



BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

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He's getting ready! Don't miss his visit to Braishfield!
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From the Chairman

Christmas is coming and the silly season is upon us. I heard my first Christmas song in the shops last week! Sorry to say I loved it and am one of those who love a long Christmas.

In that spirit the BVA will host a Christmas sing-along in the car park adjacent to the Village Hall on 20th December. It will be targeted at children, with Father Christmas in attendance and a chance to sing all our favourite Christmas songs. So, don't just sing in the shower; come and join us, give the children a village night out and let's make this event one for the annual calendar. Song sheets will be available, so no excuse.

On 20th November, we welcomed Reverend Mike Perott to our village. Mike has taken up the pastorate of the Abbey United Reformed churches in Romsey and Braishfield. We hope he enjoys his time with us. The BVA laid two wreathes at the cenotaph in November. On the 11th George Elliott laid one in memory of the servicemen from all three services who lost their lives in both World Wars and in subsequent conflicts, and on the Sunday, I laid the other to honour all those from all walks of life who have died in service of their country.

The two-minute silence was honoured by all except a few drivers

who were clearly too busy to give up two minutes of their day to honour the memory of those who gave up their lives in the defence of this country and protect the British way of life which they now enjoy. We will press for a road closure next year.

Our MP, Caroline Nokes, held one of her surgeries in the village shop and was clearly very impressed. Her column in the Romsey Advertiser will have given the branch manager of Waitrose some sleepless nights.

Finally, the BMADS performance of Lloyd George Knew My Father was brilliant. In my view one of the best for a very long time with an excellent stage set, outstanding performances from the small cast and great behind the scenes support from the team. There is a lot of talent in this village of ours!

On behalf of your committee, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

From the Editor

I am not going to thump hard on the already well beaten drums in the magazine; the Chairman and David Robinson (pp18/19) have more than covered the extraordinary production of 'Lloyd George Knew My Father' by BMADS. What a fantastic and perfect performance. It was magnificent in all respects – the stage structure, the management and, of course, the acting.

Humility comes into context here. Chatting to several members of the production and cast after the 2nd night, and suggesting ambitiously that it should go forward to London, the response was very professional (paraphrased) 'putting on a local show in a few weeks, with limited rehearsal time is one thing – persuading London requires months of preparation and exposure'. I understand, and we owe BMADS an enormous accolade for their

undimmed ambition and joy. As usual I've overrun myself!

I'm tired of banging on about roads - but I must. Just to say, sotto voce, that an excursion to local shops now involves a terrifying assault from enormous SUVs, all driven by overcooked males and females who automatically 'tail-gate' you in a 30 mph area - and who have no spatial concept of how to navigate around the ridiculous rotor of roundabouts which have now destroyed Braishfield Road. Ten years ago it was a quiet backwater, dating from the Middle Ages or much earlier. Now, in this mere ten years, it is a rural motorway. When will TVBC get a grip and stop this predatory assault on the countryside?

There you go – grump over! Most importantly, and to heck with local nonsense, Happy Christmas! Funnily enough I really mean that!!

BVN DISTRIBUTORS - THANK YOU

Once again my heartfelt thanks to our 14 distributors of your magazine who make sure you receive your copy on time whatever the weather!

A special thanks to Peter Sidebotham who is now retiring from the job and a welcome to Val Townsend who is taking over his role.

Sue Mullane

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

We've had another 'double whammy'! The winners in both the October and November draws are Ann and Tony Chant! Well done to them, and I hope they have a happy Christmas with the proceeds. We made donations to the United Reformed Church's chosen charity of the year, the Jumbulance Trust, and to All Saints' church. Our next draw will be on 12th December, so remember – you have to be in it to win it!!

It's easy to join in. Just call me, David Robinson on 368774 or e mail at dbr33@john-lewis.com

David Robinson

Donations to Braishfield Village 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 2017. 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.

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.

Notices

FROM THE TREASURER

Due to the recent closure of HSBC bank in Romsey, it has been necessary to change the bank which the Braishfield Village Association uses. Revised standing orders can be obtained from me (see donation page 5). Those people who currently kindly donate by standing order have already been issued with the revised forms

DATES FOR YOUR MUSICAL DIARIES



BMADS has arranged 2 concerts in the church room for 2017. The dates are fixed and details will be given later. Please put the dates in your diaries now, to avoid disappointment.

The first is on **Saturday March 25th** with most of the string quartet who performed for us in September and clarinettist Neyire Ashworth.

The second will take place on **Saturday July 8th** with the Eusebius Quartet who performed for us in 2015 and will form part of the Romsey Festival.

Wendy Quarendon

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE VOICES

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next singing sessions – a chance to get out and meet up with friendly faces, have a sing and chat over a cup of tea/coffee – everyone can sing!

Every session has a mix of 'old' favourites and new tunes, with hopefully something for everyone. Requests welcomed and Come and join us on any/all of the following Mondays 2-4pm in the Church Room.

