

# BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

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See you on the Rec. on Saturday 11th June!

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# From the Chairman

aturday 11th June I hope that You will all be attending the village picnic in the park on Saturday 11th June. It will be an opportunity for our village to get together and enjoy the music to be provided by local artists and the facilities of the bar and BBQ, but most importantly collectively celebrate to Majesty's 90th birthday. Under the direction of Richard Brazier we will raise our glasses and cups to toast her Majesty at about 1630 and, with the assistance of BUMS and Village Voices, wish her a happy birthday.

The Parish Council has understandably had to ban the use of individual private BBQs because of the damage they cause to the pitch. However, the BVA committee will be manning the event BBQ, safely located well away from the playing area, and will be offering, at very competitive prices, locally produced sausages and burgers. More details will be found on pages 24 and 25 of this magazine.

Turning to more mundane matters, the road from the school to Crook Hill has been top dressed. It looks good and for the time being has removed the risk that our tyres will be shredded by the vicious potholes that lurked on the bends of Crook Hill. It hasn't of course been, and wasn't intended to be, the complete solution to all our traffic problems. Speeding, vibration damage and

the over use of the lanes out of the village, in particular the lane to King's Somborne, remain as battles to be fought. However, we did well to get any work done in this difficult financial climate, and congratulations to the Parish Council.

The second sitting of the Village Hall AGM was held on 17th May. The meeting was very well attended and the amended accounts were re-presented and accepted by the meeting. Elections were held for the vacant positions and Ian Knights was re-elected as Chairman.

All agree that mistakes have been made and that there is still work to be done to make the shop as profitable as we want and upgrade and rejuvenate the VH. To achieve both objectives we will have to work hard and now surely has to be the time to put the past and our differences behind us and unite in a determination as a village community to make a success of both.

Finally, Mike Prince stood down as a councillor at the May Parish Council meeting and the Council elected John Bevan as its Chairman. Later, at the Annual Parish meeting, the BVA thanked Mike for his many years of service as a councillor and for all that he has done for Braishfield. We congratulate John Bevan on his elevation and hope he enjoys his term of office.

# From the Editor

Prexit or Bremain? A choice that faces us on the 23rd June. I most certainly will not influence any decision that you make over us and Europe. But nonetheless let's quickly review the history.

As a military man I am bound to reflect on the number of times that we have had to intervene in Europe. if only to block the approach to our front door: for instance Napoleon. who was a fairly decent chap, and Hitler who most certainly wasn't. Should we shed this commitment? Of course not. We have to keep a 'weather eye lifting' for any predation from the south (and north of course. but thus far Putin's Russia is not directly part of the EU equation). Of course, the only time this island nation was invaded successfully involved the 'men of Rome'; probably shocking at the time, but we now enjoy the results of that very civilised Italian invasion across the spectrum of our daily lives, enshrined in law, language and self-belief.

Let's face it; the Franco/Germanic dominance of the EU is at best a most uncomfortable alliance between two very different nations who are by their very nature antipathetic to each other, and thus occupy both

ends of a very suspect see-saw. But we have a duty to ensure that the EU works. The simple question, though, is whether from the inside or outside?

On the obverse side of the coin, what is the alternative? Do we need Europe? Would we be better off by reverting to my childhood memories of New Zealand butter and lamb. Would we re-establish our solemn association with all our original trading partners across the globe we once spanned? Should we re-expand our global links?

Your guess is as good as mine! But make sure you cast your vote!

Finally, and back in parochial matters, I draw your attention to page 26. The Village Shop has had a fairly torrid battering from some locals recently, but continues to provide, in my opinion, a magnificent and enduring facility to us all. Keep shopping, chatting and coffee drinking! It is a wonderful, cheerful and well-stocked facility and will, of course, lead on inexorably to the projected facelift for the Village Hall!

(NB new shop opening times in diary on back page)

### **ARMED FORCES DAY IS JUNE 25TH**

Join us at the Village Hall car park at 0800 for the raising of the Union Flags

# **Donations to Braishfield Village News**

We would like to thank all those who donated toward the cost of the Braishfield News last year. We hope that the content of the News makes good village reading and keeps you up to date with events. We do not run it on a subscription basis but we obviously incur costs to publish. We would welcome any support you can give to keep the News viable during 2016. If you wish to make a donation please complete this slip and forward it to the address below and please make cheques payable to Braishfield Village Association.

BVA Treasurer Mrs Sheila Still Orchard View Braishfield SO51 0QB

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Thank you.
Jimmy Chestnutt - Chairman

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

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As an alternative, a Standing Order form to make annual donations to the work of the Braishfield Village Association is available. Please contact the Treasurer, Sheila Still, and she will send you one.

# **Notices**

### AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH FOLK MUSIC

BMADS is fortunate this year to be able to promote not only a String Quartet in September (details will follow in a later News), but also the great cello and accordion duo who performed in April, and now another wonderful musician coming on Saturday July 16th. Mairi Campbell will be performing in the church room.

