



# ***BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS***

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HMS VICTORY, under the command of Lord Nelson, leads the Mediterranean Fleet into the decisive manoeuvre of 'cutting the line' at the Battle of Trafalgar .

**(Tickets still available - see page 10)**

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## From the Chairman

**N**ow it's official!

We need three signs to tell us how to go around a roundabout!!

We have received an answer to our request to reduce the signage on the Sandy lane roundabout and have been told that it is a regulatory requirement that the signage remains as it is but on the credit side Meryl Balchin has had some success in persuading HCC to fix the badly finished road surface near the Square.

Clearly Summer is over, but on the bright side we now look forward to our programme of autumn and winter events.

At the time of writing tickets for the Trafalgar dinner are selling fast. With BMADS involvement it promises to be a most enjoyable event. BMADS will also be putting on their annual production which this year will be on the 16th 17th and 18th of November. We are so lucky in this village to have the talent available to plan and put on the range of plays that we have enjoyed over recent years. This will be the 34th year they have put on a play and I am sure it will be as memorable as previous occasions. Book early!

We are making progress, painfully slow progress on improving broadband and mobile phone

coverage in the village. We understand that Vodafone intend to put up a mast to the south of the village which will give us coverage and that there is no need for a mast in the village.

Time will tell but If that is true that is great news.

I have raised the issue of broadband with our MP Caroline Nokes. She was already aware of the problem and had raised the issue of poor rural coverage with Matt Hancock, the Minister for Digital.

Sadly, I think that many in the government are convinced by their own PR that UK is a world leader in broadband provision.

In Hampshire, rural coverage is invariably poor and often, non-existent, but Caroline needs real data to argue our case. I have promised her that we will give her a brief on the position in Braishfield. So please if your broadband speeds are below 10 MPS then please tell Chris Balchin. The government tells us that it is committed to providing as near 100% coverage as is possible.

Let us hold them to it.

## From the Editor

I have no specific target for this editorial, other than to highlight the mighty event of Trafalgar Night on October 21st, about to be celebrated by many in the Village Hall. I am extraordinarily proud of the seagoing achievements of my Service over the years, as I am equally of both the Army and RAF. In a profound way, I feel that much of what holds the nation together is based on good 'military' discipline.

On that score we, the BVA, joined by BMADS, are putting on a suitably nautical evening to remember the Battle of Trafalgar. This will be a 'reactive' event, so be prepared to 'fire at will'. That's enough PR for the Admiral! but do buy your tickets if you have not already done so.

A resounding clap of the hands for the success of our village Pantry at the Test Valley business awards for not just being one of the finalists, from 172 entries and selected from

37 businesses in the category, but for winning!! To the team who run everything and to the volunteers alike, this is a wonderful accolade for Braishfield.

I must mention the appalling overdevelopment around the outskirts of Braishfield, with the consequential, and exponential, increase in traffic/noise/danger etc – but what's the point? Let's face it, TVBC and any organisation above or below them, simply obey the last order from the Government – 'build and be damned'.

So we all shrug our collective shoulders and retreat sadly into the woods behind us (if they haven't been cut down for new development).

OR DO WE?

Opinions, please. With your individual permission, I will willingly print them!

### BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

August being August, we skipped doing the draw that month, and held two at the village lunch in early September. The winners were Victoria Dunn and Sheila and Ted Still, and they've received their winners' cheques. We gave donations to All Saints' Church and the initiative spearheaded by Dottie Woods raising money for the Macmillan Cancer Support people.

Remember that if you are involved in any charity fund raising, we may be able to help with a donation. Just give me a call or e mail me.

And, as ever, we welcome any new members to the Club. It'll cost you £5 per month, and the chance of winning a monthly prize worth over £100.

David Robinson, tel: 368774 or e mail dbr33@john-lewis.com

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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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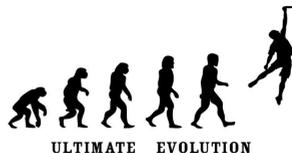
## Notices

### FRISBEE

Winter is drawing in, it's miserable ,cold ,rubbish TV? Join in with local bunch of nutters, chucking a frisbee around , keep fit and play a competitive sport. We will play Sunday Eves on the Romsey School Astro turf 6-8pm . Ages 16-62 ! We would like to thank Romsey School again for the use of the pitch this year.

Just turn up, Email or call for more info/lift.

Tuition, frisbees provided.



