



# ***BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS***

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Photo taken by a Braishfield resident saying  
"Elm Grove sheep always make me smile"

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# Braishfield Village Association

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## From the Chairman

Spring has arrived or at least is on its way. Blossom on the trees and Summer just around the corner. My favourite time of year and for the village the year has started well.

We now have trees on the Sandy Lane roundabout which could well become an attractive feature entrance to our village, but I see no need for three sets of instructions telling us which way to go around it. The black chevrons are in my view hideous but will be hard to remove so let's get rid of the other two sets. We should have the top end of the Braishfield road resurfaced and the completion of the work on the junction by the school.

That's the good news but sadly despite the efforts of Councillor John Bevan we have made little progress towards getting our footpath down Crook hill. Let us hope the matter is quickly resolved before somebody is injured or killed.

We are making some progress on improving mobile phone coverage and broadband coverage for the village. Thank you to those who provided Chris Balchin with their coverage details. (see page 20 for further details), I have had a meeting with BT and Hampshire County Council to explore options for improving broadband speeds for those that despite the work on the three boxes in the village still

get barely adequate reception. We will follow that up and put together some proposals for householders to consider.

We have also identified a further two possible mobile phone mast sites that would improve mobile phone coverage for the whole village and provided a platform for improved 4g coverage.

Planning authorities continue to be under pressure to find sites and build new houses. This has increased the number and nature of the applications. To deal with this very different workload the Chairman of the Parish Council has suggested that the parish council set up a planning subcommittee that would meet as and when required to deal solely with planning matters.

I think this is an excellent idea. It would allow the Parish Council to enlist the services of experienced parishioners with planning knowledge to help them in their deliberations although the responsibility for making any decision of course remains one for Councillors. Personally, I would like to see the village update its Design statement and create a document that the planning authorities cannot easily ignore.

Much to do!

## From the Editor

As both our Chairman and John Bevan, Chairman Parish Council, write in this edition, we have cause for reasonable optimism for Braishfield in 2017.

Things are moving, albeit sometimes slowly but as I pen this, for instance, the northern end of Braishfield Road is in the process of being completely re-surfaced (so much so that Sue was nearly debarred from entering our drive by the host of machinery involved!.) and the Crookhill footpath debate now seems to be moving in the right direction.

In the meantime some senior citizens have already enjoyed a tremendous Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a new Head Teacher has been appointed for the start of the next academic year, there is positive news on improvements

and maintenance of the Churchyard, and many events to look forward to including Easter celebrations and the Bank holidays which trip over each other in May.

Thank you once again for a very wide-ranging spread of articles which cover exactly the subjects which are of interest to us all, both in the village and Romsey; in fact there are two articles involving local folk which focus on that largest of all continents, Africa – I'll leave you to find them!

Usual request; keep writing in and, if you can, provide photographs in support – at least then we can print something of your choice!

### BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

The February winner in the monthly village lottery was Maggie Brooks, and the March winner was Angela Bevan. The donations to good causes were to the village Social Contact Group and All Saints Church.

Like to join? Give David Robinson a call on 368774 or e mail him at [dbr33@john-lewis.com](mailto:dbr33@john-lewis.com). It's easy!

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Thank you.  
Jimmy Chestnutt - Chairman



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## Notices

### Braishfield Golf Society 2017

We will be planning a number of meetings for 2017 starting probably in late March / early April. Anyone who is not on my email list and would like to hear about our meetings please let me know. Nothing very serious. The opportunity to play different courses and enjoy a beer and a bite to eat after 18 holes. All standard of golfers are welcome.

Richard Brazier - rdbrazier@hotmail.com

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### All Saints Church Mowing 2017

We normally meet in March and start mowing in early April. Mowers' machines are provided and in past years we have had sufficient numbers so no one has to mow more than twice in the season. The Churchyard is divided into North and South and we cut each on alternate weeks in pairs. About 2 hours work in all. If any one would like to join the team please let me know.

Look forward to your support.

Many thanks

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### Braishfield Village Voices – Happy New Singing Year!

Our village singing group is for all ages and stages and a chance to get out and meet up with friendly faces, have a sing and chat over a cup of tea/coffee – everyone can sing! Every session has a mix of 'old' favourites and new tunes, with hopefully something for everyone. Requests welcomed.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible – bring a friend – on the 4th Monday in the month.

Come and join us on any of the following Mondays, 2-4pm in the Church Room.

**24 April**

**22 May**

**26 June**

**24 July...and, on the 3rd Monday – 21 August.**

Meri Knights 368516

Wendy Quarendon 368015

## Notices cont.

### Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 8pm. This is a meeting of the electors of Braishfield, hosted by the Parish Council: all are welcome. The purpose is to discuss and update each other on community matters, and hear reports from elected representatives. Community groups, formal or informal, have the opportunity to speak. There will also be an open period, for electors to speak or ask questions of those present.

A community project for planting local historic varieties of apple trees around the parish will be introduced by Fran Clifton of Sir Harold Hillier Gardens / Braishfield Horticultural Society. And we hope to have in attendance, Borough Councillor Martin Hatley, County Councillor Alan Dowden and our PCSO Storm Perrott, as well as members of the Parish Council.

If you would like to speak about your community group or project, please contact Kate Orange, Clerk to Braishfield Parish Council, so that you can be included on the Agenda

clerk@braishfield-pc.org  
(07968 671604).

### Forthcoming Meetings of Braishfield Parish Council

**The Meeting of Braishfield Parish Council on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 7pm in the will be held only if there are planning applications to be commented upon. An agenda will be published 3 working days before the meeting, if it is to take place.**

**Otherwise, the next meeting of Braishfield Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall.**

Members of the Council elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year at this meeting.

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## Notices cont.

### Braishfield Village Email Network **network@braishfield.org**

The BVA uses the network to:

- Advise villagers of developments that will impact on the village i.e. significant road/building and planning applications and seek their views.
- Ask villagers for their views on proposed events.
- Advise villagers of important events, dates and changes to advertised services.
- Members' views will be unattributed. Email addresses will not be passed to a third party and villagers can unsubscribe at any time by notifying the network manager.

