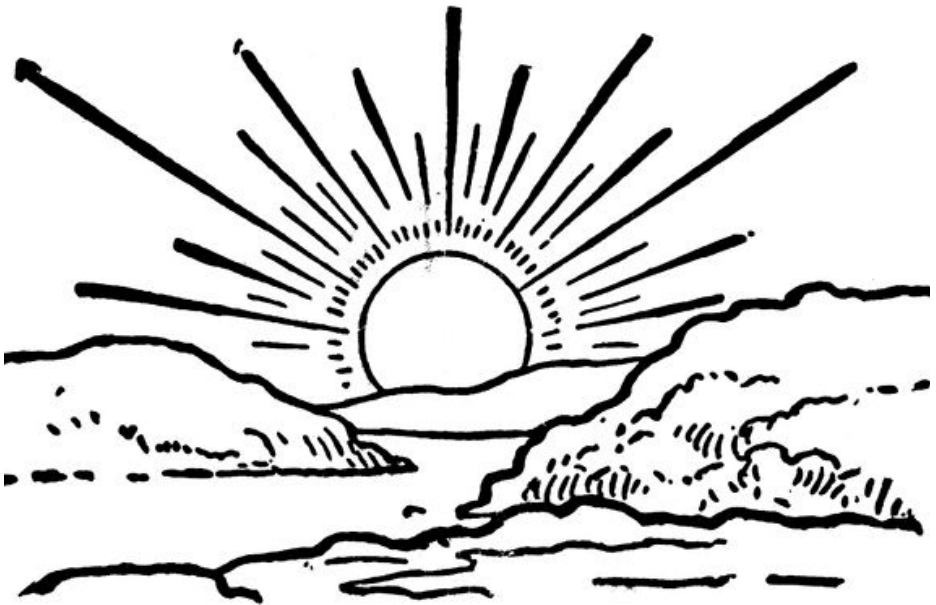




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From the Chairman

Happy new year.
A time for reflection, promises to oneself to be better organised, drink less, lose weight, etc. Moving on.....

We ended last year on a high at our Christmas sing a long which this year was organised by Ian and Wendy Jeffery and Julie Kemp. Santa and his elves were in attendance and about 38 village children had the opportunity to visit him in his grotto. By all accounts the event was even better than last years. The draw was won by Jane Bennett who very kindly insisted that the draw be done again. We were then delighted to see Mrs Scroggins win the first prize.

2018 started with our annual new year's walk organised by Michael Stubbs. 34 stalwarts fuelled by mulled wine at a half way point, walked from the Wheatsheaf around the village and back to the Wheatsheaf. Not a bad start to the year.

We held our AGM on the 18th January. Despite the flu bug and associated plagues, we had a good turnout and our objectives for 2018 were adopted.

Our first objective and immediate challenge is to recruit new committee members to replace Sue and Mike Mullane who are leaving the village, and to find a way to continue to produce the village magazine

We are looking at a number of solutions including outsourcing much of the work, but it still will need someone on the committee to coordinate and take responsibility for the task.

Whatever, we need 2 or 3 new members of the committee. The requirement is to attend six meetings a year, a desire to work to improve village life and assist at some of the BVA events. The meetings are held in members' homes and the relaxing atmosphere is aided by a glass of wine provided by the host. Please don't wait for someone else to step forward- give it a go.

We have had some good news about mobile phone coverage. Vodafone have done some work on an existing mast to the south of the village and there has undoubtedly been an improvement for much of the village for those on Vodafone and O2 networks. Still work to do for the other networks!

Finally, we are making some progress with Openreach about the provision of faster broadband rates to the outlying properties in the Pucknall and Kings Somborne end of the village.

We will persevere.

From the Editor

As all who attended the BVA AGM on Thursday January 18th know, Sue and I are now starting the unpredictable process of moving from Braishfield into Romsey – very early days, and the timescale obviously depends on finding a buyer for our house. However it will clearly be a distracting time which, quite apart from leaving the village, makes it incompatible with continued involvement in editing the magazine. Therefore we have decided to retire from the scene as this magazine goes to print. Of course we will always be close enough to advise/brief the ‘New Management’ if required.

and enjoyable eight years. Above all, you have made it your magazine by your generous support and overwhelming contributions throughout our time; witness this magazine, not forgetting that the immediate post Christmas/ New Year edition is the potential orphan!

We’ve met many very good people and made some close and enduring friends. Thank you all for your willing and enthusiastic share in this valuable Village tool. Some might even call it an artefact – after all, it has survived under the helm of my fossilised brain and is even buried in a ‘time capsule’!

It has been a thoroughly educational

On into the Sunrise, BVN!!

