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Braishfield Flower Show 2018

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From the Chairman

Well, what a start to summer. After the snowfall earlier in the year, what a transformation - beautiful weather (perhaps not so for the gardeners amongst us) and a World Cup where England surpassed all our dreams. Excellent.

Knowing how hard the BVA team works, I am delighted to announce that we have a new recruit! Lisa Burdett has joined us and I'd like to wish her a very warm welcome. Lisa joins us at an exciting time when we're putting together plans for the RAF 100 event on 1st September (see back page) and the Christmas sing-a-long on 11th December (yes, we've started planning the Christmas event already – more details next edition!). These are two very different events which promise to be entertaining for the whole family so don't forget to buy your tickets for the RAF 100 event and make a note of the December date.

Attending a number of events in the past two months, I want to celebrate the fact we live in Braishfield. We really are lucky to live in a wonderful village with such a close-knit community and fortunate to have teams, and I'm not just talking about the BVA, that put on special events for the benefit of all. In the last month, we've had the School Fair, Craft and Gift Fair, Beer Festival and Flower Show which, amongst others, were all excellent events and I'd like to thank the organisers and helpers for all their hard work in making those such a success.

These types of events really add to the community spirit and make Braishfield a great place to live.

Looking further ahead, the BVA is in the initial stages of planning an event for 2019 which will again be aimed at all ages and promises to be a fantastic day of entertainment. Keep reading your Braishfield Village News for more information on this in the coming months.

During July, we changed tack and the BVA meeting was the first to be held on an 'open-forum' basis with residents of Braishfield being welcomed. I'd like to thank those who turned up and look forward to welcoming them and others to the next meeting. Minutes of the meeting can be found in the Community section of the www.braishfield.org website and provide updates on, amongst other things, broadband, mobile phone coverage and a centralised village diary.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to the Plea to Drivers on page 11. This has been put together following a number of comments made by residents. Please let's all slow down and be considerate to others before somebody gets seriously injured, or worse.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Ian

From the Editor

First of all, many many thanks for all the wonderful contributions to the BVN this edition - I have had so many that it has been a real task to fit everything in and we have a bumper edition! We have a very busy little village. In my efforts to include everyone's pieces, may I please request that in future all contributions have a word limit of 750 in order that all can be printed.

As a new Editor, I'm trying out some new things - you will of course have noticed that the cover of this edition is in colour! This is designed to improve the quality of the images on the front and back covers - do please let me know what you think. I'd like to feature a current event on the front cover and perhaps a future event on the back. The Village Diary has moved to the inside back cover.

To that end, I am introducing a Letters Page (p.6). Again, your comments in print are always welcomed for the new page (controversial views are always good for generating debate!). I will need a name and address for the contributor but if you don't wish to have your details published, I am happy to use the "name and address supplied" format. Just nothing defamatory please.

The cost of producing the BVN is largely funded by advertising and donations - you will note that there is now a new method of making a payment - by direct bank transfer. See details on p.5. Any contributions are hugely welcomed whether regular or one-off.

Wendy Dolby-Stevens
Editor



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Letters to the Editor

Contributions for "Letters to the Editor" must state the writers name and address, and whether or not they wish to have these details published.

Dear Sir,

We all know that society has changed more in the last 50 years than it has ever done before...and at an ever accelerating pace in today's world of technological advancement; many will say how wonderful it is...but is it ? It is reported that just 16% Of the UK population now have a belief in God and the Christian church...and this is fairly represented in our village where perhaps only 3% of the population regularly attend church and a similar number are recorded on the church register, taking into account that some are non-resident in the village. We applaud the BVA in its publications...but always the same contributors ? Similarly in Five Alive. We applaud the success of the village shop administered by a loyal few, we see the ongoing success of the Braishfield Bees (but how many actually live in the village?) We applaud flowers shows, and all the other events that take place...and the success of the village school...again, how many come from the village? Yes, we are a vibrant village, but are we living within the railway line and not seeing the wider world? Perhaps we are, and rightly so, frightened of the large scale developments thrust upon us just beyond our village boundary..and more to follow. Nothing highlights my point more than the sad loss of Janet Cook and the realisation that the Newport Inn could no longer be a viable business, after all the requirements that would be needed to comply with "regulations ".