28 November (Christmas sing)/ **23 January 2017**/Feb/March tba

Meri Knights 368516/Wendy Quarendon 368015

Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

Thursday 19th January 2017

at

7.30 pm (Please note earlier time)

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the BVA. Join us to hear about the Association's activities during the past year and what we hope to achieve in 2017, and also to let us have your comments and ideas.

If you are unable to attend but would like an issue raised, please contact Chris Balchin (368427: webeditor@braishfield.org). Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Committee please submit your name along with a Proposer and Secunder by Monday 9th January 2017. Nominations will be also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

QUIZ NIGHT RESULTS

On Friday 11th November 15 carefully selected teams (i.e. they paid) exercised their intellectual capabilities in this year's Village Quiz. They tackled questions from the Quizmaster, Tim Howkins, on issues such as the colour of Noddy's hat and the name of the yellow Telly-tubby.

The standard was very high, but congratulations go to the Mike Allen and family who just pipped the Kennedy family in the last round to win. The evening raised over £100 for the Hall refurbishment programme and thanks go to the Hall Committee for organising this year's quiz.

Iain Coleman

BVA NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK

The BVA will be organising another WALK on New Year's Day! We would love to see as many villagers out as possible so let's beat last year's total of 25 people or so. We plan to meet at 10.30am at the Wheatsheaf for an 11am start and finish there at lunchtime. Please email michaelstubbs@braishfield.org so we can get an idea of numbers.

Michael Stubbs

Notices cont.

Our Parish Clerk, Kate Orange, was elected Hampshire Association of Local Council's "Clerk of the Year" and was presented with the Kirk Trophy at their AGM on October 22nd. Kate's award, which was contested by a large number of the 262 Hampshire Parish and Town Councils, and considering her relatively short time in the job, is no mean feat; we, in the Parish Council, are all very



Well done Kate!

proud of her achievement. Kate also achieved a Distinction in her Certificate of Local Council Administration (CILCA) examination last March which clearly demonstrates her understanding of procedures and a remarkable grasp of the detail. We are sure the whole village will want to congratulate her for these remarkable achievements.

John Bevan

BE SEEN IN THE DARK !

The Parish Council are doing everything possible to advance progress on the footpath from Jermyns Lane to The Dog and Crook especially in respect of children coming home from school. However, now that the darker evenings are upon us, it's time to remind parents to make sure their children are seen - high viz jacket or similar. In fact, it's a timely reminder for us all when walking through the village at this time of year to make sure we are visible.

At the Regulatory Committee of Hampshire County Council held on 16th November, the Committee voted unanimously to re-route Footpath 712 (1a) from Crook Hill Farm to Hillier Main Entrance, via Braishfield Road to the Roundabout and along Jermyns Lane to the entrance. The re-routing along Braishfield Road means that the planned new Footpath from the Dog and Crook Pub to Crook Hill Farm entrance will link to the diverted Footway along Braishfield Road, to provide us with a footway all the way along Braishfield Road to beyond the new roundabout. The timescale for this work is eagerly awaited but in the meantime, please make sure you are safe when walking along our roads".

John Bevan and Carole Renvoize - Braishfield Parish Council

BUMS

Braishfield Ukulele Music Society

Join us for a Christmas Party.

Enjoy a fun evening of Christmas Music and our own version of favourite songs accompanied by ukuleles.



Free entry, please bring some refreshments to share and enjoy.

Monday 12th December. at 7.30pm
Church Room, All Saints Braishfield

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE LUNCH



Join us for our special Christmas lunch in the Church Room on
MONDAY 12th December from NOON

Christmas fayre and festivities

Please phone if you can spare time to help on the day or cook or bake.

VILLAGE LUNCH DATES for 2017

MONDAY January 9th
MONDAY February 13th
MONDAY March 13th
MONDAY April 10th
MONDAY May 8th

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

Julie Kemp Tel: 368894

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY 2017

Our 29th party will soon be upon us, a date for your diary Sunday 29th January. This party will be very different to the last 10 or so years. We are almost going back to where we first started, a lovely afternoon tea, complete with entertainment of course. After much discussion we agreed with the health and hygiene regulations getting tighter: this has to be our only way forward. So yes - all change, but maybe for the good. Any new villager over 65 or anyone who has qualified in the last year please ring Sharon Fielding on 368164 so you can be added to our list.

Sharon Fielding and committee



Braishfield Village Christmas Sing-a-Long

Tuesday December 20th 2016
5pm to 6.30pm

Sponsored by the Braishfield Village Association in conjunction with Braishfield Pantry and the Village Hall.