## The Dog & Crook to Jermyns Lane Footway

It is Braishfield Parish Council's fervent desire to have the footway on Braishfield Road from the Dog & Crook to Hillier's Arboretum main entrance on Jermyn's Lane installed as quickly as possible.

To that end we have been liaising with Hampshire County Council regularly, and we have been keeping our local county and Borough councillors up to speed on the current situation. Both have been very supportive and through them, we have made Caroline Nokes MP aware of the current spate of unfortunate delays. Caroline has been in touch with Hampshire CC who have replied. The gist of the situation is as follows:

### **Background:**

The Abbotswood development provided S106 funds for a footway linking Braishfield Village to the

Sir Harold Hillier Gardens site off Jermyns Lane. A study was undertaken by Test Valley Borough Council who looked at the feasible options. This included considering the offer from the Sir Harold Hillier Garden to utilise some of their land to allow the footway to be delivered within their boundary to avoid the drainage ditches, and to ultimately facilitate the diversion of Footway 712 which runs from Crook Hill Farm to their Main entrance on Jermyns Lane.

We have all seen this already established alternative footway alongside Braishfield Rd to the roundabout and down Jermyns Lane. The study considered both on highway and within the Sir Harold Hillier's land options, and recommended the non-highway option as it was more affordable with



less engineering work required.

Despite this, the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens route is only an option if the right of way (ROW) currently through their site can be diverted to the line of the new footway. The alternative highway option requires ditches to be culverted thus sending the costs closer to or over the funded budget.

### **Current Situation:**

During the consultation period for the diversion order, three objections were received from Braishfield residents, meaning that the County Council was unable to confirm the order itself. Though officers sought to engage constructively with those who had objected, in an attempt to reach a compromise that would allow the order to be confirmed but they were unsuccessful.

Having exhausted this option, the County Council had no other recourse but to refer the order to the Secretary of State for determination. The order having been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, which will appoint an Inspector to determine the matter (probably through a process of written representations). The process which enables all interested parties to have their say is likely to take several months before the Inspector's decision is received. Whilst the County Council supports and sympathises with our frustrations, the process is prescribed by a statutory legal framework, and as a result, the speed with which it is determined is now outside the County Council's

control.

The safety of all road users is the key priority for us, and all concerned Councils, so despite the delay, we are informed that work is continuing on the detailed design of the footway which will consider both options. Hopefully a decision from the Secretary of State will be made by the time the design work has been completed thus allowing Hampshire CC to proceed with the scheme quickly.

All users of Braishfield Road have a duty to conduct themselves in accordance with the Highway Code to minimise the risk of causing injury to themselves or others. Until such time as we have a safe and properly surfaced footway, both pedestrians and vehicles must expect to encounter one another along Braishfield Road and behave accordingly. The County Council is currently exploring the possibility of arranging some "pedestrian in road warning signage" on Braishfield Road (to be removed when the permanent footway is constructed), along with any other practical mitigation that might be feasible in order to benefit users in the interim.

### **Bottom Line:**

**Please take care** when using Crook Hill both on foot, and in vehicles. It won't be long now before this alternative and safe footway will be achieved.

John Bevan. Chairman.  
Braishfield Parish Council

## Notices cont.

### "Alan Titchmarsh meets Bruce Parker"

an evening of memorable moments in Words and Music  
Friday 19 May at The Stripe Theatre, Sparkford Road,  
University of Winchester,

by kind permission of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Joy Carter. Alan Titchmarsh, acclaimed gardener and horticulturist, is also Chancellor of the University of Winchester. Bruce Parker is well known for his work with the BBC and is Chairman and Trustee of the Friends of Winchester Cathedral. The evening will start with a Reception at 6.15 pm followed by the Talk at 7.15 pm ending around 8.15 pm. This is a fund raiser for Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust (Registered charity no 299633) - villagers very kindly support the Trust's Ride & Stride event every year.

Tickets are £18 each and will be available through the University's online booking system shortly: [www.winchester.ac.uk/newsandevents](http://www.winchester.ac.uk/newsandevents) and then 'Events'. The Theatre is just off Sparkford Road with parking beyond it and has wheelchair access. Please book early to avoid disappointment and bring your friends! Contact Meryl Balchin, 01794 368427 or [meryl@hihct.org.uk](mailto:meryl@hihct.org.uk) if you need help with the booking, or would like some flyers/posters etc.

### Braishfield's Book Club Review

'A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY' by J. L. CARR

Written by an inspired author who had been a teacher, this story is set in the summer of 1920 and concerns two men, both deeply traumatised by their war service, who meet in the Yorkshire village of Oxgodby where each has an assignment to fulfil the terms of a recent bequest. Tom Birkin is to uncover a 14th Century wall painting and Charles Moon is searching for a grave of an ancestor. Each finds some personal healing while completing the task and the welcome from the villagers restores their equilibrium. A gem of a book!

Viv Robinson

### WELCOME

There have been a number of new arrivals to our village recently and we extend a warm welcome to them all. You will find this an active and friendly village and we encourage you to join in the many and varied activities which are listed in the Residents' Guide. If you have not received this together with a Braishfield pack please let me know. Your BVA committee is here to help with any questions you may have so please phone or email any of us.

Sue Mullane  
Distributor BVN

## Pantry Update



If you've popped into The Pantry on Saturdays recently, you will have met our super new recruits, Katherine and Pippa who are working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards.

It's been a pleasure to have seen them flourish whilst contributing so positively to the village shop venture. Katherine and Pippa have noted that, "Overall, the whole experience has boosted our self-confidence."



They have mastered useful practical skills, learnt about good customer service and thoroughly enjoyed the social and community aspects of volunteering.

Everyone has praised their care and efforts in greeting and assisting customers with tact, good humour and consideration.

So, thank you and well done indeed, Pippa and Katherine. The whole shop team wishes you every success as you work towards your goals. We look

forward to hearing of your adventures and achievements in the future.

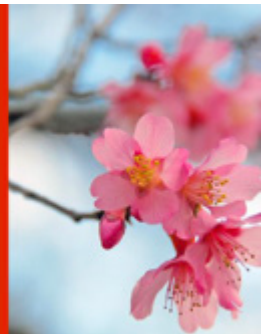
After the successful cooking demonstration at Christmas we are pleased to be able to offer second helpings! This time Gayle Wilde will be demonstrating some ideas for Spingtime and enabling you to sample some of the dishes.