THE BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB’S 2017

We’ve had another successful year in 2017, raising a total of £3340. Our only operating expenses are the annual licence fee which we have to pay to TVBC, of £20. All the rest was paid out to our twelve monthly winners, who have received a cheque of around £100 (total for the year £1328), and to the charities and good causes that we have been able to support. These have been All Saints' Church, the United Reformed Church, the Countess Mountbatten Hospice Charity, the village’s Social Contact Group, the Jumbulance Trust, the Newport Cricket Club, Dottie Woods’ hoola hoop project, Serve Direct, and the Senior Citizens' tea party. Between them they received a total of £1992.

If anyone in the village has an interest in a charity, or is raising funds for some good cause, we may be able to contribute, so don’t hesitate to get in touch with me, David Robinson. And equally, if you would like to join the Club, give me a call. We are always open to new members.

For the record, the December and January winners were Peter Quarendon and Hazel Prince, and we made donations to the Senior Citizens’ tea party coming up at the end of January, and the Countess Mountbatten Hospice. David Robinson, tel 368774, or email dbr33@john-lewis.com

Donations to Braishfield Village News

We would like to thank all those who have 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 2018. If you wish to make a donation please complete this slip and forward it to the address below and please make cheques payable to Braishfield Village Association.

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Thank you.
Jimmy Chestnutt - Chairman



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Notices

WALKING FOR FITNESS

Want to get fit, have fun and adventures for free?
Michelmersh and Timsbury Walkers meet most Thursdays at 10am
For a 5 mile (ish) walk usually ending at a pub.
We are a friendly relaxed group who welcome new members so why not
give us a try?
For more details contact Janet Blizard on 01794 367891
or jsbbraishfield@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

The December book was actually a choice of two books by the same author, Alison Weir (historian and novelist) who wrote a history of "Eleanor of Aquitaine" and much later an historical novel "The Captive Queen" about the life of Eleanor of Aquitaine, Duchess of Aquitaine in her own right and then Queen of France and the Vexin; and later England, and most of what we would now know as France. Inevitably it was also about the lives of her two husbands, Louis, the King of France (with whom she had 2 daughters) and secondly Duke Henry of Normandy (son of Empress Matilda) who became on the death of King Stephen, King Henry 2nd of England. She was also the mother of 9 children by Henry, two of whom became kings - Richard 1st and King John. This amazing lady scandalised Christendom in the 1100s and had a tempestuous marriage to Henry, spending nearly 11 years a prisoner of his in Old Sarum and Winchester Castles for siding with their sons whom he would not share power with. However by the time of her death in 1204 aged 82 she was loved and respected and had often been left looking after King Henry's and later King Richard's and King John's vast Kingdoms in their frequent and long absences. She was still travelling across the Pyrenees aged 80+ to bring a grand daughter to a dynastic marriage in Europe. I found her a fascinating woman and highly recommend either book- the novel inspired me to read the longer original book "Eleanor of Aquitaine."

Chris Chisholm

FARLEY CHURCH THROUGH THE YEAR CALENDAR

There are a few calendars left at the reduced price of £5 each.
Call 01794 367893. All proceeds to Farley church tower repair fund.
Melanie Legge

Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Until clocks go forward meetings are at Romsey School Astro 6pm - 8pm Sunday evenings.
Full floodlit pitch come rain or....more rain.
Join us, you just need trainers and track suit.

Beginners welcome. Tuition given. Keep fit and have fun during the winter! Email me for more details or see you there .
malcolm.baker192@btinternet.com



BMADS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Braishfield Music and Drama Society (BMADS) will be holding its AGM on **Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm in the Church Room.**

We will review last year's activities, including November's production of Number One, and look ahead, with an opportunity to discuss options for future productions.
All are welcome.

NOTICE BOARDS

The Parish Council provides and maintains several public notice boards around the village. These are for local people, community groups and businesses to advertise forthcoming events, or services of interest to the community. We also use them for public information notices.

These notice boards are located at Lower Street, Braishfield Manor crossroads, The Square, the Recreation Ground, Common Hill Road, and Braishfield Road near to Megana Way.

In recent years we have upgraded the posts to recycled plastic and replaced some of the older notice boards, as well as providing weather resistant cork surfaces. This year we will be using our parish lengthsmen to decorate the woodwork, so that the notice boards should last well into the future.

Small notices are ideal as they save space on the notice boards but if your notices are larger please still feel free to put them up on our boards.

Kate Orange
Clerk to the Parish Council

Notices cont. - The Footpath

Herewith below is the current situation according to Hampshire CC regarding the failed Footpath 712 Diversion:

The situation is that Hampshire CC are in the process of commissioning TVBC engineers to get on with the Detailed Design. In light of the Secretary of State's decision and discussions with Hillier's Gardens, it has now been agreed to go with the on Highway option.

