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Enjoying tea at the Annual Flower Show
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From the Chairman

Electon over.

Churchill once said

“The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.” He, of course, had never been to Braishfield but whatever our individual political persuasion, there can be little doubt that getting a good Brexit deal will now be more difficult. However, life in Braishfield continues and although on an altogether different scale we also have issues that we wish to address and objectives to achieve.

The Housing Minister appears to have declared open season on the greenbelt in an attempt to satisfy the national need for more housing. Of course, they must look at every possible site and make the decision to build or not to build on its merits. While accepting the need for this extra housing and the fact that we are not a special case we should do everything we possibly can to protect the rural nature of our village. Looking after those interests will not be easy and I believe that this increased pressure supports Chairman John Bevan’s proposal that the Parish Council should create its own specialist planning sub-committee. I think that is an excellent idea and if invited we will play an active part!

I heard a rumour the other day that a developer had to pay the Parish

Council to get planning permission. The inference was that the payment was a sort of backhander. There is, of course, absolutely no truth in that rumour.

Planning permission is decided on the merits of the application and by the rules governing development. Quite separately there are payments and they are enshrined in law. Any development puts pressure on the local facilities and these payments are designed to help the local community to offset those pressures. We've had no response to our offer of sites for mobile phone masts and no indication that providers are interested in our plight, so John Bevan and I will take the issue of broadband and poor mobile phone coverage up with our local county councillor and MP. Braishfield is not alone and we intend to work with other local villages to put pressure on providers and local authorities to take the issue seriously.

Two BVA events for your diary. The first will be a Trafalgar Night Dinner which we will hold in the village Hall on 21st October. You will find details on page 29 of this magazine.

We also intend to repeat last year's Christmas Carol and singalong event on 20th December. Santa will once again be in attendance supported by his elves and full details of that event will be in the next magazine.

Hold the dates!

From the Editor

As the proud owner of a brand new left hip, and despite my reluctant and clumsy friendship with two unwieldy crutches, I write this with all the confidence of a budding Olympic athlete!

Well, thanks to all your enthusiastic support and input, we've burst our banks this time – 52 pages without drawing breath! In fact we've had to pigeonhole some contributions until the October edition.

The Notices section is full of village activities and offers a great variety of opportunities to get involved or

simply diverted ; singing in many forms, planting out apple trees around the village, hula hooping, attending the many local events over the next few months – the Jumbulance open day at Oakfield, Ride & Stride, the Church Flower Festival, Jazz and Cream tea at St John's, just to mention a few. It's all in the magazine, so have a look and take a punt on what's out there!

Meanwhile many of you will be limbering up for a summer holiday. Whether 'vacation' or 'staycation', have a very good and relaxing break.

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

More winners! More donations to good causes. The June and July draws were won by Jerry Metherell and Jean White respectively, and we were able to make significant donations to the Newport Cricket Club (they need bats) and the United Reformed Church in support of their chosen charity for the year.

Do join in if you can spare £5 a month, £3 of which goes to a good cause. And if you are thinking of embarking on a fund raising activity for a good cause, let us know because we may be able to make a contribution to your marathon/knitathon, boiled egg eating-athon or whatever.

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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 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



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Notices

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017

The village collection in aid of Christian Aid, organised this year by the United Reformed Church, raised the magnificent sum of £800.00.

The money goes to help the poorest of the world. In particular there is a crisis in East Africa where people are dying from hunger and malnutrition in what is the worst humanitarian crisis since 1945..

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Hazel Davies

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL update.

The AGM for the Village Hall was held on Monday June 5th - notes of the meeting, plus associated papers are now available in the village Hall section of the village website.

If you've any questions after reading these, please contact me - Ian Knights, via the Village Hall email or on 368516.

Refurbishment of the Village Hall toilets and some electrical work is now underway - great news for all our users!

Most of our reserves were used to assist in financing the Village Pantry - I hope you feel this was a worthwhile project, to benefit the whole community. We're now actively seeking funding to landscape the area at the Village Hall/ Pantry entrance - this will involve building a retaining wall, with some initial works having already been undertaken.

Please....do use the Pantry - we're so lucky to have a Village Shop in the centre of our village, and remember, the Village Hall is available for hire throughout the year.

Ian Knights
Chairman, Village Hall

BRAISHFIELD BEAUTY SALON

This is to let all my customers present and future know that the beauty salon next to the Dog and Crook will be closed for refurbishment from 10th Aug until 18th September. Appointments can still be made for September onwards.

Many thanks

Laura Bevan

Notices cont.

SHORT TENNIS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The Wednesday morning Short Tennis group is taking a summer break partly due to a drop in regular player numbers. The group will start up again in September if a few new players can be found.

Have you played tennis or badminton in the past? Would you like to take it up again? The group is run informally . No great skill required! Play is followed by coffee and chat in The Pantry.

If you are interested please contact Mary at jmmortimore@tiscali.co.uk. You will be contacted nearer the start date of September 6th with more details.

Mary Mortimore

ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD.

I would like to thank Richard Brazier and his team of helpers/grass-cutters for their much-appreciated work in keeping the All Saints' Churchyard so neat and tidy. I would also like to thank those who not only keep their own plants watered but wander round with the can watering other graves, especially with this very hot weather we have been experiencing. They all deserve our grateful thanks. The whole area of the Churchyard looks good and is a credit to the Team and our village at large.

Angela Bevan

BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

Our second meeting on Monday 19 June was to Corhampton G C on a very warm day. 15 ventured forth. Coleman having had his handicap cut after taking all the prizes last time failed badly. Colin Jennings won the Stapleford competition with 36 points with Jane Payne coming second beating Ian Kelso on count back

Our next meeting is on Mon 11 September at the Southampton Municipal G C

Richard Brazier 368414 rdbrazier@hotmail.com

JAN OLDEN

Alan Olden would like people to know that after a long and trying illness, Jan has gone into Durban House. Friends are welcome to go and visit, but would need to understand that they may not be recognised and she is unable to hold much conversation.

Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD BOOK CLUB “Never Let Me Go” By Kazuo Ishiguro

A cleverly crafted and thought provoking book in which the author explores where love and friendship fit in the lives of a group of young people who find their time on earth is short. Kathy H, aged 31, narrates this coming of age novel set in a Dystopian Britain in the 1990s. She retrospectively follows the experiences of herself and two of her friends Tommy and Ruth from their first meeting at a young age at their special boarding school, Hailsham, as they move towards their inescapable destiny. A moving story containing hidden truths and a sense of the fragility of all our lives.