Date: 12th April

Time: 7:30pm

Venue; The Pantry

Cost: £20pp



Another thing to look forward to is a display that the Brownies will be putting up between



Tuesday 18th and Saturday 29th of April. As part of the Brownies Tradition Badge they will be learning about Saint George, part of which will be use to make a display about Saint George for the Village Pantry.

Iain Coleman

## Senior Citizens' Mad Hatters' Tea Party

Held in the Social Club 3pm on Sunday 29th January, this year rang the changes on the previous lunch gatherings. Themed the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, everything started with a warming glass or two of sherry in the bar, before moving into the main hall where we were plied with wonderful sandwiches,

Old Cadets. Ricky Dorlay compered as immaculately as ever, Bob and Barry's guitars accompanied the general 'singalong' of all the old favourites, and Sharon Fielding led a host of helpers all dressed as characters from Alice's Mad Tea Party!



cakes and scones, all freshly made. Not only that, but in addition to cups of tea, a copious amount of red and white wine flowed. Entertained by a variety of musical performances by the school, an excellent hula-hoop demonstration, an 'Old Amsterdam' themed presentation involving a moving and rotating windmill, all constructed by Mike Knowles, and of course the always rumbustuous and entertaining presence of the Romsey

Our immense thanks to all, most particularly Sharon, for the very meticulous preparation and performances. It was a hugely entertaining and enjoyable afternoon and early evening which has set the tone for future years!

Our thanks also to the Village pubs for their generous contributions.

Mike Mullane



making travel possible

**Romsey Local Jumbulance Group  
Affiliated to the Jumbulance Trust:  
registered charity No. 1090731**

**W**e've had a wonderful start to the year with recent donations ensuring all our holidays are going ahead this year. As things stand now both Babbacombe in July and our pilgrimage to Lourdes in September are already full. We have some very generous helpers and nurses and its come together relatively easily.

Our special "Walking with Wheelchairs Challenge" in Cumbria, based in Windemere in October still has some places and our end of year 3 night break in Blackpool in November also has a few places....

but its early days for them.

We recently had our winter reunion lunch at Poppies at Choice Plants with a Cake Stall that raised £150 run by Jan and Steve Lewis.

Thank you to all our supporters and please think about volunteering.... without volunteers and nurses we can't take the sick and disabled people on holiday.

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## Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

A quick update on the forthcoming arrival of lambs!

The ewes were scanned and the result was 200% which is really good. Kate has 80 ewes and 11 of them are carrying triplets and 9 singles with one barren ewe. The mathematicians amongst you will doubtless be muttering that that is not 200%. Near enough I say!

So, from the middle of April we will be seeing lambs jumping about in the fields. Can it be a year since they were there before?

Wendy Quarendon

## All Saints' Braishfield

Some dates for your diary

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday 1st April</b> 9.30am | Church Spring clean  |
| <b>Sunday 9th April</b> 10.45am  | APCM in the Church Room  |
| <b>Friday 14th April</b> 7.30pm  | Good Friday<br>Meditation service of hymns, anthems and readings |
| <b>Sunday 16th April</b> 9.30am  | Easter Day<br>Family Communion followed by Easter egg hunt.      |
| <b>Sunday 21st May</b> 9.30am    | joint Christian Aid service in the URC                           |
| <b>Sunday 11th June</b> –        | our annual visit to the Isle of Wight.                           |



We are planning to have an All Saints Harvest Flower Festival in September leading up to our celebration of Harvest.

More details in the next editions.

Saturday 30th September – 7pm Harvest Supper

Sunday 1st October – 9.30am Harvest Festival

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

More details? Please contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109

## The Heart of the Matter

**E**aster is a great time of year – flowers in bloom, buds bursting on the trees, longer evenings, sunnier days (we hope!). For Christians, Easter is exciting because it is the heart of the Christian faith; the Resurrection of Jesus is central to what we believe and has enormous implications for our lives.

Everything we believe as Christians hangs on this one fact. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, Christianity is a deception, an utter waste of time and church is pointless!

Christianity doesn't claim that Jesus was a good teacher; it declares that in the person of Jesus, God broke into his world to carry out his rescue plan for humankind, to deal with the

problem of human selfishness and to destroy death.

### ***The Resurrection of Jesus is a fact***

Some have suggested that 'resurrection' is just a way of saying Jesus' teaching and influence lives on; but no, it's an event that happened at a place and time in history, that is attested by all the evidence and that has utmost importance for every person in every generation in every place. Some people say resurrections can't happen - but the evidence leads us conclusively to the truth that Jesus rose!

### ***The Resurrection of Jesus shows his claims are true***

Jesus made his credibility hang on the resurrection. He made amazing claims – "if you've seen me, you've seen the Father; I and the Father are one; I am the way, the truth and the life'. If he had stayed dead, we would have to conclude that he was, at best, deluded, at worst, a liar and conman. But the resurrection vindicates and validates his claims.

### ***The Resurrection of Jesus means there is hope***

So how do we know there is hope; a future beyond the grave? Jesus said: "Fear not, I am the first and the last

and the living one; I died and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades"

Jesus declares that there is a definite existence beyond death and that those who put their trust in him need not fear it.

That tremendous truth, that death has been defeated because of the resurrection of Jesus, means there is hope beyond the grave. Not a vague hope, but a confident expectation based on a solid fact. As someone has put it, the first Easter was 'the day death died'.

Trusting in Jesus isn't just an insurance policy that matures when you die! The emphasis is on a new quality of life that God gives now, which finds its full expression beyond the grave.

Life is hard at times. None of us is immune from troubles. We can become disillusioned, disheartened. What's the point of keeping on in my faith? Remember the hope that we have. What's at the finish of this life is infinitely worth the struggles on the way. Stick at it, commit yourself to Christ and live for him daily.

Have a great Easter!

Steve Pittis

## Village Hall Refurbishment Update

The Braishfield Village Hall is 36 years old and requires refurbishment. The Village Hall Trustees have created a four phase program of refurbishment.