Test Valley will undertake the Detailed Design starting this Year. This is the more expensive option and HCC needs to ensure they deliver a design that is affordable and meets the needs of all users. (We hope they mean pedestrians only!) Once the design is completed, HCC will then do some public consultation/information events to seek the views of the residents. When this has been completed HCC will prepare the Project Appraisal and seek the final approval to tender for the works.

Should there be no show stoppers, the County Council would look to see the scheme delivered on the ground during 2018. However, Hampshire CC stress that this is just a best guess and is reliant upon a number of factors; none more so than the limited resources available to them at this time. (Given that the funding for this s106 work has been available to them since July 2016, we might have to seek clarification of why they are lacking funds? Moreover, given that the proposed and failed footway around the Arboretum belongs to Hampshire CC, why not keep this alternative footway to Jermyns Lane as a cost effective solution to lack of funds?).

HCC say that it is their intention to seek delivery as quickly as possible but this is also dictated by the detailed design not throwing up any major issues re drainage ditches or utilities and available financial resources at both HCC and TVBC.

The scheme is now in the hands of their delivery team to client manage the scheme through the design process.

We can all read between the lines here the show stopping points: Funding; Design Issues; Public Consultation; Excuses, Excuses, Excuses!! Be assured that we will be following developments or lack of developments very closely!

John Bevan
Chairman
Braishfield Parish Council

Notices cont.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A POWER CUT

We are all aware of the advice to be prepared for an unexpected power cut by ensuring that we have a hard-wired phone to use to report the problem. However, do you know who to contact if you have a power cut? 105 is the new number to call. It's free of charge and will connect you direct to your local network operator who will give you advice and assistance (it is not a recorded message). For further information look at the website: www.powercut105.com but just remember to put the number 105 in your telephone address book.....just in case. We recently had a localised power cut and tested this new facility which proved to be very efficient.

There is a Priority Service Register available for additional assistance which is free for anyone over pension age or for families with children under 5 years. To take advantage of this facility just ring 105 and quote registration for the Priority Service Register.

Hazel Prince

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE VOICES

A new year of singing together!

If you've ever wanted to play an instrument - use your voice! Why not come and join our friendly singing group?

It's a chance to get out and sing, chat over a cup of tea/coffee and perhaps meet some new faces - everyone has a voice and can sing!

Every session has a mix of favourites and new tunes, with hopefully, something for everyone.

Come and join us on any/all of the following Mondays:

from 2 - 4pm in the Church Room

26 February, 26 March, 23 April

21 May (3rd Monday), 25 June

We look forward to seeing many of you during 2018 - please contact us if you'd like to find out more:

Meri Knights 368516/ Wendy Quarendon 368015

Notices cont.

PC PLANNING MEETINGS

Meetings of the planning committee will be held as and when required in order to respond to planning applications. Where possible these will take place on the first Tuesday of the month. However, please check the date on the Parish Council website before attending.

Kate Orange
Clerk to the Parish Council

BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

The Committee is planning 4 meetings for the 2018 season and details will be published in the next BVN. The Society is open to any Villager who wishes to join. It's mostly about fun days out so all standards are welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact me.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD MOWING

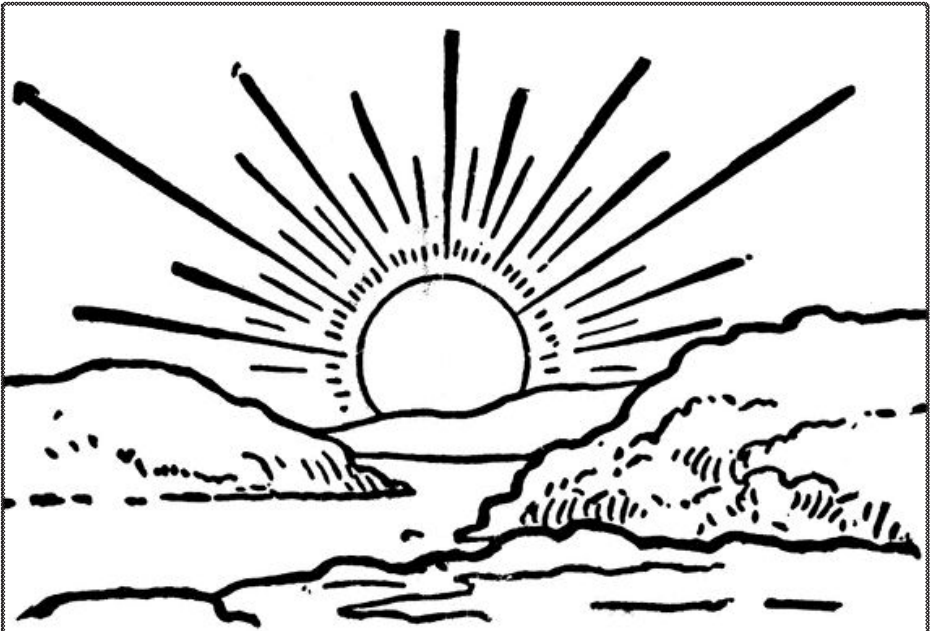
Many thanks to the 30+ Villagers who formed the Mowing gang last year. We are always looking for new recruits. It entails mowing half the Churchyard in pairs, a maximum of two sessions a year. Anyone not currently on the rota and would like to volunteer please contact me.