Jean Lowe

SOCIAL CONTACT GROUP

With all the beautiful sunny weather that we have been enjoying it seemed a good idea to visit the beach. However, on July 7th the rain decided to take control and it poured continuously! We'd hired the Test Valley Mini-Bus and with Tim Hawkins driving we had a lovely scenic drive through the New Forest to Stewart's Garden Centre, Christchurch arriving in time for lunch and plenty of time to browse and shop. We then travelled to the Noisy Lobster, Avon Beach for tea and cakes when the rain eased enough for us to at least see the beach! However, the weather did not dampen our pleasure or enthusiasm and we had a fabulous time together.

Since then we have had a morning together, enjoying coffee and cake at Annie's, Timsbury. We are lucky to have been invited to the Scouts annual party in September so there is always something to look forward to!

Hazel Prince

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE VOICES - everyone can sing!

If you used to sing...think you can't sing and would like to...then come and join our singing group! It's for all ages and a chance to get out and meet up with friendly faces, have a sing and chat over a cup of tea/coffee. We had a record turnout last month - and a really good sing, so we look forward to sharing some more lively singing times. Every session has a mix of old favourites and new tunes, including some part singing and rounds. There's hopefully something for everyone and requests are welcomed.

Come and join us on any of the following Mondays 2-4pm in the Church Room....we meet on the 4th Monday in the month.

Aug 21(**nb 3rd Mon**) /Sep 25/Oct 23/Nov27 Please contact us to find out more Meri Knights 368516/ Wendy Quarendon 368015

Notices cont.

COUNTING YOUR TREES Not your chickens!

Moving into August we can finally see the potential outcome of this year's fruit harvest. Some apple trees are not too bad. At least the ones which did not get hit by the late frost earlier in the year. Being at the height of summer with long days and sunshine does not strictly make you think of winter and tree planting. I am however putting my mind to the apple tree planting later in the year. As mentioned in a previous article, the Braishfield Horticultural Society, with the blessing of the Parish Council, is organising the apple tree planting in different locations throughout the village. The planting application is being submitted to Hampshire Highways as we speak. The actual planting of the trees, which we are hoping will be a fun filled day with as many villagers involved as possible is likely to happen on a Saturday in November/ December this year. Final date to be announced in the autumn.

If you, your family or a club are interested in adopting one of those trees, please get in touch with me and we can put your name on one of the trees. The cost of one of the donation trees would be £55. This would buy you the tree, stakes and tree protection as well as a proper black plant label with the name of the tree and the name of your family, club or similar. The cost for the planting licence would also be included.

For further details on Apple varieties and proposed locations, please have a look at the village web site and follow the link to the Horticultural Society. Are you up for it? In which case get in touch with me via email. The Braishfield Horticultural Society will certainly have one of the trees. There might even be a spare tree at the nursery in case you would like to have one for your garden.

Fran Clifton fran.clifton99@gmail.com
Chairman Braishfield Horticultural Society

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Some future dates from the church calendar

September 17th	Harvest Festival
September 18th 7.00 p.m.	Harvest Supper
December 2nd 10.30-12.30	Church Sale
December 19th 7.00 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight

Jim Carter

Notices cont.

TEMPORARY PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH – CROOK HILL/BRAISHFIELD ROAD

Braishfield residents will have noticed the new green notices which have been placed along Braishfield Rd at the village entrance at Crook Hill. These notices, provided by Hampshire CC, are by way of a temporary measure in response to Braishfield Parish Council's continuing concerns about pedestrian safety in this area during the period that the Secretary of State's planning executive examines the issues surrounding a number of objections to Footpath 712 diversion.

They have been placed primarily to warn visiting drivers of pedestrian use of this stretch of the Road and to encourage pedestrians to use the Hillier's provided footway around the Arboretum. They will be removed once these objections have been dealt with and a decision has been made as to the layout and location of the new Footpath which will link the existing Pavement which ends at the Dog and Crook with the Footways into Woodley from the roundabout.

Pedestrians are encouraged to use the Hillier's Gardens Footway established alongside the Arboretum Boundary where access points at the roundabout end of Braishfield Road and the South side of the Crook Hill Farm entrance have been opened up.

The decision on the diversion of Footpath 712 is expected to be made soon.

John Bevan.
Chairman Braishfield Parish Council.

3RD ROMSEY BRAISHFIELD SCOUTS update

Kathleen Beaman, one of the Young Leaders is going to Tanzania this summer. Remember the article about her having her hair shaved off! ?

If you would like to hear more of her adventures you can get an e-mail update from the links below. If you sign up this will give you all the good news stories of their trip by e-mail as it happens. Her team is Team Tembo, see below.

Sarah Beaman
3rd Romsey Scout Leader - Ashanti Troop

Team Tembo (Primary School project)
http://www.int-scout.org.uk/mailman/listinfo/t17-tembo_int-scout.org.uk

Notices cont.



JUNE EVENTS AT THE SHOP.

1) Regular volunteers, Rosie, Sue and Mike kept their cool on an already busy Thursday morning when they fed and watered a group of keen motorcyclists at the shop this week.



It was lovely to see former Braishfield resident, David, back in the village. He, along with many others, was instrumental in raising funds to build our village hall a few years back. Today, the family connection continues with David's daughter, Charlotte leading weekly Brownies' meetings at the hall

David Butterfield (white T shirt) and friends enjoyed refreshments during their motor-bike tour of Hampshire & Wiltshire.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon, David and co ... oh, great bikes too!

2) Many thanks to Roy Bayntun and his brilliant team of Community First Responders & St. John Ambulance colleagues who led a most entertaining and informative 'Heartstart' training session based at the hall and shop on 12th June. Roy's group has been the shop's chosen charity for the past year. Thank you to all our lovely customers and volunteers who have raised over £130 so far to help ensure that support arrives swiftly in instances of medical emergency in our locality.

Contrary to photographic evidence, it can be confirmed that no members of the public were harmed during the evening!

We all learnt so much and are pleased that Roy will be happy to run further courses in the future for interested groups.



Contact Anne at the shop for further info.

Notices cont.

AND A JULY EVENT AT THE SHOP - FRENCH WEEK!

Thank you so much for coming and trying some of our French delights. We had a great week and the shop was buzzing throughout. I think we had one of our best weeks for takings outside the Christmas period.

Wednesday 12th July saw our 'try before you buy' session and there was plenty of 'mmms' and 'yum yums' from those lucky enough to try Sharon's galette de rois. The cheese and wine tasting went down well too with virtually all our French cheeses sold on that Wednesday morning.

And in case you didn't make it in – here is our very own Frenchman!



Gemma Quarendon

WHAT IS ALL SAINTS' CHURCH FOR? OR ST JOHN'S IF YOU ARE A FARLEY RESIDENT?