The first phase was the installation of air source heating/cooling to main hall and lobby which was completed in 2014. The next phase was the construction of the highly successful shop which was completed in early 2016.

We now have received confirmation of all the funding we require to go ahead with part of Phase 3 of the refurbishment. This Phase 3 part is the complete refurbishment of the three toilets, the incorporation of a separate shower unit and modernising the electric distribution board.

We expect the work to begin in April/May. The funding sources are a Community Asset Fund grant from Test Valley Borough Council for 50% of the project budget, the re-allocation of S106 monies from the Oak Close developer and an HCC Community Building Capital Fund grant.

Following on from this work we then hopefully proceed to the much needed refurbishment of the lobby, committee room and kitchen as the completion of our original Phase 3 work. This will incorporate roof windows in the lobby/committee room as well as wall coverings which will enhance the ambience of the rooms. Finally the last phase is the lighting/decorating of the main hall.

As well as this refurbishment work there is the ongoing maintenance of the structure of the building, namely the roof. The low pitch and the deteriorating bituminous underfelt has led to some rainwater leaks in the committee room/kitchen recently which need to be resolved ideally before the internal refurbishment takes place.

We will be seeking grant funding for the next work but we will also be seeking support from the village.

Chris Balchin &  
Malcolm Ayres

## Village Hall Refurbishment - Stop Press!

Just to bring you up to date with developments regarding the Village Hall and Pantry.

You will see from the article above by Chris Balchin and Malcolm Ayres that, having secured the

necessary grant funding, we are about to embark on the next phase of refurbishment in the Village Hall..

In addition, and on a business note, we have just heard that our application for the hall to become



a C.I.O. (Charitable Incorporated Organisation), has been agreed by the Charities Commission.

This means that the Village Hall will become a 'non-profit organisation' with limited liability for trustees.

Furthermore, The Pantry will become a trading company, whose sole shareholder will be the Village Hall, with profits from the shop, being gifted to the Village Hall.

Directors for The Pantry will be

appointed by the C.I.O. We will be holding an open meeting in the near future, to share full details of this development. The date will be widely published, giving at least fourteen days notice of the event.

I hope that you will see that your fellow villagers are continuing to work hard to maintain and improve valuable resources for our village.

Ian Knights –  
Chairman  
Village Hall Committee

## Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Following the success of our Open Evening in November, we were very pleased to be able to present a cheque for £350 to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Linda Clark from H & I W A A received the cheque from our treasurer Hazel Prince seen here. Carole Renvoize



## Braishfield Horticultural Society Garden Club Talks

**F**ebruary talk.

Gordon Massie gave a talk in February about seven European gardens with the emphasis on their history, who built them and why? He started in the North with St Petersburg, The Winter Palace gardens. Designed by Peter the Great but not built till after the 2nd world war, they include 64 fountains all fed by gravity without pumps. Bedding plants cannot be put out till June because of the winter temperatures. There is a small roof top garden there which most visitors do not find.

He told us of the garden at the Vasa museum in Stockholm. The Vasa ship sank on her maiden voyage in 1628 and the garden contains plants that would have been grown for the food and medicines required on the ship.

Worlitzer Park on the Elbe in Germany was created by Duke Leopold III at the end of 18th Century after his visit to Stowe and Stourhead and therefore is one of the earliest and largest English gardens on the continent.

The University Botanic garden in Leiden was founded in 1575 by Prince William as a reward to the city for its defence against the Spaniards. The collection was expanded by plants brought back by the Dutch voyages to the East Indies and Indonesia and by Philipp von Siebold, one of the major plant collectors who visited Japan.

Monet's garden in Giverny was born because he passed through by train and wanted to live there, developing its famous water gardens at a later date. The gardens at Versailles were entrusted to Andre Le Notre but Louis XIV continually interfered asking for exotic plants to be included that he had been given. So the Orangery contained over a thousand tender plants to be moved out in summer.

Finally, Gordon talked of the Villa and Gardens Ephrussi de Rothschild near Nice where the climate allows all type of planting. The main French formal garden is in the shape of a ship with the house at the stern. Other sections are from 40 different designers including Japanese, Florentine, Spanish and Rose gardens.

A talk with a twist including interesting less known facts about some well-known gardens!

**M**arch talk.

We had a fascinating talk by Maggie Haynes about Tuppenny Barn. Originally an officer in the Army, she was passionate about growing food for the Community and teaching

children about the environment. She acquired a field near Chichester and set about fertilizing raised beds with green manure, erecting a polytunnel and planting an orchard. With the help of part-time help and volunteers, she invited school

children and disadvantaged people to come and learn about growing this enormous variety of vegetables, salad crops, fruit and herbs. She installed a huge water tank of 20.000 gals, and made a greenhouse from plastic bottles. She said if she has a goal, she goes for it – something the Army taught her.

After 12 years of hard work there is now a weekly shop selling their produce, jams, chutneys and cordials, a vegetable box system, beehives and honey, two ponds, a huge portakabin for inside activities and many links with local schools and community who visit the Centre. She decided to build a permanent building on site. Designed by a local

architect, she acquired grants and raised £400.000 over seven years. The round building sits on 400 tyres filled with ballast, the walls are insulated with hay and the floor with compressed paper.

It is a huge undertaking and Maggie is trying to make it sustainable with a variety of events including workshops, concerts, weddings and art displays. Her prime interest is still the charitable status for the education role but she hopes to make the project pay for itself one day! We hope to visit it in June and look forward to that.

Viv Robinson

## **Braishfield Ukulele Music Society**

**BUMS** have got off to a flying start this year having raised £151 for Jane Scarth House in January and February.

On March 21st they performed for CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) in the Crosfield Hall, Romsey: (here they are in the photo on stage.)

This was their biggest audience ever and they received a cheque for £100, making the total £251 to date. So far they have a further 11 bookings this year.

They owe much to Bob Milligan who gives his precious time and expertise to the group.

Thank you Bob!



## Broadband Survey

**T**hank you for the response to the Broadband speed survey in February – 65 villagers responded. This has given us a good view to the broadband speed coverage in the village.

