inches to accommodate Dennis' 6' 7" stature - quite a spectacle in itself.

After growing up in the Netherlands, Dennis moved to England in 1993 and as well as running his own florist business in London he is also very active as Events Director on the British Florist Association board and a committee member on the Royal

Horticultural Society Floristry and Flower Arranging panel. We were very pleased to welcome such an eminent demonstrator to our small club.

Once again the committee members' husbands, with their usual charm, served the coffee and mince pies to the guests on arrival. (see below) This has now become an established format and they clearly just love wearing their Christmas aprons !!

In addition to the Demonstration there was also a cake stall and a very well stocked sales table offering items to be included in Christmas arrangements.





The Committee (see above) were very pleased with the success of the evening !

The chosen Open Evening charity last year was Brain Tumour Research and a donation will be made to them early this year.

In December our club Christmas workshop was held in the Church Rooms. A very happy morning was spent making table decorations, drinking coffee and generally having a jolly good chat. Everyone agreed it was quite relaxing to take time out at such a busy time.

Once again the club took part in the Christmas Tree Festival. The title of this year's tree 'Magna Flora' was in

recognition of our involvement with the Magna Flora Flower Festival in Salisbury Cathedral earlier in the year.

We meet in the Church Rooms every fourth Thursday and start again in January with our AGM on the 28th. On February 25th we welcome Irene Hickson with her demonstration 'A Blast from the Past'. New members are always welcome.

Carole Renvoize

## Looking back - Looking ahead

Looking back to recent events, we have seen real encouragements in our church and community. Early in December the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church was an outstanding success with many community groups and organisations taking part. It was a great occasion and huge thanks are due to Carol Renvoize, Jane Bennett, the planning group and all who contributed trees to make it such a good community event. As a result of funds raised we will be able to make a gift to Jane Scarth House to support the work there. Later in December, the Braishfield School Christingle Service, the Church Christingle, Carol and Christmas services were all times of celebration with large numbers attending. These were all occasions to thank God for his goodness, look back with gratitude and look ahead with hope. So what about the future? In the coming months, All Saints will be looking to implement its 'Mission Action Plan' that outlines opportunities and actions that with God's help we hope to pursue in this coming year. Amongst these are the following:

Introduce a joint monthly prayer meeting for all the churches the Benefice.

Encourage regular personal Bible reading and study by making available Bible Study notes in every church.

Have periodic short courses for teaching and discussion at Poppies

cafe aimed at helping us to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Run Christian Basics courses periodically to help people explore the Christian faith.

Develop our children's activities on Sundays in addition to the successful 'Messy Church'.

Build on our existing good relationships with Braishfield primary School.

Develop a team of lay pastoral visitors to assist with visiting the sick and the bereaved as well as for baptism preparation and home communions.

Look to develop a sensitive and compassionate ministry of healing in the churches.

Promote in the parish the 'twin-pronged strategy' of regular planned giving and community embracing social/fun events to generate income.

Review our outward giving in support of God's mission in other parts of the world.

There are significant opportunities and challenges as we look ahead. We need to remember that the top priority for us as individuals and as a church in the community churches is to worship God. A vision for the future of All Saints will involve the renewal and development of our worship. That means offering the whole of our lives to God in response to who He is and all that He has done for us.

Steve Pittis

# **BRAISHFIELD ENTERTAINS YOU!!**

on

**Friday 11th and Saturday 12th March 2016**

At the Village Variety Show

Would you like to be part of this event? If so, please call or email one of the team:

Graham and Jane Bennett 368109 or graham.d.bennett@btinternet.com

Iain and Sue Coleman 367064 or iainsue5853@gmail.com  
Ian and Wendy Jeffery 367282 or ianandwendyj@btinternet.com

Tim Howkins 368330 or timhowkins@me.com

Ian and Meri Knights 368516 or meri.knights@btinternet.com

## **PS FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS**

On the Thursday after Christmas my true love said to me, Lets go and pick up litter, So we wombled up the road to the magic roundabout, And this is what the drivers chucked out:

12 Costa Coffees  
11 bits of plastic  
10 cans of Red Bull  
9 burger boxes  
8 drinks cups with straws  
7 bits of bog roll  
6 plastic carrier bags  
5 goo-oold wrappers  
4 builders buckets  
3 cardboard boxes  
2 packs of éclairs  
And a full but sma-ashed apple ipad

## Scouts

One of our Scouts, my daughter, has been chosen to take part in a community project in Tanzania in 2017. The press release is attached if you can put any of it in the Braishfield News. If anyone, or any local company, would like to help her fundraise for the community project (not her activity fees) she is looking to raise £1,400 to help re-build a Primary School at Madababa. This is a new school for a very remote tribal area. Until recently, the tribe had almost no education, and what little there was, only educated the boys.

The project will be to:

1. Completely build a school from scratch, to replace the flimsy current school.

2. Install Doors and Windows.

3. Plaster and Paint the building.

4. Help with Equipping the building.

Any queries please let me know.

Thank you.

Sarah Beaman

3rd Romsey Scout Leader - Ashanti Troop

*The following Press Release describes next year's adventure:*

“Kathleen Beaman from 3rd Romsey Scouts has been selected from Hampshire to represent the Scouts in Tanzania in 2017. Kathleen will be part of a unit made up of 150 young people aged 14 - 18, who will be guided by 50 adult volunteers.

Kathleen decided to apply because Tanzania seems like an amazing experience that she would not be able to undertake without Scouting. She was one of 150 successful candidates chosen for the trip of a lifetime after impressing at a special selection event in Farnham. Kathleen had to complete a variety of team activities and creative tests to demonstrate why she should be part of the unit.

The preparation for Tanzania will begin on 8th January 2016, and will continue over the next 18 months, during which time the Scouts will grow in confidence and learn many new skills. The group will bond over a series of weekend camps and activities on the gear up to Tanzania to ensure they are fully prepared for the life changing adventure.

Over the four week exploration, Kathleen will join the 200 strong unit in order to camp, live and work together for an unforgettable month of celebration and international friendship. Between a safari and exciting outdoor activities, they will challenge themselves with a range of community projects, such as helping to build a new medical centre, providing skill workshops or renovating a primary school.

2017 will also see Tanzanian Scouts reach their centenary and Kathleen will help create them a campsite, with facilities, they can use for many years to come. The activity headquarters will also feature a

mini-Jamboree where the Scouts from Hampshire and Tanzania will celebrate together and make lifelong friendships.

Kathleen, aged 14 from Romsey, said: "I am over the moon that I was selected, it will be an amazing experience and we'll be helping people improve their lives - the next two years can't go fast enough!". If you would like to sponsor Kathleen or donate towards the cost of the project please contact [scouts@3rdromseyscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts@3rdromseyscouts.org.uk)  
Lead Volunteer, Julian Sore, added: "Tanzania 2017 will be the adventure of a lifetime for both the young people and adult volunteers. Not only will they have the opportunity to change the lives of local villagers, the experience offers them the chance to learn new skills that they can use in other aspects of their life."  
Scouting in Hampshire also has

a surprising expedition history, travelling 39,450 miles to 15 countries and territories alone in 2015 - even summiting Everest in the past. This equates to an impressive 1,893,157 people miles; 76 times around the world, or four trips to the moon and back!

Adventurer and Scout Ambassador, James Ketchell, said: "Scouting has a positive impact on so many lives around the world. Sharing adventures, making new friends, learning valuable life skills and gaining confidence is something every young person can benefit from".

Scouting is a key part of today's modern community, continually growing to offer fun, challenge and adventure to boys and girls aged 6 to 25, as well as adults too. To find out more, visit [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk) or call 0845 300 1818."