Included in your BVN is a sheet inviting you to take part in a local survey being carried out by all C of E churches in the Romsey area, (Romsey Deanery), to help us understand your views on what you see as the purpose of the church in the community, what you think should be the priorities and any ideas you may have for how the church could be more effective.

We are especially keen to hear from those who have little current involvement with the local church.

For ease, the survey can be completed on line at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/yourlocalchurch and will take a few minutes. **Responses before 15th August please**, and the sooner the better. If you are on the Village Network or Farley Friends and have already responded, thank you!

Completed paper booklets may be posted into boxes left in the Village Pantry (at foot of counter), inside the door of the newspaper box on the Recreation Ground or at the back of All Saints' church.

Your views are completely anonymous and honest feedback is encouraged. Thank you for taking the time to help us serve you better.

Andy Brooks and Sarah Boothman
All Saints' Churchwardens

HCC Cllr Alan Dowden's Baddesley Division Report

I have now represented the Baddesley division on the County Council for over 25 years and in that time I have seen the continuance of reductions by Central Government of Local Government Funding.

The settlement last year covered four years from 2016 to 2020 and, following the acceptance by the DCLG of the County Council's Efficiency Plan for the period, the expectation was for minimal change to the figures published last year.

The Revenue Support Grant (RSG) for 2017 to 2020 is unchanged compared to the forecast position, and confirms a further reduction in grant of £37m for 2017/18. By 2019/20 the County Council will no longer receive any RSG from Central Government.

Councils' core reason for being is to deliver local services, not central government cuts.

Local Authorities have all needed to reduce costs and a result of this has seen a massive redundancy programme of employees at the County coupled with reductions and cuts to service provision.

This year's Hampshire County Council Tax will increase by 4.99% and 3% of the rise will be ring fenced and allocated to Social Services. Therefore a Band D Council Tax for County Council services will rise to £1133.10p and at the same time residents will see, many services being reduced or cut altogether.

The failure of the Central

Government's provisional local finance settlement not to find any new funding for social care was hugely disappointing.

The results of less Social Services funding put far more pressure on the NHS. We hear of hospital beds being blocked by older patients who could be cared for, but there is insufficient Social Care finance in order to provide the adequate packages of care.

Council Tax and how we pay for social care both need a major overhaul.

Funding for Adult Social Care;

Last year the Government introduced a social care Council Tax precept of 2% a year for the current Comprehensive Spending Review period 2016 to 2020, no indications have been given thereafter. This year Government has granted local authorities the flexibility to bring forward some of this increase and to raise the precept by up to 3% this year and the year after within the cap of 6% over the next three years to 2020.

Taking up this flexibility would yield, on a one off basis, additional income of £16.6m for the County Council in the next two years to put towards meeting the huge pressures facing adult social care needs.

New Homes Bonus;

The New Homes Bonus is currently paid 80% to District Councils and 20% to County Councils and last year the Government consulted on potential reductions in the level of

grant paid in order to divert resources into adult social care.

The Government has now published its response to the consultation on cuts to the New Homes Bonus. The main changes reduce the number of years for which legacy payments are made and introduce a baseline for housing growth set at an initial level of 0.4% of the council tax base for 2017/18. From 2018 the Government will also consider withholding payments from local authorities that are not planning effectively.

The County Council has received slightly less New Homes Bonus than predicted and this was largely but not wholly allocated to fund highways works under the Operation Resilience Programme.

This has been extended, but the changes in funding announced do not impact on this previously agreed investment..

Hampshire County Council manages 3000 miles of footpaths, Bridleways, Rights of Way and cycleway as well as having five beautiful Country Parks. There is something for everyone to enjoy in Hampshire's beautiful and diverse countryside.

My County division borders Eastleigh and there is a new recycling centre that opened towards the end of 2016. It is located off Chestnut Avenue at Stoney Croft Rise, Chandlers Ford, SO53 3YU.

Last year charges were introduced at waste & recycling centres but this is being legally challenged. However I fear introducing charges and shorter

opening times will cause a further escalation in Fly Tipping.

Despite the strong business case for a single county authority in the Deloitte report. This did not gain public support. In respect of the review of local government the County Council's position for the immediate future is to maintain our historic support for the current two tier arrangements for county & districts, and to seek opportunities too enhance the system, including a greater role, where desired, for Town & Parish Councils.

In the meantime the Government, preoccupied as it is with Brexit and other domestic challenges, has yet to set any clear direction on its view about devolution.

Last year there were a number of enjoyable moments for me. I attended the official opening of the Braishfield Village Pantry Shop and Café and have visited many times since to hear that it is a thriving facility for residents. I also really enjoyed the Braishfield Christmas Tree Festival at the All Saints Church and was impressed with the standard of displays. What a lovely way for the community to celebrate the festive season.

I always enjoy the North Baddesley over 60's Christmas lunch and this year was no exception. It was enjoyed by everyone who attended, so it is a pleasure to be able to financially fund this event. In Chandlers Ford I was invited to attend the Happy Bunch over seventies club after supporting them with a large grant so that entertainment & activities

can be provided to prevent many from feeling isolated..

Along with Primary School children from Valley Park, I attended the Test Valley in Bloom ceremony and jointly accepted two Gold Awards for the Valley Park Parish Council and for the community floral displays. The children help each year with planting spring bulbs along the verges around Valley Park. After gaining business sponsorship it is my intention to carry out a planting scheme of 4000 daffodils on Botley Road, North Baddesley next Autumn. Matt Le

Tissier has kindly offered to come and assist. I hope both the Junior and Infant school will be able to provide children to do the planting next Autumn.

Volunteering at the Knightwood Youth Club, running the football slot on Friday evenings and being amongst young people helps keeps me active and fit. They are our future and those teenage years are when they can need the most support.

Alan Dowden

SINGING FOR HAMPSHIRE HOSPICES - or join the audience!

Have you always wanted to sing Handel's Messiah with soloists and an orchestra? Here's your chance with the Voices for Hospices Choir, without auditions (no one will mind if you sing a wrong note!), at Eastleigh Football Club's Silverlake Stadium on Sunday 15 October. This is a Massed Come & Sing from which all proceeds will go to the following Hampshire Hospices - Countess Mountbatten, Naomi House & Jacksplace, Oakhaven, Rowans and St Michael's. If you have never done something like this before but enjoy singing, even if just in the bath, come and join in the fun for a very worthy cause. I am sure you will have heard many of the songs before. Chris is taking part as a first time choir member, having sat through many concerts and helping while we were on tour, and agreed to be filmed by That's Solent TV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ6Zm9RCnFY#action=share> talking about the Event! His next appearance will be on youtube shortly! This will see him finding out from John Sutton, the musical director, that he is a baritone (halfway between a bass and a tenor) and he survived the session very well!!!