Christmas singing to the accompaniment of the
BUMS



Father Christmas pays a visit and will have Goodie Bags for children under 12

Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate, Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls and Hot Dogs available for purchase
Fruit drink & snack free for children

Christmas Hamper Draw

Children's Competition for the best Christmas Themed Hat

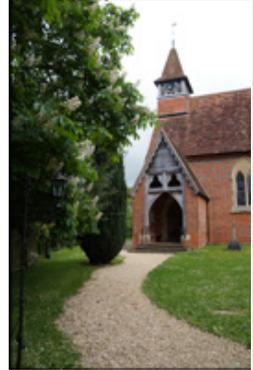


All Saints' Braishfield – Dates for your diary

The Harvest Supper held on 1st October raised £148.81 of which £75.00 was donated to TEARFUND. Thanks to all who supported and helped to make it such an enjoyable evening especially to BUMS who gave us such brilliant entertainment.

The Churchyard working party was held on 5th November when we had a willing band of helpers clearing paths, gutters and overgrowth. (see page 16)

Our next working party is on Saturday 25th March at 9.30am so please join us for the 'spring clean' followed by bacon butties.



We celebrated All Saints' Day on Sunday 6th November with a service followed by refreshments in the Church Room. This gave us the opportunity to recognise and thank everyone for all their contributions made in so many different ways, to the church.

Dates for your diary

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| Thursday 1st December | Christmas Tree Festival – 6.30pm Preview and Candlelit supper at 7.30pm |
| Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December | Christmas Tree Festival – (see separate notice on page 14) |
| Sunday 18th December | 6.00pm Carol Service |
| Saturday 24th December | 4.00pm Christingle Service |
| | 11.15pm Holy Communion |
| Sunday 25th December | 10.00am Family Service |
| Sunday 1st January | No Family Service – United Benefice Holy Communion for New Year's Day at Timsbury 10.00am |
| Sunday 29th January | Fifth Sunday Candlemas Service at Michelmersh 10.00am |

We do hope you can join us for all or some of these events and services.

More details?

Please contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Following a short Act of Remembrance on Friday November 11th at 11am, villagers again attended the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday led by our clergy, Churchwardens and the choir from All Saints' and the URC together with uniformed organisations. A hymn, the Act of Remembrance, the Roll of Honour, read by PC chairman John Bevan, the Laying of Wreaths, the Kohima Epitaph, read by Tom Greenwood, followed.



The choir sang a moving anthem, and the Act of Commitment completed the ceremony.

Maizie Swanbrow played the Last Post and Reveille.

The Service continued after processing to All Saints' where the Colours were received.

The collection was sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Sue Mullane

United Reformed Church – Dates for your diary

DECEMBER 11th	10am	TOY Service led by David Stone. Please bring a toy for Social Services to distribute.
DECEMBER 16th	7pm - 9pm	Sherry/Coffee/Mince Pies evening at Elttoc, Kiln Lane (Shirley & Rusty) in aid of JUMBULANCE.
DECEMBER 20th	7pm	Carols by Candlelight in the Church to include a raffle for Pat's Christmas hamper and followed by refreshments.
DECEMBER 25th	9.30am	Christmas Day Service led by our Minister
JANUARY 15th	10am	Family Worship to include presentation of our 2016 charity cheque to JUMBULANCE. Service led by our Minister.

ART EXHIBITION

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Fri 2nd - Sun 4th DECEMBER

BRAISHFIELD CHURCH ROOM

CHURCH LANE, BRAISHFIELD, SO510QH

Times Friday and Saturday 11 - 6 , Sunday 11 - 4



Proceeds to be shared between All Saints church and PLANETS

Paintings, prints and cards for sale by students of professional artist and illustrator Jamel Akib

Delicious refreshments on sale all day



AND CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2nd 3rd 4th DECEMBER 2016

Church Room (Art Exhibition) All Saints' Church (Tree festival)

Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd 11.00am – 6.00pm

Sunday 4th 11.00am - 4.00pm

Entry £3.00 (children free) Seasonal Refreshments

All Age Worship Sunday 4th at 4.00pm

Proceeds to be shared between

All Saints' Church and

PLANETS (Pancreatic, Liver & Neuroendocrine Tumours)

All Saints' Choir Singing

4pm - 4.30pm on Saturday 3rd December

Braishfield Horticultural Society Garden Club

At the October meeting, Bob McQueen inspired us to provide colour in the garden in winter containers. Bob used to work for Hilliers' Garden Centre and has entertained us on previous occasions. This evening he demonstrated four different plantings beginning with a very simple one of dwarf Irises in a shallow pot with a sedum for added interest and topped with grit. The next pot was golden terracotta which he filled with a Skimmia, bronze tipped grass, orange Heuchera and matching parrot type tulips.

A large white ceramic pot was filled with a greeny/ white Pittosporum or a white berried Hypericum, an ice cabbage, a fern and white Narcissi or fringed white tulips. Bob finished with a square grey 'lead-like' container in which he put burgundy Heuchera, a red berried Gaultheria or

Nandina, green sage and dark pink and frilled pink tulips. He talked of the need to plant bulbs double the depth of their size and feed with bulb fertilizer. He then answered many general questions and we all came home ready to buy and plant!

At the AGM, held on November 8th, Steve Renvoize, the Chairman, retired from office after many successful years. Fran Clifton has been elected in his place and we wish her well in her new position.