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PUCKNALL POST BOX - A HAPPY ENDING

Royal Mail have reopened the Victorian Post Box and it is back in use thanks to Richard Besse of Pucknall Farm House improving the access at his own expense.

Richard Brazier



Your Braishfield Village News (BVN) needs help!

We're entering a new dawn with the loss of two very valuable members of the Braishfield Village Association (BVA) who have been instrumental in editing and producing the BVN.

We're now looking for an enthusiastic person (or people) to work closely alongside the BVA members in the designing, arrangement and editing of the BVN. Could this be YOU?

A full handover will be provided and help will be on hand at all times.

This is a wonderful Village and feedback tells us that the BVN provides valuable information to many residents.

Please don't let the sun go down on the BVN – without your help, the unthinkable may happen and we lose it.

If you're interested in taking on this role or would like full information, please contact

Ian Jeffery on 367282 or ianandwendyj@btinternet.com

Thank you.

Notices cont.

BMADS DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES.

BMADS is pleased to say there is to be another classical concert in the church room. This time for String Trio, playing Bach's Goldberg Variations for String Trio. Sophie Renshaw who has played for us several times is the Viola player and her husband will be narrating. It is going to be a nice evening.

The date is **Friday May 4th, starting at 7pm**. The earlier start allows for a glass of wine and a talk about the piece that will be played and there will be poetic interludes during the evening.

More details next time – meanwhile put the date in your diaries!

Wendy Quarendon

FAREWELL AND THANKS

I would like to acknowledge my gratitude to several people. The 14 distributors who deliver your magazine - thank you Graham, Jane and son Daniel Bennett who does the round, Val Townsend, Betty Horton, Sue Ransom, Jean White, George Elliott, Alan Olden, Nicky Smith, Hazel Prince, Jean Gould, Meryl Balchin, Marjery Randall, Mary Mortimer and newly recruited Jason Woodland who takes over from Rodney Robson in the Slackstead area. I have been very fortunate to have these dedicated villagers who quietly and efficiently do the job.

Secondly, the improving appearance and lay out of the magazine is largely thanks to Chris Balchin who, over the years, has gently corrected, taught and encouraged me to perfect it without ever criticising. Thank you Chris, you are an unsung hero.

My other unsung hero is Malcolm Ayres. Where would so many of us be without this amazing person? He has spent many hours here, never complaining, never giving up (he once had our printer in bits all over the floor but calmly put it all back together!) Thanks to him, all systems electronic have kept working and I am so grateful. Thank you Malcolm.

Lastly to your editor, - he has a knack of cutting 300 words to 100 when asked; he has reminded me of correct syntax and we continue to debate semi colons and apostrophes!

We both wish every success to your new editors and the village magazine.

Sue Mullane

All Saints' Church

Dates for your diary

Saturday **24th March** 9.30am - Churchyard working party

Sunday **10th June** - Annual outing to the Isle of Wight

Saturday **6th October** 7pm - Harvest Supper

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

More information?

Please contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109



Village Lunch 5 Stars



Congratulations to Julie Kemp and her team of volunteers.

Test Valley Borough Council have awarded the Village Lunch **5 stars** following the inspection held on 11th December 2017.

We are delighted to receive the award which recognises this high standard of food hygiene.

The Village Lunch has become an important part of our village diary and thanks go to all who have contributed to this over many years.

Andy Brooks and Sarah Boothman
Church Wardens

Braishfield Brownies go to the Pantomime

After Christmas the Brownies went to Salisbury Playhouse to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. We got to Salisbury by train. Our parents dropped us off at Romsey train station at 12 o'clock. It took about 20 minutes to get to Salisbury and we went through a tunnel just before we arrived.