Sophie Renshaw, a viola player based in Winchester, who is going to be performing here in September with her Quartet, is a friend of Mairi. They trained together at Music College, with the viola as their main instruments. Mairi, a Scot, has moved into singing Scottish Folk Music as well as continuing to play her viola and Tutoring. She lives in Edinburgh, but is spending a few days with Sophie in Winchester on a journey south. Sophie suggested a concert here, which we are supporting.

Mairi won Instrumentalist of The Year in 2016 at the Scots Trad Music Awards. She has previously won Scots Singer of The Year and Tutor of the Year. She has also received the Live Ireland Music Award for Best Female Musician of the Year and for Best Composition of the Year. She has also been receiving attention from Mike Harding on his Folk Show on Radio 2. She is quite something!

Mairi's voice was heard world wide when her version of Auld Lang Syne (with David Francis as The Cast) was used in a pivotal scene in the film Sex and the City.

Googling Mairi Campbell gives you lots of information and youtube clips of some of her performances. This will be a really good evening, suitable for all ages, in super surroundings, fun and beautiful. Sophie says 'She is a born story teller, thought provoking, witty and charming'. Do come, it will be the perfect way of relaxing after the rigours of the Flower Show!

The concert will start at 7.30, to book your ticket (£10 with a reduction for children), please contact me on 368015, or wendy@quarendon.net

### BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

Winners of the monthly draws in April and May were Terry O'Keeffe, who sadly passed away shortly afterwards, and George Elliott. We made donations to All Saints' church (April) and the RNLI (May) in recognition of Janet Miller's achievement of running in the London Marathon. This was to celebrate, if that's the right word, her 70th birthday! Many congratulations to her and see her article on page 20.

We're always keen to have new members. Do join in. It entails a monthly minimum of £5, and your chances of winning are vastly better than anything that Camelot can offer. Granted, the payout is quite a lot smaller! Just give me a phone call on 368774 or e mail me at dbr33@john-lewis.com

# **Notices**

### **MIKE PRINCE**

As the newly elected Chairman of the Braishfield Parish Council it falls to me to say, via the BVA Magazine, on behalf of his fellow councillors and our wonderful village community, a very big thank you to Mike Prince as he stands down after 9 years as Chairman, and an amazing 21 years as a Parish Councillor. He leaves it in very good shape with committed Councillors and a fully qualified Clerk.

Mike will be a very hard act to follow and, it goes without saying that we will miss his casual good humour and ready smile at our meetings. His commitment to the job has been clear for all to see as he and his lovely wife Hazel have attended every village gathering held in Braishfield where, if he hadn't been a prime mover of the event, then he would at least have been involved in the planning of it. I am also certain that he will continue to be involved in the future in whatever role is asked of him.

For my part, I am content to know that his considerable background knowledge of everything Braishfield is there for us, the Parish Council, to receive whenever we ask for his advice.

We all, the whole village, I'm sure, wish Mike and Hazel a happy and healthy retirement from the trials and tribulations of Council responsibilities and look forward to meeting up with them socially at all future events.

John Bevan

Chairman BPC and all Parish Council Members

See Notice Boards in the village about a vacancy on the Parish Council following Mike's resignation.

# BRAISHFIELD SCHOOL VACANCY

Braishfield School has a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, then please contact the school office on 01794 368359 for more information.

# Notices cont.

### BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

Our first meeting of this year was on Monday 9 May at Leckford and 12 of us ventured out. Brazier won the day closely followed by Randall. It was good to see Jeremy North joining us for the first time. Our next meeting is on Monday 4 July at Test Valley Golf Club starting at 9.30 am and at a very reasonable cost of £20 for 18 holes. Let's hope for a good turnout and good weather. Anyone wishing to join the Society should e mail rdbrazier@hotmail.com or call 368414.

Richard D Brazier Home: 01794 368414 Mobile: 07768 020917 Office: 02381 781012

## LUNCH dates -starting at NOON IN THE CHURCH ROOM

MONDAY June 13th

MONDAY July 11th

MONDAY September 12th

MONDAY October 10th

MONDAY November 14th

MONDAY December 12th

# No lunch in August

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

Julie Kemp Tel: 368894



## **FRISBEE**

Braishfield ultimate frisbee is back on the recreation ground 6pm Sunday eves for the summer . Ages 16-60 welcome, Keep fit, good competitive fun.

Tuition and rules explained on arrival! Come and join us.

Malcolm Baker

# **Letters**

With all the discussion about the roads and the traffic, we feel that the people of Braishfield should be cautious about letting the amateurs, who have made a shambles of the southern part of Braishfield road at Abbotswood, loose on the roads of Braishfield.!

They have made the Jermyns Lane/Sandy Lane junction far more dangerous than it ever was! The pavements have been sloped to run the water into the carriageway instead of the ditches. They have provided three cyclist killing points, known as refuges, which do not have a safe route for cyclists. The bus stops are in places that decrease visibility for motorists on the main carriageway, and those exiting some side roads; they have also realigned the main carriageway at the second roundabout, so that in times of sun, in late afternoon/evening, when travelling south it is impossible to see vehicles exiting the estate.

Then when everyone is talking about busier roads they close School Lane to ensure a jam at the end of Braishfield Road, and these are the people who we are supposed to allow loose on the roads of Braishfield! Road furniture will affect every one in the village every day unlike through transient traffic for which it is only a one off nuisance.