The next meeting will be on January 10th when Rosina Brandham will present 'Glimpses of Victorian Gardening'.

This is the start of a new year and any new members are very welcome.

Viv Robinson

BRAISHFIELD BROWNIES

The Brownies are busy this term working towards their Artist Badge. Drawing a Still Life, printing, illustrating a poem and making Christmas Cards are just some of the activities the girls have been undertaking. Other activities suggested by the girls for the term include a Spanish evening, games, a Show and Tell evening and Christmas baking.

We are very lucky in Braishfield Brownies that our Leaders (Owls) have over 80 years experience between them. Going forward though, we are always keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining our team. In particular we would be pleased to receive enquiries from anyone who may have previous Girlguiding experience and who would like to start volunteering again. If you may be interested in joining us, please don't

hesitate to get in touch.
Charlotte Marsh
Brown Owl
brownies@braishfield.org

Stuck in a Jam!

... or *do not ignore that creaky floorboard!*



This Autumn we had an expensive and unwelcome visitor DRY ROT that greedily gobbled up our floorboards. The offending room was treated and we started moving furniture back in at 9pm on a Saturday night.. Now, never believe that what comes out must go back in. The bookcase that we had carried out with no problem must have grown for it refused to go back in, trapping itself in the doorway and imprisoning my husband in the empty room. No amount of cajoling (and stronger language) would make it budge. But this is Braishfield, home of the Good Neighbour.

One phone call and he put down his glass of red wine and came to save us. After much heaving giggling and cursing the cry went up "If all else fails, take off its legs" Once we had found the allen keys and carried out the amputation, the offending article slid into the room and my husband was released from captivity. We then all had a glass of wine to celebrate.

Thank you so much John, Good neighbour, friend, BUM and Chairman of the Parish Council

Two Lowly Villagers



All Saints' Church work party. THANK YOU.

A big "thank you" to all who took part in our Autumn Churchyard work party – excellent weather, excellent turnout and excellent refreshments.

In addition to the usual weeding, clearing of gutters and leaf clearing, Tim Howkins sprayed weed killer on the bottom car park and church paths. Under the guidance of Fran Clifton, the Yew trees were cut back and shaped and the ramp was cleared of moss. The appearance and access to this side of the Church is now much improved. Further pruning and cutting back of over-hanging branches on the south side of the graveyard was undertaken. The excellent refreshments (bacon butties) were provided and cooked by Jane Bennett.

The Church Council has recorded its thanks and appreciation for Richard Brazier's team of mowers and other volunteers who have helped to maintain the church yard this year. PS. Next Work party is on Sat. 25th March.

Andy Brooks, Churchwarden

Recycling News

Have yourself a Merry Recycling Christmas

Christmas is a busy time but recycling your Christmas waste is just as easy recycling all year round.

Having a party? Don't forget to collect your glass bottles and jars and take them to your nearest Local Recycling Centre. For those partial to a mince pie or a glass of buck's fizz, you can also recycle aluminium foil and cartons at selected sites. With over 100 Local Recycling Centres across the borough, it's easy to fit a visit in around shopping, the school run or even a trip to the gym. To find your nearest site, visit www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling.

Paper and cardboard, including envelopes, greetings cards and packaging as well as plastic bottles, tins and cans should all be put in your brown bin for recycling. Extra recycling can be placed next to your brown bin in a large cardboard box and will be picked up by our collection teams. Unfortunately, gift wrap must be put in your black bin as many contain foil and plastic film which cannot be recycled.

Once the festive season is over, you can dispose of your real Christmas tree at one of our temporary collection sites across the borough. Sites will be in operation from Tuesday 3 January to Sunday 15 January 2017. Your nearest site is in the Alma Road Car Park, Romsey.

For more Christmas waste and recycling tips follow Recycling Stars on Facebook. Thank you for supporting Recycling Stars in 2016.

Alice Keeping

Environmental Project Officer

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BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

10th DECEMBER 2016

LIVE MUSIC EVENING WITH NOSTALGIA

(Paul Wheeler & Chrissie)

and also our

CHRISTMAS DRAW

FREE ENTRY

Lloyd George Knew My Father

BMADS usually put on a good show for us, but this was an exception. It was an absolute CRACKER! The play, by William Douglas Home, was described as a 'dark comedy'. For those who were unfortunate

enough to have missed it, it was about an elderly lady who decided to end her life in protest at a by-pass which was to be built across the family's land. Not many laughs there, you may think.