We walked to the theatre and when we arrived we went up 3 flights of stairs. We hung up our coats and

sat down to have a scrumptious lunch. We had sandwiches and crisps and pepper, cucumber and carrot sticks with hummus. Pudding was fruit kebabs and a mini cake. We also had squash to drink.

We sat at the top of the theatre which meant we had a bird's eye view!

When Jack came on he said, "Here's Jack, sing it back!" We replied, "Jack, Jack, Jack!"



Jack was quite weak at the beginning but he became a hero when he killed the giant. There was a princess called Jill and her father was called King Crackpot (Potty for short).

The giant was my favourite character. He was at least 6 metres tall!

We had ice creams in the interval. We got back to Romsey just before 6pm, tired and happy.

Lana and Ffion

New Year's Day Walk

Now, unbelievably, in its fourth year the Braishfield New Year's Day Walk actually happened despite the weather - which was cold and dank. And there was much drizzle and mist. We set off from the Wheatsheaf and

followed much the same route as before as the walking is easy and the views are magnificent. It was great to have all ages and just underlined what a nice bunch of people we have living here in this beautiful village. The mulled wine and mince pie stop half way round is now a fixture and allowed everyone to catch up and have a natter before moving on to the last leg to arrive back at the pub

and a welcoming fire, beer and food with further socializing. No better way to start the new year - let's see if we keep the contact going between now and next year's NYDW!

Thank you to Dorothy and Ian for the use of their drive for the pit stop half way round, Mary and Sue for giving up their walk to make sure supplies turned up for due consumption and Glynis for putting up with a lot of



muddy boots in her pub - we will bring clean shoes next year!

Michael Stubbs



Pantry Update



The figures are in - and December 2017 was the Pantry's best trading month ever!

Thank you so much to all our customers and suppliers for your support.

Did the Pantry supply you with any Christmas goodies? We took a record number of orders which was fantastic – so we spent quite a bit of time checking, double checking and triple checking all of them so that we didn't make any mistakes when we placed the orders with our suppliers. Were they as lovely as hoped? Did we disappoint in any way? We'd love to hear from you so that next Christmas we can do even better. There was certainly a buzz in the Pantry in the lead up to the big day.

And don't forget us during 2018 - we need your custom and support throughout the year, to make the shop an ongoing success.

The eagle eyed amongst you may have noticed some of our prices have gone up a little this month. As a community shop, the Pantry always tries to resist putting prices up and never increases prices for the sake of it. We always aim to give the best possible price and value to our customers. But with butter and milk having risen more and more over recent months we have sadly had to take the decision to put up the prices of those items in order to

cover our costs. We have also put up the price of those cafe items that use significant quantities of milk or butter.

However, we hope you will agree that they still offer great value for money.

Good news – following the successful trial of Wednesday afternoon openings in the lead up to Christmas, we have decided to continue with Wednesday afternoon openings. So, the Pantry will be open **between 9-12 noon and 2-5 pm every week day and between 9-12 noon on a Saturday morning.**

Dates for your diary...

Looking ahead, the Pantry are planning a couple of events.

Firstly, at the end of March we will be holding a wine tasting evening. Come and try some of the local wines we stock, as well as some new and exciting offerings.

And then on **May 20th**, following the Royal Wedding on the 19th, the Pantry will be holding a Tea Party in celebration at the Village Hall.

So, do pop the dates in your diary and look out for more details on these ticketed events coming soon.

Keep up to date through our website – www.braishfieldpantry.com

Gemma Quarendon



Braishfield Horticultural Society

2018 started with a most interesting talk by Barry Clarke titled 'Hunting for Blackberries in China'. Barry is a plant hunter working for Hillier's and has had 13 years experience of trekking in China looking for plants.

His special interest is the *Rubus* genus of which there are over 300 blackberry and raspberry species there. *Rubus* means 'hook' referring to their thorns. It is still difficult to get permission to hunt as China is still old fashioned in this area but with a contact name Barry found access

and concentrated on the Guangxi and Hunan province in Southern China.

The unmade roads were muddy and flooded, affected by tributaries from the damming of the River Yangtze. He drove through a landscape of forests, past very poor villages into high altitudes where he saw the beautiful floating mountains – the acres of lime karsts which are so much part of that scenery. He found

exotic brambles with lovely dark veined leaves and huge fruits. He takes photos and measurements. His licence enables him to bring back pressed leaves and seeds.



Only about 20% of those seeds actually grow as plants back in England.

He also found other varieties of plants – Hawthorn with huge berries, species of Kiwi, wild tea, Gentian, Cornus, Star Anise, Viola, Epimedium and Magnolias.