The village is currently served by two roadside cabinets that have been upgraded with an incoming fibre cable (Cabinet 6 on Braishfield Road opposite Newport Lane and Cabinet 5 in Newport Lane opposite the “Newport Inn”). Cabinet 4 is due to be upgraded later in 2017.

It is understood that Cabinet 6 serves most of the village from Crook Hill to Furzedown Road/Parnholt Lane including Common Hill Road, Hillview Road, part of Newport Lane and Paynes Hay Road east. Cabinet 5 serves part of Newport Lane, Lower Street, Paynes Hay Road west and Eldon Lane. Cabinet 4 serves Church Lane (part), Pucknall, Slackstead and Farley.

The upgraded cabinets enable most villagers to receive their broadband by the so-called FTTC – Fibre To The Cabinet. However as the connection from the cabinet to the home is still copper wire the performance degrades the further you are from the cabinet – often referred to as the ‘Last Mile’.

If you are beyond about a mile from the cabinet then you will not experience much benefit from the cabinet upgrades. Before the cabinets were upgraded the village was served by the so-called traditional ADSL broadband which gave a performance of download speeds of up to 10Mbps.

Since the cabinet upgrade, the providers (BT, EE, TalkTalk, Plusnet etc) will normally offer us three speed options – 17, 38 and 76 Mbps up for the ‘Last Mile’. Therefore unless you are in the areas (Eldon Lane, Farley Lane, Furzedown Road, Parnholt Lane) you will be able to negotiate a package with your provider for one of the speed options if you are not receiving at least 17Mbps.

For those interested we have added an article on the index page of the village website [www.braishfield.org](http://www.braishfield.org). Note: Your speed may be restricted due to wiring in your house – normally wrong filter on the phone socket.

BVA committee

## 1st Braishfield Brownies

This spring term Braishfield Brownies are busy working towards the Brownie Traditions and Brownie Skills Badges. This involves learning about how Girlguiding and Brownies started, looking at old Guiding books and trying out

busy baking cakes for our guests to enjoy this week. Baking is always a popular activity at our meetings! Recently at our meeting we were joined by the Division Commissioner and County Commissioner to present long service awards to two



*From left: Maggie Hillier - Division Commissioner,  
Hannah Boothman, Nicky Ayres,  
Anne Falconer - County Commissioner.*

of our Leaders. Hannah Boothman was presented with her 40 years service award and Nicky Ayres her 30 years service award. We are extremely lucky to have such an experienced team of volunteers in our unit, but going forward we are always

keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining

activities traditionally undertaken by Brownies. The girls have learnt to sew on a button, correctly address an envelope, wash their hands and administer First Aid amongst other tasks.

The Brownies will be learning about St George and use some of this work to make a display in the Village Pantry in April.

Coming up shortly we have our annual Coffee morning for invited village residents. The girls will be

our team. In particular we would be pleased to receive enquiries from anyone who may have previous Girlguiding experience and who would like to start volunteering again.

If you may be interested in joining us, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Charlotte Marsh  
Brown Owl  
brownies@braishfield.org

## 3rd Romsey Scouts

3rd Romsey Scout Troop welcomed ROMDAG, Romsey Dementia Action Group in February, to raise awareness of dementia. This is a problem that affects many of their families, preparing the Scouts by showing them what it is like to live with dementia helps them to understand and become more dementia friendly. Romsey was successfully launched as a Dementia Friendly town in May 2014, since then ROMDAG has visited groups and businesses, set up sessions and organised events. There have been huge changes around Romsey and there is a great deal of support around the town.

Ian & Amelia came along from ROMDAG and ran a session giving the Scouts information, answering questions and including games showing how dementia affects a person's life. This will give the Scouts the tools to help members of their families, friends or neighbours who have dementia, but it will also ensure they can help the wider community become more dementia-friendly.

The Scouts made a list of all the ways our brains help us during the day followed by a game of catch with a ball of string to illustrate the ways the brain interacts all day. Then Ian took a pair of scissors and snipped at various points of the string to show how dementia damages the links between parts of the brain which normally come as second nature.

Dementia describes a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with mobility, problem-solving or language. Although it mainly affects older people, it is not a natural part of ageing and 40,000 under 65 have dementia.

People with dementia all too often find themselves isolated, losing friends and family and facing barriers in accessing their local communities. With 1,000,000 people in the UK predicted to have dementia by 2025, it's time for young people to get involved in creating more dementia-friendly communities.

From fighting isolation to teaching others to spot the signs, from making communities more accessible to convincing decision makers to find a cure, young people can improve the lives of those affected by dementia for generations to come.

At the end of the session all the Scouts agreed to use the skills and knowledge they had gained to be more understanding and to help others become more dementia-friendly. They were given a Dementia Friends pin badge by Amelia and welcomed into the ever-growing group of dementia friends in Romsey.

For more information on ROMDAG please visit <http://www.romdag.co.uk/>

## All Saints' Trees

In addition to the regular grass cutting, hedge trimming and general tidy up in the church yard, we – the PCC- have had a really good look at the trees in the church yard over the last ten months.

It all started with a Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) by a qualified arborist (posh word for a tree hugger). This is all part of our duty of care for the trees around us. Since we are a busy churchyard with lots of visitors and church activities we have to make sure we get our trees checked professionally. Winter storms as well as summer branch drop can be a problem for older trees.

A local company has had a look at each individual tree, given them a number and logged them with a GPS (Global positioning system). Each tree has been assessed for growth, strength and stability. Unusual activity was noted and given a rating. Most trees are healthy, good in growth and no bother at all. There are however a few troublesome issues with some of the trees. One of them is one of the large Pine trees at the front of the Church along the main path. It has been recommended that it be removed due to heavy decline in the upper canopy.

The small cherry tree near the gate at the front is almost dead and would free up the electric cable.

Minor pruning on the apple tree and clearing of suckers from the horse chestnut was done on one of our church yard working parties (you are always welcome to join in).

As a result of this survey we have



now commissioned an arborist to come in and take these trees down. They will also dead wood the other two pines and 'tidy them up'. As soon as planning approval has been granted, they will come in and do the work.