I have known the village all my life and seen much change - some for the better and some that may not be so good. Children these days are

content to play with their iPads and Phones, and so are their Mums who realise that they can have their chat if little Jimmy is amused with this gadget. It is always the loyal few who keep our village alive, but will they be replaced ..and by whom? Regrettably, a larger majority live within their own little enclave, in property that is beyond the affordability of many, seeing the village as a safe retreat from their business or other activities. Fair enough, if they have earned it, fine....but should we not start to think ahead and not only support the " protect our village" ethos but consider the merit of providing affordable homes for young local people who will be our future, and I stress, local people with affinity to Braishfield and Romsey...not being socially moved from other boroughs. This may ring alarm bells, but without a steady influx of younger people, the village will eventually find it too difficult to maintain all the good that it currently provides. We have to think outside the railway line before unwanted actions are placed upon us by local and governmental authority from those in glass lined offices with the dreaded lap top in front of them and little clue as to what is happening in the real world.

[Name and address supplied]



Craft and Gift Fair for Isle of Wight Air Ambulance

Well, what an amazing day!

We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped make this a huge success.

Your generosity raised a staggering **£2,110.49** for the charity.

Special thanks to:

- ✱ Everyone who turned up and supported it – it was great to see you all
- ✱ Heatwave (Central Heating and Boiler specialists) for sponsoring the event
- ✱ Braishfield Social Club (for very kindly donating their fee for the hire of the hall to the charity)
- ✱ Our family and friends who, without their help and support we wouldn't have been able to put on the event, especially Rachel who got us into shape and introduced us to the world of technology and social media!
- ✱ Everyone who kindly donated raffle prizes – there's too many to mention here, but thank you so much.
- ✱ All the stall-holders who made it such a great event.

Thank you

Wendy and Ian Jeffery



Braishfield Ukulele Music Society

BUMS

Pay tribute to John Bevan

Come and join us on

29th September at 3.00 pm In The Wheatsheaf

For an hour or so of songs, memories and maybe
some laughter as we remember 'Big John'

HAMPSHIRE JUMBULANCE GROUP

Jumbulance Holiday to Llandudno

We have just returned from a wonderful holiday to Llandudno, taking 44 people in 2 jumbulances. One from our local Hampshire group and we were joined there by another from N.Yorkshire. If we take 2 jumbulances we can share resources ie nurses who are in great demand. We were staying in a new (for us) fully accessible hotel with wet rooms, profile beds and ceiling hoists for those that needed them and live evening entertainment each night. We also went to hear a wonderful Welsh Male Voice Choir one evening and had a hilarious Fancy dress competition another evening.



We went out each day in the jumbulance to Conwy, Beaumaris on Anglesey (both with Edward 1 castles) the RSPB Reserve at Conwy, Llanberis National Slate museum with the Lake Railway, Snowdon Mt Railway, Plas Newydd House and gardens on the Menai Straits and a quiet day in Llandudno to do shopping or just rest. The scenery was stunning and more so because of the beautiful fresh colours and the oh so welcome sunshine.

It is humbling to see people, some with enormous disabilities, needing total care so enjoying themselves and wanting to do everything. When offered a quiet day or a chance to stay back at the hotel with one of our nurses they say “No, I can stay at home and sleep all next week – this is my chance to live like other people do.” We, the VIPs and the helpers are all exhausted afterwards but its definitely worth it and I’m delighted all our new helpers

(and VIPs) want to come again. We have no shortage of VIPs but we always need younger nurses and helpers.

Our next holiday (with a waiting list) is Nairn in Scotland in September. We still need another nurse for that trip if you know any who might help us. We exist only to offer people with illness, disability or lack of personal support a safe and supported holiday. We have no shortage of VIPs but we always need younger nurses and helpers to join our team of volunteer nurses, carers and when needed a doctor in these amazing vehicles but we can't do it alone. Thank you to all our supporters.

Chris Chisholm - Group Leader - Hampshire Group

01794 368120 answerphone

All Saints church yard update

If you have walked through the church yard recently you may be thinking it is taking a long time to complete the making good of the bottom end of the new extension. We had a set back when the grave digger misunderstood our intentions and deposited rubble on the area being prepared for sowing grass seed. This has now been resolved, but the resultant delay meant the seed was not sown as planned. As it happens, a very good thing, as this has not been a summer conducive to nurturing new growth!