Back in England, Barry has grown over 250 species from his seeds and has exhibited

at Chelsea and Hampton Court winning Gold and Silver Gilt over 12 years. He has four National Collections – *Rubus*, *Lobelias*, *Roscoeas* (Ginger family) and *Asclepias* (Milkweed family)

An enthusiastic speaker, we were well entertained!

Viv Robinson

The BUMS in 2017

We had a rather busy time of it last year. In all we did 20 performances during the year, and got into the habit of having two practice sessions each month in the Church Room. All the fees we received were passed on to our chosen charity for the year, the Jane Scarth House, and we were very chuffed to raise the total of just under £1000.

The audiences ranged from a dozen or so in care or rest homes, to 100 lady members of the CAMEO organisation in the Crosfield Hall in Romsey. (if you're interested, it stands for 'Come And Meet Each Other'.) It was a special birthday celebration for them and they were a very lively lot!

We also played in a concert in the church in Sherfield English, along with other groups; also for the Chandlers Ford U3A after their AGM! And on a very wet afternoon, we played for the Romsey Hospital League of Friends at their (totally washed out) Garden Party. We went and played in two of the wards instead. Nobody died!

We've had quite a few changes in personnel too during the year. Sadly we lost Bob Milligan through ill health, and also Ron Blizard, hopefully only temporarily. Sue Mullane also had to pull out, and John Bevan will not be with us for a while. Fortunately we've been able to welcome into the fold Ian Puffett, June Allison and Bill Hunsley. Ian and Bill are able to give us a good bass notes on their guitars and Ian also has a bass ukulele.



Our formula is usually that we get our audiences to sing along with us, and we have had a few occasions when, in rest

homes, we have found dementia sufferers who had hitherto been totally withdrawn, actually joining in the singing.

Moments like that make it all extremely worthwhile for all of us.

Our chosen charity this year will be the Jumbalance Trust.

Onward and upward, as they say!

David Robinson.

All Saints' Donation

Mrs Chris Chisholm received a cheque for £415 for the Jumbulance Trust from Rev Jane Thompson at the Family Service and Baptism at All Saints' Braishfield, on 2nd December. The donation resulted from the Flower Festival held at the end of September. Chris spoke about the work of the Trust and how she came to be involved.



She explained how they provide holidays for adults and children who need medical assistance and support. Travel is made possible through the use of Jumbulances - coaches specially converted to accommodate beds and wheelchairs as well as able bodied passengers - and by the volunteers who give their time to accompany VIPs - the term used for those going on holiday - so that they have all the individual support that they need.

2017 was a year of hard fundraising as a new Jumbulance had been ordered and had to be paid for, so



Chris said that the cheque was

especially welcome. The target was achieved by the end of the year, which was a great relief to everyone. She and her husband Iain organised a sponsored wheel chair push holiday in the Lake District in the autumn, enabling wheel chair users to see countryside they otherwise could not have accessed - and have the experience of braving the weather conditions! This was one of many fund raising ventures.

The Trust offers the opportunity for those who are elderly, disabled or have complex health needs to take holidays, short breaks and days out in the UK or Europe. Chris leads a pilgrimage to Lourdes every other year which is very special for her and the VIPs; she also leads a Turkey and Tinsel trip to Blackpool which is a highlight of the year for those who go.

More information at:
www.jumbulance.org.uk

Sarah Boothman

Braishfield Brownies - a new Brown Owl

Farewell to Charlotte Marsh (nee Butterfield) and Welcome to Nicky Pilato

Charlotte was brought up in Braishfield and was an enthusiastic member of the Brownies, then she



returned a few years later to help as a leader.

Despite eventually moving to Winchester, where she works as a dental nurse, she continued to travel out to Braishfield every Wednesday for Brownies. She married Jim Marsh and their son, Oliver, was born just over two years ago. Now they are expecting a second child so Charlotte is handing over the running of the pack to a new leader. We are very sorry to lose Charlotte and we thank her for all that she has contributed to Braishfield Brownies over the last sixteen years and

particularly for running the pack so successfully since she became leader.

At her final meeting in December, which was a Christmas party, she was presented with a framed picture of a tree with finger print leaves added by all the Brownies and leaders with a list of names on the back, together with an orchid. We all shared a special cake made by Nicky Ayres. (see photo here)

We welcome our new 'Brown Owl', Nicky Pilato, who has been assisting at Ampfield Brownies for some years and has recently qualified as a Brownie

leader. She lives locally, just up the road in Woodley, and attended several meetings last term to ensure a smooth handover. She's been looking forward to her new role. We are very grateful to Nicky for taking over the leadership of the pack and securing the future of Braishfield Brownies, which has been running continuously since 1964.

