



# ***BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS***

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## **From the Outgoing Chairman**

It is with real regret (on my part) that this will be my last foreword.

After three very enjoyable and I hope productive years I have decided for personal reasons that the time is right to step down as chairman of the BVA. There is no truth in the rumour that I am the victim of a boardroom coup! It has been a real privilege to serve as chairman of the BVA and to have had the opportunity to work with the Parish Council, the Village Hall and Shop committees and the many other village organisations for the benefit of the village.

At the May meeting the committee elected Ian Jeffery to be my successor. In my view an excellent choice. I have no doubt that he will serve you well and he has the advantage of relative youth and the ability to use a mobile phone for purposes other than making a call. I wish him the very best of luck and hope that he enjoys his time as much as I have enjoyed mine.

Finally, a big thank you to the BVA committee past and present, who as individuals and as members of the BVA do so much for the village and who have helped and supported me these past three years.

*Jimmy*

## **From the Incoming Chairman**

It was an absolute privilege to be put forward for the position of Chairman. Jimmy will be a very hard act to follow and, despite much ribbing about not actually living in the village, he certainly had all our interests at heart and has done a sterling job. Thanks Jimmy and our very best wishes.

Having lived in Braishfield for 15 years, I realise what a fantastic community it is. Yes, we face a number of challenges such as the greater volume of traffic but also exciting times with a number of events coming up, especially aimed at families and friends.

I'm in the enviable position of inheriting a great team that works hard for all of us be it by keeping us informed (through this excellent magazine or via the Braishfield Email Network), providing support to other committees, arranging events such as the RAF 100 on 1<sup>st</sup> September (see page 23), keeping an eye on developments either in or around the village and monitoring village services and amenities.

Sometimes, we need your help and really appreciate your feedback. With that in mind, we've decided to hold our next committee meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm in the Social Club. All are welcome so please join us if you can.

I look forward to the challenge and carrying on where Jimmy left off.

*Ian*

## From the Editor

Just a small reminder that all Notices, Letters and Articles should contain the name, address and email details of the sender. Any contributions without this information cannot be published.

WDS

## What DPD deficiency is

DPD stands for dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase. It is an enzyme our bodies make that helps us process thymine and uracil, which make up part of the structure of our genes.

DPD also helps us break down the chemotherapy drugs fluorouracil and capecitabine. Capecitabine is a tablet and the body breaks it down to fluorouracil.

DPD Deficiency simply put: the lack of a critical enzyme needed to metabolize the drug 5-FU. Under normal conditions, 80+ percent of a dose of 5-fu is quickly metabolized. Low or severe deficiency leads to the drug not being metabolized from the body. The drug lingers in the system, continuing to kill cells and the results are painful, long lasting and can be fatal. Survivors report lifelong ailments as a result. Fluorouracil is a highly toxic drug even under "normal" circumstances.

It is very rare to have no DPD (complete deficiency). It is slightly more common to have low or very low levels (partial or slight deficiency).

Between 3 to 5 out of every 100 people (3 to 5%) have partial DPD deficiency.

A lack of DPD doesn't cause symptoms and so you won't know if you have a deficiency.

John underwent 5FU chemotherapy, fluorouracil and capecitabine on 8<sup>th</sup> January, on the 30<sup>th</sup> January his life support machine was turned off. Please be aware and pass on to family and friends. This should not be happening, 3-5% of the population is a large number. John's chance was put at 0.5% that to me is 1 in 200, far too high.

*Angela Bevan*

# You're Invited

The next meeting of the Braishfield Village Association committee will take place on

Monday 9th July at 7.00 p.m. in the Social Club.

Any villagers wishing to meet the Committee or raise a relevant issue are most welcome to join us at the start of our meeting. The Agenda for the meeting will be circulated on the Braishfield Village email network in advance of the day.

## **Donations to Braishfield Village News**

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## Notices

As part of my fundraising efforts this year in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, I thought it would be fun to create a knitted and/or crocheted squares blanket which will be auctioned/raffled off at a Horse Racing Night being held at the Village Hall on 11 August 2018. .



There are two get-togethers planned which will be held at Oak Tree Cottage, Common Hill Road from 2pm to 5pm on 3 June 2018 and 22 July 2018. Refreshments will be provided at a small charge with all monies going to the charity.



If you would like to take part, or have any questions, please contact Wendy Jeffery on 01794 367282 or by email at [ianandwendyj@btinternet.com](mailto:ianandwendyj@btinternet.com)

"STOP PRESS"

Early days because we still have the pleasures of the summer to enjoy, but there will be a children's Christmas tree festival at All Saints from Saturday, 22nd December to Saturday, 29th December. More details and how to enter will follow in the late summer but there has been much interest expressed and this festival will be FOR the children, DONE by the children, and any donations will be FOR the benefit of a local children's charity.

The festival is to be organised and run by Carole Renvoize and Stephen Treglown, whose thanks are given to Jane Thompson and Sarah Boothman for their encouragement and support.