In fact it was a laugh a minute, thanks to a very witty script and some superb acting by the cast. The lady, Lady Boothroyd (Melanie Legge) had a very acerbic turn of phrase and a seemingly iron will, more than a match for her elderly husband, retired General Sir William Boothroyd (Peter Scrivener). He was deaf and barking

mad, she was stubborn and, in the best tradition of the British upper classes, possessed of a very stiff upper lip. Both brought the house down at times. Their son, Hubert, MP (Richard Groves) was pompous

and sternly ineffective, his wife Maud (Elizabeth Templeman) flapped about, their daughter Sally (Kate Marshall) was at least warmly sympathetic to her grandmother, and her fiancé to be Simon (Richard Clifton in a most fetching wig) used his journalistic skills to propel Lady Sheila into all the Sunday papers. Add in the utterly useless vicar (Mike Allen) and a long

suffering butler who had seen better days (Peter Quarendon) and we had a rich comic mix.



The two lead characters, Sir William and Lady Sheila, really carried the show, and Melanie and Peter were more than up to the task. Their timing was excellent, their characterisation spot on, and even their walk was perfect – hers that of a lady of some years, a little stiff and prone to backache, his downright doddering, but with the remnants of the straight

back of a military man: plus a military bark, and a string of oft repeated anecdotes. Marvellous. In short, a hit.

The supporting cast were all excellent

too. Not many laughs for Richard Groves' character, for once, but he was entirely convincing, and Elizabeth gave a very good display of someone verging on the edge of hysteria for much of the play. Peter's elderly butler was a gem, and Richard Clifton gave one of his best performances yet. (I think you should keep the wig, Richard, it SO suits you!) Kate Marshall played her part adeptly as the only sensible one in the entire mad household. Mike Allen's portrayal of the vicar deftly combined his complete uselessness with an impressive appetite for whisky.

Director Rosie Groves really got the best out of the cast and the script. One sublime moment came when the Sunday papers arrived. The ladies scrutinised the broadsheets but the General opted (as usual it seemed) for the News of the World, with its 'Gay Rector Scandal' splashed over the front page. Robertson the butler then offered the Mirror and the



People. Lady B's intended suicide featured in all of them.

Behind the scenes were the usual band of experts for production, set design and 'realisation', sound, lighting, wardrobe, make up, box office and front of house, all very professional. Well done everyone. There was some clever use of pre-recorded sound effects, all of which seemed to come in right on cue. Only the prompter seemed to have nothing to do!

A hit, a palpable hit! And did Lady Boothroyd do herself in? Well, if you weren't there, you'll never know.

David Robinson



Christmas at the Pantry



Canapes for Christmas

A demonstration and tasting of a variety of Canapes by David Protheroe, suitable for a Christmas party or to start your Christmas Lunch



Recipes & products to make the Canapes will be available at the event

Location: Village Hall & Pantry

Price: £15pp (To include a Glass of Wine)

Date: Wednesday 30th November

Time: 7:30pm

To buy or reserve your ticket, pop into the Pantry or e-mail braishfieldpantry@gmail.com

Spaces are limited so book early!

Free Range Turkeys and Traditionally Cured Hams

You can pre-order Free Range Turkeys from: Noah's Ark Farm (New Milton) and Traditionally Cured Hams from: the award winning Dukeshill



Other goodies include

- Seasonal Sauces & Chutneys
- A variety of Chocolates and Biscuits
- Stilton & Festive Cheeses

Wine from Berry Bros.

We now provide a range of wines from the renowned Berry Bros. Please see the full range and prices on display in the shop or on our website.





Pantry Update

Hampshire Life

The Pantry received its second accolade this year after it was nominated by a customer for the Best Independent Food Shop in the 2016 Hampshire Life Food & Drink Awards. We were chosen as one of the 3 finalists and are immensely proud that the work all the volunteers is recognised in this way. Thank you to the customer who nominated us, and thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to this success.

Christmas at the Pantry

The Pantry is looking very festive at the moment and there are some great products on sale for presents or to treat yourself. Don't forget you can order free range Turkeys from Noah's Ark Farm (New Milton) and Traditionally Cured Hams from the award winning Dukeshill.



Also, tickets are going fast for our "Canapés for Christmas" event on November 30th at 7:30pm in the Committee Room. It is a demonstration and tasting of Canapés from David Protheroe. Tickets are £15 and, as well as the demo and tasting, it includes a glass of wine and the recipes cards to make the Canapés yourself.

Mailing List

We are getting increasingly asked about products and events so are now establishing our own mailing list to keep people informed of what is happening in the Pantry. If you would like to receive occasional mails from the Pantry, then please email your name and email address to Braishfieldpantry@gmail.com

- Pantry emails will be sent Bcc - your email address will not be visible
- Email addresses will not be passed to a third party
- You may unsubscribe at any time

Facebook

We are now also on Facebook! Simply type in Braishfield Pantry into the search field on Facebook to find us and all the latest news.

3rd Romsey Scouts Senior Citizens' Party

September 29th 2016

3rd Romsey welcomed 30 Very Important People to our meeting tonight. The invitations had gone out, the replies received, the food cooked and the entertainment planned - all ready for 3rd Romsey's annual senior citizens' party. Local villagers and relatives were invited to an evening of party food and entertainment followed by a raffle.