A lot of the transient traffic is no doubt due to speed limits, and the way they influence Sat Navs. At one time from Crook Hill if you entered an Andover direction address, it routed you via Sandy Lane etc. This all changed with the Sandy Lane limit; you were then routed via Kiln Lane and Bunny Lane etc. Now currently with the A3057 limits you are routed via the lanes to and from King Somborne. This we believe is the cause of the transient traffic including the unwanted HGVs.

Experiments with our Sat Nav has shown that the total time difference involved is only that between the Sandy Lane/Jermyns Lane junction to Jinny Lane, so with a minor tweaking of the speed limits on the main roads a great deal of the transient traffic will be re routed way from the village! Then they can fix the pot holes!

Mr and Mrs G Holyoake The Cottage Crook Hill Braishfield

# **Notices**

Would you like to host a trainee working and learning at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens?

The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Charitable Trust welcomes a number of trainees from the UK and overseas each year. The trainees are usually volunteers, paying their own way to get the work experience they need and learn at this wonderful garden and plant collection. The Gardens provides them with this opportunity, supporting their training and development with regular plant identification tests and training workshops. The Gardens is able to offer

volunteer trainees free accommodation within the Gardens' Student which Lodae. house up to 7 trainees. However particularly in spring and summer we can have more trainees wishing to come than we can accommodate. It is a shame to turn people away when all they are looking for is affordable or maybe free accommodation to help them.

If you live within cycling distance of the Gardens and would like to host a trainee, please get in touch.



Spring flowering Magnolia 'Michael Rosse'

The trainees would ideally be looking for a low or free rent and many would be happy to help you in your own garden and home in lieu of rent. The arrangements would be between you and the trainee. If you would like to consider supporting a trainee or would like further information please contact Barry Clarke or 01794 369300 or barry.clarke@hants.gov.uk

Thank you for your consideration and support

Wolfgang Bopp, Director

# **Notices**

At the Annual Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council on the 3rd May 2016, I confirmed that I had decided to retire from the Council after 21 years.

I had promised Hazel that I would retire last year but once it became clear that there would be an election last May, I felt that I should stand for reelection to ensure that there was as much continuity as possible and I was humbled by the result that gave me the largest number of votes.

In the 21 years that I been on the Council there have been 231 Parish Council meetings of which I attended 208, became Vice-Chairman in May 1999 and Chairman in 2007.

During this time there have been 23 other Parish Councillors, 2 babies born to Councillors, 1 previous Chairman, Andrew Lalonde and 3 Clerks, Len Shelton, John Rhodes and the current Clerk, Kate Orange.

It has been an honour and a great privilege to have served the Parishioners of Braishfield during these 21 years, a period which has seen many changes in the Village including the 2 developments in Blackthorn Close and Oak Close as well as other new houses at various locations in Braishfield allowing the Village to grow, helping to sustain the School and encourage the creation of the Village Pantry.

I congratulate John Bevan on his election to Chairman of the Council.

Mike Prince

# **OPEN GARDEN AND TEA PARTY**

to raise funds for the Berks and Hants JUMBULANCE Group

SATURDAY AUGUST 13TH AT 3PM

AT OAKFIELD, FARLEY CHAMBERLAYNE

Home made cakes and cream teas, raffle, bring and buy, tombola, cakes and jams, plants and a bookstall!

Gypsy caravan, woodland play house, a potager and lots of space with garden toys. Children and well behaved dogs welcome!

RSVP to Chris Chisolm for catering purposes Tel: 368120 cookchrisr@aol.com

# **Social Contact Group**

On a sunny but blustery April day, members of the Social Contact Group enjoyed a trip to Hamble by mini-bus for morning coffee. It was high tide

and plenty of activity on the River Hamble and the majority of members strolled along the sea wall admiring the view before returning home.

If you are interested in joining us please do not hesitate to contact me

Hazel Prince (368339)



# SHEEP MATTER AT ELM GROVE.

Lambing has come and gone, the last lamb being born this morning, some five weeks after the first.

Kate is very pleased with the way it has all happened. I must say, as an on-looker, it seemed a calm lambing this year. She lost only a few lambs through being lain on by mother or born dead, but as all of us arm-chair sheep farmers know, these things happen! Only 5 have had to be bottle fed, which considering the number of triplets, is amazing.

Isabelle and Lucy have had some lovely days helping and showing visitors how it is done and they have been pleased to have some that need to be bottle fed.

Now it is just a matter of keeping them well and moving them around periodically to feed on fresh grass. Very luckily Kate has various pockets of grass she has access to, as well as the fields at Elm Grove.

Enjoy!

Wendy Quarendon.

# Story Time

# Village Pantry at Braishfield Village Hall

Thursdays 11 am -12.00



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

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

# Donations of story books always welcome Wendy Lord



Children at story time in shop with Wendy on Thursday 21st April celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday.. They sang Happy birthday wearing crowns they had made.

# **Planning Matters**

Three planning applications with potential to adversely affect the village are set out below:

**1.** Application to allow the delivery of road planings at night to a facility in Bunny Lane. HCC ref 16/00902/CMAS

Issue of noise at the dead of night and also possible future extension of the site. Maximum of 20 lorries per night they say, but who will police this maximum number?

