



# **BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS**

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## From the Chairman

As I write this, the weather is particularly good and I hope you've all found time to enjoy it. Since last time, there have been some exciting developments in the village.

With our safety in mind, the Emergency Planning Committee met for a dummy run. An emergency scenario was provided and we were tasked with ensuring the safety and comfort of both residents and visitors to Braishfield. It gave us a valuable insight into just how well planned these things need to be and how, without referring to the plan, things could go wrong! The Committee continues to work hard on our behalf to finalise details and apply for grants for additional equipment. More at a later date.

The Parish Council Annual Meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May and, after many years' service, Mike Edwards decided to step down. I'm sure both he and his expertise will be missed and I would like to thank him for all his efforts over the years. Sally Yalden replaces Mike and we wish her well.

Traffic issues continue to be scrutinised and the sub-committee met and had a walk around our roads with a council representative. Several potential problem areas were identified and work continues to identify solutions to the ever increasing traffic volume and speed.

Congratulations to the Team Braishfield School Association who completed the Romsey Relay Marathon during May. Well done all. If you know anyone or a team who have achieved something special, or just deserve a mention, please let us know. We'd love to hear from you and it's good to include more happy news in the BVN!

It's great news about the path up to the Hillier's roundabout which, I understand, will be constructed during the summer. Like others, I have concerns about crossing Jermyns Lane in order to join the path over the road, but hopefully something will be sorted.

**Finally, another plea for help.** We have a big event planned for 2020 and want to make this really special for all villagers. We still have one vacancy on the BVA Committee so if you'd like to join us, be part of the team planning this and can offer just an hour or two a month (it really is no more than that) to meet in a friendly, informal environment, please contact us. See our Ad on p.21. Thanks.

*Best wishes*

*Ian*

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Thank you  
*Ian Jeffery - Chairman*

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## Letters

Dear Editor,

The residents of Braishfield on their travels to and from Romsey, will have seen the property Little Beeches has been sold by a local estate agent. The new owners are Talisman Homes, a development company.

There have already been attempts to remove one or more of the mature oak trees along side of the road, fortunately these were protected by a tree preservation order. Unfortunately the TVBC took no notice of the suggested addition of a mature oak tree in the rear garden, and this has since been felled!

The developer has already approached a neighbouring property owner, with a view to purchase their rear garden to allow development. The same person has also been cold called by the local estate agents involved to see if he wished to sell.

The nature of the proposed development is not yet known, but figures of up to five new properties on the existing garden have been mooted.

While everyone in the village sits thinking this will not happen here, do not forget the BVA News carries requests for people to develop their gardens, exactly the same as is being attempted at Crook Hill. A quick walk around the village and

at least ten other similar developments could occur.

Mr & Mrs Holyoake  
The Cottage  
Crook Hill  
Braishfield

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Dear Editor

I wanted to say thank you again to those who supported and wished me well during the recent Test Valley Borough Council elections. The result was close, and as such I intend to carry on campaigning and supporting those who felt they were not being represented in this area.

Our ward profile on the Test Valley Borough Council website states that the proportion of the Ampfield and Braishfield population aged 65 and over is currently 29.5%, and is expected to increase to 40.8% by 2020. Our local government and councillor will need to consider strategies to meet these local needs – from implications for healthcare and service provision, to health and wellbeing issues, and to opportunities for greater personal and community resilience.

I look forward to catching up with you again some time in the near future.

Very best wishes.

Sally Yalden

## Armed Forces Day – 29 June 2019

### D-Day - 75th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings - 6 June 1944

A major British event, the official commemoration of the unveiling of the newly erected Normandy Memorial will take place on the 75th Anniversary at Ver Sur Mer on Gold Beach, where so many British troops landed on 6 June, seventy five years ago. Let us pause for a moment and cast our thoughts back to those desperate days in 1940 when all seemed doomed. Winston Churchill became PM in May 1940, aged 65, when it was as if a lifetime's preparation had fallen into place. It could be said that at the time he was remembered for his blunders rather than his achievements. As PM he rose to the challenge by displaying his beliefs and character which gave a 'stick of rock' to his leadership: his astonishing appetite for work, mastery of detail and elephantine memory; the broad knowledge on international affairs and close acquaintance with America; the thick political skin and lack of personal grudges; the irrepressible good humour and ability to sleep soundly whatever the crisis; the command of language and rhetoric when, for the first time, the wireless enabled a war leader to speak to every household in the land; all these were needed, and all played their part. Churchill – most admirably and occasionally almost disgustingly – was a man of war, demonstrated by his broadcast to defeated France on 21 October 1940 with words, surprisingly, that gave hope for the future:

*"Goodnight, then: Sleep to gather strength for the morning, for the morning will come. Brightly will it shine on the brave and true, and kindly on all who suffer for the Cause, and gloriously upon the tombs of heroes. Thus shall shine the dawn."*



Four years later on 6 June 1944, Winston Churchill spoke to the House of Commons following the beginning of *Op Overlord*, the air assault and sea landings on the beaches of Normandy, which was one of the turning points of the Second World War:

*“During the night and early hours of this morning the first in the series of landings in force upon the European Continent has taken place. . . . the Commanders report that everything is going to plan. And what a plan! This vast operation is undoubtedly the most complicated and difficult that has taken place. It involves tides, wind, waves, visibility . . . and the combined employment of land, air and sea forces in the highest degree of intimacy, and in contact with conditions which could not and cannot be fully foreseen . . . Great dangers lie behind us, enormous exertions lie before us.”*

The commander of 3rd Parachute Brigade warned his officers before their departure ‘Gentlemen, in spite of your excellent training and orders, do not be daunted if chaos reigns. It undoubtedly will’. In the early hours of 6 June 1944, a small detachment of British airborne troops stormed the two bridges over the Caen Canal (Pegasus Bridge) and River Orne which paved the way for the Allied invasion. This was the first engagement of D-Day, the turning point of World War II. It was so crucial that, had it been unsuccessful, the entire Normandy invasion might have failed.

The battle for Normandy indeed did not go as planned, but even the armchair critics could never dispute the outcome, however imperfect. One must also consider what might have happened should the extraordinary undertaking of D-Day have failed; for example, if the invasion fleet had sailed into the great storm of mid-June, which delayed the landings as planned, would the landings have been possible at all – almost certainly not. This raises the possibility that the Red Army from the north might have reached the River Rhine, almost certainly but even penetrated further to the Atlantic coast by the war’s end. The post-war map and the history of Europe would have been very different indeed.

We should welcome the initiative to erect our national Normandy Memorial on the 75th anniversary, lying close to Sword Beach where the British landings occurred close to the Channel port of Ouistreham, and only a few miles from Pegasus Bridge. Our European Allies, together with the USA and Canada, members of the Royal family, the three Armed Services with respective families of those who fought will celebrate together at the unveiling on 6 June. Surely a proud moment in our history to remember.



*“Take these men for your example. Like them remember that freedom is the sure possession of those who have the courage to defend it.”*

Pericles c. 429-490 BC

George Elliott



An Open  
Invitation to hear  
a presentation

Braishfield All Saints Church  
Room  
Monday 3rd June 7.30pm  
Refreshments provided.

### **BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY**

Our first meeting of this year coincided with fine weather.

7 golfers plus the Caddie headed for Pyrford GC in Surrey.

A challenging course with plenty of water to contend with.

Ian Knights with 38 pts took first prize followed by Sherratt and Brazier.

Our second meeting is on Wednesday 5 June at Meyrick Park GC.



We always welcome new members whatever standard.

*Richard Brazier. 368414.*

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### **BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB**

Our monthly draws for April and May were won by Sarah Boothman and Mr and Mrs Askham (formerly of the village, now living in Romsey). We were able to make donations to the Jumbulance Trust, and to the Braishfield School Association. While the lottery is ticking along quite nicely, we are still open to new members, so if you would like to join in (with a good chance of winning a cheque for around £100, and supporting local charities to boot), contact David Robinson on 368774, or e mail [dbr33@john-lewis.com](mailto:dbr33@john-lewis.com)

## Village Voices

Our community singing group celebrates 5 years in August (we started with 2 consecutive weeks 'to see how it goes'!!)

Over time, our numbers have grown, also welcoming new friends from Romsey U3A and our singing repertoire is now drawn from more than 150 songs, ranging from those original 'old school songs' to rounds and action songs, and from hymns and anthems to songs from the shows (old and new).

Confidence and friendship have grown - for many of us, the prospect of singing in parts or reading music were initially a definite 'no!' - now, everyone just 'has a go' with lots of fun, laughter and some great singing together!