## Braishfield Village News Article – May 2018



### ***Braishfield and Abbotswood Health Walks***

Did you know that being physically inactive now rivals smoking as one of the nation's biggest killers!

Today it's responsible for 17% of early deaths in the UK.

Getting a bit more active significantly reduces the risk of several major health conditions by between 20% and 60%, including heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, colon and breast cancer and Alzheimer's disease. It also helps you maintain a healthy weight, improves cholesterol levels, reduces blood pressure, builds healthy muscles and bones, improves balance and reduces the risk of falls

The easiest way of getting active is just go for a walk! It's free! Get some fresh air!

We have now expanded our friendly Health Walks at Braishfield and Abbotswood. They are part of a national and accredited walk scheme, sponsored by the Ramblers and backed by Public Health England and the NHS. There are more than 600 of these schemes running throughout the country. You can find out more about the scheme by visiting their website [www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk).

**Meet at 9.50am for a 10.00am start on the first 4 Tuesdays of the month:**

**Week 1, 3 and 4 – Braishfield Village Hall car park**

**Week 2 – Abbotswood Community Centre, Abbotswood Common Road, SO51 0BX  
(behind the Co-op)**

Our walks are led by qualified walk leaders, Jessica, Jean, Sian and Gillian. They usually last about an hour and are over easy terrain. They are open to everyone but are especially aimed at those who are least active.

Why not join our small and friendly group for some gentle Health Walks. Come out with us and get some fresh air, get your circulation going and generally feel much better. Get to meet some new people and come and explore your local area and the countryside on your doorstep.

Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome!

No need to book – just turn up and go!

For more information, call Jessica on 07786 716 718



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ISLE OF WIGHT  
AIR AMBULANCE

# We are Fundraising

for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

Craft and Gift Fair on Sunday 1 July, 11am to 3pm

Braishfield Social Club, SO51 0QF

Come and help us support a fantastic charity and lots of amazing  
Raffle local businesses!

Hog Roast & BBQ

Candles

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Cushions

Paintings

Photos

Bunting

Ice cream

Make up

Cakes

Beauty

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Greenbuttercup CIC, in conjunction with Romsey Dementia Action Group (ROMDAG), run monthly fun Arts and Crafts sessions for people living with Dementia and their carers. These are usually held on the first Friday of the month from 10.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. in the Green Room at the Plaza Theatre, Romsey. This is a fully accessible venue, with parking available behind the Theatre. Entry is by the side door, up the accessible ramp. The first session is free, after which there is a charge of £3 per person (including the carer). This includes all materials, tuition, tea/coffee, and biscuits. No experience is necessary, and each month there is a different 'have a go' activity.

Further information can be obtained from:

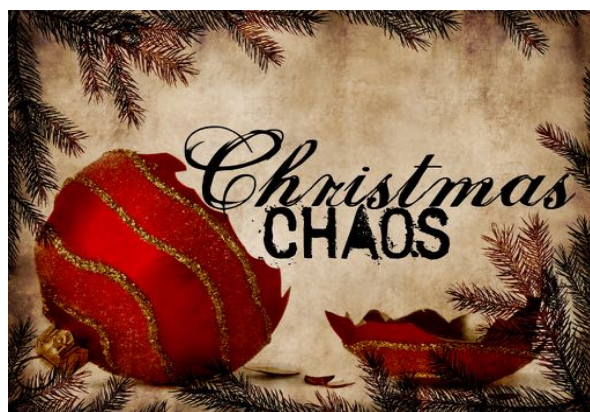
Pamela@shadow26.plus.com or 01794 501605. For information about other activities available for those with Dementia, see [www.romdag.co.uk](http://www.romdag.co.uk) .”

BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

KATIE BAXTER & MARION CATT

DEMONSTRATING



THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

7.30pm (Doors Open 7.00pm)

COME AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN !

Further details to follow

## United Reformed Church

As most of you will know, the United Reformed Church in the village is 200 years old this year. It was built in 1818 as the Congregational Chapel and enlarged in 1906. In 1972 when the Congregational, Presbyterian and Church of Christ churches came together we became the United Reformed Church. We at Braishfield URC will be celebrating with a special anniversary service on 17th June. On 24th June we will celebrate with a Deep South Gospel sing-along (a swinging Songs of Praise) with the Chris Walker Quartet in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Admission by pre-booked programmes for a donation of £8 per person. Please contact Rusty or Shirley on 368447 to get your programme. We look forward to seeing you.

*Shirley Smith, Church Secretary*



## The year was 1818.....

George III was on the throne

George Palmer, the biscuit maker was born

Emily Bronte was born and another famous novelist, Jane Austen's novels Northanger Abbey and Persuasion were published.

The 49th parallel was established as the United States northern boundary.

..... And in the little village of Braishfield in Hampshire a group of Christians established and founded the little URC chapel that is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

A number of events have been planned including a concert by a prominent Deep South Gospel choir (with a chance to join in a sing along ) on the 24<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall.