We hope to see the work completed by the end of August. We have a little further clearance to do, and then need to spread a layer of topsoil prior to sowing the grass seed. Let's hope for the right quantities and frequency of gentle rain to enable germination!

There will be plenty to do at our Churchyard Working Party on **Saturday 18th August**, beginning at 9.30am. If you are free and can give a couple of hours, please come. You will be more than welcome. The break for coffee, bacon butties and a well-earned rest mid-morning is a sociable time, too! The churchyard is a village amenity and while managed by the PCC we really need and appreciate the input of many others to keep it looking as good as it can be.

Hope to see you on Saturday 18th August with your wheelbarrow/rake/shovel/secateurs/loppers.....

Andy Brooks and Sarah Boothman Churchwardens

All Saints, Braishfield

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18th August Churchyard Working Party 9.30am with Bacon butties

Sunday 9th September 9.30am Café
Church in Church Room

Saturday 6th October 7.00pm Harvest Supper – entertainment by BUMS. **Tickets available from Sarah Boothman 01794 368143.** Donations on the night in aid of All Saints church (bring own drink).

Sunday 7th October 9.30am Harvest Festival



Saturday 3rd November 9.30am Churchyard Working Party with bacon butties

Sunday 4th November 10.30am Service of Celebration followed by refreshments in the Church Room

Sunday 16th December 6.00pm Carol Service

Monday 24th December 4.00pm Christingle Service

Tuesday 25th December 10.00am Family Service

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

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

A plea to drivers

Several Braishfield residents have expressed concern to the BVA about some of the driving standards witnessed around the village. Types of things mentioned were:

30mph

Speeding – this is a recurring issue. Stand on any of our roads for 5 minutes and you'll witness it. We have a school, recreation ground with play area and several other areas where children may be, not to mention cyclists, horses and people walking. For their sakes, please slow down. We appreciate it's not always Braishfield residents who are guilty of this, but please help us by not exceeding the speed limit.

Back off!

Driving too close – the feeling of being threatened by someone clearly in a hurry to get past. The Highway Code states that you should drive at least 2 seconds behind the car in front of you, or 4 seconds in the wet. Please observe this.

Passing wide

There have been a number of close-calls between vehicles and hikers, horse riders and cyclists, please give them plenty of room when passing.

Parking

Where there are pavements in the village, please leave these for pedestrians. It's extremely dangerous when they're forced into the road, especially when pushing a child buggy or wheelchair, etc.

What if you witness something?

In the words of Hampshire Constabulary: One of your community priorities as a resident of Romsey North is: Road Traffic Offences which focuses on speeding and anti-social driving. This means that your local neighbourhood policing team will focus on these issues and other relating problems that can arise from this. In order for us to do this I am asking you to report any issues you experience due to other drivers whether the issue is speeding along a particular road or road users driving in an anti-social manner and causing a nuisance. If you are experiencing any issues please email: storm.perrott@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or report it to the police via 101.

Braishfield Village Association

SOCIAL CONTACT GROUP

On a very warm day in July we left Braishfield and headed towards The Walhampton Arms in Lymington for lunch. During the drive through Beaulieu there were a large number of horses and foals sheltering in the shade, regardless of the traffic chaos they caused. We were lucky to be able to sit together as a group and lunch was enjoyed with plenty of chatter as well as a



very enjoyable meal. We then went to Fairweathers Garden Centre for tea and cake and once we'd reorganised the tables we were all able to sit together sheltering under umbrellas. It was so pleasant that our stay there was much longer than originally planned or maybe it was due to the large slices of cake!

For the very fortunate members of our community who have enjoyed the Senior Citizens Christmas Parties over the last 30 years it was fully understandable that Sharon, Dave, Ricky and all the Committee felt that the wonderful afternoon tea in February would be the final occasion.

All the members of the Social Contact Group were totally overwhelmed by the kind generosity of the Committee to donate to us the balance of their funds once their account was closed.



Hazel is pictured receiving the cheque on behalf of the Social Contact Group from Ricky, Sharon and Members of the Committee and she expressed again a huge thank you for their kindness.

This thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will give us the opportunity to hire the TVBC Mini-Bus to travel a little further afield and visit new venues.