All are welcome to come along to Voices - our next singing sessions are 2 - 4pm, June 24<sup>th</sup>/July 22<sup>nd</sup>.....4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in the month, in the Church Room.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months  
Meri 368516 / Wendy 368015

## BMADS Autumn Production

BMADS is pleased to announce that we are returning with a production this year!

We will be presenting 'Murder in Play' by Simon Brett in the autumn. More details will follow later, but for now please make a note for your diaries: performances will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## SHEEP MATTER AT ELM GROVE

Lambing has come and gone, with the first arriving at the anticipated date, round about the 10<sup>th</sup> of April and the last arriving on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. The last delivery was of twins, one small and the other very small. Perfectly formed but very small, so much so that it couldn't easily reach the teat. Kate had to give bottles, but unfortunately overnight it died, perhaps lain on by the mother; the other twin is thriving.

The main lambing happened without too many dramas and wonderfully, when the school children came to see the lambs they were able to watch a birth, the third of triplets. Two or three lambs are being bottle fed as their mothers were not able to feed them; this will continue until they are able to live on a diet of grass. They are good company for each other and the girls like giving them their bottles.

Fly the new dog is improving every day and is going to be a real asset to Kate.

Next thing is shearing, then hay making, never a dull moment!

*Wendy Quarendon*



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## SOCIAL CLUB "SPRUCE UP"

For those of you who have visited the club recently, you will have noticed that we have decorated and lightened up the entrance hall and put up new noticeboards which, we think, has made the club look good. 😊😊

We are now on a further mission to spruce up the main hall by repainting the walls and woodwork and maybe replace the carpet on the stage and also to strip and re-polish the wood floor.

This is quite a big undertaking and we were hoping that any of you, who are handy with a paint brush or to help with rubbing down the gloss, would be willing to come along and help us committee members to do this.

We will provide refreshments and have a laugh so, if you are able to help, just let us know and we can get some dates sorted for us to start.

*Many thanks*

*The Committee Members*

### **Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds**

We have been taking advantage of the recent good weather with the whole school outside weeding our garden containers and the allotment area kindly loaned to the school by the landlady of The Wheatsheaf Inn. The children have also been planting vegetables in preparation for a week of learning focused on 'keeping healthy.' Throughout the week, the children will be learning how to keep minds and bodies healthy, including the importance of a healthy diet and regular exercise. This will provide an opportunity to build on the work we have been doing in school to help the children understand their 'amazing brains' and strategies to support their mental health as well as their physical health. The week will culminate in lots of exercise on the Rec as we look forward to Sports Day. We are hoping for a bumper crop of courgettes, peas, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers later in the Summer which the children will then use to plan and cook a healthy meal.

### **Looking after our local environment**

Inspired by learning about the negative effects of plastic pollution on the environment as part of our Global Awareness project, an enterprising group of our younger children from Year 1/2 have decided to give up their lunchtime play on the Rec to help keep our local community tidy. They have already collected lots of bags of rubbish. Well done- a great team effort!

### **Community Volunteers**

Each Tuesday afternoon our Year 5 children are working as volunteers at the Pantry. They learn how to take customer orders and use the till as well as basic food hygiene and how to handle equipment safely. They like to be busy so why not pop in for a cup of tea and a slice of cake to see how they are getting on. I would love to receive your feedback on the quality of service provided!

### **Summer Fayre-Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June-Braishfield Recreation Ground**

We hope to see as many of you as possible as this is one of our biggest fundraisers for the children and the school. There will be a barbecue, cakes, tea and coffee and a bar together with a wide range of stalls including the Year 6 'enterprise' stalls. The school choir will be performing. Whether you come for the whole event or pop in for half an hour, we really hope you will support us and make this a great day and a successful fundraiser.

**Lou Rhodes, Headteacher**

## All Saints Church

### June

As part of the international and interdenominational call to prayer '**Thy Kingdom Come**' (from 30th May - 9th June), All Saints will host a Day of Prayer on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

There will be short organised times of worship, quiet times for private prayer, and refreshments available during the day from 9.00am - 6.30pm.

More details on the church notice board.