The young people did a fantastic job of serving hot drinks, offering round the food and chatting to the visitors. Then the Beavers sang the hokey cokey, the Cubs put on jokes and musical entertainment and the Scouts finished with



the piano and singing. Well done to all the young people who stood up and entertained a room full of people - we are very proud of you!

Finally the raffle was drawn and everyone wended their weary way home. A great time as had by all - roll on next year!

Thank you to all our young people, the parents who provided food, washed up, dried up and put away, the Leaders, volunteers and Young Leaders who organised the young people and the Executive Committee for all their hard work in organising the evening - it makes us proud to be members of 3rd Romsey.

Sarah Beaman

3rd Romsey Scout Leader - Ashanti Troop



making travel possible

Romsey Jumbulance Group

Affiliated to the Jumbulance Trust: registered charity No. 1090731

We have just finished our Jumbulance travelling year and have had four wonderful supported holidays to Brittany, (18-30 group) Blackpool, Norfolk and Windermere, (for our mixed age groups) taking several local Braishfield - Romsey residents.

Our priority this year was the 33 people we could not fit onto a holiday last year and we achieved this, taking several new people too.... however some who travelled last year were not able to go this year so we'll give them priority in 2017.

We have, thanks to many generous people increased our fund raising efforts and raised over £15,000 already towards the total of £20,000 we need. Please support the URC events coming up as we are their charity of the year. This, with promises from various Trusts for early 2017 means we are offering a double group (2 jumbulances) for our 18-30 group which is growing,

to Germany in May, a mixed ages to Devon in June and Lourdes in September.

We are looking at another holiday to Holland but need more volunteer nurses and helpers before we can offer it. Can you help?

Please think about offering to get involved and/or come on a respite holiday....Quite simply without volunteer helpers and nurses we can't take sick and disabled people on holiday.

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The Farley Walk - May to June 2016

The Monarch' Way: Walking in King Charles II footsteps.: a long-distance walking route (615 miles) of footpaths and bridleways tracing Charles Stuart's escape route after his defeat at The Battle of Worcester, 1651. The Farley Walkers route covered the first third of the King's journey, starting at Worcester, heading north towards Madeley, west to Boscobel, onto Moseley Old Hall, and then down to Stratford upon Avon. During a week of fabulous weather, waterproofs stayed in rucksacks, 38 walkers tackled a total of 80 miles of beautiful countryside, historic churches and houses, canal paths, villages, industrial conurbations, with good humour and plenty of tea with homemade cake!

Arriving in Worcester, we walked via fields and a canal to the medieval church of Salwarpe and then onto Hampton Lovett. After a buffet supper in our Worcester hotel some set out to explore Worcester, notably The Commandary, where Charles II billeted his officers prior to the battle. Sunday dawned for some with the 8.00am Eucharist in the Cathedral then the first full day of walking. Starting at Hampton Lovett, we walked to Broad Alley, Rushock Church and reached Harvington Hall in time for lunch. Some of the party opted to visit the Hall, a beautiful moated medieval and Elizabethan Manor house with a large number of priest holes and a rare collection of

original Elizabethan wall paintings. The rest of the group continued to Blakedown and we all returned to Worcester where some sampled the pies at The King Charles House, another notable house, and now a public one for supper.

Day 3, Monday, started with a 'fast forward' to near Boscobel and a walk on to Tong Church, known as 'The Westminster Abbey of all the Verons' due to its splendour and monuments. The present church, built mainly between 1410-1430, is a fine example of Perpendicular Gothic Architecture. Inside are monuments to 'The Lord of Tong, Sir Fulke de Pembrugge and his wife, Isabella, and of the Vernon family.

However, amongst many incredible features inside the church, perhaps it is the 'reputed grave of Little Nell' that stole the show. Whilst Dickens did set the closing chapters of *The Old Curiosity Shop* in Tong, the grave is fictitious and is the work of an enterprising verger who found that showing people Little Nell's grave to be an excellent fund raising activity!

He even managed an entry into the church Register. Walking onto Kemberton, and the Mason's Arms, it became apparent that walking and church viewing was thirsty work, so a stop was deemed necessary before continuing through stunning countryside to Brockton and a stay at the half-timbered Hundred House in Norton or The Old Vicarage.

Tuesday began with a spectacular walk out of Norton towards Ironbridge, stopping for coffee at



the picturesque Woodbridge Inn, situated on the River Severn and where there is a second, and slightly younger, Ironbridge, as shown above.

The afternoon provided a choice: visit Blists Hill Victorian Town or climb the extinct volcano, The Wrekin. Six determined walkers opted for the Wrekin whilst the rest explored this reconstructed small industrial town set in the year 1900: 'At this time Queen Victoria had reigned for 63 years and the annual national wage was around £42.' This proved to be a fascinating visit both from social history and historical engineering viewpoints. Great amusement was caused by a sign spotted in the car park: ↪

That evening an enjoyable dinner was held for everyone in the Tythe Barn at the Hundred House Hotel. Chris

Amery gave us a fascinating talk on the impact of the events in 1651 and subsequent Restoration of the Monarchy. Later on, talking to the hotel staff, we learnt that the Barn hosted numerous weddings, which perhaps explained the charming heart themed wallpapered

rooms complete with bedroom swings enjoyed by those of us staying in one of the ten rooms!