It is customary for the church to support a different charity each year. Last year it was ShelterBox and a cheque for £1,535.44 was presented to them earlier this year at the morning service. The charity has developed an effective way of providing help to areas struck by natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods and hurricanes by designing a container which is used to hold the necessary equipment including tent, tools, cooking equipment, solar powered lights and water purification equipment which enables families who lose their homes by natural disaster to start to put their lives back together. 2017 was a very busy year for them as they provided considerable aid in the aftermath of the severe hurricane Irma that swept through the Caribbean.

*Jim Carter*

## All Saints Church

### Dates for your diary

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June** Annual outing to the Isle of Wight

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** 7pm Harvest Supper

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** 9.30am Churchyard Working Party

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

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



**All Saints, Parochial Church Council (PCC) need a Minutes Secretary.**

Have you the skills and would you like to join us?

We have 6 meetings a year at 7.30pm usually in the Church Room.

Want to know more?

**Please phone Sarah Boothman on 368143  
or Jane Bennett on 368109**

### **Background information to the application to fell three Austrian pine trees to the south of All Saints Church, Braishfield**

At a meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in All Saints churchyard (burial ground) with Dermot Cox, the TVBC Senior Arborist, attended by Jane Bennett, Sarah Boothman, Andrew Brooks and Fran Clifton, we reviewed the work done to the Austrian pines in the church yard over the last 25 years. Dermot has been involved with work in the churchyard over that period of time.

#### **Tree work - North side of church**

Three trees were removed from the right-hand end of the line of trees to the north of the church about 25 years ago, because they were showing signs of ageing. New trees were planted, which are now beginning to attain some height. There was, apparently, a plan at the time to remove the remainder of the 5 trees in the northern hedge line, spreading the cost by felling a few every three years. This work was never carried out, principally because of the costs involved. We will have to plan to address this over the next years. Our forebears several generations ago planted small Austrian pine trees which have grown to give us a

wonderful heritage of very large, mature trees surrounding the church building which we probably take for granted as having 'always' been there. As these trees reach the end of their healthy life it is our generation which must undertake the task of removing them and planting for following generations. This is, unfortunately, a costly business which involves making some difficult decisions.

### **Tree work - South side of church**

Our recent attention has been focused primarily on **the three Austrian pine trees to the south of the church**, to the left of the main path. Following a VTA (Visual Tree Assessment) undertaken by an arborist in the summer of 2016 we cleared ivy from the trunks and arranged to have dead wood removed, as advised. From the path the trees now appear to be in quite good condition but looking at them from the new burial ground it is clear that there is a lot of recent die back. This is occurring at a much faster pace than had been anticipated. Work carried out last year to remove dead wood from these trees, (and to some on the northern boundary) should have secured their future for several years to come. It may be that the trees are diseased - Dermot could not be sure what is affecting them, but it is clear their life is limited.

Two of the trees are split: one has been braced to try to strengthen it. There is significant die back. Removing just one will weaken the position of the others. For all these reasons a Tree Preservation Order would not be granted for any of these trees, and there is no reason not to remove them. Leaving them untouched, with increasing amounts of dead wood, would not pose a significantly increased safety hazard, but we are of the view that we would rather preserve their memory as healthy, iconic trees, and remove them before they become unsightly. The yews growing up between them, and the holly bush nearer to the church gate, mean that at ground level there will not be a significant visual impact when they are removed. In fact, new views will be opened up.

The visual impact will be in the higher level and distant views. We fully realise this, and we are committed to planting new trees within the church yard for future generations to enjoy, as we have done on the northern boundary, as part of our management plan. It was with sadness that we decided we must fell the horse chestnut tree in the car park a few years ago, but we realised when it was gone that we could appreciate views of other trees which had previously been masked, and we have adapted to the new outlook. We believe that the same will be true of the removal of the Austrian Pines. Over the decades trees grow and the landscape is constantly evolving.

Concern has been expressed about removing suitable nesting places for the rooks. We are (fairly!) pleased to note that they are happily building in the horse chestnut trees to the left of the bend in the main path and in other trees in the area. Interestingly there appear to be fewer nests in the Austrian pines this year than was the case a number of years ago, but there remains a very thriving rook community in and around the churchyard.

*Sarah Boothman, Church warden, on behalf of All Saints PCC*

## 3rd Romsey Scout Group

### Monkeying Around

3<sup>rd</sup> Romsey Scout Group had a visit from Monkey World, this is an ape rescue and rehabilitation centre. They rescue abused and unwanted primates and give them a home at the park. Monkey World has been open since 1987 and have been working for primates since.

The evening was started off with a short presentation about Monkey World, their conservation efforts and some of the primates at the park. Then all the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts were involved in making vital enrichment for the primates. They coated the inside of the plastic bottles with oil and a mix of bran flakes and seeds. Then the bottles were filled with wood wool. These were then put in the primate's enclosures back at the park as a snack in the next couple of days.