### Do look in!

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Five Alive Fellowship - A talk on Child Bereavement Support** by the charity **Simon Says**. Open to all. Church Room

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 12.00noon Village Lunch** Church Room

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00am United Benefice Holy Communion at Eldon church.**

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### July

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 12.00noon Village Lunch** Church Room

**Working parties in the churchyard**

with bacon butties!

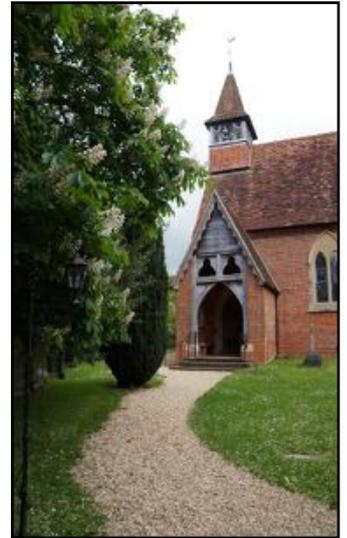
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.30am**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7.00pm Harvest Supper** with entertainment by BUMS.

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

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



## United Reformed Church

### Upcoming Events

**16th June - 10.00 am**

Anniversary Service celebrating 201 years of the church in Braishfield. All welcome.

**7th July - 9.30 am**

Our Synod Moderator, the Reverend Clare Downing, will lead out all-age service which will include Holy Communion. Everyone welcome.

**13th and 14th July - 10.00 am to 6.00 pm**

*Annual Flower Festival*

The church will be open both days for visitors.

In aid of our 2019 charity, *Hampshire Search and Rescue*.

**15th September - 10.00 am**

Harvest Festival Service

**16th September**

Harvest Supper

*A warm welcome to everyone.*

***For more details please contact:-***

The Minister:           The Reverend Mike Perrott, MA - 01794 512163

The Church Secretary: Shirley Smith - 01794 368447



### **Draft Byelaws for the Recreation Ground**

The Council is considering adopting byelaws for the Recreation Ground. These would enable the Council to regulate various unacceptable activities and take legal action, where appropriate, in the interests of the community. We have published the draft in full on our website ( <http://braishfield-pc.org/consultation-on-draft-byelaws-for-braishfield-recreation-ground/> ). We are particularly interested to know whether these byelaws, if adopted, would affect the way you use the Recreation Ground. Please send any comments to us: [clerk@braishfield-pc.org](mailto:clerk@braishfield-pc.org)

### **Volunteer task with the Countryside Service: improvement of footpath 2**

Braishfield Parish Council will be running a practical task for local volunteers in partnership with Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service.

Our summer task will replace an old broken gate for a new Kissing Gate on the footpath by the Wheatsheaf pub (Footpath 2). Our local footpaths are an important part of our community and your help will be of value to everyone as well as a fun way to spend a morning.

The task will be led by Ria Loveridge the Community Engagement Ranger and she will provide you with the skills and all the equipment on the day. You don't have to have previous experience to get involved, just an interest in local footpaths and a general level of health and fitness.

If you would like to get involved or find out more then get in contact. We don't yet have a date, but we would love you to register your interest ([clerk@braishfield-pc.org](mailto:clerk@braishfield-pc.org)).

### **Councillors' Roles**

See opposite for details.

### **Next Meeting of the Parish Council**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council is Tuesday 2 July at 7pm in Braishfield Village Hall.

*Kate Orange*  
Clerk

<u>Role</u>	<u>Member of the Parish Council</u>
<b>Chairman of the Parish Council</b>	<b>Cllr Jane Bennett</b>
<b>Vice Chairman of the Parish Council</b>	<b>Cllr Ian Knights</b>
<b>Planning Committee</b>	<b>Cllr Richard Brazier (Chairman) Cllr Jane Bennett (Vice Chairman) (all other Councillors are also members of the committee)</b>
<b>Parish Council representative on Braishfield Village Hall Committee</b>	<b>Cllr Sally Yalden</b>
Agriculture/farming liaison	Cllr Ian Knights Cllr Mark Swinstead
Burial Ground	Cllr Jane Bennett Cllr Richard Brazier
Charity Commission / legal matters	Cllr Peter White
Crook Hill footway	Cllr Ian Knights Cllr Carole Renvoize
Emergency Planning – Community Resilience Working Party	Cllr Jane Bennett Cllr Ian Knights Cllr Carole Renvoize Cllr Mark Swinstead Cllr Sally Yalden
Flags	Cllr Richard Brazier
Grants	Cllr Ian Knights Cllr Sally Yalden
Internal financial checking	Cllr Peter White
Recreation ground/play area	Cllr Jane Bennett Cllr Peter White Cllr Sally Yalden
Rights of way	Cllr Ian Knights Cllr Peter White
Roads/speed limits/traffic/signage	Cllr Ian Knights Cllr Mark Swinstead
School	Cllr Ian Knights Cllr Sally Yalden
Telephone kiosk/library	Cllr Carole Renvoize
Village and Community Liaison	Cllr Carole Renvoize Cllr Sally Yalden
Village Design Statement Working Party	Cllr Richard Brazier Cllr Sally Yalden
War Memorial	Cllr Carole Renvoize