Kind Regards  
Malcolm Baker

### BRAISHFIELD BOOK CLUB

Lila By Marilynne Robinson

Lila is a homeless drifter alone after years of roaming the countryside. To shelter from the rain she steps into a small town Iowa church and meets the Rev John Ames. "Two people who feel forsaken find a sanctuary in each other that they can neither express nor trust; their fearful romance is intensely affecting" ( Sarah Churchill 2014 the Guardian)

Lila is the third novel of the Gilead series set in the late 1950s in mid west America. Gilead, Home and Lila

Sue Coleman

### BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

Another enjoyable day for our third outing of the season - this time at Southampton Municipal GC with 10 golfers + the Caddie including Coppock and Balchin for the first time.

Heavy showers interrupted some fine golf but all made it back for the requisite Beers and a Fish and Chip lunch.

Coleman stormed away winning with 41 points with Jennings second on 36 Points and Brazier third on countback from Menzies Wilson and Briggs. Oakley took the "nearest the pin" prize. Our last outing is on 27 October at Hockley and all are welcome.

Richard Brazier; rdbrazier@hotmail.com; 368414

## **Notices cont.**

### SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY 2018

January 28th is a date for your diary for next years party, it will be our 30th so a big celebration will be planned.

At a recent committee meeting it was unanimously agreed that sadly this will be our last party, it is not financial but just a natural end to a wonderful 30 years; none of us are getting any younger and just feel this is the right time to finish. Monies that have not been used will be given to a chosen charity. Please come along and join us for one last time, invitations will be out in December.

Ricky, David and I have been a part of this annual 'do' for all of those years and know how much joy we have brought to past and present villagers, which in return has been a pleasure for us too.

Thank you

Sharon Fielding and Committee

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CHOIR.

Taking part in an activity that has been going on for well over a hundred years in the village, gives one roots and a feeling of belonging. The church choir is such an activity and we would love some new people to join us. We would not expect that you could attend every practice and service – few of us do. We practise on Friday evenings in the church from 7 to 8.15 and sing at the service on Sundays.

Singing is, essentially, fun, and in the context of a church choir, it gives encouragement to people who attend the services, who are then able to enjoy their own singing more and with confidence through being led. There are currently 9 of us in the choir on a very good day, 4 male and 5 female. We don't mind how old or young you are, the only requirement is a willingness to help lead the singing in the services, with enjoyment. Give it a try!

The people to contact for information are Sarah Boothman seboothman@aol.com or Kate Marshall kate.marshall@quarendon

### Braishfield Village Hall

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

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

Tel: 01794 368173

Special Rates for Children's Parties

## Notices cont.

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Some future dates from the church calendar

December 2nd	10.30am -12.30pm	Church Sale
December 19th	7.00 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight

Jim Carter

### FUNDRAISING WEEKEND



making travel possible

Dear Friends and supporters

Better late than never but I promise I have not been idle just busy with grand children. I owe many people an enormous thank you for their help over the Saturday Garden Party - Sunday Lunch Reunion w/e in August when we were raising money for the new Jumbulance ( Sat ) and our local Group (Sun)

Many hands make light work, our gardener and many more people helped collecting and cleaning chairs and tables, crockery and cutlery, preparing gazebos and the big field for car parking., Others donated toys, books and bric a brac, Raffle prizes....so many made cakes and several manned stalls... served teas, lunches and teas again....it is endless and some stayed all w/e and also cleared up afterwards: then there were the "washer uppers" and the put "awayers " who stayed to take down, put away or return all the tables and chairs, crockery etc So many jobs to do quite apart from my neice who cooked the main dishes and Iain who got it ready on Sunday with Wendy Graham so I could be free to socialise.....You all know how you contributed to the success and I can't thank you enough.

And of course thank you to everyone who came and dug deep and gave generously including the BUMS who played and sang for us on Saturday afternoon and added to the wonderful atmosphere.....thank goodness we were again blessed with good weather.

We raised over £4,000 and about £3,200 will go to the new Jumbulance ( plus Gift Aid) the rest, £800 from the raffle and specific donations on Sunday will go to the local group towards next years holidays.

Many thanks  
Chris Chisolm

## **Notices cont.**

### A REMINDER IF YOU WANTED TO SUPPORT THE VOICES FOR HOSPICES EVENT ON SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

Come and support this event at Eastleigh Football Club's Silverlake Stadium.

All proceeds will go to the following Hampshire Hospices - Countess Mountbatten, Naomi House & Jacksplace, Oakhaven, Rowans and St Michael's - which roughly covers the whole of Hampshire.

Come and Sing 'Handel's Messiah' or join the audience.

Doors open at 10am, rehearsal from 11am to 1.30pm,  
performance 2.30-4.30 pm (approx)

There were more details in the August edition of Braishfield Village News  
and on

[www.vfhchoir.com](http://www.vfhchoir.com)

Tickets can be booked online or ask Meryl for details (368427).