The Cubs & Beavers played games to highlight the plight of the primates in the wild. The Scouts finished off the evening when all patrols were given a species of primate and asked to design an enclosure for that species. Additionally, all the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts helped in supporting Monkey World by bringing many donations for the primates.

Thank you to the team the team at Monkey World for coming in and sharing their amazing work with us. We hope they continue this important work for years to come.



# Farming Matters

We have this year received a more than average number of complaints about mud, vehicles, noise and smells.

This winter generally was rather wet, allowing only brief settled spells. We farmers have had to work the land as best we can between the gaps. Mud has been inevitable. Where possible we try to avoid leaving the roads in a mess but this year has proved difficult. With the better weather on its way the roads will clear and the verges will recover.

Farm stock have also had a hard year, fields turned into quagmires making feeding a challenge and left the animals looking uncared for and smelly. Cattle generate a fair amount of manure, and this will smell, but it is part of country life. When the weather improves we will be plagued with dust and flies, be prepared. Just to put the record straight the animals were at no time in distress, they were very well fed and checked by experienced workers daily.

Farming as an industry has now become far more mechanized and the machines have become much bigger. Large vehicles are necessary to move the crops from our stores and deliver essential materials. Negotiating their way through the village can be difficult with an increase in the number of cars parked on the roadside.

The farming community do their best to look after the countryside, not always an easy task. You can enjoy and appreciate the wildlife conservation, flora and fauna that active farming creates on the numerous footpaths available. Please avoid straying into the fields and woods as tractor drivers are not expecting to encounter walkers.

Dogs need walking but running uncontrolled with livestock can cause untold damage. Instances of abortion, mauling and even death have increased. Please keep dogs under control and on leads where necessary. Cleaning up dog mess is great but why leave bags hanging in hedges, please take it home with your litter, farm animals and wildlife are attracted to this rubbish which can result in them suffering unnecessary distress.

Not so long ago the main occupation in the village was working on the land, with the mechanization of agriculture these numbers have been greatly reduced. Homes have become available and newcomers welcomed changing the face of a once close-knit community. It would be lovely to keep the character of the village, maintain traditional values and embrace modern ways without becoming caught up in a tide of change we neither like nor can control.

Living in a rural village when its main occupation is still farming will for some be taxing especially when at times the lanes and fields become a hive of activity, the air fills with strange smells and dust and your garden fills with loose straw. So let us try to embrace the quiet beauty of the changing months before we are taken over by the urban scrawl that is fast approaching.

On behalf of the  
Braishfield Farming Community

## An evening of Sporting Memories in Braishfield

Who knew that Braishfield Football Club started out in 1907 or that The Duck Trophy is a highly prized cricketing award (in the Newport Inn Cricket team it is) or that there are eight sporting clubs currently in Braishfield? Three facts that emerged from 'Sporting Memories'; an evening enjoyed by over 160 people on 24<sup>th</sup> March, to celebrate sport in Braishfield and hear from three sporting 'giants' who live in the village.

The evening started by hearing from Kevin Hitchcock and Lee Whitelock about the ups and downs of Braishfield FC since they formed in 1907. From winning the Southampton Senior League cup in 2015 contrasted with losing nearly every game of the 1999 - 2000 season.



This was followed by a summary by Ian Jeffery of the career of John Mortimore, who unfortunately couldn't attend the event in person. John played 279 times for Chelsea in the 1950s and 60s, playing with the likes of Peter Bonetti, Ron 'Chopper' Harris and Terry Venables and against formidable opponents such as Stanley Matthews and Bobby Charlton. He then went into management with the highlight taking Benfica to cup and league success in Portugal. He was also closely associated with Saints, as Assistant Manager

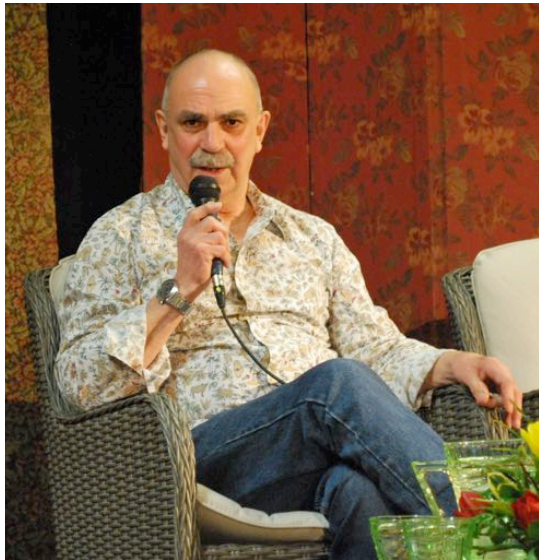


*Kevin Hitchcock and Lee Whitelock*



and President for many years. It is a mark of how respected John is in Football that in 2012 when Chelsea played Benfica in a Champions League game, John as a guest of honour, went on to the pitch and was given a standing ovation from all corners of the ground.