At the start of this term we took the Brownies to the pantomime in Salisbury. Two members have sent in a report of the day. (see page 14)

Hannah Boothman and Nicky Ayres



Braishfield Primary School



The second half of the Autumn term here at Braishfield Primary School certainly seemed to be as jam-packed as the first, with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to learn in all areas of the curriculum.

Our Reception children in Little Acorns enjoyed a Science workshop led by the Mini Professors. They learnt about different chemical reactions and were able to explore and investigate by carrying out their own experiments, separating liquids from gases, blowing up balloons and watching propulsion as liquids and solids were mixed.

As part of their History topic exploring Kings and Queens, Big Acorns class (Year 1/2) enjoyed finding out all about the Royal family, creating a family tree and writing sentences to describe Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Saplings class (Year 3/4) enjoyed their weekly music lessons led by Hampshire Music Service. Over the course of the term they learned to play the ukulele and were able to show off their musical talents with a concert in the school hall in front of their parents.

Our older children in Oaks class (Year 5/6) designed and made hats as part of their outdoor survival topic. They learnt map-reading skills, enjoyed a visit from an explorer who shared his experiences of mountaineering and then went on their own expedition,

exploring the village and the local area.

In November we were inspected by Ofsted and I am pleased to report that the school has been judged to be 'Good.' The Inspector's report included some very positive comments about the caring and nurturing environment of the school; children's positive attitudes to learning and the high expectations our teachers have of what the children can achieve, as well as the strong attainment of children by the end of Year 6. However, we can never afford to be complacent and we are all determined to work hard to address areas for improvement and ensure the best possible outcomes for all our children.

We rounded off a busy term with the younger children's Christmas performances of 'Angel Express', a whole school trip to the pantomime at the Mayflower theatre and our Christingle service at All Saints' Church.

The children have quickly settled into school after the Christmas break and I am sure 2018 will see them continue to flourish.

Happy New Year from us all at Braishfield Primary School.

Lou Rhodes
Headteacher



Extract from a 1950 Home Economics Book!!

How to Look after your Husband

Have dinner ready

Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal on time. This is a way of letting him know that you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospect of a good meal is part of the warm welcome needed.

Prepare yourself

Take 5 minutes to rest so you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work weary people. Be a little gay and a little more interesting. His boring day may need a lift.

Clear away the clutter

Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives gathering up school books, toys, paper etc. Then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order, and it will give you a lift too.

Prepare the children

Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and faces (if they are small), comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures - he would like to see them playing the part.

Minimise all noise

At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of washer, drier, dishwasher or

vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Greet him with a warm smile and be glad to see him.

Some don'ts

Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he's late for dinner. Count this as minor compared with what he might have gone through that day.

Make him comfortable

Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest he lies down in the bedroom. Have a cool or warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes.

Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind.

Listen to him

You may have lots of things to tell him but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first.

Make the evening his

Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or to other places of entertainment. Instead try to understand his world of strain and pressure, his need to come home and relax.

The goal

Try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can renew himself in body and spirit.

(The person (male) who sent this said it was time to reinvoke this advice!!)

Eating in the 1950s

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognised food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press, and was regarded as being
white gold.

Pineapples came in cubes in a tin: we had only ever seen a
picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling
it and charging more than petrol, they would have been a
laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on/at our table in the
fifties.....was *elbows, hats and mobile phones.*

(Quite a few of us can relate to these facts!)

Braishfield Christmas Singalong

As the BVA Committee gathered during the afternoon of the 20th December, all fingers and toes were crossed for fine weather for the second Christmas sing-along at the Village Hall and the award-winning Pantry.

After a couple of hours of erecting gazebos, decorating the Committee Room and Christmas tree, setting up stoves and preparing mince pies and mulled wine, the only thing missing was the guest of honour- Father Christmas.



Right on cue, he arrived, looking resplendent in his red robes, ably assisted by his two newly-recruited Elves, who were laden with gifts.

As villagers arrived at 5:30, they were greeted by the sound of the BUMS playing jolly Christmas tunes and the welcoming sight

of twinkling tealights creating a truly magical atmosphere.

As the crowds grew, Father Christmas was kept busy with a steady stream of young visitors, eager to share their wishes for Christmas morning.



The inviting aroma of mulled wine soon meant that there was an enthusiastic crowd with wine in hand ready to sing along with the BUMS.



Despite the light drizzle and being severely depleted in numbers, the BUMS played with their usual enthusiasm and skill and all those attending got into the spirit of Christmas and sang along heartily.

Julie and Jill ready with hot dogs and mince pies.

Below - the revellers sing along with BUMS (see previous page)

The evening was fun-filled and a great start to the festive season; we look forward to an increased turnout next year as word of this now annual event spreads far and wide.