## SCOUTING

Scouting in the UK has been growing for the last 10 years. There are now over 450,000 boys and girls (aged 6-25) and 100,000 adult volunteers. That's over half a million Scouts around the UK.

Every year, 10,000 UK Scouts travel to more than 150 countries, taking part in community projects and expeditions. In fact, there are 40 million Scouts worldwide in 216 countries and territories.

100,000 young people take part in UK Scouting every day. 88% of these say that Scouting has helped them improve their social skills, ability to work as a team, leadership qualities and confidence.

Each year, UK Scouts spend over 2 million nights away from home taking part in over 200 adventurous activities, from abseiling to zorbing. You're quite likely no more than a mile from your nearest Group.

For adults, Scouting allows our volunteers to gain qualifications, learn new transferable skills, explore the outdoors, help out their local community, and it looks great on the CV - "Social Life with a Purpose".

# **Do you want to:**

- . Reduce lower back pain**
- . Refresh your mind and body**
- . Alleviate aches and pains**
- . Relieve stress and tension  
and promote well-being**
- . Improve your quality of life?**

**Then feel free to come and try**

# **PILATES**

**at Braishfield Village Hall**

**Every Monday - 11:45am - 12:45pm**

**All ages (16+) and fitness levels are welcome**

**Monday mornings 11:45am  
£5 per class, pay as you go  
Bring your friends!  
Mats are provided**

**For more information please call 07544 791870**

## Reformer Pilates in Braishfield

Reformer Pilates offers you all the benefits of traditional Pilates

Toned muscles - Improved posture - Greater core strength

Improved flexibility - Relief from back pain

and gives you a total body workout in a precise, controlled, yet fun way. It is suitable for all ages and abilities and gives you a lean, toned and strong appearance with great results. Fiona is a trained STOTT PILATES® instructor working towards certification, and offers One to One sessions in a beautiful studio.

Please  
ring 07709  
363165  
for further  
information



## Neat Sweeps Chimney Sweeping



The season is turning, is your chimney in need of a sweep?

Neat Sweeps are a local chimney sweeping service qualified through the National Association of Chimney Sweeps.

For more information phone 01794 341812 or email [neatsweeps@gmail.com](mailto:neatsweeps@gmail.com) or visit [www.neatsweeps.co.uk](http://www.neatsweeps.co.uk)

## BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

### Weekly Events

Monday Nights                      Free Pool  
Wednesday Nights -              Fitness Class 6.30pm with Dottie  
Thursday Nights                      Braishfield Table Tennis Club

Saturday Nights       -              Meat Draw     also,  
*Live Music with Bob & Barry on 1st Saturday of month*

Sunday Nights                      Bingo

We also have Pigeon Club, Dart and Crib teams who are always looking for new members. Snooker Room, Skittle Alley  
*all available to Non Members.*

### 2016 Forthcoming Events

Quiz Nights -                      held fortnightly on Friday Nights  
*(see board outside club for next date)*

Tickets for any Events: From the Bar  
*or see Village Noticeboards for further info.*

Also

Large Function Room available to all and  
we now hold the village Wheelchair

Please contact our Steward.

01794 368458 (Evenings)  
braishfieldsocialclub@hotmail.co.uk

## **Property Maintenance & Handyman Services**

Interior & Exterior Painting & Decorating : Wallpapering  
Sheds & Fences Erected; Painted & Re felted Hedge Cutting &  
Strimming

Floor & Wall Tiling: Small Carpentry Work

Windows & Doors Repaired & Replaced: House & Garden  
Clearance

Fascia Boards & Gutters Cleaned, Repaired & Replaced

Driveways & Paths Repaired & Re surfaced

Kitchens & Bathrooms Fitted: Ground Works & Drainage

Brick work & Repointing work: Collection & Delivery Service  
Plus many other areas of maintenance work & odd jobs carried  
out