## **Village litter picking day Saturday 4 May 2019**

Nearly twenty Villagers ventured out on a cold but sunny morning around the Village collecting litter from the hedge rows.

The Parish Council are grateful for their efforts.

Thanks also to the many whilst dog walking who also collect litter at other times of the year.



*Braishfield Parish Council*



**BRAISHFIELD HORTICULTURAL**  
**SOCIETY**

**FLOWER SHOW**

**SATURDAY 13th JULY**

**BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

**2PM**

**ADMISSION TO HALL 50P CHILDREN FREE**

**PLANT STALL, RAFFLE,**

**HOME MADE CAKES AND TEAS**

**ARTISAN CRAFT**

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AT 4PM**

**BY**

**Clare Goddard, Director of Sir Harold Hillier  
Gardens**

## Pantry Update

You know the saying, 'Christmas comes around quicker each year', well this year at the Pantry this seems to be especially true. We've received two Christmas catalogues already - one requires an order to be placed by the end of May to ensure stock availability! I'm not sure I'm ready to think about Christmas just yet, but then again, the catalogues are always so intriguing and tempting!



Back to early summer at the Pantry ... why not cheer your day up by popping along early on a Tuesday afternoon during term-time? This is when we welcome the Year 5 pupils from Braishfield Primary School as helpers in the shop and cafe. Equipped with engaging smiles and thoughtful attention to personal service, our junior assistants are proving to be quite a hit once again with our loyal customers! The rest of the Pantry team members have enjoyed a few more birthdays between them than the Year 5 pupils, yet each supporter continues to dedicate time and energy to our community enterprise, ensuring that the Pantry remains a special place at the heart of Braishfield. It really wouldn't be possible without you!

The Pantry aims to put on several special events each year, both to help with general takings, but also to showcase and introduce everyone to the great range of stock we have. This summer we have decided to organise a Pantry ploughman's lunch. The event (to be held on the recreation ground or in the hall should the weather be unkind), will take place on Saturday 20th July and should be an occasion to relish! We'll be using Pantry produce to get the taste buds tingling and there will be the added bonus of ukulele playing and singing entertainment from the BUMs. So, if you can, do come along to celebrate summer with us. Tickets can be bought from the Pantry. Please see the advert for more details.

We're always happy to open 'extended hours' when possible and it was good to be able to support the Open Morning for the amazing 'Jumbulance' and its' team of wonderful volunteers.

We look forward to seeing many more of you over the summer, when we're opening during the Beer Race (Sunday 3rd June), also for the Family Fun Day (Saturday 6th July) and supporting Horticultural Society's annual flower show too (Saturday 13th July).



# BUMS on the Rec'

Join the Pantry for a  
'Pantry Ploughman's  
on the Rec'.

We'll have the BUMS playing during the afternoon.

Come and taste the  
Pantry bread, cheese,  
ham, sausage rolls  
and pickle all plated  
up for a fantastic  
ploughman's lunch.

There will be local beer,  
cider and wine to purchase  
too, as well as soft drinks  
and ice creams.

When: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Where: The Rec (or Village Hall if the weather poor)  
Time: 12-3pm  
Cost: £8 (children £6)  
Buy your ticket at the Pantry

## TRACTOR SHOW 2019

On 28<sup>th</sup> April, Braishfield Social Club was well attended for its annual Tractor Show in its cherry blossom lined beer garden.

With a tombola and cake stall that was well attended with no cakes left at the end! We thank all the kind tractor owners for bringing their tractors and with their kind permission letting children sit on the tractor seats. The Wendy house was full of children playing and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all that attended and helped to make it a successful day!