The third footballing guest was Lawrie McMenemy, who entertained the audience with memories from National Service in the Coldstream Guards through to his footballing fame. He managed seven different clubs but is best known for his time with Southampton. He mentioned that Jimmy Tarbuck once asked what Lawrie had in common with the Titanic. The



*Eric Philpott*

answer: “neither should have left Southampton!” Lawrie provided insight on his approach of “Young Legs, old heads”, a philosophy that led to the foundation of the famed Saints Academy. He said that the cup final success of ‘76 was a great achievement but perhaps his proudest moment was Saints finishing second in the 1983-84 season.

After a superb supper from Gayle

Wilde at ‘half time’ we heard from Eric Philpott about the exploits of the Newport Inn Cricket Club and the likes of ‘The Fat Controller’ and ‘Brian the Handbag’ not to mention the players with three eyes between them and the legendary Turdis! It is fair to say that the Cricket Club were perhaps more interested in the social aspect of the game rather than the competitive side, but they have been enjoying themselves since 1982 and long may it continue.

For the more competitive aspect of the game, David Gower offered some insight. However, his early reminiscences were the comparisons between the hospitality provided by his Leicestershire side and other counties. David talked about his early playing days under the guidance of Ray Illingworth, through to his call up to the England team and his 32 tests as England captain. He moved to Hampshire in 1982 lured by the opportunity to play with one of the greatest West Indian fast bowlers- Malcolm Marshall, as opposed to having to face him. When asked by the stalwart of Test Match Special, Brian Johnson, what two words did David not want to hear again about his career, he was perhaps expecting “laid back” or “Tiger Moth”.

Instead David simply replied “Caught Dujon” (the West Indies wicket keeper at the time). Immediately after the interview David went out to bat against the West Indies and, you guessed it, was caught by Jeffrey Dujon.

The evening concluded with some questions and answers to David and Lawrie where their charity work was highlighted, in particular Lawrie’s role in the ‘Special Olympics’; the world’s largest sporting organisation for those with intellectual disabilities, struck a chord.

*Overall, the evening was a marvellous success. Not only was everyone royally entertained, over £2600 was raised to support the Village Hall Refurbishment programme. Thanks must go to the team who organised it all, led by Jane Bennett. A special mention also to the two hosts who interviewed the various guests; David Robinson and Ian Knights, and of course David Gower and Lawrie McMenemy who gave up their time to make the evening possible. Ian Knights, Chairman of the Village Hall, finished by thanking everyone involved and suggested that perhaps a similar event could follow as a fundraiser for the ‘Special Olympics’. Watch this space!*

*Iain Coleman*

*The Braishfield Village Hall and Community Room are available for hire and the award-winning Braishfield Pantry is open Monday to Saturday. For more details visit [www.braishfield.org/Village\\_Hall.html](http://www.braishfield.org/Village_Hall.html) and [www.braishfieldpantry.com](http://www.braishfieldpantry.com)*



*David Gower and Laurie McMenemy*

## BACH'S GOLDBERG VARIATIONS IN THE CHURCH ROOM

On the evening of Friday 4th May, the start of the early May Bank holiday, a packed audience in the Church Room experienced a spellbinding evening of music-making and conversation. This was the latest in a series of occasional concerts given by top musical professionals presented by BMADS.

On the programme was a single piece, Bach's magisterial Goldberg Variations. But everything about the concert was a little different from what one might expect. To start with, the space was laid out with the audience seating arranged in a crescent shape around the players, giving a more intimate feel of rapport between musicians and listeners. Second, the evening was structured with an opening talk about the music, and then a short reading of poetry, before the performance itself.

Third, and most important - the music and the musicians. Written by Bach for a keyboard instrument, the version we heard was an arrangement for violin, viola and 'cello. The players, Lucy Russell, Sophie Renshaw and Ruth Phillips, all have busy professional music careers, so we were very fortunate to have them to play for us. Lucy Russell is leader of the eminent Fitzwilliam String Quartet, and plays a range of repertoire from early to modern. Lucy's recording of Bach's sonatas for violin and harpsichord with John Butt has been highly praised. Sophie Renshaw is known to the Braishfield audience from her previous concerts here; Sophie performs regularly with ensembles including the Hanover Band, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique. Ruth Phillips too has performed with many groups including the Musiciens du Louvre and appears regularly with Garsington Opera as well as pursuing an active teaching and writing career.

The three musicians gave an informal and informative talk about the piece before the performance. This was followed by a short reading by Kevin White - Sophie's husband - of poetry he has written in response to the music, providing a moment of quiet reflection before the performance. As for the piece itself, the Goldberg Variations consists of a theme or 'aria' and thirty variations, the last of which (the quodlibet or 'what you will') is based on various German folksongs including one in which a son complains about his mother's cooking too many 'cabbages and beets'! Following this comes a moment of calm - then the opening aria returns. The effect is breathtaking.

It was fascinating to hear the keyboard sonorities of the Goldberg rendered on three stringed instruments. It makes quite a different effect, and throws the strands of the music into relief to be heard more clearly. The performance went down well with the audience, many of whom stayed after the performance to chat convivially over a glass of something with the musicians.