**Ben Kington**

Telephone : 01794 368536

Mobile : 07866551725 Fully insured References available  
Free Estimates

## **Yoga Classes**

Braishfield, the Church Room, every Wednesday  
7.00-8.00pm: Yoga4back & General Yoga- suitable for all lev-  
els

8.00-9.00pm: Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga- dynamic style  
£25.00 for 4 week block (consecutive weeks)

The classes are designed to work all your muscles and joints,  
stimulate particular internal organs and release energy from  
stress prone areas. Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga is a dynamic style  
of yoga

help@yoga4back.com

07909545311

www.yoga4back.com

# Host Families Wanted

English Naturally  
The fast way to better English

Our students, who are mainly from Europe, come for short stays of one or two weeks to learn English and stay with a host family. Hosting can be a very rewarding experience - both for you and for them. You earn a good weekly rate and the income is tax free\*

## Host 1 private student - families with their own children, anywhere

If you have your own teenage children, and you live in any town or village in Hampshire, you can host a young full-immersion student.



Earn up to **£231** per week for one private student.

## Host 2 or 3 group students - in Romsey

If you live in Romsey, you can host our group students.

Earn up to **£238 per week** for two group students or **£336** for three group students.



For more information please contact Sandra today on

[accomm@english-naturally.com](mailto:accomm@english-naturally.com) or 01962 859700

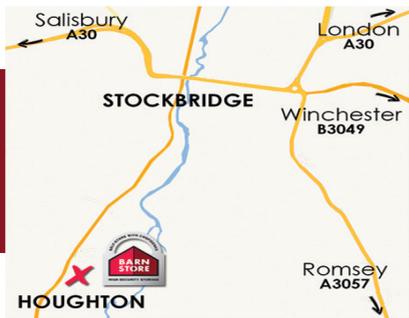
You can also register your details here: [www.english-naturally.com/host-families/](http://www.english-naturally.com/host-families/)

**If you think you would like to host, we would love to hear from you!**

\*money from hosting is tax-free up to £4250

# Your Local Self Storage Experts

- Hassle free 24/7 unlimited access
- Secure with alarm & CCTV
- Range of unit sizes
- Commercial or Private use
- Convenient location
- Short or long term
- Undercover unloading
- Friendly & family run



Tiebridge Farm  
North Houghton  
SO20 6LQ

[www.barn-store.co.uk](http://www.barn-store.co.uk)  
[stockbridge@barn-store.co.uk](mailto:stockbridge@barn-store.co.uk)

Call Tara  
01264 316 166



# Graham Parrick Carpet Fitting

All types of carpet supplied  
and fitted. Free Quotations



Tel:- 02380 270608  
07831 858615

## DOG & CROOK BRAISHFIELD FREEHOUSE



THE  
**DOG & CROOK**  
BRAISHFIELD

Traditional home cooked food served daily

Offering a selection of Real Ales  
Families Welcome  
Large Beer Garden

Food Served Monday to Friday  
12pm - 2pm and 5.30pm - 9pm  
Saturdays 12pm - 2.30pm and 5.30pm - 9pm  
Sundays 12pm - 3pm

Special price two course set lunch menu  
available Monday to Friday

HAMPSHIRE  
HOSPITALITY AWARDS



Winner 2013-14

Crook Hill • Braishfield • Romsey • Hampshire • SO51 0QB • Tel: 01794 368530

visit us @ [www.dogandcrook.co.uk](http://www.dogandcrook.co.uk)

## DOGS

### DOGS OWN GROOMING SERVICE *Professional All-Breed Grooming*



Expert service by fully trained & experienced groomers in a friendly, caring environment

Church Walk,  
Farley Lane  
Braishfield  
Romsey  
SO51 0QL

Appointments & further information – please call:

Office 01794 367722

Prue 07720 054518

Penny Clare 07837 944671

Website: [www.dogsowngrooming.co.uk](http://www.dogsowngrooming.co.uk)