Two years ago, at Kempton Park, we sang The Armed Man with the composer, Sir Karl Jenkins, with us for the day and raised £25,000 for hospices. John & Jen Sutton are hoping to have 1,000 people singing and to raise even more money this year. The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, will be with us to lend his support and, of course, we also need an audience.

Do come and support this wonderful event.

All details can be found on: www.vfhchoir.com

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Meryl Balchin



SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Open Day for Churches & Chapels in Hampshire & the Isle of Wight

SUPPORT OUR HERITAGE

Join us for a sponsored cycle ride or walk or travel by car, mobility scooter, run or jog; or any other way to raise sponsorship.

Discover your local heritage, explore your county and enjoy a warm welcome along the way. Heritage Open Days also happen that weekend, 8-11 September and some churches will be part of that too.

Visit beautiful churches to help raise funds for fabric repairs. Churches open for R+S are listed on the Trust's website (see details below).

83% of people love visit our country's churches and wish them to be retained as part of our heritage & culture, however, this can only happen if the whole community help to contribute towards their fabric upkeep. There are some amazing treasures to be discovered within our churches.

Up to 400 churches will be open and we hope to raise up to £60,000. Half the sponsorship money raised will come back to the nominated church or it can all come to the Trust!

Braishfield raised £400 in sponsorship last year which was wonderful and our grateful thanks to all who sponsored us.

Meryl will be cycling for All Saints' Church - a sponsorship form will be left in the church if you would like to add your name - and Chris will be cycling for the United Reformed Church. Please contact Shirley Smith on 368447 if you would like to sponsor him.

The Parish Rep for Ride & Stride is Maggie Brooks, 523928.

Join Chris and I or do your own thing NB younger bikers!!! Details of churches open are on the Trust's website: www.hihct.org.uk/rideStride.php

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Eusebius Quartet returns to Braishfield

Saturday 8th July saw the second visit of the highly talented Eusebius Quartet to the Church Room for a glorious programme of music for a summer evening. These exciting young musicians were at the start of this professional partnership when they played for us in 2015 and since then their careers have blossomed. They have played at numerous venues including St James' Piccadilly, the Foundling Museum, Blackheath Halls and Marden House. This summer they were resident string quartet at the Lewes Chamber Music Festival and FitzFest, Fitzrovia's newest music festival. They were also chosen as quartet-in-residence at the Wye Valley chamber music festival earlier this year and have played live on BBC Radio 3.

The players of the Eusebius Quartet are violinists Beatrice Philips and Venetia Jollands, violist Hannah Stribos and cellist Hannah Stone. Together and individually, they enjoy versatile careers performing as chamber musicians, soloists and orchestral players as well as teaching.

For Braishfield they played a varied and balanced programme. They started with Mozart's Quartet No 23 in F major K590 which demonstrated the musicians' lightness of touch and warm tone, as well as a strongly energetic pulse. They followed this with the Quartet No 3 by Bela Bartok, a short, terse and powerful piece that formed a

complete and compelling contrast. The work uses every imaginable string technique to create an exotic and sometimes menacing sound-world. The Eusebius's playing had total conviction and authority. They have recently made a recording of the piece and they clearly have it in their blood.

After a short break the Quartet finished their concert with Schumann's sunny Third Quartet in A major. On their previous visit they had played Schumann's Quartet No 1; this, his last last quartet, is a complete contrast. It has a wonderful poetic energy and is a love-letter to his wife Clara. It ranges from passages of serene beauty to a breakneck rhythmic finale.

The players gave us performances of all three works of great poise and panache, and above all the enjoyment that they bring to their music-making is a joy to experience. We were very privileged to have them back to play for us.

After the concert the audience had a chance to chat to each other and to the musicians over refreshments and a glass of wine: a sociable rounding-off to a delightful musical evening.

This concert was the eighth in an occasional series that is held under the auspices of BMADS. Each one has been made possible thanks to the energy and organisation of Wendy and Peter Quarendon who have worked tirelessly to make them happen. This particular concert was *(see next page)*

presented as part of the Romsey Festival 2017.

It is hoped to be able to continue these evenings, provided the costs can be covered. Future concerts are most likely to be held in the spring and late autumn. Work is

underway to plan the next concert in the spring of 2018, featuring a string trio arrangement of Bach's Goldberg Variations. More details will be advised in due course.

Richard Groves

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

The ladies from Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society produced 15 stunning arrangements as part of the Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show on Saturday 15th July. Sadly the lady who was booked to come and judge the entries was taken ill at the last minute. However, unbelievably Michael Bowyer who is a NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) International and National Judge, and happens to live in Salisbury, very kindly stepped in at very short notice.

As the arrangements began to arrive the rumour went round that none other than the 'Michael Bowyer' would be coming to judge. At first everyone thought this must be a joke but it soon became apparent that it wasn't and panic duly set in!!!

It really was an unexpected pleasure to have Michael attend and although we are only a small club compared to many in NAFAS, we do have enthusiasm for 'having a go' at exhibiting at the annual flower show. Unlike the judging for the horticultural section, it's tradition with a NAFAS judge that they comment on each arrangement in some detail. Michael went to a great deal of trouble to give some very positive and helpful comments which were much appreciated. The photo shows Hazel Prince with her Pedestal Arrangement which won 'Best Flower Arrangement in the Show'.

Carole Renvoize



3rd Romsey Scouts

May 23rd 2017



A fantastic Quiz Night was held by 3rd Romsey Scouts at the Dr Peter Centre, Romsey, to raise funds towards a new store tent for camp. Thank you to all the teams all for coming last night. It was enjoyed by all, especially team 'Ken Dodd's Dad's Dog's Dead' who managed to take the day.

A huge thank you to Nick and Jess Grout for the compilation of a great quiz with challenging questions, including a round on Scouting. James Lafeaty again did us proud with the decoration of the hall and, yes, the gold lame got another outing! Finally to Julia Shaw for all her hard work in bringing everything together and chasing up some brilliant prizes from Waitrose, No 1 Beauty Studio, Poppies, Hundred Records, Kit & Caboodle, Topsy Pig, Kimbridge Farm Shop and Mole Countrystores - your generous support is most appreciated.

We raised just short of £300.00 for the Group.

Well done to everyone.

Julia Gilbert, Group Chair



All Saints' Braishfield

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 10th September 9.30am - Cafe Style Morning
Prayer in the Church Room

Sunday 17th Sept 6.00pm - Choral Evensong with
choirs from Copythorne and Chandler's Ford:

Organist: Hugh Benham

Conductor: Steve James

Choir Music:

Wood Occuli Omnium

Gibson Responses

Wood in D Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis

Wood O Thou the Central Orb

Hymns:

Trumpet of God sound high

Be Thou my guardian and my guide

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

Everyone is very welcome!