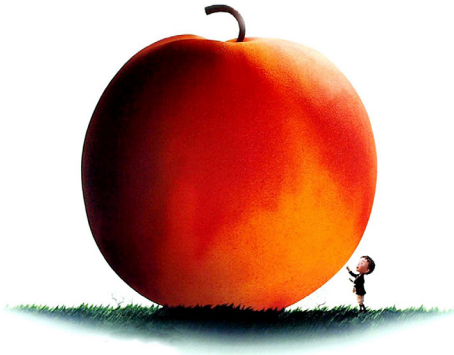
We hope this will enhance your enjoyment of the church yard and make you feel safe at the same time.

Braishfield PCC

## Braishfield Primary School

I write this on the eve of the vernal equinox: a time when the hours of daylight and night time will be in balance; a prompt for many cultures to celebrate new beginnings and the first day of spring. We are rapidly approaching the Easter break, but since I last wrote there has been much going on at Braishfield Primary School.

of the way they carried themselves throughout the entire day and can only marvel at the sheer bravery it takes to perform on such a grand stage in front of a huge audience. Well done to the children on every aspect of their performance and to the adults who choreographed, designed and painted backdrops, sewed costumes, painted faces, and even created a Giant Peach –  
a sincere  
thank you.



Just before half-term break, Key Stage Two performed at Southampton Guildhall as part of the J-Rock Junior Rock Challenge. Their entry, a dance themed around several of Roald Dahl's books, has been in the making for some time, with regular rehearsals and a dedicated support group comprised of staff and parents. The night itself was fantastic and our children performed spectacularly, picking up awards for visual enhancement, stage crew and soundtrack. I was immensely proud

Also before half-term Little Acorns visited Bursledon Mill, Saplings visited Winchester and the Cathedral, Oaks took a trip to London to visit the Science Museum and Big Acorns went to the Oceanarium in Bournemouth where a member of the public felt compelled to write to the school about the impeccable behaviour of our pupils during the visit. Mrs Bishop was very proud, and rightly so.



Saplings recently attended Calshot activities centre for a residential trip to study the river Darkwater. They visited the source and the mouth and two other sites between looking at the differences in speed, width, depth and size of deposition. This was a fantastic experience for the children and the first residential trip for many of them. Once more I was proud of the children for their learning behaviour and the thoughtful and mature way in which they conducted their inquiry.

In school we recently celebrated World Book Day, which included the pupils and staff dressing as characters from books set in other countries, and at time of writing we are looking forward to Comic Relief where we will fundraise by creating our own joke book. Saplings are preparing for their end of term production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and Oaks are in the midst of readying themselves for the Key Stage Two SATs tests!

Lastly, I previously mentioned new beginnings: last week the governors interviewed candidates for the role of substantive Headteacher of Braishfield Primary School, to take up post in September.

The work that goes into Headteacher selection cannot be underestimated. The school governors have been utterly committed to the recruitment of a new Headteacher for Braishfield Primary School and have met every

Friday since October, pausing only for Christmas, to ensure that the pre-advert, advert, shortlisting and two day interview process led to the final outcome of securing the very best candidate for the role.

The interview days themselves were thoroughly planned, tested every aspect of the job and probed every facet of each candidate's abilities. They were also attended by the entire governing body and two members of the local authority. The final decision was made by the interview panel and then ratified by the whole governing body. In the undertaking of this recruitment the governors should be truly commended.

Following a rigorous and challenging interview process the governors have recruited Mrs Louise Rhodes who, I am certain, will be welcomed into the wider school community when she begins at the start of the next academic year. I know that she will receive the community's fullest support and that your partnership with the school will continue to ensure that Braishfield Primary School goes from strength to strength.

Though this may feel early, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter on behalf of the school.

Mr Peter Stuart  
Acting Headteacher  
Braishfield Primary School

## A Bridge Too Far?

Update from Elspeth & Jerry Dugdale  
@ ServeDirect\*\*

*What I love about this secondary school is that it has made me what I am today – and I am so proud to tell fellow students and lecturers I studied from here! a great*



*Jerry Dugdale with former student Paul Opio*

testimonial from an ex-pupil Paul Opio, returning to share the exciting news that he had just graduated with a 2.1 in Education. Apart from completing his teaching practice at WTA, (Wobulenzi Town Academy), Jerry and I hadn't seen him since the day he left in 2012. Feedback is sometimes less forthcoming in teaching anywhere you work, but it is really hard to keep track of students in Uganda once they leave. However, it is always worth waiting for and we now know that many of the 2012 class have recently graduated which is such good news.

Realistically, not every student has an academic success story or goes to university, but actually completing secondary school provides many more opportunities than for the vast majority in Uganda who don't even start secondary school, due to lack of money or poor access to schooling. Without WTA, many of them would not have been able to afford school fees.

Since we last wrote, we have seen many changes on the secondary school site: new staff houses, a larger computer suite, more student bathrooms, a new art room, 2 new classrooms, an A' level block and... not forgetting a new larger staffroom – very important! However, there is another very significant development close to our hearts which occurred a few weeks ago: ServeDirect has just been given permission to build and open a second Bridge Resource Centre in Gulu, Northern Uganda – the first one is on the WTA site in central Uganda, where we live and work. Gulu is located about 4-5 hours further north, close to the border with South Sudan – hence the above title 'A Bridge Too Far?'

This model of a Bridge Primary Resource Centre is, (we think), unique to Uganda as the one centre is able to support (but does not compete with) all the local primary schools in one community. Equipped with a wonderful children's library, there is free access to books and also lesson support for Maths and English. Rural primary schools, in

particular, have few resources or materials, they may have few regular teachers but they always have many children per class – even up to 120! The government budget per primary child is eye wateringly minuscule – about £1.50 per child per year, so rural children start with many disadvantages. However, the longer a child stays in school, the better their chances in later life.

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fundraising.  
And we have  
had to try to



be very patient..... meetings, redtape and negotiations take time.... so we have had to move 'mpola mpola', (slowly, slowly) and be ever hopeful. But the paperwork was signed off mid-February and we are ready to go! Building will start in late April and be completed by September. Then it will open informally, after recruiting new teachers and start fully in January 2018. All construction is done by local building teams using local materials, and then locally trained teachers are employed to run and manage the centre and liaise with the primary schools. ServeDirect stays behind the scenes, but helps

with the funding and resourcing and also with regional teacher training from time to time. It is a really exciting development and a fantastic opportunity, as this new Bridge will offer both primary and also pre-school support in an area often paralysed by poverty and the after-effects of conflict, and where the need for educational development and good teacher training is very

great. We  
are looking  
forward to  
seeing this  
happen in  
2017 and  
then we  
will look at  
building more  
Bridges next  
year.