### ST JOHN'S CHURCH FARLEY CHAMBERLAYNE 2018 Calendar

To help with the fundraising for the urgent repairs needed on the bell tower, Melanie Legge has put together a beautiful 2018 wall calendar, depicting the church throughout the year.

It retails at £10, with every penny over the printing cost going into the fund. Please think of Christmas presents for friends and family, while supporting our local heritage!

There will be an example to look at in the Pantry.

Available from:

Melanie( 01794 367893 or [Mel.a.legge@gmail.com](mailto:Mel.a.legge@gmail.com));

Harvest Supper on 13 October at Farley; Oasis shop in Romsey;

At the BMADS performances 17 & 18 November, in the village hall.

Limited number so don't leave it too late!

### DATE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS DIARY- DECEMBER 20TH

Father Christmas will be in his grotto on Wednesday 20th December in the Village Hall!!

Braishfield Village Christmas Sing-a-Long from 5pm - 6.30pm

Christmas singing to the accompaniment of the BUMS.

Mulled wine, mince pies - more details in next BVN.

## Notices cont.

**Braishfield Village Association**  
(in conjunction with BMADS)



**TRAFALGAR DINNER**  
4 course meal with port  
in the Village Hall



**Saturday October 21st**  
**Bar opens at 1805!!**  
**Dinner commences 1900**

**Some tickets still available £20 each**  
**Tel: 01794 368384 or bva@f2s.com**

**England Expects That Every Man Will Do His Duty**



A very big thank you to everyone who sponsored Chris and I for this event, especially to Shirley Smith

who collected in all the sponsorship money too! All Saints and the United Reformed Church between them raised around £250 (sponsors are still coming forward!) which will be split between them and Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust who give out grants for church fabric repairs and re-ordering (toilets, kitchenettes and mobility support). We are so grateful for your support.

We had a brilliant day biking around the Alton area which took in Chawton, where Jane Austen lived and Selborne. Wonderful church buildings, pretty lanes, thunder, lightning & rain though not until after 3pm, delicious food and drink and delightful meeters & greeters in a lot of churches. The hills get ever steeper and we are wondering whether we should borrow electric bikes next time! We discovered the church where Ludovic Kennedy's grandfather was buried and a murder committed, not by him we hasten to add!; where the current rector has 12 churches in his benefice! A fascinating insight was given by the church warden. We followed a team of bikers called the Shalden Chain Gang who participate every year!

Meryl Balchin (meryl@hichct.org.uk www.hichct.org.uk Reg Charity No 299633

## Notices cont.

### APPLE TREES Still counting the apple trees.....

Having appealed to you for the involvement and financial support (adopting an apple tree) in the last newsletter, I have now the sad news that Highways is unable to grant a licence to plant those trees. Why not? You might ask. Well, below I have taken an extract of the comments which were sent to me via Councillor Dowden who kindly did the preliminary enquiring at Highways, without us having to pay for the application.

The licence to cultivate isn't intended to be used as a licence for third parties to plant trees in the highway. The licence conditions require that the vegetation to which the licence refers should not exceed 600mm in height. This isn't appropriate for tree planting and would normally relate to the likes of bulb or flower planting etc.

Hampshire Highways doesn't normally give permission to third parties for tree planting in the highway and this should be avoided. Such a situation can lead to complications including:

- Inappropriate planting in relation to proximity to the highway and the associated future maintenance
- Risks associated with the presence of underground utilities
- Future maintenance liabilities and costs
- Future claims in relation to and associated with the highway trees
- Verge maintenance operations (for example grass cutting) being impeded and the risk of damage to the trees from such operations.
- Safety on roadside verges for people gathering fruit etc...

Overall very disappointing especially since we tried to find locations where the verges are plenty wide enough to accommodate all of the above worries. Even the local tree officer who was very much for us has expressed his disappointment but confirmed that we would not be able to shift the above-mentioned opinion.

Whatever your thoughts and maybe slight disbelief at the bureaucracy applied, let's move on and not be put off by such short-term thinking.

Maybe somebody is happy to plant one of those trees in their front garden? Or would there be a space at the edge of a field? Does somebody own a field or knows of somebody who owns one which could be turned over into a community orchard? There are nowadays grants to get those kinds of features developed to enhance villages and towns.

Let's put our thinking caps on and turn something negative into a positive. Any ideas and suggestions gratefully received. Either to me or of course via the Braishfield Parish Council.

Another positive is that we won't have to pay Highways for the licence.

Fran Clifton, Chairman Braishfield Horticultural Society

## Braishfield Horticultural Society Garden Club

The September talk was by Kevin Hobbs about 'Naturalistic Planting of Grasses, Shrubs, and Perennials'. Kevin is Head of Research and Development at Hillier's and has worked in this area for years,

especially with Pete Ouldorf, a world expert on naturalistic planting.