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

Here are the winners of the last four monthly draws: Sheila Still in April, Janet Miller in May, the Bennetts in June and the Elliotts in July. We have made the following donations to local 'good causes' : one payment to the village 'Social Contact Group', one to the United Reformed Church as a contribution to the expenses in setting up their Gospel concert, one to ROMDAG (which is the Romsey Dementia Action Group) and one to support the Balchins in their cycling fund raising on behalf of local historic churches. Villagers might like to contact us if they have other fund raising efforts in mind for charities and worthy causes. And if you would like to join in and stand a chance of winning one of the monthly cash prizes, give me a call on 368774 or e mail me ondbr33@john-lewis.com
David Robinson.

BRAISHFIELD FLOWER SHOW

Braishfield's Annual Flower Show attracted many visitors despite the alternative sporting attractions of tennis and football! It had been a difficult season for growers with poor germination due to a wet spring and many very hot and dry weeks before the show. Nevertheless, there was a good number of entries which saw John Chaplain get highest points for another year for his fruit and vegetables, with his gooseberries taking 'best in section'. Helen North was the cookery queen including a raspberry and frangipane tart which won 'best' in that section. Diane Lott was queen of the flower arrangers. The new Ron Hodgson cup for highest points for a child exhibitor went to Isabelle Knight. Entries for children included making a model in a shoe box of a playground or an aquarium and making a wind chime. Les Sykes produced the winning Chocolate and Walnut Beer Cake in the men's culinary class. The plant stall and tearoom did a roaring trade. The event was organised by the chairman, Fran Clifton and Wendy Jeffery.

Viv Robinson



Save the Date for the Village Panto

Its only August and we are still basking in some lovely summer weather, but a group of villagers have already been hard at work pulling together a Pantomime to take place on **Friday 30th Nov** and **Saturday 1st Dec** - matinee and afternoon performance.

The panto has been written, the cast assembled and the set designed, so it is all systems go for what will be a magical story for all the family; complete with goodies, baddies, a flying carpet some dancing and the odd bit of audience participation!



Hampshire County Council are asking for your views in a public consultation on street lighting, supported passenger transport services and the concessionary travel scheme. This is working towards making planned cost savings identified in their Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget consultation carried out last year.

The Parish Council will be submitting a comment in support of rural bus services, and the potential implications of cuts to bus services or restrictions on the use of bus passes; especially the implications for parents of school children and loss of independence for those who cannot drive.

Here is the Hampshire County Council poster:

Have your say about

- **street lighting**
- **supported passenger transport services**
- **concessionary travel scheme**

Hampshire County Council is asking for views on proposals to:

- switch off street lights for part of the night
- reduce the frequency and/or days of some supported public bus services
- replace some supported public bus services with alternative forms of community transport
- reduce the amount of printed material
- reduce the support available to organisations involved in transport
- remove the use of the Order Person's Bus Pass on Taxishares, Dial-a-Ride and Call and Go services

Have your say! hants.gov.uk/consultations
Alternatively email environment.bus.review@hants.gov.uk
or phone 0300 555 1388* for a copy of the Information Pack and Response Form.
The consultation closes Sunday 5 August 2018.

*0300 calls are usually included in most landline and mobile call packages, and if not, are charged at no more than a local rate call.

 **Hampshire**
County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/consultations

News from Uganda

Learning and Letter writing – Cross cultural Friendships



“I love dictionaries the best. At any time, you can find out the meaning of any word you don’t know” These are the words of Sula, an articulate and thoughtful 11 year old, after he discovered the display of dictionaries at the Connect Centre; the primary resource centre, set up by ServeDirect. He and I quite often meet up in the evenings, as I am dog walking along the myriad of tracks that surround our house in Uganda. He is usually accompanied by his 5 younger siblings, all pushing an old bicycle balancing a huge sack of vegetable peelings to feed the family cow.

Because of his love of learning, Sula was an easy choice to



take part in the letter writing club and answer the letters from the Oaks Class at Braishfield Primary School, in April. He and 20 others wrote letters describing life and interests; these are now on display in the Oaks classroom. Mrs Niles, the classteacher had briefed her class so well, that they were incredibly well informed about life in Uganda, so that the children asked very interesting questions, such as:

- Do you have to do chores before school? (Answer – yes, of course – we have to. You have to go digging, sweeping and fetching water for 2 hours before school. School starts at 0730.)
- Which playground games do you like best? (Answer – we love football, but if we have no ball, we can make one out of plastic bags and string.)
- Do you have a lot of homework? (Answer – everyone has to complete homework and go for extra lessons before and after school. There are exams twice a term. The top class has Saturday school as well!)