BVA recently ran a campaign in Braishfield to make Hampshire County Council aware that Braishfield residents do not want the night time tranquility of this rural area shattered by industrial levels of road planings being transported through the village lanes and then noisily tipped off lorries at the dead of night. With a lot of effort we got nearly 90 objections lodged with HCC helped in no small part by the village shop and pubs getting their customers to sign letters of objection.

### 2 15/03137/OUTS 46 houses off Braishfield Road

There are two sites between Ganger Farm and Braishfield Road where the owners would like to build another 120 houses in total. The first of these has applied for 46 houses at Abbotsford. The second, Abbotswood House, would like a further 60 odd in due course. Both sites are outside the recently ratified Revised Local Plan (RLP) which identifies land that Test Valley have for their 5 year housing supply. Our local councillor refuses to confirm that the Abbotsford application and similar would be refused because the RLP is apparently trumped by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which presumes in favour of 'sustainable' development. There is no definition of 'sustainable' therein so the RLP can be disregarded as they see fit.

These developments would lead to an increase of through traffic for Braishfield.

**3.** Bunny Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre – Proposal to charge householders for some waste types and to allow fee paying trade waste. Also possible closure of this site to save HCC Costs.

There is a real risk that trade waste will end up fly tipped in our lanes.

Michael Stubbs

# All Saints' Braishfield – Dates for your diary

**Sunday 12th June** 5.00pm All Saints

and the URC celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

with Cream teas in the Church Room followed by Songs of Praise at 6.00pm

in the church

Sunday 10th July 9.00am Outing to

the Isle Of Wight = lunch at the Red Lion service of worship

at All Saints, Freshwater

– cream teas – not forgetting the beach!

Saturday 1st October 7.00pm Harvest Supper

**Sunday 2nd October** 9.30am Harvest Festival

Saturday 5th November

9.30am Churchyard Working Party

Sunday 6th November 10.00am Annual All Saints

Celebration Service

Thursday 1st December Christmas Tree Festival –

Preview and Candlelit supper

Friday 2nd to

Sunday 4th December Christmas Tree Festival

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

More details? Please contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109

# **Duo Bayanello delights Audience in Church Room**

n what has become a series of occasional concerts sponsored by BMADS, an audience in the Church Room was enthralled by a wideranging programme of music on Thursday 21st April. The performers were Duo Bayanello - Cecilia Bignall, cello, and Iosif Purits, playing a Bayan accordion.

Both Cecilia and losif study at the Royal Academy of Music and have performed around the world, in solo and chamber music projects. They are both prize-winners of numerous international competitions. The day after the Braishfield concert the venue for their next concert was St John's Smith Square in London!

It would be fair to say that for most of those present the combination of cello and accordion was unfamiliar but, as we discovered, in sure hands it works very well. Indeed, the great Russian cellist Mstislav Rostropovich considered the line-up of cello and accordion to be a more organic combination of sounds than cello and piano. It certainly is when played by these remarkable players who immediately engaged all present with their spirit and musicality on this pleasant spring evening.

As the audience settled for the start of the concert, the pregnant pause before the first piece was unceremoniously broken by a quintessential Braishfield moment, and unscheduled upbeat to the

music: the rhythmic clip-clop of a horse being ridden past outside! These preliminaries over, it was on to the music: a Bach sonata, originally for viola da gamba and harpsichord, transcribed for cello and accordion. It was an excellent calling card, displaying both the players' virtuosity and the range of sonorities that can be produced by these instruments, conjuring the sense of an entire orchestra.

And so on to a range of works by composers as diverse as Stravinsky, Falla and contemporary Scottish composer Sally Beamish. The pieces were put into helpful context with informative short introductions by losif as the concert progressed. The final piece was the exuberant 'Grand Tango' by the great Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla who brought the classic tango dance form into the concert hall. It was a tremendously energetic and vibrant way to close the concert.

Afterwards there was an opportunity for the audience to chat sociably over a glass of something and to meet the musicians, which included a chance to see a demonstration of how the Bayan accordion is played. It would seem that it helps to have three brains!

All in all, an enchanting evening of world-class musical performances in the ideal setting and warm acoustic of our very own Church Room - with a platform suitably 'dressed' for intimate music-making.

As on previous occasions, we are indebted to Wendy and Peter Quarendon, without whose energy, time and organisation events such

as these would never happen. On which note, see page 6 for two more dates for your diaries.

Richard Groves



### All Saints and Braishfield URC

a Celebratory Songs of Praise for the Queen's 90th Birthday, for the village, on

Sunday 12th June in All Saints at 6pm, preceded by a Cream Tea in the Church Room.

Everyone will be most welcome.

Many thanks,

Sarah



Do you have life skills to share?

Do you have some spare time – approx. 4hrs a week?

Do you have an interest in the future of our children?

If you can answer yes to any of the questions on the right:

BRAISHFIELD SCHOOL GOVERNORS

**NEED YOU** 

Please call Richard Clifton (Chair) 01794 368670 for a chat

who will be delighted to hear from you

Do you like working in a team?

Do you want to give something back to the community?