To achieve this effect you choose a number of each plant and position

them irregularly. They will fill out to cover the area, give a natural look and can all be cut back in the spring. Bulbs can be planted for spring colour. Kevin showed us pictures of his own garden, Pete Ouldorf's garden and Pete's design for the 'Highline' in New York – a roof top garden which is a number one tourist attraction. In the Olympic Park, Hillier had won the order for



all the trees there which kept them going during the recession and Ouldorf had surprised everyone with his naturalistic planting. He wanted 30,000 Sporobolus heterolepis, a

scented grass with a tiny white flower. Kevin had managed to acquire them but the public could not fathom where the scent was coming from – grasses don't usually have a perfume!

This was a most interesting talk, full of inside information and new ideas from an expert.

Next month : 'Bhutan – Kingdom of Rare Plants' with Rosemary Le Grand Apple Competition – bring up to three apples of different varieties to win the trophy.

Viv Robinson

## Brownies - Summer Term News

This term in Brownies we have been working on the Seasons badge and the Craft badge. For the Seasons badge we created a picture of our dream holiday and wore clothes for going on our holiday. We also did some bird observations, had a pow-wow discussion about different outdoor sports activities and went on a nature ramble. We did craft for the Village Flower Show and the Craft badge.

Hannah and Ffion

## Exciting Pantry News!



### UPDATE FROM THE PANTRY

**A**eronautical and 'Strictly Come Dancing' references flew through the ether on 14th September as the Reverend Richard Coles welcomed finalists, including Braishfield Pantry, to the Test Valley Business Awards' celebration of commercial growth and achievement at Middle Wallop's atmospheric Museum of Army Flying.

Surely that was Craig Revel Horwood's rarely seen, lucky number ten scoring paddle marking out the Braishfield team's table?

Certainly upbeat music, flashing lights and excitement erupted as our community shop and cafe venture was announced as the 'Doing Business Locally' section winner.

Selected from a record 172 Test Valley entries overall and from 37 businesses in our category, Braishfield Pantry's support of local suppliers and producers and contributions to rural enterprise and a vibrant community life were recognised.



So, to all of you, our wonderful volunteers and customers (whether you are Braishfield residents, extended family members or our friends and supporters from further afield), we say, "Thank you once again for being a key part of a village success story." Do pop in to the shop soon to see the award trophy ... dancing would be delightful, but not on the tables please!

Look out for new and exciting Christmas stock which will be coming in from November, along with a special late night shopping event.

The Pantry Team

# 3 simple driver **habits**



1. Take a bit of **SPEED** out



2. Put a bit of **SPACE** in



3. Ditch the **DISTRACTIONS**

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Support Project Pictogram



[www.hantsfire.gov.uk/project-pictogram](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/project-pictogram)

Full details of the Project Pictogram can be found on the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service hosted website: [www.hantsfire.gov.uk/project-pictogram](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/project-pictogram) and the short video link below gives more details of how local fleets can support the initiative by displaying the 5 Pictogram stickers.

Phil Palfrey, Driving Safer Roads  
Community Road Safety Initiative

# Hula Hunnies

MACMILLAN GUINNESS  
WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT AT  
BROADLANDS -  
SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 2017

It is only a month to go to this wonderful one-off fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support. A big thank you goes to 200 Club for donating £174 towards the costs of hosting this exciting afternoon.

The ticket sales are going really well and truly a bargain at £5 for adults and £1 children. (to be brought before the day)

Thank you to all the performers who are showcasing their talents, there is a full timetable of performers from 11-2pm.

These performances range from a Guinness World Record Hula Hoop Troupe from London, Brazilian and Tango dancing, yoga, live singers and Contrast Dance Company to name just a few.

What could be better than spending

an enjoyable few hours watching or moving to talented performers AND being part of a Guinness World Record Attempt all in aid of Macmillan.?

If you are unable to go but would like to support, please sponsor a friend or purchase a raffle ticket from us on a Monday Hula Nite - 6.30-7.15pm



Braishfield Village Hall.

We are looking for water pipes to make our hoops; if anyone has any spare - please donate, after the event, the hula hoops are being donated to local charities for the hooping for happiness to continue.

Tickets are available on

Eventbrite, Romsey.