The next day we walked to Moseley Old Hall, famous for hiding Charles II from Cromwell's Army after he fled from the shelter of the Boscobel's Oak Tree. 'He arrived cold and wet and disguised in workmen's clothing



and ill-fitting shoes that made his feet bleed’.

Thursday was mystery day! We knew we were walking to White Ladies Priory, where King Charles II had fled following the Battle of Worcester, and onto Boscobel House of oak tree fame but then where? Following a fascinating tour of Boscobel House and a purchase of an oak sapling, reputedly a descendant of the original oak, to later present to Chris and Iain, we reached the mystery part of our day. A coach sped us to our next destination, Dudley, where we enjoyed a canal boat trip through the famous tunnels built to transport iron ore to the Birmingham canal system and onwards. A trip enlivened by a comedic boatman who told everyone their lifejackets were beneath their seats and then stood with a quiet smile whilst some (not mentioning any names) looked for them! After admiring and experiencing the marvellous tunnels, it was back to walking along the canal system towards Birmingham – where were we going? Some miles later the second surprise was sprung, a canal restaurant boat trip into the heartland of Birmingham. Drifting past countryside and then brownfield industrial sites whilst enjoying a buffet supper, we eventually entered the redeveloped shopping, restaurants, and leisure centre of Birmingham’s Mailbox.

Friday dawned, another beautiful day. A coach to Tardebigge Church for coffee before walking past

Norgrove Court whose owner had given a ‘charming member’ of the ‘reccie party’ permission for us to picnic in her garden. We continued walking towards Astwood Court before a welcome coach trip took us to our next stop, Stratford upon Avon. That evening the party split into two groups, one to see Cymbeline at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the other to see The Alchemist in the Swan Theatre, both of which were excellent.

Saturday was our final day and began with a visit to St Peter’s Church, Wootton Wawen, whose tower dates back to the 900s. We then continued walking to Smitterfield Church along King’s Lane, called so because tradition has it that Charles II rode through here during his escape, on past Clopton Tower and finally back into Stratford upon Avon. That evening, Timothy Hornsby spoke, in his unique style, on ‘From Regicide back to Monarchy: why, how and its implications.’ To be sure that we had been listening, this was followed by a quiz on the talk.

Another excellent walk, superbly organised, full of fun and good company, and much appreciated by all the walkers. Sponsorship received from the walkers, with Gift Aid, will benefit St John’s, Farley Chamberlayne, where the current project is the restoration of the tower, but with some going to other charities of the walk’s own choice.

Pat Williams

Date for your diary

Friday 24th March 2017

7.30pm in the Village Hall



Do you remember when:

- Una Stubbs and Jon Pertwee were filming *Worzel Gummidge* in Braishfield?
- Mrs Windebank from Farley was filmed for *Country Ways*?
- We had the Braishfield Country Fair?

We're arranging an evening to watch some clips from these memorable days whilst enjoying a country supper.

We do hope you will join us for an evening of entertainment being organised by All Saints' Braishfield, St John's , Farley and the Braishfield Village Hall Committee.

More details will follow.

Jane Bennett 01794 368109

Braishfield Primary School

As the Autumn term comes to a close, there is much to look back on since we returned from the Summer holiday.

We have embarked on a major project to revamp the outdoor learning and recreation areas. All of the playgrounds were resurfaced over the October half term with shock-absorbing surfacing in the Year R area and underneath the climbing frame. We have a new PE shed with plans for an outdoor performance area, a digging pit, an outdoor learning area for the Year 1/2 pupils and new playground markings. It all looks very smart and we can already see the impact of freeing up more space for outdoor learning.

Our children have enjoyed a wide variety of trips and visitors over the term with every class being involved in learning experiences beyond the classroom. The children in Year 5/6 participated in an adventurous weekend at Marwell Activity Centre, (see picture above) challenging themselves in a range of physical pursuits such as rock climbing and aerial adventure, as well as demonstrating their team-building and collaborative skills. As part of their Invaders and Settlers topic, the children in Y3/4 visited the Roman baths in Bath where they had the opportunity to handle genuine artefacts from Roman times, try on Roman costume (see picture on next

page) and see if they could read and write in using the Roman alphabet and number system. The year 1/2 pupils have visited Morrison's bakery as part of their Great Fire of London topic. Here they were given a tour of the bakery and learned how bread was made, as well as trying their hand at making (and eating!) gingerbread houses. The pupils in

Year R will be going to the Nuffield Theatre to see *Fantastic Mr Fox* before the end of the Autumn term. Aside from visits outside school, we have invited a puppet theatre and drama specialists into school to entertain and work with the children.



team Marwell

On November 11th we held a Heroes Day, for which children were asked to dress up as their own real-life heroes. This saw pupils dressed as historical figures, such as Mary Anning, the fossil hunter, and Albert Einstein, the physicist, but also many children came dressed as their parents or grandparents. We invited the police and nurses to talk to the children about their roles, and, along with the rest of the country, we held a special Remembrance assembly with two minutes' silence at 11.00 a.m.