Braishfield pupils wrote beautiful replies which we took to Lukomera in June, to everyone’s immense delight.

In the last month. I have had the pleasure and privilege to visit the Oaks class twice, handing over their replies from Uganda and to take an assembly. The exchange of school and cultural information will continue next year, as pupils both from Braishfield and Lukomera will put together a box of items that sums up their daily life. It is a great way to find out more about different ways of life in another country, but what struck both groups of pupils the most, was the similarities and not the differences between them. Who says letterwriting is an outmoded means of communication?!



Elspeth Dugdale

Elspeth and Jerry Dugdale (Church Lane) work with ServeDirect, which supports education and health projects in central and northern Uganda. For more information and regular updates, please look at www.servedirect.org or email info@servedirect.org . Thank you!

Braishfield Golf Society

2 golf events to report on:

Dummer GC on 27 April won by Steve Lumb who also took the "Nearest the Pin" prize.

Tidworth GC on 12 June won by Ian Kelso with 39 points, second Geoff Fairris with 35, and Richard Brazier 3rd with 32 pts. Nearest the pin - Briggs (debatable !!)

Our next golf day is on Friday 24 August at Knighton Heath GC- a new venue.

Anyone who would like to join the invitation list please contact: *Richard Brazier* 368414
rdbrazier@hotmail.com

BRAISHFIELD SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEED YOU



**Do you like working
in a team?**

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

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

**Do you have life
skills to share?**

**Do you want to give
something back to
the community?**

If you can answer yes to any of these, please call

Julie Holland (Chair of Governors)

Tel:- 01794 367966

OR

Katharine Ewens at the School Office

Tel:-01794 368359

for more information

Being a school governor.....

Having been a governor at the village school for 7 years I have decided to step down at the end of the term.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being involved in the strategic management of our excellent village school and would encourage anyone in the community with an interest in the education of the current and future generations to consider the role.

The school continues to thrive under the motivated enthusiastic leadership of Lou Rhodes and her strong team of teachers, learning support staff and administrative officers. The children are very happy and demonstrate an inquisitive positive attitude to learning.

The role of governor is time consuming but there is extensive support from fellow governors and the education authority.

The governing body needs people from the local community. If you would like to learn more, please contact Julie Holland (Chair of Governors) on 01794 367966.

Nicky Ayres

Retiring School Governor

Braishfield Beauty Salon Closure Update.

To all my lovely clients and friends,

I would like to inform you that as of the 22nd August, Braishfield Beauty will be closing. However, I will be re-opening the delightful new salon, Beau-Den Beauty, just around the corner at Cedar Nursery, Sandy Lane. Positioned next to my partner James at The Kitchen Cafe.

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support over the last seven years and I hope to see you in the new premises. If not I am sure I will see some of you in the Cafe.

Beau-Den Beauty will be open for business as of Monday 17th September.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Kindest regards,

Laura Bevan

Braishfield Primary School News – Summer Term

It's been a busy year at the School for all of us involved and this summer term has seemed busier than ever! Last year's Key Stage 2 results were amongst the best in Hampshire and this year the Year 6 children have again done fantastically well. Those of you who frequent the Braishfield Pantry will have met these amazing children, as they took it in turns to work with Sharon and the volunteers in the shop. Thank you to the Pantry team, I hear it was an experience enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the Parish Council for their continued support with our school activities, particularly the use of the Recreation Ground for our Summer Fair and Family Camping. The Fair suffered somewhat from the heat, as did we all! But a fantastic time was had by those of us who braved the 30 degree temperature to throw balls at coconuts, try our hand at Zumba and Hula Hooping, under the guidance of Academy Studios and our local Hula Hunnies, and win some amazing prizes in the Raffle.

The family camping was well attended and we were lucky with the weather, with the rain early on just slowing down the preparations whilst we all hid in cars or tents. The campers, including the children, tried to be very mindful of the neighbours, with children going to sleep in tents to the accompaniment of the concert at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens!

This year the children have had some fantastic opportunities as part of the broad curriculum offered by the school, including trips to the Mary Rose, Winchester Science Centre and Marwell Zoo. Within the village we have got dirty tending the allotment at the Wheatsheaf, used our wellies as flower pots for the flower festival at All Saints, and used our imaginations to produce some stunning entries for the Flower Show.