Following our concert the players were off the next day on tour to Scotland and the north of England. Thanks are due to them and as ever to Wendy and Peter Quarendon who put an enormous amount of work into making these concerts possible. World-class live music-making in the heart of Braishfield: a great start to a Bank holiday!



# RACE NIGHT

in aid of

## **HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT AIR AMBULANCE**

Charity number 1106234

Braishfield Village Hall - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Bar opens at 6:00 pm with first race 7:00 pm  
(instructions at 6:45)

Pick a winner and not an old nag!

Become a racehorse owner

Bar available (reasonable prices)

Ticket price **£5.00**, Under 16's **FREE**

Please bring your own food

Please support this fantastic cause - **numbers are strictly limited** so remember to book early to avoid missing out on this fun evening

To reserve tickets, please contact Ian or Wendy Jeffery on 01794 367282



**HAMPSHIRE AND  
ISLE OF WIGHT  
AIR AMBULANCE**

## BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE FREE LIBRARY



For those out there wondering about the strange goings on at the red phone box across from Newport Lane, the Braishfield Parish Council has purchased the Phone Box from BT and funded the required repairs to preserve this iconic piece of history in our village. It has been transformed into the home of the **NEW Braishfield Village Free Library**.

We opened it in early May and it is in urgent need of stock! So if you have any used books in good condition that you are willing to donate, please just place them in the library.

We hope that everyone from the village will adopt the little library and all are welcome to exchange and donate books 24/7.

Happy Reading!  
Lisa Grummett and Braishfield Parish Council.

## The Royal Air Force

### A reflection on Armed Forces Day

The RAF became the world's first independent air service 100 years ago on 1 April 2018. Its creation was more than just recognition of the revolutionary effect of air power after nearly four years of bitter fighting in the First World War. It signalled that air power's strength and capability was outgrowing its original purpose as an ancillary to land and naval forces. History has validated conclusively the vision and judgements of those in 1918 who foresaw its strategic potential and drove the creation of the RAF.

Today, the RAF remains at the forefront of the defence of our nation. Our air defences are on constant alert in the UK, on NATO duties and in the Falkland Islands, responding to threats from states or international terrorism. Dominance in the air has been a baseline assumption over the past three decades. But our control of the air is now being challenged, as we have seen with the Russians in Syria and through other state-based threats. The RAF will respond to the challenge by growing the next generation air force and will continue working very closely with the Royal Navy and the Army, the Services from which the Air Force were formed a century ago. The men and women who serve today are the proud inheritors of the legacy of our first 100 years and look forward with pride and confidence to inspire the next generation to 'reach for the skies' by living up to the RAF motto *Per Ardua Ad Astra*.

In loving Memory of John Hedley Bevan, Royal Air Force

26 January 1944 – 30 January 2018

*O valiant hearts, who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame  
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Your memory hallowed in the land you loved*

Sir John S. Arkwright

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more to follow in the August news  
Any memorabilia contributions welcome  
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Braishfield Village Hall from 2.00pm

Braishfield Village Association

## Armed Forces Day June 30th 2018

A reminder that this takes place later in the month. **Armed Forces Day** is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets. Several events taking place across Hampshire including Andover, Portsmouth, Tidworth etc.

## SOCIAL CONTACT GROUP



On a lovely sunny May afternoon several members of the Social Contact Group visited the Minstead Village Shop & Tearooms for tea and cakes. We all enjoyed the picturesque journey through the forest and even the horses were on parade! As a group we are so grateful for the donation made to us by the Braishfield 200 Club.

We are also extremely appreciative of the donation we have received from Romsey & Chandlers Ford Round Table Christmas Cash Giveaway which will go towards funding our trips which are already planned throughout this year.

If you are interested in joining our Group please do not hesitate to give me a ring on 368339

Hazel Prince



## Toby's Epic Sports Relief Kayak Roll Challenge

Below is a report written by one of my young Scouts at 3rd Romsey Scout Troop, he took part in Sports Relief and decided to push himself that little bit further.

He had hoped to do 20 kayak rolls to raise money - but managed to do an amazing 94! He is 11 years old, but he was only 10 when he achieved this - and he was invested into the Troop that same week! If you are inspired to support him please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/n-parton>

To see his video please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzMrGMf80gl&feature=share>

I am a Scout at 3rd Romsey Scouts, I set myself a challenge to complete as many consecutive kayak rolls as I could manage before I failed one. I am just 11 years old and I chose to raise money to help people in need. My school were doing many other activities but I wanted to do something extra so I came up with this idea. I am very thankful to the people who chose to support me and donate to Sports Relief. Over-all I did 94 rolls on my own. My aim was about 20 but I reached more than triple this and as a result I raised an amazing £628.30!