For further details please contact Dottiewoods@aol.com  
07791 492223

A big thank you from all the Hula Hunnies #hooping4happiness xx

## 3rd Romsey Scouts - Tanzania Report

**K**athleen Beaman is a scout at 3rd Romsey (Braishfield) Scouts based in Timsbury Jubilee Hall, but has been very well supported by people in both Braishfield, Michelmersh & Timsbury.  
Sarah Beaman  
3rd Romsey Scout Leader  
Ashanti Troop

*Remember her fundraising featured in the April 2017 BVN when she shaved off her hair to raise money for the Tanzania project? And in October 2016 edition when three of them paddled their canoes to raise money. Here are the results of all that she and the others worked so hard for.*



*Ed.*

One hundred Scouts from Hampshire, including 3 from Romsey, have just

returned from their life changing adventure helping communities in Tanzania.

They flew over to the East African country on the first day of their summer holidays. The preparation for this four-week expedition started two years ago, during which time the Scouts have grown in confidence, learnt skills and made new friends. The young people and their leaders have bonded over a series of weekend camps and team building activities to prepare them for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Over the past two years the teens have raised over half a million pounds to enable them to make a positive impact on the local rural communities in Tanzania and have gone to volunteer their time. They raised £530,000 in total for the projects through many activities including bag packing, car washing, sponsored walks or canoe trips and support of their friends, family and local communities.

Whilst in Tanzania the Scouts, aged between 14-18 years old, are challenging themselves to undertake a range of projects including rebuilding a rural primary school, building a new medical centre, providing a skill workshop and building accommodation for medical staff at the medical centre Hampshire Scouts completed in 2015.

The final project is to create a new national activity centre and campsite for the national Scout movement in the country to enjoy for years to come. This headquarters will then host a mini-jamboree, where Scouts from Hampshire and Tanzania will come together for unforgettable celebration to mark Scouting's centenary in Tanzania.

Between the projects there will be opportunities to see the local wildlife and the whole team will finally get a few days to relax, recoup and reflect on their adventure on the beach at Kipepeo – which will be real luxury for them with real toilets, hot showers and proper plates!

The Romsey Scouts were split between projects, with Will Richards and Kathleen Beaman building a huge primary school in the very remote village of Madabadaba and Oliver Taylor working on the national



activity centre and campsite.

Kathleen said “It has been really hard work, but so worthwhile. There seemed no end of painting to be done. Luckily, we could wash off in the river at the end of each day! It was a mad rush in the days running up to the opening ceremony but we did it. The entrance hall was painted with murals and a tree with everyone’s handprints on.”

Will added “we were busy at the school sanding, painting, sanding, painting and more sanding, painting! We also laid the brick floors – and had never seen SO MANY bricks! It was amazing when it started to look

like a school instead of a building site”

“Tanzania will be the adventure of a lifetime for both the young people and adult volunteers. Not only will they have the opportunity to change the lives of local villagers, the experience is offering them the chance to learn new transferrable skills and make lasting memories,” Said Julian Sore, lead volunteer.

Scouting in Hampshire has a rich expedition history with members racking up 39,450 miles to 15 countries and territories in 2015.

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

If you would like to learn more about Scouting, including what might be available in the local area, you can visit [scouts.org.uk](http://scouts.org.uk) or call 0345 300 1818 to find out more. The organisation is open to boys and girls aged 6 to 25, as well as opportunities for adults to get involved.

## All Saints' Braishfield

### Dates for your diary:

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday 4th November</b> | 9.30am<br>Churchyard<br>Working Party. Bacon<br>butties will be served |
| <b>Sunday 5th November</b>   | 10.30am All<br>Saints'<br>celebration                                  |
| <b>Sunday 12th November</b>  | 10.50am<br>Remembrance<br>Service starting at the War<br>Memorial      |



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

**More information? Please contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109**

## Annual Remembrance - November 11th



Soon it will be Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and the poppies that once blew among the crosses in Flanders' Field will be blooming again and worn in the lapels across the land. Yet as public affection for the gesture surges, it is important that we also remember the substance of what is being honoured. The national ritual and ceremony of remembering can be dignified and almost serene in contemplation; the raw horror of war was, and is, anything but.

The distinction between the two is nothing new. It lies in the gulf between the romantic patriotism of Rupert Brooke's lines:

'If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is for ever England.'

And Wilfred Owen's searing fury against those would tell:  
'...with such high zest

To children ardent for  
some desperate glory,  
The old Lie; Dulce et decorum est  
Pro patria mori.'

But then Brooke died in 1915, before he could glimpse the Front, while Owen witnessed its savage grotesqueries at close quarters, almost until the end of the First World War. His poor mother received the telegram informing her of his death on Armistice Day.