**OR CONTACT** 

Katharine Ewens at the School Office 01794 368359 for more information

# **Facebook**

Praishfield Residents Forum (BRF) is a Facebook page for Braishfield villagers to communicate with ease to other villagers. It is based on a Facebook Closed Group – only members can see the posts.

The aim is to allow its members to keep up to speed with current issues affecting our village, these can be big or small... Currently the page is managed by Ben Holdaway who thought it would be a useful addition to village life and our community for active Facebook users. Many people use Facebook now as its so easily accessible on smart phones and tablets and information is instant

The aim of the page is essentially to be owned by the village residents and therefore free of any influence or direction so to speak. The Group (once joined) is an open platform so all comments and posts will be public to all members. Although posts to the groups feed will obviously be vetted prior to publication for suitability.

Simple rules apply: Only people living in the village will be allowed to join along with relevant local authority members ie local councillors, MP, members of the Police etc...

If the page suffers abuse then the posts will be removed and offending members either suspended or removed.

Typical topics could be:

Something for sale

Specials/offers/new items from the Village Pantry

An offer on at one of the pubs... 1/2 price Beer?

Break in/suspicious activity

Planning applications concerning the whole village

A nice picture you took around the village

Recommendations needed Has anyone seen.... Sponsorship

Arrange a walk, with dogs or without Emergency information, ie break in or animal on the loose etc etc etc

Those villagers on Facebook will probably know how to find the page and join the group (search Braishfield Residents Forum), those who are not on Facebook but feel they would like to then I'm sure a family member or friend will gladly help you, if not you are welcome to contact me.

Feel free to join, good luck and enjoy!

Ben Holdaway ben.holdaway@btconnect.com

# **The London Marathon**

# Be careful what you decide following a glass of wine!

For me it was to run the Virgin Money London Marathon to celebrate my 70th birhtday and 22 years of yacht racing. Armed with hitec trainers, Lycra suit and electronic

gizmos to track my progress, I set about testing my body and the depth of my friends wallets to raise money for the R N L I.

On Race Day started at Greenwich alongside 40,000 highly charged athletes. It was like the Serengeti wildebeests! We were gently through eased

the starting gates before setting off at quite a pace. We swept past the Cutty Sark and on to Tower Bridge in a huge wave of euphoria. This was fun. Crowds lined the route, bands played, discos blasted and a general party atmosphere prevailed. It is hard to convey the feeling when complete strangers shout your name and offer encouragement. 'Keep going', 'Well done' You can do it'. Our society encourages and praises children but rarely treats adults the same. A few simple words can so easily lift our spirits.

The crowd became increasingly important to me as my body started to object and my pace slowed. By the time I had run eastwards along the A13, around the Isle of Dogs, I

had lost the pack. Help was at hand. Lionel and two of Edwin my sons. and David supplied me with painkillers finally and ran alongside me. So it was through Canary Wharf and back along the A13 and past the Tower of London. I kept going Westminster until Bridae with and pains gnawing away in my hips and legs, announced that 1 was thinking of

stopping. Horrified at this, my sons took my arms and we ran the last 1.2 miles crossing the line together. ...... A feeling that I will never forget.

My thanks to Braishfield Lottery and all the many individuals who have supported me financially to raise over £3000.

Janet Miller



# **Braishfield Gardening Club**

At the March meeting, Alan Edmondson came to talk about 'The Shady Garden'. Alan is a well-

known horticultural expert who appears on 'Question time' on Radio Solent. He said his aim on this evening was to make those who haven't got shade in the garden, to go out and buy trees and plants to make it shady. He told us how to plant in three layers – the trees, then the shrubs underneath and finally,

the perennials. It is not easy to find plants that tolerate dry shade but Epimediums, Trilliums, Cyclamen, dwarf Narcissi and woodland Anemones will survive if wellwatered initially. In damp shade, there is more choice – Candelabra

Primulas, Brunnera, Dicentra, Hostas and Hellebores for example. Most of the plants flower in spring before the trees are in full leaf. Those of us with shady gardens were given plenty of ideas. Alan then judged the Spring Show and awarded the cup to Steve Renvoize, our Chairman.

The Members' evening in May was a great

success! Sheila Still showed interesting pictures taken in Kew

gardens; Viv Robinson talked about her holiday in the Swiss Alps illustrated by alpine flowers; Steve

Renvoize took us to Beth Chatto's garden with beautiful photographs and Geoff Daniel gave an enlightening talk on Compost with the final revelation that 'to get the best results required more effort than are prepared to put in!'. The evening's highlight was a live painting by Alan Oldham. (pictured

here with the finished product) He was given a surprise subject of a large bunch of multi-coloured Rhodedendrons and with a blank canvas and only 5 colours of paint, he produced an amazing picture in 20 mins which was auctioned and

won by Fran Clifford.



Viv Robinson

June meetings are visits to gardens as follows, open to anybody.

Tues June 7th @ 3pm Conholt Park, Andover SP11 9HA

Tues 14th June @ 6pm Packridge Farm, Toothill SO51 9LL

Tues 21st June @ 6pm Tanglefoot House, Crawley, SO21

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# **Braishfield Primary School**

y the time that the magazine goes out, our pupils in Years 2 and 6 will have completed their SATs amid a range of media analysis and governmental statements.