## The Wheatsheaf Braishfield

01794 368652

Real open log fire

Lovely large garden

Children's play area

Selection of real ales

Quality wines

Locally sourced food

Specials board

BBQ/Quiz theme evenings

Sunday lunches



[www.thewheatsheafbraishfield.co.uk](http://www.thewheatsheafbraishfield.co.uk)

# WALKABOUT VET

## HOME CALL VETERINARY SERVICE

- No more visits to the vet
- Longer consultations resulting in longer time with your vet and the opportunity to build up trust
- Less stress for you and your animal
- No struggles with cats into cages and dogs into cars
- Vaccinations
- Dignified in-home palliative care and euthanasia



Dr Phil Taragel BVSc MRCVS

07957 349985

[phil@walkaboutvet.co.uk](mailto:phil@walkaboutvet.co.uk)

[www.walkaboutvet.co.uk](http://www.walkaboutvet.co.uk)

## HomeWorks of Romsey

### Domestic Electrical Installer

- Additional lights and sockets
- New part or full installations
- New Consumer units
- Outdoor lighting and power
- Power and lights for garages and outbuildings
- Fault finding and repair
- Other domestic requirements

Peter Henery at Pendle Cottage, Braishfield Road

Tel: 01794 367404 Mob: 07580 054468

E-mail [peter@homeworksofromsey.co.uk](mailto:peter@homeworksofromsey.co.uk)

ELECSA

Approved Contractor  
Part P

[www.elecsa.co.uk](http://www.elecsa.co.uk)

# Down to Earth Garden Machinery

Phone: 01794 367047



**Lester Smith**

**Your Local Specialist**  
*with over 40 years experience*

**For:**

- Servicing & Mobile Repairs
- Spare Parts
- Oils & Batteries
- Hand Tools Sharpened
- Keen Prices On New  
and Used Machines
- Garden Machinery Hire
- Impartial Advice Given Freely

**Book early for your pre-season  
service 1 pair of shears ground  
FOC with each service**

**les@dtegm.co.uk • www.dtegm.co.uk • Braishfield, Hants**

# Seasoned Hardwood Logs



Locally grown Timber  
cut and split to your requirements

Tel:- 01794 368513

**For your convenience**

**As well as Tipped Loads we now also supply Firewood in Net Sacks and Vented Bulk Bags**



## PERSONAL TRAINER

- Feeling Overweight and overwhelmed at the challenge of losing weight?
- Tired of the Gym?
- Not seeing any results for your efforts?
- Looking to improve your day to day wellbeing?

**All sessions are tailored to your needs and your own personal goals!**

**Call Michelle on 07787 526619**

**Or email: [personaltrainer.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:personaltrainer.hughes@gmail.com)**

For more information see  
[www.personaltrainermichelle.co.uk](http://www.personaltrainermichelle.co.uk)



**Edward Galger**  
*Gardens and Trees*

**Garden Maintenance and  
Tree Care**

Ramsey

**07746448750**  
edd.galger@hotmail.co.uk

**Fully Qualified  
&  
Insured**

**SUB  
A TREE + HEDGE  
SPECIALISTS  
-RB**

**ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES**

**Mob: 07943 366573**

**Tel: 01794 341939**

**[www.subarbtreespecialist.co.uk](http://www.subarbtreespecialist.co.uk)**

# If law is the question



**Shentons**  
solicitors & mediators

You've found the answer

01962 844 544 main@shentons.co.uk www.shentons.co.uk

Shentons Solicitors & Mediators | Star Lane House | Staple Gardens  
Winchester | Hampshire | SO23 9AD



## **PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES**

Los Pinares, Sandy Lane, Belbins, Romsey, Hants SO51 0PD  
Tel: (01794) 368091 • Mobile: 07801 661497

### **Oil Boiler Specialists**

Installation, Servicing and Repairs.  
OFTEC Registered. Oil Tank Replacement.