So let us, by all means, take pride in the wearing of the poppy, but let us remember too that if our ghosts could rise up and speak, they would urge us first of all to look after their comrades among the living. We speak of the sacrifices made by people of all nations, often without the luxury of individual choice, and urge all to value the freedom and dignity of choice that they now enjoy as their legacy

'Our dead through whom we live'

### A REMEMBRANCE

Pilot Officer (74349) Derek Charles, RAF Volunteer Reserve in 1940 in WWII was commissioned in September 1939 after attending a flying course at RAF Cranwell, a 2 year course fitted into 4 months, and joined Bomber Command. On 15 August he was shot down while on a bombing raid over Germany and was killed near Dresden. He was buried in Durnbach Cemetery and his grave is marked by a simple white stone cross engraved with his service number. His two brother pilots were also killed, the remaining crew were saved.

A letter of condolence was received by the family from His Majesty the King:  
Royal Crest  
Buckingham Palace

*see over page*

The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. We pray that your country's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation.

Signed: George R.I.

*Also another letter was received from an acquaintance from Barnstable, North Devon:*

My dear Mrs Charles,

This tragic announcement about Derek has left me bereft of words – but I must write you a line – with my love – to tell you how deeply I grieve with you in this awful loss. You know our love for our boys at the Grove, and our intense pride in them. A pride which every day proves to be more and more justified – though with it so much misery. I felt all through Dunkirk as if my whole heart was over there too with them all.

I shall always remember Derek's courage – his cheerfulness and keenness for everything he did. He was always brave. Even as a small boy – and I can see him now fighting his way thro' a rigger scrum – grim, determined – and emerging in the end with a laugh on his face. And now he is one of "those few" to whom we all owe - "so many"- everything we hold sacred. A brave life - and brave end. For him, we know – "All's Well" indeed – but for you and your husband my heart aches, and I want you to know that my thoughts, which are full of sympathy that comes from my heart – are with you. I hope we'll meet again one day when this awful 'madness' is over. One wonders if one is awake and has to hang on like grim death to all one has known to be the Truth all one's life.

With my love

Yours ever

Betty Bradshaw



Derek's supreme sacrifice: "All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave."

## **THE BATTLES OF THE SOMME**

Late in 1915, the Allies decided that in the New Year their interests were best served by attacking Germany on all sides. The French and the British would take part in an offensive on the Somme, while the Russian and Italian armies would attack in their own theatres. The Franco-British offensive was planned for June or July 1916, although it might have to be brought forward to April after the onslaught of the Germans on the

French at Verdun. In the event, the Battles of the Somme 1916 opened on the catastrophic 1st July, when the British Fourth Army attacked from Serre, in the north, to Maricourt, in the south. Total British casualties for that hot summer's day were 57,470, of whom 19,240 were killed or died of wounds. On 1st July, the nadir of the British Army, minimal enemy territory was taken and the battles would officially continue until November 18th.

## **A TOMMY POEM, THE GAME 1916**

Where's your bundook, Tommy boy?

*Left, Right, Left*

Got your water-bottle full?

*Left, Right, Left*

Pack your kit and make your will,

Write the girl and pay your bill –

And take a look at yonder hill.

*Left, Right, Left*

Drink your rum and light your fag.

*Left, Right, Left*

Tell the boys a funny tale.

*Left, Right, Left*

Help to roll the ball along;

You mustn't think – just sing your  
song,

Then they'll know you're going  
strong.

*Left, Right, Left*

Eight, seven, six, five –

*Left, Right, Left*

Four, three, two, one –

*Left, Right, Left*

Zero! Over! Steady the  
line!

You're shaking a bit but your eye's  
ashine

With pluck and grit, that's fine, dam'  
fine.

*Left, Right, Left*

No, don't stop to help your pal!

*Left, Right, Left*

Though he stumbles choking blood

*Left, Right, Left*

Smother the sob and forward go –

Remember that this is Britain's show  
And it's what he would have wished,  
you know.

*Left, Right, Left*

Keep your dressing! Ain't it hell?

*Left, Right, Left*



“Play up, School! – and play the  
game!”

*Left, Right, Left*

Aye, play up Britain! Play the game!

Yours the breed, and yours the name

While men like these uphold your  
fame.

*Left, Right, Left*

Pass the word – consolidate!

*Left, Right, Left*

Stop and dig! Consolidate!

*Left, Right, Left*

Scratching earth with your hands  
alone:

Naked hands – don't seem your own  
–Mangled flesh and aching bone.

*Left, Right, Left*

Hang on, boys! You've got 'em beat!

*Left, Right, Left*

Hark! The reinforcements!

*Left, Right, Left*

Stumbling up, you reel half-blind;

Comes the swoon that saves your  
mind.

Come the bearers from behind.

*Left, Right, Left*

“Quiet, boy! You are all right now.”

Left, Right, Left.

“Just drink this and go to sleep.”

Left, Right, Left.

Fevered brow and cooling hand –

The peerless Sisters who understand  
–And you wake again in your own  
dear land.