From the school's perspective, we look at the effort that those pupils have put into their learning, the milestones they have achieved and feel proud of the way that our pupils have really focused on the task in hand and given their very best. Really well done to all of them, and to the fabulously dedicated staff who put so much time and energy into

making the learning exciting d а n ensuring that our pupils can achieve their very best.

At the end of the

Spring term, our Year 3 and 4 pupils put on a stunning show of Little Red Riding Hood. It was a real triumph in terms of performance, and we now have the Y5/6 show to look forward to at the end of the Summer term.

By now you will be aware of the value that we put on experiences

beyond the school setting to support our children's learning and develop their social and emotional skills

Just after the Easter holiday, we took our pupils from Years 3 and 4 to the Brecon Beacons for a weekend of waterfalling, caving and climbing. The pupils designed their own menus for the weekend and made their own packed lunches each day. Self-catering involved a lot of teamwork, and many pupils experienced making their own beds and sandwiches for the first time! The

> activities were challenging, t W i caving and waterfalling involving m u С movement the dark in through and narrow and damp spaces.

> The tough mountain climb on



Ready for caving

the final day was rewarded with stunning views of the Brecon Beacons.

The children brilliantly supported and encouraged each other throughout the weekend - these activities really bring the class together and allow pupils to shine in ways that we would

not see in a classroom setting.

The younger children have also been a variety enjovina of trips and Year R visited Longdown Dairy Farm as part of their Animals Y1/2 topic. The pupils have a visit to Beaulieu Motor planned, Museum and the Y5/6 pupils visited the have British Museum to learn more about the Egyptians.

We celebrated the Birthday Queen's and St George's Day Preparing for the Coronation! achieved inside the with a street party and activities across the school to learn

more about the life of the Queen and the story of St George.

We are looking forward to the village celebration of the Queen's Birthday on June 11th.

Following our loft conversion last Summer, we have been looking at how we can develop our school grounds to make them more purposeful both for learning and for play. We bought in the skills of the School Landscape Strategy team, and they worked with a wide variety of stakeholders in our school community: parents. teachers. governors, members of the BSA and, most importantly, pupils. They

have drawn up an exciting plan based on what our community

> feels are priorities for the school grounds, and future fund-raising will be to put those developments into place. Obviously this is a costly enterprise. and will be undertaken over the course of around three vears.

However I feel that lifting the outdoor environment the same standard that We have

school will further

enhance our children's learning and recreational experiences, which are very important to ensure that our children get the very best out of their primary school years.

We have moved our school Summer Fayre to July so that it did not immediately follow the celebrations of the Queen's birthday. and look forward to seeing you at this fabulous community event on Saturday July 2nd.

Mrs. F. Hardy Headteacher

# **A Celebration**



# of our Queen's



# 90th Birthday

# **Braishfield's Own "Street" Party**

Sponsored by the BVA and Parish Council

# SATURDAY June 11th 2016 1.30pm – 7.30pm

On the recreation ground if dry

At the Social Club if wet

# **Free Event**

# Bring a picnic

Fun	(and your own chairs/tables/gazebos)	Fun
For	Sorry no private BBQs	For
All	Ice Cream	All
The	Barbeque run by the BVA 1.30pm onwards	The
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Hanging Banner competition
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# The Festivities Include

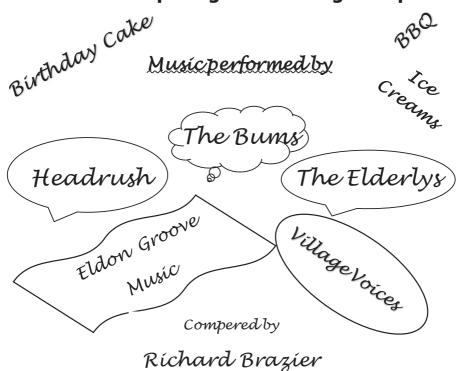


# Banner Competition



Display your banners at home from Iune 1."
Bring them along by 12 noon for display and judging

# Official Opening of the Village Shop



# **Braishfield Village Hall AGM part 2**

On Tuesday May 17th over 80 people turned out to attend the reconvened Village Hall AGM. The meeting was necessary as a result of inaccuracies in the financial report presented at the original AGM held in April.

Six committee members were present to share both the financial and working reports of the Village Hall Committee, including the Village Shop. Three other colleagues were unable to attend due to other commitments.

It was acknowledged at the outset, that the original accounts presented for the Village Hall, Village Shop Build and Shop Operational, should have been combined into one account and there was an error with the end of year balance for the Village Shop. The Village Hall Report and Account were both accepted at this meeting. Thanks were given to Marian Randall for setting up the original coffee shop and to Clive John for facilitating the new premises.

appreciation voiced Great was for the commitment shown by lan Barrow, Sharon Fielding and Fiona James, in establishing the shop in its new home. However, it was widely acknowledged that the shop will not build upon its current successful start. without the continued dedication of all the volunteers and use by all the community.

Malcolm Ayres shared the proposals for further development and refurbishment of the Village Hall. The three 'elected' positions were filled by lan Barrow, Diana Brazier and lan Knights.