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charity, formed by a group of local friends in 2007. Our main focus is supporting Wobulenzi Town Academy, The Rock Health Centre and The Bridge Primary Resource Centre - all located in Lukomera, central Uganda. If you would like more information, please do look on our website [www.servedirect.org](http://www.servedirect.org), where you can sign up for monthly news – but we promise not to bombard you with anything else. We are also on Facebook as 'ServeDirect', where we post photos and snippets of news.

Elsbeth and Jerry Dugdale

## The Long and the Short of it

**K**athleen Beaman, a pupil at Romsey School and a Young Leader at 3rd Romsey Scouts, has had a close shave for charity. When chosen by Hampshire Scouts to go to Tanzania in August 2017 she put her thinking cap on how to raise the funds for this trip of a lifetime. Bags have been packed at Asda, cars have been washed, allotments dug and quiz evenings run - but Kathleen's final fundraiser was a cut above all these and will be shocking for people who know her.

She has always had long hair - down to her waist. However on 1 February 2017 she visited Mister B's Barber Shop in Tee Court, Romsey and had Steve B shave her hair off to a GRADE 3! (see photos)

Once it was all cut off and her hair had been trimmed into a very tidy buzz cut the 70cm / 28 inches of hair weighing 309g was sent off to the Little Princess Trust, who provide real hair wigs free of charges to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

The expedition is made up of 100 young people aged 14-18, guided by adult volunteers, and run by Hampshire Scouts. There are 5 community projects being undertaken in Tanzania and helping young people and adults

to help themselves by providing health centres, medical worker accommodation, skills workshops, a school in a remote area and a brand new National Camp Site to help the Tanzanian Scouts celebrate their



centenary.

Kathleen's group is Team Tembo (which means elephant in Swahili) and their project is to provide a school for 250 children in the very remote area of Madabadaba. The plan is for 3 classrooms to be built with toilets, a library and office space. However the school needs 5 classrooms, so every penny that can be raised over and above the planned amount will go towards completing this dream.

Thanks to her hard work and the support of many local people and organisations, including Romsey Carnival, Romsey Scouts, Abbey URC and both Romsey Rotary Clubs, Kathleen has reached her target; Reverend Mike Perrott presented a cheque for the sum of £1,030 to the project. However Kathleen decided to continue with this final fundraiser

opportunity to change the lives of local villagers and the experience offers them the chance to learn valuable new skills and to change their view of the world forever.

Scouting in Hampshire has a surprising expedition history, travelling 39,450 miles to 15 countries and territories alone in

Goodbye hair! 70cm/28" of hair weighing 309g donated to the Little Princess Trust. I'm raising funds for my trip this summer to help build a school at Madabadaba in Tanzania.



of having her hair cut. Any money she receives over the amount set by the expedition will go directly towards the extra work required at the school.

Every penny helps , so please visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kbeamanexp>

Tanzania 2017 will be the adventure of a lifetime for both the young people and adults. They have the

2015 - even summiting Everest in the past. This equates to an impressive 1,893,157 people miles; 76 times around the world, or four trips to the moon and back!

Sarah Beaman  
3rd Romsey Scouts Leader  
Ashanti Troop

## Obituary - Peter Scrivener 1947 - 2017

**P**eter Scrivener became a popular figure, not least in his varied roles on stage with BMADS, since coming to live in Braishfield with his wife Chris six years ago.

As recently as last November he played the lead role as Sir William Boothroyd to great acclaim in William Douglas Home's 'Lloyd George Knew My Father'. He died on 7th February after a short illness, a few months before his 70th birthday.

Peter was born in 1947 in India, the son of Barbara Buchanan and John Scrivener. Their return to England with Richard, Peter's younger brother, took place when Peter was three years old. Following time at boarding school in Gloucestershire, Peter then took a Civil Engineering degree at Southampton University. With formal education over, Peter was then invited to undertake an irrigation project for VSO in Rajasthan, India.

Further opportunities to work abroad came, over the years, from a number of different consulting engineers whose projects took Peter to Saudi Arabia, Iran, Sudan and Somalia. Other village technology projects took place for Christian Aid in Ethiopia, for UNICEF in Kenya and for Oxfam in Sudan.

These were mostly enjoyable experiences for Peter, although he twice cheated death while abroad - being held on two separate occasions at gunpoint and knifepoint.

Peter had taken to amateur dramatics during school and university years. His rich, sonorous, compelling voice was one of Peter's most striking attributes and the opportunity to develop his undoubted talent for acting presented itself while in Kenya. He spent one year there with the Donovan Maule Theatre, returning to the UK in the early 1980s to perform with the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, and the Arts Theatre, Cambridge. These experiences were later to be to the great benefit of Braishfield.

Tired, finally, of wandering and finding the unpredictable world of the dramatic arts too destabilising, Peter returned to his love of practical projects, and a particular gift for teaching, by taking a teaching degree in Design & Technology at King Alfred's College Winchester, eventually working at Portchester Community School and finally at South Wilts Grammar School.

Whilst Peter undoubtedly had a talent for performance, of which teaching and acting were examples, he was also a very private family man. Over the years, Peter and his wife Chris came to value longer periods of solitude, and more time for reflection and for long walks and journeys in their camper van, which offered new opportunities, not only

to 'look' but also to 'see' and not just to 'listen' but also to 'hear'.

In fact, Peter was never happier than when alone in his workshop, where time stood still, and where he could dream up infinitely detailed projects for home or garden and indulge his love of hands-on practicality.

For the most part Peter was patient and measured and Chris would say they survived well together because they shared the same values & sense of humour.

When Peter knew that his life might end what he most wanted was for the family to turn to the upcoming wedding of stepson Adam with Nathalie as hope for the future.