Thank you so much to all those who sponsored me. I did this at the swimming pool at Hounslow Secondary School in Totton with my Dad and his friend Steve cheering me on and counting. I also managed to have a clip of my video shown on South Today on sports relief Friday and also got my picture in the local paper.

I found the challenge very hard and I was tired for a few days afterwards! It took me around 16 minutes to complete the 94 rolls.

To donate please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/n-parton> or visit Just Giving and search for 'Toby's epic sports relief kayak roll challenge'.



## Braishfield Horticultural Society

At the April meeting, Ray Broughton made a repeat visit to give his very useful tips on Pruning. His up to date scientific reasoning to the practical advice makes it even more welcome as it really does work! Ray lectured at Sparsholt College for many years but now advises to Wisley and Kew Gardens.

For those of you who didn't hear him speak, I am going to list his 6 top tips so you don't miss out!

- 1) Feed hedges with neutraballs – make from good fertilizer and grit wrapped in paper towels and bury every metre.
- 2) Clean cutting tools with tomato ketchup. Leave on for 3days, wash off. This will remove all built up burring.
- 3) Prune with straight cuts, not sloping. Plant recovers more quickly.
- 4) To remove reversing green parts on variegated plant – trim tips only of green shoots. 3months later, remove green parts – they will not return!
- 5) Prune hedges between 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> August when growth hormones are static. They will only need this annual cut.
- 6) Hard pruning encourages growth. To control shrubs, take 15cm off shoots now. Prune back harder in 3mths and the shrub will never be headstrong again.

At the Members' May meeting, Fran took us on a lovely tour of gardens in the Cotswolds looking at Upton World, Rockcliff, Kiftsgate and Hidcote. This was followed by an entertaining talk by Geoff Daniell on fertilizers, which found that Growmore and Phostrogen were the best value!

VISITS TO GARDENS IN JUNE are open to anyone.

12<sup>th</sup> June Terstan Farm Cottage, Longstock 6.30pm followed by the Mayfly Pub

19<sup>th</sup> June Paultons Park, 6.30pm including refreshments.

26<sup>th</sup> June Longstock Water Gardens, 10.30am, lunch at Leckford Farm Café.

More details and bookings on the website.

*Viv Robinson*



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## **ILLUMINATION – A Festival of Flowers**

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The Winchester Bible is a large specially commissioned 12<sup>th</sup> century bible which is highly decorative with a selection of beautiful illuminated letters and became the 'largest illustrated bible ever'.

Braishfield Flower Club have been asked to take part in the festival and our brief is rather unusual! Our installation is inspired by the Hill of Crosses in Lithuania, a site of pilgrimage for hundreds of years. The crosses were bulldozed by the Soviets but each night people crept past soldiers and barbed wire to plant more, risking their lives for the freedom to express their spiritual fervour. Thankfully we will not be put in that situation but, nevertheless, our task is quite daunting. In addition to producing two 5ft high floral crosses, we have been asked to produce another 80 of varying sizes. These will be made from natural materials, Bamboo, Birch, Cornus, Willow, raffia, string and ribbon and will be placed on the Hill. The finished piece will look very dramatic and will form the final part of the festival. It will be quite a challenge for our members but one that we are looking forward to.

We do hope the Braishfield community will come along to the festival to support our efforts. If anyone would like to join one of our workshops in making the crosses you will be very welcome – we are going to need all the help we can get!

Do contact our Chairman Beth Thomas (01794 368618) or Secretary Eileen Norman (02380 731162)

## Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

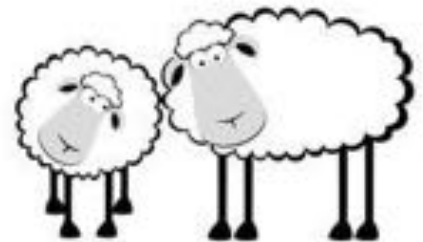
Since last writing, lambing has come and gone. Kate is very pleased with the results, the number of lambs being as expected. She has been bottle-feeding 9 as the mothers couldn't cope with 3 lambs or, in one case, 4! It is time consuming and has to be done at regular times several times a day. There is a piece of apparatus that holds 4 bottles at a time and this helps enormously.

Over 60 sheep have been taken up to Eldon and as I write Kate and Ian are there shearing them. It is a lovely day for it.

Sadly Fern, Kate's puppy, will not make a working dog, due to health reasons. The people who bred her have very kindly said Kate can take another puppy as a replacement. This one is 8 weeks old at the moment and she will be picked up in a couple of weeks. Good news.

Next excitement is weaning in late summer, although there are always lots of routine jobs to be done before then. Meanwhile the lambs are enjoying growing up in the sunshine in the company of their mothers.

Wendy Quarendon



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## Jumbulance

A full report on the recent holiday to Llandudno will appear in the next edition.

## Tea Party at the Pantry

It's been all go at the Pantry with preparations for summer – making sure we have plenty of sausages and burgers for people's BBQs, ice creams and lollies for those needing to cool down, some yummy strawberries and other seasonal fruit and veg, as well as an ample stock of beers, rose wines and bubbly that are so lovely on a summer's evening.