Allan Holyoake



*Any TOM, DICK or HARRY OUT THERE?*

## **WE NEED YOU**

**ARE YOU:**

Able bodied (no zimmer frame?)  
Sociable (we do like a bit of a laugh)  
Willing to do your bit for the Village?

Please join the committee. We meet in the evening, every other month. Couple of events a year to help out at.

Contact Ian Jeffery or any committee member



### **LIST OF BROADBAND CABINETS**

Cabinet 4: Near the War Memorial, serves Church Lane, Dummers Lane, Dores Lane, Pucknall and Slackstead

Cabinet 5: Near the Newport, serves that end of Newport Lane, Lower Street, Eldon Lane, top of Kiln Lane and west Paynes Hay Road

Cabinet 6: Near the Telephone box library, serves Braishfield Road down to Hill View and Blackthorn Close, up to Parnholt House, part of Newport Lane and Farley

Cabinet 7: Opposite the Wheatsheaf, serves the rest of Braishfield Road to Crookhill, Megana Way and Common Hill Road

NOTE: Cabinets 1,2 and 3 are located outside the village.

We have had a really good week doing day trips last week. The first was Cedars Care Home at Langford , to Fort Nelson where I was privileged to look after old Braishfield resident Molly Rusesell for the day. The next day we took the Romsey Cheshire Home residents to Marwell Zoo in glorious sunshine and another day we went to Blenheim Palace with the

Motor Neurone Disease Association. All memorable days out.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, there was a Goodwill visit by the jumbulance to Braishfield. This was a thank you from the Jumbulance Trust to the many local people who have helped us with fundraising and a chance to see the newest vehicle. Thank you to the Village Hall and the PCC.

The staff at the

Braishfield Pantry very generously stayed open until 1pm and had a goodly number of extra people visit the Pantry too. The mayor of Test Valley Martin Hatley and his wife Jo visited us and also the mayor of Romsey , Dorothy Baverstock – A long term supporter. In the afternoon we followed this with a visit to Awbridge Fete, thanks to Fred Tucker, where there was a tremendous footfall of new people who knew nothing about jumbulance.

Next month we go off on our local group holiday to Babbacombe, Devon. We have a full jumbulance and just need good weather. The pilgrimage to Lourdes in September still has 2 VIP places for walking disabled as the remaining rooms have a few steps. Do you know anyone? We have the helpers and a nurse.

*For more information please contact me: Chris Chisholm*

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## A car crash in slow motion

Not an article on Hampshire road safety, but fond greetings from both Uganda and also Braishfield, in fact, as we have just arrived back home! May and June are probably our favourite UK months – the gentle heat, summer breezes and bursting greenery are quite the antidote to living on the Equator.

Sad to say that the current climate in Uganda is raising serious questions which are starting to directly hit the school (Wobulenzi Town Academy). So, just when things were all going along quite smoothly ..... along comes another crisis unfolding before our eyes. It is rather like watching a car crash poised to happen right under your nose, but in slow motion.

It has been incredibly hot in Uganda - and very dry. Normally the rains start at the beginning of March. This year they started at the end of April. Nearly 2 months late. Any crops that were planted at the normal time dried up. The land is parched. To make matters worse, any rain that is on its way



is forecast to be way below average. Amazingly, after just a few days of rain, everything does become fantastically green again, but it's masking a sinister crisis that is likely to happen.

During March and April we were in discussions with school director Charles and his team about managing food next term in June. Huge concerns over money and student numbers. Why? Agriculture accounts for about 75% of employment in Uganda (source USAID). There is widespread concern that food will run out later this year. Obviously in severe cases this brings famine - but it also affects everyone else with a double whammy as food prices both rise and earning potentials go down - which also means no money for 'extras' like school fees....

Just before we left, maize prices rose by over 50%. As I write, they are now 100% higher – imagine that happening to our own Sainsburys/Waitrose/Coop/Aldi bill? Prices may even double again in the months to come. It is almost unimaginable.

In Uganda, maize forms the staple diet of everyone's food - 3 times a day. It was sobering to note that, due to careful planning and management, WTA was the only boarding secondary school in the area still open at the end of term, some had closed as early as 4 weeks before, as they had nothing left to eat. But the school can only do so much - before the crisis hits. Newspaper headlines have titles such as '*Region braces for tough times as food crisis is forecast*', as it is not only Uganda, but neighbouring South Sudan, Northern Kenya, Somalia that will also be similarly affected.