All SAINTS' Festival of Flowers

Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October. More details – see p 22 & 23

Saturday 30th September 7.00pm - Harvest Supper

Sunday 1st October 9.30am - Harvest Festival

Saturday 4th November 9.30am - Churchyard Working Party

Sunday 5th November 10.30am - All Saints celebration

Sunday 12th November 10.50am - Remembrance Service starting
at the War Memorial

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

Don't forget to complete the survey form enclosed with the News.

See page 12. We value your views.

More information?

Please contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109

JUMBULANCE

making travel possible

The local Jumbulance group have just had 8 days in Devon, staying in a lovely accessible hotel (The Babbacombe Hotel) on the seafront at Babbacombe, with good weather everyday bar one.

We visited Paignton Zoo, The Eden Project in Cornwall, Torquay/ Cockington Village, a quiet day in Babbacombe with an evening theatre trip , Dartmoor and Buckfast Abbey and the steam railway and ferry to Dartmouth. Each night we had different entertainment and dancing and have all come home tired but happy.

In September we are going on pilgrimage to Lourdes, S.W.France, in October to Windemere and in November a short break to Blackpool. All these trips are now full but people do drop out and we are always looking for volunteers for next year.

Hope to see you at the Open Garden Tea Party

All enquiries to Chris Chisholm

Nurse Group leader

01794 368120 or cookchriss@aol.com.

OPEN GARDEN and TEA PARTY

with the Braishfield Bums Ukulele Band
To raise funds for the NEW Jumbulance

Saturday 5th August 2017
3pm

at Oakfield, Farley Chamberlayne, Romsey, Hants, SO51 0QR

Homemade Cakes and Cream Teas, Raffle, Bring and Buy, Cakes & Jams,
Book and Toy stalls

Children and well behaved dogs on leads welcome ... Gypsy caravan,
woodland play house, a walled potager and lots of space with garden toys
.....Teas and Stalls in the Barn if it is wet

RSVP for catering purposes
01794 368120 or cookchriss@aol.com

JUMBULANCE TRUST (Charity No 1090731)

Come and enjoy Jazz and a Cream Tea

St John's Church, Farley Chamberlayne SO51 0QR

Sunday 3rd September 2017

3 30pm to 5 30pm

Cream teas in a marquee Jazz band playing
Enjoy the church decorated for a wedding
6pm Informal Evening Service, with jazz
accompaniment

Fundraising for repairs to the Church Tower
Look out for posters with further details



All Saints' Festival of Flowers

A Festival of Flowers will take place in All Saints' Church, Braishfield from Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October 2017 from 10.30am to 4.30pm each day with refreshments being served.

The Festival will include a Harvest Supper on Saturday 30th September when those attending the supper can enjoy seeing the flowers in the church, whilst enjoying a festive drink, before supper and music by BUMS (Braishfield Ukulele Music Society) in the Church Room at 7.00pm. Tickets £10.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday 1st October at 9.30am for worship and an opportunity to see the beautiful floral displays.

What's different about this Flower Festival?

This idea grew following a visit to All Saints' Church, Freshwater - the church we visit on our annual outing to the Isle of Wight where they had a Flower Festival with arrangements depicting different Saints. We thought that we might try this idea and build on the success of the Christmas Tree Festival, by inviting individuals, clubs and organisations to contribute a flower arrangement linked to a particular saint, so filling the church with flowers. There are lots of Saints to choose from. Harvest seemed a good time of year to celebrate the beauty of nature. We will give thanks at our Harvest Thanksgiving service for all of God's creation, and especially His provision of food and will do so surrounded by beautiful flowers arranged by people from across our community and alongside our talented church flower arrangers.

If you, your club/association would like to choose a Saint and arrange flowers symbolising your link to that Saint, please email me:

jane.bennett76@btinternet.com or phone me on 01794 368109 to discuss and register your interest by 31st August.

Entrance to the Festival of Flowers will be £3 (children free) and will include a ticket with a chance of winning a Harvest hamper.

The collection at the Harvest thanksgiving service will be for All Saints Church. The proceeds from the Festival of Flowers and Supper will be shared between All Saints Church and a charity. If you would like to suggest a charity who could benefit, please let me know so the PCC can agree the charity to support at their next meeting.

Jane Bennett All Saints' Church, Braishfield

PCC Secretary



All SAINTS Festival of Flowers

29TH, 30TH SEPTEMBER AND 1ST OCTOBER
2017

10.30AM – 4.30PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BRAISHFIELD

Entrance £3 (children free) to include a ticket for the Harvest hamper draw.

Refreshments available.

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Braishfield Blooms Again - Annual Flower Show

The annual Flower Show in Braishfield recorded many new entries and winners. In the morning, the hall was busy with people arranging their produce, followed by careful professional judging. The new Chairman, Fran Clifton led by example, gaining highest points for plants, fruit and vegetables.

Photos starting on opposite page show clockwise from top left:

John Chapman was the soft fruit champion; once again, Graham Bennett took the prize for the best in the Culinary section with his strawberry cheesecake. Carol Renvoize's beautiful bunch of flowers took the prize for the best in horticultural entries. and Hazel Prince was the flower arranging queen. *(photo on page 18)*

The children's section was well represented with many 'miniature gardens on a plate' and a host of imaginary 'dens in a shoe box'.

Outside the show hall, visitors indulged in luscious cakes and tea, bought plants from the flower stall or watched the Hampshire Woodturners led by David Gibbard. *(picture top of next column)*

The whole event was beautifully organised by Margaret O'Keefe, who will be standing down after eleven years.

A hard act to follow!

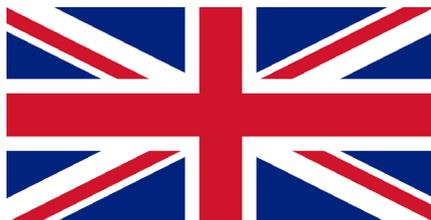
Viv Robinson







The Colonel and Commander prepare to hoist on Armed Forces Day, Saturday 24th June.



Hula Hoop Challenge

Guinness World Hula Hoop Record hits Broadlands after been created by Braishfield Ladies! As a Counsellor I have been in the privileged and special position of working with clients who have been affected by cancer and bereavement. Sitting with people in their most difficult days has been an honour that is only given to a few and I have been acutely aware of the importance of the role that I am trusted with.