Those of us who have only known Peter since his arrival in Braishfield can attest to his remarkable abilities as an actor, in a variety of roles with BMADS. Starting with his portrayal of a harassed bank manager in Chekhov's short play 'The Celebration' in 2012, Peter was immediately marked out as a rare talent. In 2014, Peter played the menacing police constable in Pinero's 'Dandy Dick', disturbed that his wife's cooking had given rather too much pleasure to the local Dean. And last year, Peter had two roles: first, as none other than Hamlet, being interviewed for a clerical job, in a Braishfield variety show sketch; and his final, towering performance as the aristocratic and eccentric retired General Sir William Boothroyd

in 'Lloyd George Knew My Father'. A number of people have said that this was the best performance they have ever seen at BMADS. Those of us who were lucky enough to rehearse and perform with Peter would agree.

Peter had a wry sense of humour and an ability to see things from another person's perspective. This doubtless gave him an understanding that supported his ability to act different characters but it also gave him a unique ability to meet people fully in the moment, emotionally and mentally, regardless of colour, creed or age. Many tributes have highlighted Peter's kindness and steadfastness - Peter, the 'Rock' who will be missed beyond measure by all relatives and friends.

A moving Service of Thanksgiving for Peter's life was held at Southampton Crematorium on 24th February 2017, which was very well attended by family and friends. This article is adapted from the Eulogy spoken at the Service, written by Chris Scrivener.

Chris Scrivener with Richard Groves

Peter John Buchanan Scrivener,  
born 18th July 1947  
died 7th February 2017

**BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY 2017  
PROGRAMME**



|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| April 27th     | Elizabeth Pelly 'Inspirations'                             |
| May 25th       | Carole Norman T.B.A  |
| June 22nd      | Allison Finch ' Toy Stories'                               |
| July 27th      | Party or Trip To be arranged                               |
| August         | No Meeting   |
| September 28th | Ann Maree Dicker 'A Natural Harvest'                       |
| October 26th   | Sue O'Brian 'Seasonal Bounties'                            |
| November 23rd  | OPEN EVENING Angela Turner<br>'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



VILLAGE LUNCH DATES for 2017

|                    |                |                 |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| MONDAY             | April 10th     |                 |
| MONDAY             | May 8th        |                 |
| MONDAY             | June 12th      |                 |
| MONDAY             | July 10th      |                 |
| NO LUNCH IN AUGUST |                |                 |
| MONDAY             | September 11th |                 |
| MONDAY             | October 9th    |                 |
| MONDAY             | November 13th  |                 |
| MONDAY             | December 11th  | Christmas lunch |



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### 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

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| St George's Day themed evening     | 29th April 2017      |
| Tractor Show (note change of date) | 14th May 2017        |
| Beer Festival                      | 14,15,16th July 2017 |
| Live Music Night, Loaded Dice      | 5th August 2017      |
| Classic Car Show                   | 3rd October 2017     |

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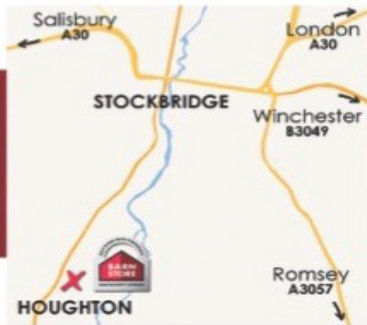
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Garages and sheds are often a home for the things that we think might come in handy.

Unwanted clothes and shoes can be taken to a Local Recycling Centre. Many also have collection points for unwanted books, CDs and DVDs.

Sorting out a toy box or cupboard is a great way of getting children involved in. Toys that are clean and in good condition can be donated to most charity shops. The Salvation Army also accept toys in their Local Recycling Centre collection banks.

For more recycling news and helpful tips “Like” us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/recyclingstars](http://www.facebook.com/recyclingstars) . Join in. Recycle. Be a Recycling Star!

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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: 3rd & 17th April:  
1st, 15th & 29th May



Household waste weeks beginning: 10th & 24th April:  
8th & 22nd May


**NB. Bank Holiday weeks (17th April, 1st & 29th May) will be collected a day later than usual.**


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   |   |  |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|--|---|---|--|
|   |                            |                 |  | 4 April Planning  | 2 May (APA)   | 6 June Planning  |
| Parish Council<br>       | Comm. Room<br>Village Hall | 7.00            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues excl.<br>August                   |  |  |  |
| Village Lunch   | Church Room                | 12.15           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon excl.<br>August                    | 10 Apr  | 8 May   | 12 Jun   |
| Horticultural Society  | Comm. Room<br>Village Hall | 7.30            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues excl.<br>June/July/Aug            | 11 Apr  | 9 May   | June<br>Garden<br>visits   |
| Flower Society<br>       | Church Room                | 7.30            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs excl.<br>Aug/Dec                 | 27 Apr  | 25<br>May   | 22<br>June   |
| Village Voices  | Church Room                | 2 - 4           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon                                    | 24 Apr  | 22<br>May   | 26<br>June   |
| Art Group   | Football<br>Pavilion       | 10 - 12         | Every Thursday except August                           |   |   |  |
| The Pantry<br>Shop & Cafe   | Village Hall               | 9 – 12<br>2 - 5 | Mon – Sat 9 – 12 noon<br>Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2 - 5pm |   |   |  |
| Story Time  | Village Pantry             | 10.30 –<br>12   | Thursday, Wendy Lord 367015                            |   |   |  |

| Events  | Where        | When   | More Details   |
|--|--------------|--|--|
| Five Alive<br>Open Evening   | Church Room  | Monday 3rd April<br>7.30pm                           | Talk by Alan Lord on<br>125 years of trading<br>“An Ironmonger’s<br>Story” |
| Five Alive<br>Open Evening   | Church Room  | Monday 8th May<br>7.30pm                             | Talk by Gerry Stacey<br>on Winchester Night<br>Shelter & the<br>Homeless   |
| Easter Services  |              | See page 14 and<br>URC notice board                  |  |
| Annual Parish<br>Assembly  | Village Hall | Tuesday 2nd May<br>8pm (6.30pm normal<br>PC meeting) | see page 7 (for<br>Planning meeting<br>information)                        |

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