**All Plumbing And Heating, From A Tap Washer, To Full  
Central Heating.**

Power-Flushing      Solar Heating  
Underfloor Heating      Full Bathroom Installation  
Over 25 Years Experience

## **MARTYN DENNIS**

### **Painter and Decorator**

- Fully qualified
- Over 20 years experience
- Interior and exterior
- Superior finish
- Quality branded materials
- Competitive quotes



Tel:- 01794 279126 or 01794 501587

Mob:- 07734 938792

## **W.W.H. Ewens Insurances Adviser**

36 The Hundred, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 8BX

Tel: 01794 515113

Web: [wwhewens.co.uk](http://wwhewens.co.uk)

**David Ewens** APFS CeMAP



## **FINANCIAL PLANNING**

**INVESTMENTS LIFE COVER MORTGAGES PENSIONS**

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority

GARRETT

CONSTRUCTION

# Braishfield's Builder

All manner of building work undertaken  
In need of a quote? Please ring Mark or Steve

**on 01794 368280**

E-mail: [markstevegarrett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:markstevegarrett@hotmail.co.uk)

See work we've done in the Village

**[www.AbbeyParkCars.co.uk](http://www.AbbeyParkCars.co.uk)**  
**Ben Holdaway**

Genuine vehicles reasonably priced  
View website for latest stock

Unit C8  
The Premier Centre  
Premier Way  
Romsey SO51 9DG

Tel:- 01794 830373  
E-mail:- [ben.holdaway@btconnect.com](mailto:ben.holdaway@btconnect.com)



# DJ Jeffery & COMPANY

## CARPENTERS & JOINERS

Specialists in the repair of decayed windows,  
doors & structural timberwork

Conversion of existing timber windows to double glazed

39 years experience in the care of Period, Listed & Historic Property

Qualified for Listed Buildings

Commercial & Residential

For free advice please contact us **01794 367422**  
**dj@djeffery.co.uk • www.djeffery.co.uk**

Institute  
of Carpenters  
C03092



36 The Hundred, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 8BX  
Telephone: 01794 514455 Facsimile: 01794 518108  
Email: sales@michaelrhodes.co.uk  
www.michaelrhodes.co.uk

## Estate Agents



Selling Property in Braishfield and  
other Test Valley Villages

Tel:- 01794 514455 Fax:- 01794 518108

Website:- [www.michaelrhodes.co.uk](http://www.michaelrhodes.co.uk)

E-mail:- [sales@michaelrhodes.co.uk](mailto:sales@michaelrhodes.co.uk)

View our Property List on line

## PILATES CLASS

### IMPROVERS

AT THE CHURCH ROOMS, BRAISHFIELD  
TUESDAYS 9AM – 10AM

Do you ever suffer from back ache, joint immobility or stiffness?

Pilates can help to mobilise the joints, strengthen weak muscles and stretch tight areas. Its main focus is for good posture and movement and is often termed as “intelligent exercise”. Benefits of Pilates include better posture greater muscle strength and endurance increased mobility and flexibility.

Come and give it a go with Yvonne a Level 3 Pilates Instructor on REPS register. Fully insured.

£48.00 for a six week course

You will need to bring a pilates/yoga mat and a large bath towel for comfort.

Please register your interest first to [vonnypilates@gmail.com](mailto:vonnypilates@gmail.com) or Telephone 07766304818

## PURESTRETCH CLASSES

IMPROVES FLEXIBILITY  
RELEASES MUSCULAR TENSION  
DEVELOPS CORE STRENGTH  
REDUCES MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FATIGUE  
RESTORES ENERGY CALMS THOUGHTS  
SUITABLE FOR ANY AGE GROUP  
EASY TO FOLLOW SOCIABLE AND LIGHT HEARTED

PLEASE CALL YVONNE ON 07766304818 OR EMAIL TO:  
[vonnypilates@gmail.com](mailto:vonnypilates@gmail.com)

AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FIRST. ALL YOU NEED IS A PILATES/  
YOGA MAT.