After studying personal fitness to help with my client's wellbeing, I was persuaded by Kate Marshall to take on the Zumba class at Braishfield

Social Club, I'm sure the delicious coffee and cake from the Braishfield Pantry swayed my decision! In fact the class was so much fun and a real hoot that 'Hula Hunnies' were born. Hula Hooping gives people a sense of accomplishment, discipline to practise and an ability to set and achieve realistic goals. By learning a new skill, people feel empowered and confidence increases. On top of that, Canada's University of Waterloo Spine Biomechanics Laboratory has now confirmed that regular Power hooping causes the waist to shrink; one interpretation is that the visceral fat that is located

deep in the abdomen decreases. So from hooping to charity! Hula Hunnies supports local charities by raising awareness and funds by 'Hooping 4 Happiness.' This year we have already supported Haven Breast Cancer, Where there's a Will, Mencap, Cancer Research, Wessex Cancer Trust and Jane Scarth House.

Our biggest challenge yet is to hold a Guinness World Record attempt at Broadlands on Sunday 15 October for Macmillan Cancer Support for 500 people! You may soon see our beautiful posters designed by local artist Jenny Maizels around the village.

I have seen the work that Macmillan does first hand after working at the QA hospital with the amazing Macmillan staff. Clients were able to access many different therapies all free of charge, such as counselling, yoga, specialist bra and wig fitters, Nordic walking, massage, nutrition, information on equipment and grants. This can make an incredible difference to clients who often come

back into the centre with words of appreciation and thanks.

CAN'T HOOP – DON'T WORRY – A Taster Class in September will be your chance to try! with FUNDS directly going to Southampton Talking Echo, for people with sight loss.

Please come and be a Hula Hunnie or Hula Hunk on **Sunday 15 October** in aid of Macmillan Cancer and win a Guinness World Record!

Dottie, Rachel, Kate, Sally, Gemma, Jude, Dorothy, Debbie, Fleur, Kerry, Sarah and Kathleen.

Newsflash: Race for Life 09/07/2017 we raised over £1000 – Well Done Hunnies!!!

WANTED - MORE HOOPS

We hope to attract up to 500 people at the Broadlands event, all of whom will require hoops! We think we can get hold of about half: the rest will have to be made or purchased. As it is a charity event, aiming to keep costs low is a priority. Are there

any businesses or individuals out there who might be prepared to sponsor the cost of the remaining hoops?

Please contact Dottie or Kate:
Dottiewoods@aol.com
07791 492223
kate.marshall@quarendon.net.

Thank you



Braishfield/Winchester Road Traffic Lights - update

Proposed works:
 The Parish Council has checked again with HCC on any progress being made on the proposed Traffic Lights and below is the latest news.

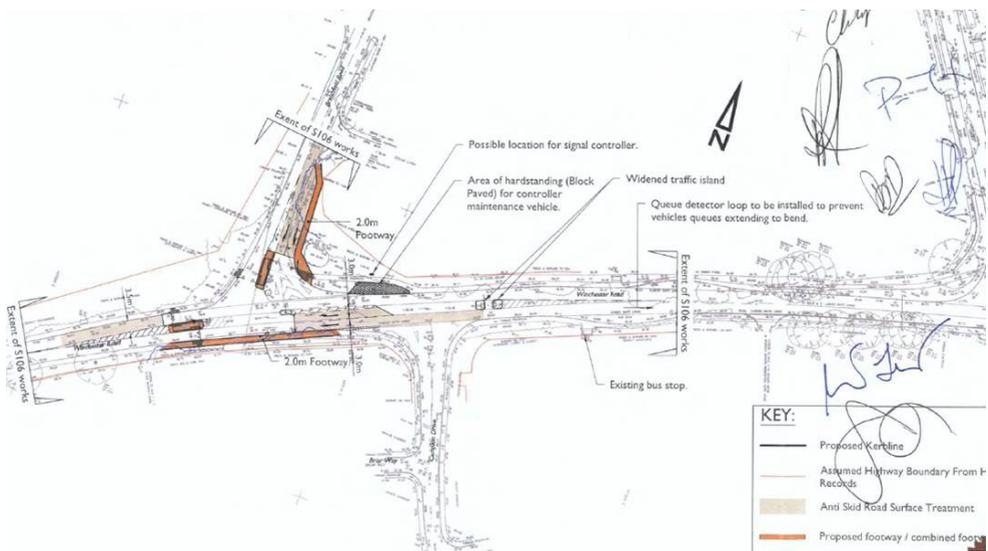
"Preliminary design of the alternative to address the issues encountered at this junction is now agreed and we are awaiting a submission from the developer of the detailed design for checking, this is expected imminently.

I have also instructed HCC Legal Team to draft the required agreement for the developer to carry out the works on the highway and this draft has been sent to the developer for review. Following completion of the legal agreement and detailed design check exact timings of when the

works will take place will be agreed. Please rest assured I am putting pressure on the developer and also the relevant HCC departments to expedite delivery. I will provide a further update on a start date for the works once detailed design is complete.

The design is similar to the original approved in the S106 Agreement (copied below) but with a slightly extended left turn lane on Braishfield Road".

Richard Brazier



Trafalgar Night Dinner

The BVA will be holding a Trafalgar Night dinner in the Village Hall
on Trafalgar Day
Saturday, 21 October.

It will be a semiformal event with a three-course sit-down meal, wine and port. BMADS will entertain us with short presentations on life in the Navy in



1805, Nelson's life, his complex character, and as a leader of men.

There will be a short after dinner speech on the battle of Trafalgar itself.

It will be we hope a most enjoyable entertaining and educational evening.

Places will of course be limited and tickets will be on sale from Sheila Still
and other outlets from 1st September.

Details to follow

21st October 2017
Hold the Date

The Farley Walk - Ireland May/June 2017

St John's Church, Farley Chamberlayne, Sponsored Walk

It is Tuesday night 23rd May and Bruce and I are sitting in the airport lounge in Auckland contemplating the journey ahead. Twenty-six hours in an aeroplane and half way round the world to do what? To go walking in Ireland! It is more than just a walk. It is a time to see a part of the world we relate to and to meet old friends in a relaxing way. It is now eleven years since we went on our first "Chisholm Walk", in 2006, from Lichfield to Ripon or St Chad to St Wilfred. We have come to love the English countryside and the ease of walking in it; far from the cities and to places not usually seen by tourists. On Saturday 27th May we flew from Eastleigh to Dublin. By the time we landed there was misty rain to welcome us to the Emerald Isle. Now we know why it is so green. We saw plenty of mist and rain during the week but it was not enough to cool our enthusiasm. A coach drive south took us to the town of Borris in Co Carlow. Most of us braved the weather to walk into the town along the banks of the River Barrow but several explored Borris instead and marvelled at the engineering feat of a disused railway viaduct with 16 arches.