Julie Kemp



Jumbulance Update

Happy new year to all our Supporters and lots of good news to start the new year. After a very successful fundraising year for the Trust we finally launched



the new Jumbulance J3, (seen here) with a very happy day at Hatfield House in Hertfordshire near our headquarters.

We took the smaller Jumbulance J2 full of local people who had done the 8 day Wheelchair Walking Challenge in Cumbria in October and raised a staggering £25,000! We had a beautiful Service of Thanksgiving in St Etheldreda's Church followed by a blessing and sprinkling of Holy Water on J3 and then a reception and lunch in the Riding School with representatives from groups all over the UK. J3 is the largest Jumbulance to date with more seating capacity ie up to 26 people depending on the wheelchair and bed configuration – making it more flexible on board. There is also much more leg room and leg support on each seat

placement.

We have now circulated our flyers for this year's holidays starting locally at Rownhams Services. We are using the new J3 to Llandudno in N.Wales in mid May and Nairn in Scotland in mid September after the midges have gone.

We have some new local people (VIPs – sick or disabled people)

coming on both these trips which is excellent but we are also looking for new younger nurses and helpers as I have given up my nurse registration, after 50 years nursing and can myself only be a volunteer group leader and helper now. We also hope to offer some day trips later in the year and a chance for people locally to see the new Jumbulance. More of that later in the summer.

Please contact me if you would like to get involved as a VIP, helper or supporter and a massive thank you to all the Braishfield residents for all your support of the Jumbulance Trust last year...this year's fund raising will be for the local group.

Chris Chisholm
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Braishfield Village Lunches 2018

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Monday	February 12th	Valentine lunch
Monday	March 12th	
Monday	April 9th	
Monday	May 14th	
Monday	June 11th	
Monday	July 9th	NO LUNCH IN AUGUST
Monday	September 10th	
Monday	October 8th	
Monday	November 12th	
Monday	December 10th	Christmas Lunch

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Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

PROGRAMME 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Demonstrator</u>
22/2/2018	Kitchen Kapers	Michelle Davies
22/3/2018	Tales of Wonder	Lynn MacKenzie
26/4/2018	Inspirations	Martina Cole
24/5/2018	Enigma Variations	Pam Welch
7/6/2018	Salisbury Outing	Michael Bowyer
28/6/2018	Coral Celebration Party	
26/7/2018	Workshop	Denise Bright
27/9/2018	Modern Ikebana	Diane Norman
25/10/2018**	A Floral Workout	Jennifer Allen Thompson
22/11/2018	Christmas Chaos	Katie Baxter & Marion Catt (OPEN EVENING)

** Meeting in Braishfield Social Club

All meetings held in the Church Room at 7.30 pm

Chairman - Beth Thomas 01794 368618

Secretary -Eileen Norman 02380 731162

Treasurer - Hazel Prince 01794 368339.



Quotes from British Military Annual Staff Appraisals!

- His men would follow him anywhere, if only out of curiosity.
 - This man is depriving a village somewhere of its idiot.
 - She opens her mouth it seems only to change whichever foot was previously there.
 - Couldn't organise 50% leave in a two man submarine.
 - Since my last report he has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
 - She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
 - This officer should go far and the sooner the better.
 - Has two brains; one is lost and the other is out looking for it.
 - If two people are talking and one looks bored, he's the other one.
- (Extracts sourced by GE)*



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Sunday Nights	- Bingo

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Regular Events

Quiz Nights	- held fortnightly on Friday Nights
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5th & 19th March.

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12th & 26th March.


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Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings	Where	Time	When	Next meetings		
Parish Council 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1 st Tues excl. August	6 Feb 	3 Apr 	1 May 
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.15	2 nd Mon excl. August	12 Feb	12 Mar	9 Apr
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 nd Tues excl. June/July/Aug	13 Feb	13 Mar	10 Apr
Flower Society 	Church Room	7.30	4 th Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	22 Feb	22 Mar	26 Apr
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4	4 th Mon	26 Feb	26 Mar	23 Apr
The Pantry Shop & Cafe	Village Hall	9 – 12 2 - 5	Mon – Fri (Sat 9-12 noon)			
Story Time	Village Pantry	10.30 – 12	Thursday, Wendy Lord 367015			

Events 	Where	When	More Details
BMADS AGM	Church Room	Tuesday 20th March	see page 7
String Trio concert BMADS	Church Room	Friday 4th May	see page 12
Pantry Tea Party	Village Hall	Sunday 20th May	see page 16
Flower Arrangers Salisbury outing	Salisbury	Thursday 7th June	see page 28

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Details to the BVN Editor or Web Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events to be published