The final summary emphasised the important role which the Village Hall and Shop can play in the life of the village. The Hall Committee is totally committed to an inclusive approach which values the needs of all members of the community.

The considerable practical and financial challenges ahead, in maintaining and refurbishing the hall, together with both developing and embedding the shop within the community, are clearly understood by all members of the Committee.

Finally, Richard Brazier spoke positively about the ongoing work of the Committee, whilst Julie Kemp highlighted some of the very supportive and encouraging comments made by those using the Village Shop.

A factual report such as this, can in no way reflect the overwhelmingly supportive mood of the meeting – it is hoped that all within the community will use and enjoy our wonderful resources.

Ian Knights

# **Braishfield Brownies**

### Summer Term

This summer term the Brownies have had a lot of fun. Seeing lambs at Elm Grove Farm, three new members,

learning the names of wild flowers and they are looking forward to going to Flame in July.

On Wednesday 27th April the Brownies went to Elm Grove Farm. Mrs Knight and her daughter Isabelle showed us their beautiful lambs. Three had been

born that very afternoon. We fed them, held them and learnt how you had to worm them, and much much more. After that we saw the sheepdog in action. We learnt how you direct them with commands. That day the Brownies went home with a grim on their faces.

There are three new recruits who

became Brownies on Wednesday 11th May, there were lots of guests. Before that the girls had an entertainment show, to get their Entertainers Badge. The

people getting enrolled were Kate, Amelia, and Madison. I was able to enrol Kate. The hostesses of the evening were Isabelle and Ffion, they made their guests feel very welcome.

Throughout the week the Brownies have been

learning about wild flowers and what they are called.

The Brownies are looking forward to a visit to Flame in July which is a camp taking place at a Guide centre in Foxlease. They can't wait.

By Ellie Windebank Sixer of Gnomes

## **FARLEY CHAMBERLAYNE 90TH CELEBRATION**

'An Open Weekend with Flowers'. 18th/19th June.

Refreshments will be available each afternoon and we will have a display of some photos from the last 90 years.

On Sunday 19th, after the 11.15am Family Service, we are having a Parish Picnic. All are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share in the churchyard, or in the church, if wet.

# Obituary: Terence O'Keeffe 17/08/49 - 16/04/16

Terry was born in Paddock Wood, Kent then a few days old, was taken home to Plumstead, S E London, - his brother declaring that he looked like Churchill.

He went to school at St Stephen's Welling, except for a short stint: on passing his 11 plus, at a new large comprehensive - this only lasted a couple of weeks as Terry declared it was too big and he kept getting lost. His early career was varied, from stock broking to postman - he fancied the outdoor life, but was in a basement serving the underground Postal Train. It also meant getting up at the crack of dawn - that did not last.

By the time we were married and living in "downtown Dartford", he was working for Thorn Lifting: recognising his abilities, his boss asked him to oversee the closing down of the Bromley depot. That led to Tel being offered the management of the Southampton depot - after a ten minute discussion, we decided to move to Hampshire.

Tel had always loved the countryside and on being introduced to the Newport Inn and Janet Cook, his fate was sealed. We moved to Braishfield 32 years ago, which was just as well, as he did try cycling to the Newport and came a cropper on Crook Hill, saved by the hedge, luckily.

Having left Thorn and tried a couple of other firms, Tel had an interview with an old colleague Mike Williamson (in a pub) and joined Dicks of Winchester until he retired as junior Director in 2013.

On retirement, Tel tried to take up golf, he enjoyed "short" walks with John Edwards, as they continued to put the world to rights as they had done for so many years over a pint at the Newport. He loved the nights at the Dog and Crook and the village quiz.

Tel liked good food and wine and cooking, but going out for a meal meant there was more time for conversation without distraction. Diagnosed with cancer in December 2015, his decline was all too swift.

Below is the Address given by his friend Graham Botterill. As can be seen, Tel loved people and they loved him.

Margaret O'Keeffe

" My abiding image of Terry has a broad delighted grin. Even back in the dark days of our primary school, when we were terrorised by nuns; all the photos show this happy little soul, who seemed to have found the answer to life and knew that things could only get better.

His exceptional humour was inevitable. His brother Mike and his parents all were wickedly funny. It was in his genetic make-up.

Back at school, a little group was starting to form. Too lazy and useless to ever get picked for a soccer or rugby team: we would lounge on a nearby hill, smoking our Woodbines and watching the lemmings chasing a ball about.

Post school, Tel was very much the leader of our pack: Alan, John, Pete and me. Later on he recruited Bill and Derek Sharp, who became close members of our band of brothers.

Tel was the ideas man, the comedian, the peacemaker, the fashion guru, the first bloke through the door. And this reminds me of stories that are better not told here and now.

But then... in 1968 we met the lovely ladies: Val Readman, Ann Kelly and Margaret Atkinson.

Tell was instantly smitten with Margaret .. truly love at first sight.. and has remained so ever since.. you couldn't prise them apart. They have been perfect for each other.

HIs other passions included cricket, horse-racing and a broad spectrum of music .. but not flying or heights. Boy, did Tel hate flying! But being Tel, he overcame it .. I think he used vodka and acupuncture.