The older children enjoyed their trip to London to see the Lion King in the West End, as a warm up for their own staging of the Lion King Jr. This was a stunning performance by all, with the children demonstrating some amazing drama and singing skills. We were also treated to Braishfield Primary School's Got Talent, with more fantastic singing, dancing and even some 'armpit' music!

We have been very fortunate this year to have our new Headteacher, Mrs Lou Rhodes, who has led the school through an Ofsted inspection where we were judged to be a 'Good' school. Mrs Rhodes and all the staff should be congratulated on what has been an excellent year for the school and I look forward to seeing them all in September, rested and ready for another successful year!

Julie Holland, Chair of Governors, Braishfield Primary School

Village Design Statement

The Village Design Statement (VDS) was drafted in 2002 and has been used over the years as planning guidance for villagers, the professionals they employ, and to reinforce planning decisions made by the Braishfield Parish Council and Test Valley Borough Council.

The Parish Council has always recognised and valued the work of the villagers who prepared the Village Design Statement. We now need to ensure that it is up to date and reflects the current village view. Jimmy Chestnutt has kindly agreed to take on the task of preparing the VDS update but will clearly need assistance to review the village statement and make recommendations to the Parish Council of future planning needs and development issues.

Are you a person who enjoys a challenge and would like to help decide on the future for the village and the community? if so, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please phone or email:

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Chairman of Braishfield Planning Committee
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01794 368414

Jane Bennett
Chairman of Braishfield Parish Council
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01794 368109

Braishfield Parish Council

On 1st May 2018, I was very privileged to be elected Chairman of Braishfield Parish Council. As you know this appointment was due to the sad loss of John Bevan who died very suddenly after serving the community so very well in his time as Chairman. At the May meeting, we were very pleased to elect Ian Knights to the Council and he will join Mike Edwards, Carole Renvoize, Peter White, Richard Brazier and Mark Swinstead on the Parish Council with Kate Orange as our Clerk to the Council.

We all want to continue to serve the community well, so we have reviewed our portfolios and enlisted the help of villagers too. Please see details aside and feel free to contact us. The Residents Guide provides our contact details which are also available on the Braishfield Parish Council website. However, all correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk, Mrs Kate Orange.

We are reviewing the Village Design Statement under the chairmanship of Jimmy Chestnutt and are really pleased to have villagers offering their help too. it's not too late to volunteer so please do so if you would like to take part in this work.

The Emergency Planning is progressing well, and we hope to give a presentation in the Village Hall Community Room on Wednesday 7th November from 4.00pm. More details will follow.

Jane Bennett
Braishfield Parish Council Chairman
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Braishfield Parish Council - Roles and Portfolios of Councillors and Village Representatives		
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SCHOOL	Ian Knights Richard Brazier	
COMMUNITY LIAISON	Carole Renvoize	
PLAY AREA	Carole Renvoize	
VILLAGE ASSOCIATION	Richard Brazier	
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RIGHTS OF WAY	Peter White Ian Knights	
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FLAGS	Richard Brazier	Tim Howkins
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FINANCIAL CHECKING	Peter White	

Pantry News

As I write the Pantry's buying team are beginning to think about Christmas. 'Oh no, really' I hear you cry. Well yes actually. Orders for our main Christmas stock need to be placed during July and August. So, during the country's hottest spell of the year we're trying to think what people might like to have at Christmas when the weather will presumably be cold and, most likely, wet!



We've also pencilled in a date for our late-night opening when we will be showcasing the Christmas stock – **Tuesday 20th November**. So, pop the date in your diaries and keep a look out (much) nearer the time for more details.

Another date for your diaries - **Tuesday 9th October** – the Pantry will be holding its first AGM since becoming a trading company last August. It will be held in the shop and is open to all. Look out for more details coming soon.

As well as looking forward, the Pantry has also been looking back. By the time of publication, we hope to have published our 'Brief history of the Pantry' page on the website. Its been fun looking back and wonderful to remember from where the shop has come and just how many people worked so hard to make it happen.