As many of you will know our trusty coffee machine, that has served us so well for the last couple of years, finally decided enough was enough and wouldn't allow us to make those lovely cappuccinos and lattes. Following a lot of work behind the scenes by some of the



great volunteers the Pantry has, a new machine was bought in to trial from a local supplier in Ower. The trial period has allowed views to be sought – both from users of the machine on how easy it is to use,

and from customers on the taste of the coffee (we were also trialling a new bean). The trial went very well and as such by the time you're reading this a new machine will be in place. We're keeping the old machine at least for the time being - it still makes a great americano or espresso!

If you've been lucky enough to pop into the Pantry on a Tuesday afternoon, you will no doubt have had the pleasure of being served by some younger 'volunteers'. The Pantry has teamed up with the Braishfield Primary School and giving two children each week the opportunity to experience what it's like to work in a small community shop. I think we can safely say all involved (adults and children) have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

And as I write this update, the Pantry has just hosted a very successful Afternoon Tea in celebration of the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle in the Village Hall. Guests were treated to sandwiches, scones and cakes, all served by a lovely group of men in bow ties and washed down with a glass of bubbly. As you would expect with a Pantry event, all cakes and scones were made by our very own Sharon, and sandwiches were made using all items sold in the Pantry. As with any event a huge amount of effort is put in by a relatively small group of individuals and we thank all those involved for their time and for making this event such fun. And we thank all of you who attended for enjoying your food and singing with all your hearts. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

We look forward to seeing you in the Pantry soon.

*Gemma Quarendon*

## **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

I am keen to showcase contemporary Village scenes and buildings on the front cover of the News. If anyone has good, clear, BLACK AND WHITE photos do please let me have them.

*Editor*



## .....PLUS ÇA CHANGE?

The problems we have been having with the road surfaces in the village and the length of time we have to wait for repairs, reminded me of this piece which was in the local paper of **22<sup>nd</sup> February 1901**.

“I was at Braishfield the other day and while there I had to listen to a grievance. It is this. On the roads is a quantity of gravel, and this makes travelling very uncomfortable for pedestrians, especially those who complain of ‘corns’. The road to Romsey has been called ‘the way of penance’ and the tortures of those who walk thereon are nearly as great as those of the pilgrims who, because of their sins, put peas in their shoes. The descriptions of the journey that have been given me may of course have been exaggerated; but they have certainly been suggestive of strong language, which I can well believe. Trying to keep an even balance and every minute or two turning one’s foot over on an extra size pebble while trudging on a three mile walk over a shingly substance is a severe test for anyone’s temper. ‘Why’, it is asked at Braishfield, ‘is not a steam roller sent our way. We need it badly’. I do not doubt it, indeed I know a little of the circumstances of the case.”

WQ.



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### **Regular Events**

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

### **Future Events -**

**Roy's Request Night and Karaoke Evening – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Beer Festival – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> July**

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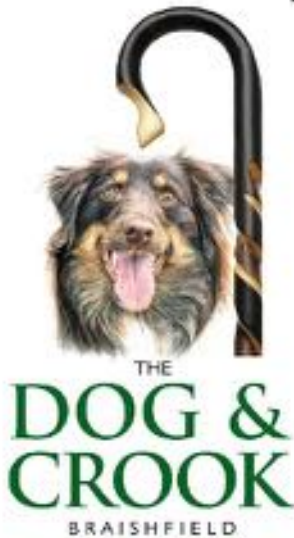
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9th July and 23rd July

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4th June and 18th June  
2nd July and 16th July

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**Cartons Books and media**

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

### **Brown Bin Recycling Tips**

Ensure your recyclable items are clean and dry.

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

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

If in doubt, have a look at our recycling guide [www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingguide](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingguide).



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# Braishfield Village Diary

Regular Meetings	Where	Time	When	Next meetings		
Parish Council 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues excl. August	5 June 	3 July 	4 <sup>th</sup> Sep 
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon excl. August	11 June	9 July	10 Sept
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues excl. June/July/Aug	11 Sept	9 Oct	13 Nov
Flower Society 	Church Room	7.30	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	28 June	26 July	27 Sept
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	25 June	23 July	27 Aug
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
Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	Monday 4th June	8.00 p.m.
Flower Arrangers outing	Salisbury	Thursday 7th June	9.45 - 4.30
URC anniversary service	URC	Sunday 17th June	See p.10
Deep South Gospel Sing-a-Long	Village Hall	Sunday 24th June	See p.11
Craft and Gift Fair	Social Club	Sunday 1 July	See p.6
Annual Beer Festival	Social Club	6th-8th July	
BVA meeting	Social Club	Monday 9th July	See p.5
Flower Show	Village Hall	Saturday 14th July	See p.27
Race Night	Village Hall	Saturday 11 August	See p.20
RAF 100 event	Village Hall	Saturday 1st Sept	See p.23

 Please see BVN or Notice Boards for further details

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