The walks have been likened to pilgrimages so attending church on Sunday is an important feature. This Sunday having the communion service in our own chapel, the private chapel in Borris House, was

special indeed. The Very Reverend Thomas Gordon, Dean of Leighlin Cathedral, was enthusiastic and gave a stirring sermon to send us off on our walk, down the hill to follow the Barrow River south. We stopped for lunch near the bridge over the river at Graiguenamanagh, (village of the monks). Our first encounter was with a statue made in China that looked more like a warrior from Xian than a monk from Ireland. Chris Chisholm had found the Boats café that offered excellent sandwiches and we were genuinely spoilt over the next three days with her yummy lunches. Then over the bridge to Duiske Abbey -now a working parish church but once a Cistercian Abbey. Here we were introduced to St Moling, by a life sized statue of the saint. We walked on down the river to the ruins of the abbey he founded in the early 7th century and learnt about the monastery, St James's cell and the high cross. That night we had an evening of live music at Michael O'Shea's Irish Pub.

Monday was a big day for everyone. The "robust" walkers set off early to climb Mt Slievebawn but the cloud and misty rain obscured the spectacular views promised. The rest joined us at morning tea time, and all walked along a hilltop ridge then through a forest on to the Blackstairs range. Late in the afternoon the clouds lifted and we saw the Barrow River valley to the south.

Then it was a tour of Borris House before dinner; An Irish Country house with slightly faded grandeur but the owner, Mr Morgan Kavanagh,



is working on it. One enters through the front door into a rotunda with surrounding pillars. Ten at a time we went up a hanging stone staircase to a library full of old books. Why ten at a time? Was the staircase at risk of collapse? As well as books and a family genealogy were examples of the famed Borris lace. Started at the time of the potato famine the mistress of the house got the local women to make the lace to help put food on their tables.

Next day the “robust” group left first to go up a steep hill from the Church at Moyle; the start of the Wicklow Way. This group made short work of the 21 kilometres walked while the second group that started out further along. The day was fine, the sun was shining and we stripped off to our shirts. There were more up

hills, and the down hills were short. It rained again and the macs came out as we stood and ate our lunches before walking on. Glenmalure

Lodge, our home for two nights, is truly a lodge for walkers on the Wicklow Way, as there is no village to speak of nearby. It is quite old but quaint and is owned by an Irishman whose wife is a Kiwi from Invercargill.

On Wednesday the weather closed in again with low clouds and misty rain. There were two options; the

hilltop walkers saw only cloud along more of the Wicklow Way. For the rest the walk around Upper Lake at Glendalough led to the ruins of the lead mines. After lunch we walked up beside the Poulanass waterfall and caught up with the others as they descended. Glendalough means two lakes. It is situated in a valley surrounded by high hills. At last the cloud lifted to reveal magnificent tree-covered valley sides, remarkably steep in all shades of green. The monastery, now in ruins, was founded by St Kevin in the 6th century. It remains a remarkably well preserved site, illustrating how the early Celtic Christians lived, including a round tower, a cathedral, a priest’s house, and St Kevin’s Church also called his kitchen.

June 1st, half the walk gone, and

another wet day in Ireland but not just mist and clouds but heavy rain all day. The day for St Kevin's Way. We walked up through pine forests and over a boardwalk, which covered the boggy places. Lunch in the rain at Wicklow Gap, the highest point. The main group came down at a good pace to our new hotel in Laragh where a buffet meal cheered us all at the finish of a cold wet day. Friday dawned fine but colder and we could see the beautiful views over the mountains and valleys. The hills were rugged, steep, and covered in pine forest or a mix of rowan and hawthorn, with a few large oaks. The striking thing was the gorse, covered in masses of bright yellow flowers, everywhere. At afternoon tea time, having reached Lough Tay, most of us left on the bus for the hotel but seven walked on over Mount Djouce. Two hours more of hard walking and two kilometres of it on boardwalk while those on the bus sat back and had pointed out to them the Guinness estate in the valley near Lough Tay.

Saturday, and we all felt a little sad as we packed and took the coach to walk the last part of the Wicklow Way. A steady uphill climb for three quarters of an hour, in pleasantly warm weather, and with great views of the mountains and out to the sea. Then round a corner and there was Dublin with the city spread out below us. We had a good lunch at the highest pub in Ireland, Johnnie Fox's, before boarding the bus down into Dublin.

It was back to student days at Trinity College, in the centre of the city, with basic accommodation but in superb surroundings and with a fine dinner in the impressive Dining Hall. The cobbled courtyards of Trinity College are surrounded by solid inspiring Georgian stone buildings and there is a feeling of solidity and permanence. Not least when we visited the old library on Sunday morning to view the Book of Kells and also the book of St Moling. It put life into the saint who had first presented to us as a stone effigy. Hard to believe that someone living in a monastery like Glendalough wrote such books centuries ago and that St Moling perhaps used his book in daily worship. Before us, these books were preserved in all their glorious colours. They add to the mystery that surrounds the early Celtic church, and they add another piece to the many wonderful pilgrimages organised by Iain over many years.

And so, all great things come to an end. Some attended a moving sung Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral while others took an open top bus tour of the city before the return flight to Southampton.

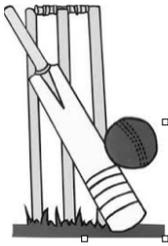
Our heartfelt thanks go to Iain for his inspired and meticulous organisation yet again. It was very sad he couldn't be with us (he was rushed to hospital just a few days before the walk began) and we missed him immensely. Thankfully he is now back to full health. What would we do without Chris, her car,

folding table, hot water urns, and her band of willing helpers, always there providing the lunches and morning and afternoon tea? It is not easy to persuade busy café and shop owners to provide for unseen walkers but somehow Chris succeeds. Many thanks also to Meryl and Chris Balchin and to John

Edwards for their superb leadership throughout the week. We had a hire car, driven when needed either by Peter White or Margaret Wright and our thanks go to them too.

from an account by
Wendy Hadden

A Future Date for next Spring



SAVE the DATE

“Sporting Memories”

on Friday 23rd March 2018

in Braishfield Village Hall

raising funds for the Village Hall

More details will follow soon!



Braishfield Primary School

It is time for me to wish you all well for the Summer Holidays. While most have the impression that the final weeks of school before the summer are all about winding down this could not be further from the truth. In fact, the staff and pupils here at Braishfield Primary School are busier than ever, though by the time you read this I hope that all those in the school community are enjoying a well-earned rest – and with luck, glorious weather too.

Events of particular significance since I last wrote involve the spectacular achievement of our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils: Year 5 and 6 pupils recently staged a dazzling

performance of Calamity Jane in the social club which was enjoyed by many parents and fellow pupils. In addition, we were incredibly proud of the huge achievement of our Year 6 pupils in the Key Stage 2 SATs. In all subjects a minimum of 80%, in some areas 100%, of the pupils achieved the expected standard or above.