Our annual House talent competition took place on the evening of November 11th at the Braishfield Social Club. Five acts from each

of the school Houses: Fairbourne, Farley, Hawkes and Pucknall took part, with every act earning points for their House, and all money raised going to the Inspiration Federation and Children in Need.

On November 18th the School Council ran a number of games and



making gingerbread

competitions to raise money for Children in Need. Money raised on Heroes day and Children in Need Day will be split equally between the Inspiration Federation (<http://inspirationfederation.org/>) and Children in Need.

Despite the media attention surrounding the SATs in the Summer, we have recently received the comparative data for Braishfield and the national averages, indicating that, once again, pupils at Braishfield significantly exceeded national expectations in all areas. Our pupils are extremely fortunate to be working with such a dedicated and skilled team of adults and we thank all parents

for their support in their children's learning.

As many of you are aware, I will be leaving Braishfield at the end of the Autumn term to take up the headship of Golden Common Primary School. Mr Stuart, who is currently the Assistant Headteacher, will be assuming the role of Acting Headteacher for the Spring and Summer terms, during which time the school will take steps to recruit a new Headteacher for September 2017. I would like to thank the Braishfield Community for its support throughout my four years at Braishfield Primary School and know that you will continue to offer that support to both Mr Stuart and whoever takes up the headship for the start of the 2017-18 academic year.

Frances Hardy



dressed as Romans

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SLOE GIN COMPETITION



Autumn is upon us and the sloes are ripening in the hedgerows so it is a timely reminder that we are holding our annual sloe gin competition on **Sunday 18th December 2016** at Braishfield Social Club.

Entries need to be at the club for 12.00 noon on that day, or before, and judging will take place at 1.00pm.

Get picking, pricking, mixing, bottling and stirring and enter the competition. Bottles for your entry will be available from Les at the bar and you need to remove the labels but not mark them in anyway. Les will note whose entries they are when you hand them in.

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Sunday Nights	- Bingo

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Forthcoming Events

Quiz Nights	- held fortnightly on Friday Nights
Newport Players	- first Saturday of each month

Future Events

Christmas Prize Draw (tickets on sale now) and live music with Nostalja free entry	- 10th December
Sloe Gin Competition	- 18th December
Christmas Sing a long	- 24th December
New years Eve Disco	- 31st December 2016

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MORE EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2017. Visit the club to find out more

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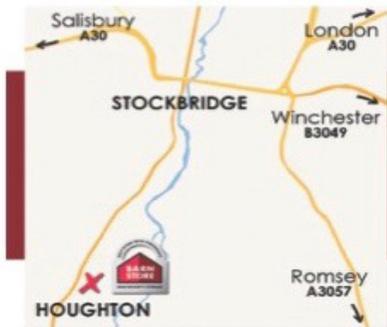
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Recycle weeks beginning: 12th & 26th December: 9th & 23rd January 2017

Household waste weeks beginning: 5th & 19th December:
2nd, 16th & 30th January 2017



Garden waste collections will not take place between Monday
19th December and Friday 6th January 2017.

See collection calendar which will be attached to your bin in
December for Christmas and New Year collections

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Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings	Where	Time	When	Next meetings		
Parish Council 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1 st Tues excl. August	6 Dec	3 Jan	7 Feb
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.15	2 nd Mon excl. August	12 Dec	9 Jan	13 Feb
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 nd Tues excl. June/July/Aug	10 Jan	14 Feb	14 Mar
Flower Society 	Church Room	7.30	4 th Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	26 Jan	23 Feb	23 Mar
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4	4 th Mon	23 Jan	tba	tba
Art Group	Football Pavilion	10 - 12	Every Thursday except August			
The Pantry Shop & Cafe	Village Hall	9 – 12 2 - 5	Mon – Sat 9 – 12 noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2 - 5pm			
Story Time	Village Pantry	10.30 – 12	Thursday, Wendy Lord 367015			

Events 	Where	When	More Details
Christmas Tree Festival & Art Exhibition	All Saints' Church & Church Room	Fri, Sat, Sun 2,3,4 Dec	11-6pm Fri & Sat 11-4pm Sun
BUMS Christmas party	Church Room	Monday 12 Dec 7.30pm	see page 9
BVA Sing a long	Village Hall & Shop	Tuesday 20 Dec 5pm	see page 11
Christmas Church Services	All Saints' & URC	through December & January	see News & Diary insert & pages 12 & 13
New Years' Day Walk	meet at The Wheatsheaf	Sunday 1st January	see page 7
Senior Citizens Party	Social Club	Sunday 29th January	see page 10

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