*Left, Right, Left*

*Also importantly today, let us not  
forget the raging conflicts and pitiful  
suffering in Syria, Yemen, Sudan and  
other parts of the world.*

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## Uganda with ServeDirect

THIS SIDE AND THAT SIDE (as they say in Uganda) with ServeDirect for Christmas!

This side –from Braishfield: Before we get to the Uganda news, firstly thanks to everyone who came to visit the ‘Bags, Beads and Bunting’ stall at the Braishfield School Fayre in June and supported us – either by buying craft or by your kind words of encouragement. It was lovely to have time to chat with so many people, who take time to read these BVN updates - even meeting some of you for the first time. We have really enjoyed being back home for such



That side - and in Uganda: Since April, we have been joined by a new Dutch couple, Johannes and Gé Holwerda, who are working with us as Project Guardians at the secondary school, Wobulenzi Town Academy. Like us, they come from a small village – but in Frisland, northern Holland; and like us they are also supported by enthusiastic friends, neighbours and residents from there.



a beautiful summer. We have now sold out of the summer craft but plan to have more back here in time

They have already settled into living at school and are busy with practical work, teacher support and working at The Bridge Resource Centre, supporting local primary children in Literacy and Maths .... which leads us neatly onto.....



library shelving; £20 buys a primary-sized table; £10 buys a primary-sized chair, £5 buys a pack of craft materials, £1 buys a primary reader and 50p buys a good old-fashioned box of chalk! It may sound like a cliché, but every small donation makes a real difference.

A brand new Primary Resource Centre at Gulu

The second Primary Resource Centre, located at Gulu is nearing completion already. The building programme is ahead of schedule and will be open for business later this year – ‘it’s gonna be great’ we often hear ... but this centre really is going to make a lasting difference to thousands of children in 57 primary schools. It is a unique model, as the one centre will serve as a training hub for all local primary teachers, will provide a community children’s library and offer intensive, booster lessons in English and Maths for all local children. The location in northern Uganda, is 4 hours north of Wobulenzi, and an hour south of the South Sudan border. In October we will start to fill all the library shelves with the children’s books we have been collecting and fundraising for since 2015. We even bought some great books from the bookstall at the Braishfield Fayre in June!

We continue to raise money to stock the children’s library and provide equipment, furniture and resources for this new centre: £30 buys some

If you would like to donate towards these costs, please get in touch by emailing:

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Feel free to suggest what sort of resources you would like us to buy – storybooks, reference books, textbooks or educational toys or whether you would like to fund some furniture or play equipment. Detailed updates and articles are also available on the website or ServeDirect Facebook page.

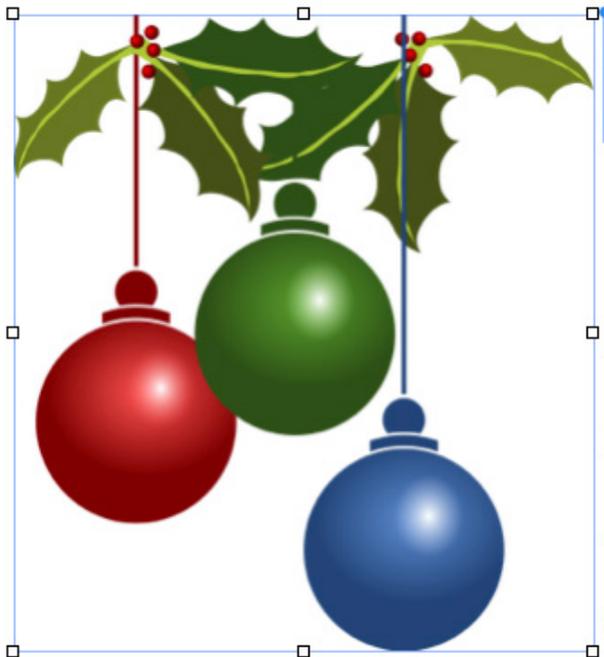
Please note we are no longer actively collecting books, unless they are phonics readers/flashcards and early primary readers. Thank you for your ongoing interest, kindness and support in the work of ServeDirect in Uganda.

Elspeth and Jerry Dugdale,  
Church Lane, Braishfield.

*ServeDirect is a small Braishfield/Romsey based charity working in the same rural community in central Uganda since 2007.*

# Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

## OPEN EVENING



**THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2017**

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# **BRAISHFIELD MUSIC & DRAMA SOCIETY (BMADS)**

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## **NUMBER ONE**

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*Tickets £8 for adults, £4 for children available from  
Margaret O'Keeffe (01794 368037) or via the Village Pantry  
from 16<sup>th</sup> October*

BMADS is once again inviting you to a delightful comedy, this time French.