Check out the website and take a look –

www.braishfieldpantry.com/history

If you were lucky enough to pop into the Pantry one Tuesday afternoon during the earlier part of the summer you may well have found yourself served by some rather younger volunteers. The Year 5&6 pupils from Braishfield Primary School came and helped out. Each week two pupils and a teacher came up and undertook all aspects of working in the Pantry – from taking orders and



serving customers to washing up and sweeping the floors. After the last pair had completed their shift we were presented with a stack of thank you cards the children had made, thanking us for the opportunity. We would very much like to thank them – they were without exception bright, helpful, cheerful and keen to learn.

So far this year (and I hope by writing this down I am not tempting fate) the Pantry has been going from strength to strength. We're constantly trying to ensure the stock remains fresh and new as well as keeping those essentials well stocked. We're certainly

finding customers assuming we will stock all manner of bits and bobs, rather than hoping we might but expecting to have to head into town – and most of the time we do.

New stock continues to enter the store. You never know quite what you will find from week to week (and that includes us volunteers!). You may well have tried a souffle from our new supplier by now – we hope it was delicious.

Many thanks as always for your continued custom.

And don't forget – we are always on the look out for more volunteers – so if you can spare some time, do come and have a chat. There's plenty to do – and not just manning the shop.

The Pantry team.

STORY TIME END OF TERM FUN JULY 2018

“Story time” takes place on Thursdays at the Pantry in term time. Every one is welcome so why not drop in anytime between 10 and 11. 30am. While your children listen to stories you can enjoy a cup of coffee and sample one Sharon's delicious cakes You will make new friends along with the Rugby tots and other groups who meet at the same time.

We have said “goodbye” to those who are moving on to “Big School” in September. We have got to know them really well and have very special relationships with



them and their families. I will miss them all but look forward to meeting newcomers in the Autumn term. An end of term card made by the Story time children for Sharon and her lovely team,

who make the cakes, serve the drinks and cookies and don't mind the noise and mess that they make.

In truth they are going to miss the children (and babies) as they too enjoy the stories, the puppets and activities and have seen them all grow in confidence with new friendships made, Not forgetting Michael who takes his role as chief sweeper-upper very seriously!! Story time and Rugby Tots re commences on September 14th.

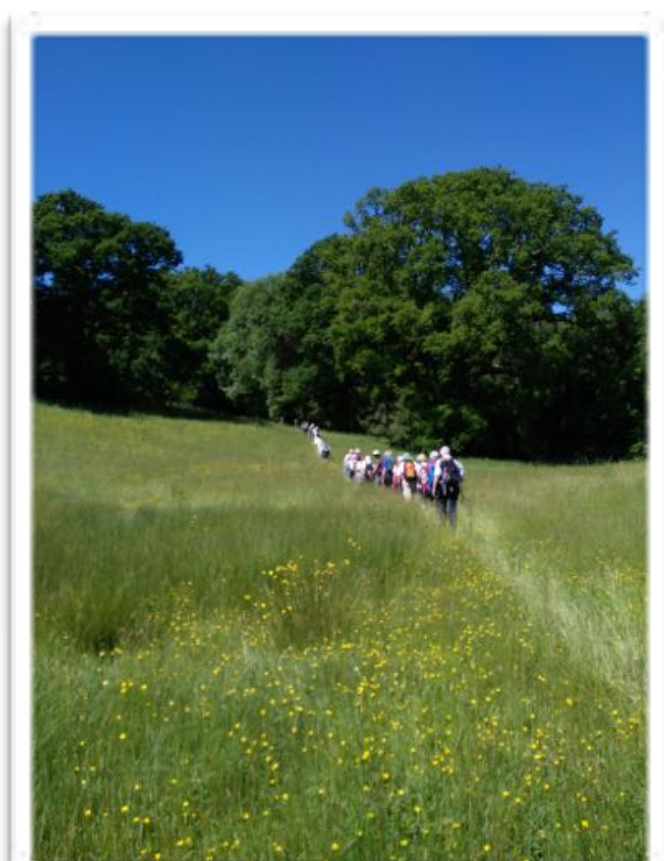
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St John's Farley Chamberlayne Walk –

The Monarch's Way, Part 2

(Edited from the piece by Wendy Hadden, sent from New Zealand)

The English countryside provides wonderful walking and Iain Chisholm has been a superb organiser of *a walk a year* for over twenty years to raise money for St John's. He has a loyal band of helpers and walkers and for us it is a great privilege to be included. We do not go as far or as fast as we used to, but we enjoy ourselves and each other's company. We have several new younger walkers but we need more new faces and more sturdy legs.