To help WTA through this crisis, ServeDirect has already given a short term loan, helping them to secure prices for a large proportion of their food for next term. But there will be a shortfall - and at the moment it's impossible to firmly predict how large the 'hole' in the food budget will be. If you can help with a one off donation, please go to [www.servedirect.org](http://www.servedirect.org) and click on the 'Donate' button at the top right of the page (quote food as a reference) or email us for more information, [jerry@servedirect.org](mailto:jerry@servedirect.org)

Coming home is quite surreal in some ways – both lovely and bewildering. We are so fortunate to live here. That's not to say UK life is always easy – there are often different and stressful challenges of course. But it is very sobering to see the lack of rain and changing climatic conditions directly affect the cost of food, the availability of food on your family's table and your children's chances of education.

Jerry and Elspeth Dugdale – for more information about the work in Uganda, please look at [www.servedirect.org](http://www.servedirect.org) or search for Serve Direct on Facebook.



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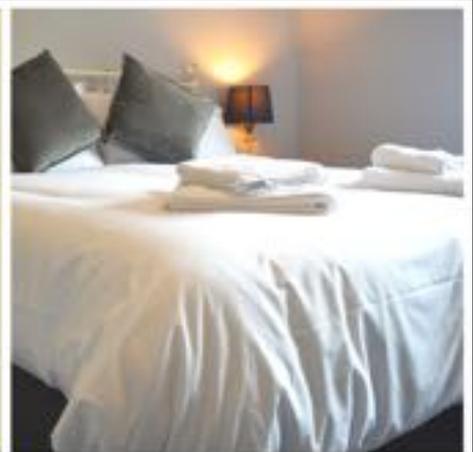
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Thursday Nights	- Table Tennis
Friday Nights	- Quiz every fortnight
Saturday Nights	- Meat Draw
Sunday Nights	- Bingo

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

Snooker Room and Skittle Alley available

### **Regular Events**

<b>Quiz Nights</b>	<b>- held fortnightly on Friday Nights</b>
<b>Newport Players</b>	<b>- first Saturday of each month</b>

### **Future Events**

<b>Karaoke Evening</b>	<b>Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday</b>
<b>Car Boot Sale</b>	<b>Sunday: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>
<b>Race Night</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>
<b>Beer Festival</b>	<b>19,20,21<sup>st</sup> July 2019</b>
<b>Peter Pods Peas</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> August 2019</b>
<b>Classic Car Show</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>
<b>Stevie John Live Music</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>

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8th and 22nd July

**Household waste weeks** beginning:  
3rd and 17th June  
1st, 15th and 29th July



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

### Recycling Is Easy!

In Test Valley, we collect 5 types of recyclable materials from Rubbish News brown bin, and we have a network of more than 100 Local Recycling Centres to collect even more items! At home, you can put the following items in your brown recycling bin:

« Paper. « Cardboard « Plastic bottles « Tins and cans. « Aerosol cans

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

« Glass bottles and jars. « Textiles. « Aluminium foil. « Cartons  
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To find your nearest or most convenient Local Recycling Centre and to see what you can recycle there, use Recycle Now's Recycling Locator:

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### 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.
- « If in doubt, have a look at the recycling guide:

**[www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingguide](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingguide)**

# 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	4 June	2 July	3 Sept
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon excl. August	10 June	8 July	9 Sept
Horticultural Society	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues excl. June/July/Aug			
Flower Society	Church Room	7.30	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	27 June	25 July	
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	24 June	22 July	26 Aug
The Pantry Shop & Cafe	Village Hall	9 – 12 2 - 5	Mon – Fri (Sat 9-12 noon)			
Story Time	Village Pantry	10 - 11.30	Thursday, Wendy Lord 367015			

Events	Where	When	More Details
School Summer Fayre	Rec	8th June	11 - 2pm
Family Fun Day	Rec	6th July	2 pm
Annual Flower Show	Village Hall	13th July	2 pm
Pantry Plowmans	Rec	20th July	12 - 3pm
Pantry AGM	Pantry	8th October	2 pm

Please refer to [www.braishfield.org](http://www.braishfield.org) or your Residents Guide for contact telephone no.s  
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