This tremendous achievement by our hardworking pupils and staff is a real cause for celebration within the school community and I am exceptionally proud to share this achievement with the wider village community. The Year 6 pupils and the whole school staff are to be

congratulated for these fantastic outcomes for our children.

Our annual Summer Fayre and Family Camping events both took place on the village recreation ground during July. Both events were well attended and have raised a great sum which will go toward enriching the education of pupils at Braishfield Primary School. A huge thank you to the members of the BSA for organising these successful events. Our BSA operates with a small core group who work tremendously hard and I wish these parents a well-deserved and restful summer break. Looking forward to September there is change on the horizon: Mrs Rhodes will join the school as Headteacher and Miss White joins as the Year 5/6 teacher. Both have been into school to meet pupils, parents and staff and I know they are going to complement and build upon the great work already going on at school.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Blackwell. As High Level Teaching Assistant, there are many roles and duties Mrs Blackwell undertakes for Braishfield Primary School and her departure is a huge loss for the school. Mrs Blackwell has been vital in providing support for pupils with additional needs, and on their behalf I would like you to help me thank her for the last four years of dedicated support. Mrs Blackwell now aims to have more time with her children and grandchild, but will hopefully return to help in school on occasion.

The final goodbye is from me to you all. Braishfield Primary School has been an enormous part of my life for nearly seven years and after saying farewell last year to a special cohort I had taught for four years it feels fitting to depart at almost the same time as them; I am immensely proud to have acted as headteacher for them and played some small part in all they have achieved this year in their Key Stage 2 SATs. It has been wonderful these last two terms to work across the school with all our fantastic pupils and I wish each and every one of them the very best for the future. During my time at Braishfield Primary School I have worked with some tremendous staff members and the school has been supported by an amazing group of parents. Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff I have worked with, both past and present, for the unforgettable memories you have helped me to make.

The school I leave behind is in a fantastic position and, having worked closely with Mrs Rhodes over the past few weeks, is in very capable hands in September. I am certain Braishfield Primary School will continue to go from strength to strength under her leadership and know that she will be well supported by the whole school community.

Mr Stuart
Acting Headteacher

June Thomson 1930-2017 - Eulogy by her family

June was born in Cupernham in June 1930, the first born to Bert and Lilly Proom. She started school in Romsey but when still quite young, she and the family moved to Braishfield and settled in one of the Pond Cottages. It was during their time there that the Braishfield House fire occurred, something that June never forgot and caused her to have a fear of fire for the rest of her life.

Following the passing of June's grandparents, the family moved into Fairbourne Place. This little cottage has now been continually occupied by members of the Old family for around one hundred and six years.

June left school at the age of fourteen and began her first job with the Romsey and Stockbridge District Council where she soon became a valuable member of staff having mastered the art of short hand typing at quite an early age. However, as often happens, changes were taking place and June left to take up employment with Reconstruction Supplies, a subsidiary of the Reed and Mallik Group in Cupernham Lane, again as a shorthand typist. She soon made her mark and became a very popular member of staff.

It was during the 1950's that June married for the first time, but alas, the marriage only lasted for six years and she returned home to live with her mother. During the years that followed June was frequently seen exercising her DIY skills climbing ladders, patching and painting the

old cottage, gardening, and carrying out maintenance on her car.

This job came to an end and June took up employment with HCC then moved on to TVDC, working in the Planning Department until retiring in 1992.

June lived life to the full. She enjoyed dancing and travelling abroad with friends and always supporting the Village events. It was as a result of a chance meeting in 1994 that June met up with Bob with whom she fell in love and they married in October of that year. Then began what she often said was the happiest time of her life. Their partnership was a life of ballroom dancing and socialising with the Port Of Southampton Club and the Hampshire League of Wine Makers. Bob was a wine maker. Fancy dress occasions were also on the agenda; they once took first prize parading as Lady Chatterley and the Gamekeeper.

Sadly in 2012 June was diagnosed with a problem and from then on her health began to slowly deteriorate. She continued to enjoy life and would always be seen with that cheeky smile on her face. However during the past year life became difficult. June passed away on April 8th 2017 at home which she loved and where she wanted to be, with Bob and her sister Janet by her side. Wherever June may now be, you can be sure that she will be watching to see that Bob is caring for the cats. June will be missed by many but never forgotten.

VILLAGE LUNCH DATES for 2017

NO LUNCH IN AUGUST

MONDAY September 11th

MONDAY October 9th

MONDAY November 13th

MONDAY December 11th Christmas lunch



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**BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
SOCIETY**

2017 PROGRAMME

August No Meeting

Sept 28th Ann Maree Dicker 'A Natural Harvest'

Oct 26th Sue O'Brian 'Seasonal Bounties'

Novr 23rd OPEN EVENING Angela Turner 'All is Calm, All is Bright'

All meetings are in the Church Room at 7.30pm except October which will be in the Social Club at 7-30 p.m. November meeting at the village hall

For further information contact Chairman

Maggie Batchelor on 01794 368125 or Eileen Norman on 02380 731162





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Wednesday Nights	- Keep Fit 6.30pm
Thursday Nights	- Table Tennis
Friday Nights	- Quiz every fortnight
Saturday Nights	- Meat Draw
Sunday Nights	- Bingo

We also have Pigeon Club, Dart and Crib Teams, Pool Team always looking for new members

Snooker Room and Skittle Alley available to Non-Members

Regular Events

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

Future Events

Everybody welcome

Live Music Night, 'Loaded Dice'	5th August 2017
Classic Car Show	8th October 2017

Please see Club Notices for more details

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

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If in doubt, have a look at our recycling guide www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingguide

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Rubbish News

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

Recycle weeks beginning: 7th & 21st August: 4th & 18th Sept.



Household waste weeks beginning: 14th & 28th August:
11th & 25th Sept.

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

NB. Bank Holiday week (28th August) will be collected a day later than normal

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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	5 Sept 	3 Oct 	7 Nov 
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.15	2 nd Mon excl. August	11 Sept	9 Oct	13 Nov
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 nd Tues excl. June/July/Aug	12 Sept	10 Oct	14 Nov
Flower Society 	Church Room	7.30	4 th Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	28 Sept	26 Oct	23 Nov
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4	4 th Mon	21 August	25 Sept	23 Oct
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
Jazz and Cream Tea	St John's Farley	Sunday 3rd Sept 3.30-5.30pm	see page 22
Ride and Stride	Hampshire countryside	Saturday 9th September	see page 16
All Saints' Harvest Festival	All Saints' and Church Room	Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October	see page 23
Singing for Hospices	Eastleigh Football Club	Sunday 15th October 10am start	see page 15
Hula Hoop challenge	Broadlands	Sunday 15th October	see page 26

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