Leon is an ageing but previously successful playwright (possibly Anouilh himself) who finds himself unable to start his next major work, provisionally titled *Les Miserables*, as he is beset by friends, family, doctors and housekeepers all demanding favours and money.

Will he give in to these demands.....and will he get his revenge? Find out from a strong cast led by Colin Kennedy as Leon and many 'regulars' plus two new faces bringing more acting talent to the Braishfield stage.

The rest of the cast includes Penny Brindle, Richard Clifton, John Edwards, Richard Groves, Wendy Quarendon, Dorothy Ross and Elizabeth Templeman, plus newcomers Dana Burns and Steve Day.

It is directed and produced by Mike Allen & Melanie Legge.



Brendoncare Clubs is a registered charity with around 90 clubs for older people across Hampshire and Dorset. The clubs provide fun and friendship for older people, who may not otherwise have anyone to talk to or a reason to leave their home. Members enjoy a variety of activities and are always guaranteed a warm welcome, with plenty of time for refreshments and a chat with friends.

Brendoncare's Romsey Companions Club has a great atmosphere and meets on alternate Mondays at Braishfield Village Hall from 1.30pm-3.30pm. For just £4, club members enjoy a variety of entertainment, speakers and occasional outings, and have a great programme planned for the Autumn:

- 2 Oct – Gentle pilates
- 16 Oct – Library talk from the Library Service.
- 30 Oct – The memory box project. Sharing memories.
- 13 Nov – Community police visit – how to guard against scams.
- 27 Nov – Christmas art activities
- 11 Dec – Christmas lunch

For more information about Romsey Companions or other clubs in the area, please contact: 01962 857099 or visit: [www.brendoncare.org.uk/clubs](http://www.brendoncare.org.uk/clubs).

## VILLAGE LUNCH DATES for 2017

MONDAY    October 9th  
MONDAY    November 13th  
MONDAY    December 11th **Christmas lunch**



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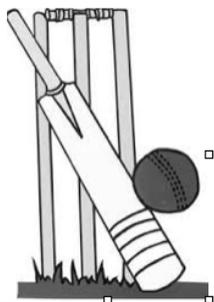
Helpers and donations of soups and puddings are always welcome.

Julie Kemp Tel: 368894

## **SAVE the DATE**

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**BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY**

**2017 PROGRAMME**

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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## **BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB**

### **Weekly Events**

Monday Nights	- Free Pool
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

Classic Car Show	8th October 2017
60's Music Evening with Nostalja	18th November 2017
Christmas Draw	9th December 2017
Sloe Gin Competition (entries welcome)	17th December 2017
Christmas Eve Celebrations	24th December 2017
Boxing Day Celebrations	26th December 2017
New Year's Eve Celebrations	31st December 2017

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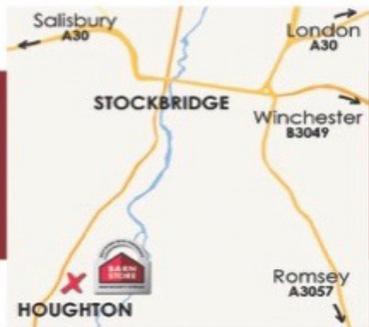
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*and you can take the following items to your Local Recycling Centre:*

**Glass bottles and jars Textiles Aluminium foil Cartons Books and media**

To find your nearest Local Recycling Centre use Recycle Now's Recycling Locator:  
[www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling](http://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling)

Brown Bin Recycling Tips

Ensure your recyclable items are clean and dry.

Don't bag your items – keep them loose or they won't be recycled!

Don't put other plastics (pots, tubs, trays) in your bin – we can only recycle plastic bottles.

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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: 2nd, 16th, 30th October:  
13th & 27th November.



Household waste weeks beginning: 9th & 23rd October:  
6th & 20th November.

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

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# Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings	Where	Time	When	Next meetings		
Parish Council 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues excl. August	3 Oct 	7 Nov 	5 Dec 
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon excl. August	9 Oct	13 Nov	11 Dec
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues excl. June/July/Aug	10 Oct	14 Nov	12 Dec
Flower Society 	Church Room	7.30	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	26 Oct	23 Nov	
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	23 Oct	27 Nov	
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
Singing for Hospices	Eastleigh Football Stadium	Sunday 15th October	see page 9
Hula Hoop challenge	Broadlands	Sunday 15th October	see page 15
Trafalgar Night	Village Hall	Saturday 21st October	see page 10
Remembrance Day	War Memorial & All Saints'	Sunday 12th November	see page 18 for all Services
BMADS play	Village Hall	Friday/Saturday 17th & 18th November	see page 25

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