THE CLASS WILL BE HELD IN THE BRAISHFIELD CHURCH ROOMS  
ON TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 10.00am – 10.55am  
THE COST WILL BE £7.25 PER SESSION

Take a look access Purestretch on website: [www.purestretch.co.uk](http://www.purestretch.co.uk)  
Purestretch that really starts your day right, physically ready for activities, or just lounging about comfortably. For athletes and couch potatoes alike!

# DURBAN HOUSE

Nursing Home

We provide care for the elderly in a friendly homely atmosphere with 24 hour Nursing Care

Please ring Matron on  
01794 512332

Email: [durban@jsai.co.uk](mailto:durban@jsai.co.uk)  
[www.durbanhouse.co.uk](http://www.durbanhouse.co.uk)

Durban House Woodley Lane ROMSEY SO51 7JL



# STICKLEY

Landscape Contractor

## Hard & Soft Landscaping

Website: [Stickley-Landscapes.co.uk](http://Stickley-Landscapes.co.uk)

Email: [Kevin@Stickley-landscapes.co.uk](mailto:Kevin@Stickley-landscapes.co.uk)

01794 368694

07770 452631

HAZELWOOD, CROOK HILL, BRAISHFIELD

ROMSEY, HANTS. SO51 0QB

Family run business for 30yrs

## Braishfield Village Hall

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

Email: [katel.knight@googlemail.com](mailto:katel.knight@googlemail.com)

Tel: 01794 368173

**Special Rates for Children's Parties**

## **BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY 2016**



25th Feb	'A Blast from the Past'	Irene Hickson
24th March	'Wedding Wonders'	Carole Stables
28th April	'The Joy of Flowers'	Katie Baxter
26th May	'Mad Hatters'	Michele Davies
23 June	Party or trip TBA	
28th July	'Thanks to Constance Spry'	Denise Bright
22nd Sept	'I Love Flowers'	Christine Evans
27th Oct	'Tales from the Forest'	Lyn Mackenzie
24th Nov	'Its a Wonderful Lie,'	Martina Coleman
	(*Open Evening )	

Meetings held in The Church Room at 7.30pm .For further information contact Chairman Maggie Batchelor on 01794 368125 or Eileen Norman on 02380 731162

\*Open Evening Meeting will be held in Braishfield Village Hall

## Rubbish News

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



Recycle weeks beginning: 8th & 22nd February: 7th & 21st  
March

Household waste weeks beginning: 1st, 15th & 29th February:  
14th & 28th March

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

***NB. Easter week 28th March collection will be one day later***

Printed and published by ©2003 Braishfield Village Association

# Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings	Where	Time	When	Next meetings		
Parish Council	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues excl. August	2 Feb	1 Mar	5 Apr
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon excl. August	8 Feb	14 Mar	11 Apr
Gardening Club (Horticultural Society) 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues excl. June/July/Aug	9 Feb	8 Mar	12 Apr
Flower Arrangement Society 	Church Room	7.30	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	25 Feb	24 Mar	28 Apr
Art Group	Football Pavilion	10 - 12	Every Thursday except August			
The Pantry Shop & Cafe	Comm. Room Village Hall	9 – 12 3 – 6	9.00 – 12.00 & 3.00 – 6.00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (9-1), Friday Saturday 9.00 – 12.00			

Events 	Where	When	More Details
Village Variety Show	Village Hall	Friday/Saturday 11/12 March	See BVN page 27
Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	Monday 4 April, 7.30pm	
Braishfield Village Voices	Church Room	Monday March 21st	See BVN page 11
Concert Duo	Church Room	Thursday 21st April 7.30pm	See BVN page 12

 Please see BVN or Notice Boards for further details

Please refer to [www.braishfield.org](http://www.braishfield.org) or your Residents Guide for contact telephone nbrs

Details to the BVN Editor or Web Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events to be published