He embraced village life.. he became part of so many organisations and has known and liked so many people.

Tel loved parties, gatherings, a bit of a do.. he claimed he'd happily go to the opening of an envelope .. and everyone enjoyed being with him.

Thank you, old friend. You were an extraordinary person. Your humour, intelligence, loyalty and enthusiasm have made you a wonderful bloke to be around. ALL of us here were so enriched by you, so lucky to have you as our friend.

And whenever I think of you, I'm transported back to an afternoon in a sunlit classroom, fifty years ago: when our adolescent humour got the better of us, and we sobbed helplessly with laughter, whilst our bewildered form-master glared on."

Graham Botterill

# **Battle of the Somme June to November 1916**

The year 2016 will be pre-occupy many who reflect on the action in the First World War, in particular the Battle of the Somme. For Britain the Somme was a defining moment in the First World War, and a deadly one with nearly 20,000 soldiers dying on the first day of the battle alone. Harold Macmillan, the future British Prime Minister, serving in the Grenadier Guards who were in the trenches on the Western Front, wrote to his mother on 13 May:

'Perhaps the most extraordinary thing about a modern battlefield is the desolation and emptiness of it all ... one cannot emphasise too much. Nothing to be seen of war or soldiers, but only the split and shattered trees and the burst of an occasional shell reveal anything of the truth. can only look for miles and see no human being. But in those miles of country lurk - like moles or rats, it seems - thousands, even hundreds of thousands of men, planning against each other perpetually some new device of death. Never showing themselves, they launch at each other bullet, bomb, aerial torpedo and shell. And somewhere too. on the German side we know of their existence opposite us, are the little cylinders of gas, waiting only for the moment to spit forth their nauseous and destroying fumes. And yet the landscape shows nothing of all this - nothing but a few shattered trees and three or four lines of earth-works and sandbags, these and the ruins

of towns and villages are the only signs of war anywhere visible. The glamour of red coats – the martial tunes of flag and drum – aide-decamps scurrying hither and thither on splendid chargers – lances glittering and swords flashing – how different old wars must have been!'

A few days later on 6 June, shock rippled down the trenches when news reached the Western Front of Lord Kitchener's death: drowned while on his way to Russia on board HMS Hampshire, which was sunk by a mine. with no survivors. The Padre was heard to murmur. 'The old earth of the battlefield, whether land or sea, is thirsty for the wine of our blood'. "And now the Torch and Poppy Red We wear in honour of our dead. Fear not that ye have died for naught; We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought In Flanders Field" Moina Michael

George Elliott



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Sunday Nights - Bingo

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# **Forthcoming Event**

Quiz Nights
- held fortnightly on Friday Nights
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# **Future Events**

# PLEASE NOTE

# DATES FOR CELEBRATIONS AND BEER FESTIVAL

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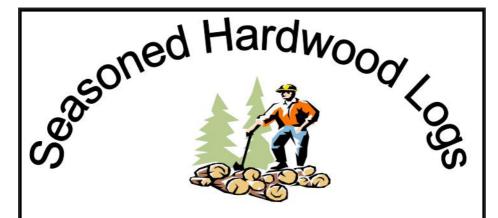
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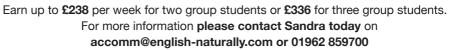
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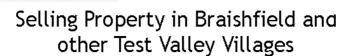






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22nd Sept 'I Love Flowers' Christine Evans
27th Oct 'Tales from the Forest' Lyn Mackenzie
24th Nov 'Its a Wonderful Lie,' Martina Coleman

(\*Open Evening)

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

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

### **Rubbish News**

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

Recycle weeks beginning: 13th & 27th June: 11th & 25th July

Household waste weeks beginning: 6th & 20th June: 4th & 18th July

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

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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	7 June	5 July	6 Sep
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon excl. August	13 June	11 Jul	12 Sep
Horticultural Society 🕮	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues excl. June/July/Aug	Garden visits	13 Sep	11 Oct
Flower Arrangement Society	Church Room	7.30	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	23 June	28 July	22 Sep
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	27 June	25 Jul	22 Aug
Art Group	Football Pavilion	10 - 12	Every Thursday except August			
The Pantry Shop & Cafe	Village Hall	9 – 12 2 - 5	From June 6th opening hours are: Mon - Sat 9 - 12 noon Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2 -5pm			
Story Time	Village Pantry	11 – 12	Thursday, Wendy Lord 367015			

Events 🕮	Where	When	More Details	
Horticultural Society	Garden visits	Tuesdays: 7,14, 21 June	see page 21	
HM 90 <sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park	Recreation Ground	Sat 11th June, 1.30pm – 7.30pm	See pages 24 & 25	
HM 90th Songs of Praise	All Saints'	Sunday 12 June 6pm	See page 17	
Armed Forces Day	Village Hall car park	Saturday 25th June	Union Flags will be hoisted at 8am	
School Fayre	Recreation Ground	Saturday 2nd July	details will be on Notice boards	
Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show	Village Hall	Saturday 16th July 2-4pm	see booklet with magazine	
Flower Festival	URC	Saturday 16, Sunday 17 July		

Please see BVN or Notice Boards for further details