In 2016 we finished the first part of the Monarch's (Charles II) Way at Stratford-on-Avon. On Saturday 26th May we returned to the Cotswolds to journey to the south coast on 'The Monarch's Way, Part 2'. From Bourton-in-the-Water, the lovely rolling countryside was a gentle introduction; the sun was warm and around 35 of us easily made the few miles to Northleach. The bus took us to Cirencester, for our first three nights.

Cirencester was the Roman town of Corinium, so, after a quick shower and refresh, it was off to the Corinium Museum to learn about the Roman occupation of Britain and to see the artefacts, including several fine mosaic floors that would have graced the floors of the well-off citizens. We learnt more about the Romans next day with a guided tour of Chedworth Roman villa, amidst thundershowers, before a dry afternoon walk. Leaving Cirencester next morning, a walk via the now grassy

amphitheatre saw the end of our involvement with the Romans. If you closed your eyes you could perhaps imagine the crowds enjoying the games. Later we walked to view the source of the Thames. It was underwhelming; a sign and a cluster of dry stones. We followed the disused canal to the Sapperton Tunnel entrance and a heroic rescue. An exhausted dog was swimming in the canal, the distraught owner unable to reach it. Trevor Stephens held the owner by his legs as he reached down, and then pulled both owner AND dog to safety! Applause and cheers from the witnesses! In the afternoon a field of beautiful wild red poppies delighted us all.

While the main party walked on Tuesday there were options of morning visits to Westonbirt Arboretum and an evening tour of the Prince of Wales's garden at Highgrove, followed by dinner, but sadly the prince could not join us. Wednesday in Wells was wet, the grass was long, and it was

a bedraggled group that emerged from the wood for morning tea. Chris's car got stuck in the mud and had to be pushed out. The rain stopped and we made it to Wookey Hole for lunch, then walked into Wells. Later we went to hear cathedral evensong sung by a visiting choir from Texas.

Spirits lifted as Thursday dawned fine; we walked through the magnificent Cathedral Close and set a cracking pace but then rain, long grass and stiles (often double) meant lunch was an hour later than planned. After intermittent rain and rough tracks it was a relief to reach the Traveller's Rest pub. Hot tea and beers helped thaw and rejuvenate us and we had the prospect of a group dinner that evening. Friday was fine with pleasant walking. Chris met us with lunch at South Cadbury Mound, an Iron Age Hill Fort and said to be Camelot. We climbed to the escarpment with magnificent views over the sunlit Somerset Plains as we followed the ridge before descending to Sandford Orcas Manor, a largely unaltered Tudor manor house. Sir Mervyn Medlycott pointed out special features of his home with great pride. After tea, a bus ride to Crewkerne.

We made it to the south coast at Charmouth on a fine, warm Saturday. Children were paddling and the kayakers were out. Lunch was at picnic tables, a photo at the water's edge, then a bus back to



our hotels. Our final evening was at Forde Abbey; once a Cistercian Monastery, now a stately home. The sun shone for our walk in the beautiful garden and before-dinner drinks in the courtyard. A good meal ended a most enjoyable week. A sincere and well-earned vote of thanks to Iain Chisholm and to all involved in the organisation was given by Peter White. After Holy Communion at Crewkerne church on Sunday morning the group returned to Braishfield.

Hannah Boothman

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Wessex Cancer Trust are asking you to challenge yourself and some friends to take part in our **Zero to Hero** challenge. This is a chance to bring out your inner entrepreneur and help support local families affected by cancer.

The challenge is very simple, starting with a rubber duck (given to you by us) on 1st September as a team, you have one month to trade and obtain an item of higher value each time. You will then sell your final item and all the money will go to support Wessex Cancer Trust.

You can book your Zero to Hero fundraising kit through our website here: <https://www.wessexcancer.org.uk/Event/zero-to-hero>

For more information please contact Charlotte on 023 8067 2200 or email charlotte.vonsicard@wessexcancer.org.uk

Hi there!

I'm a student at Barton Peveril Sixth Form college and I am conducting a short survey for my A-Level Geography coursework. I would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete my short anonymous online survey about your views of living in the Romsey area. Thank you

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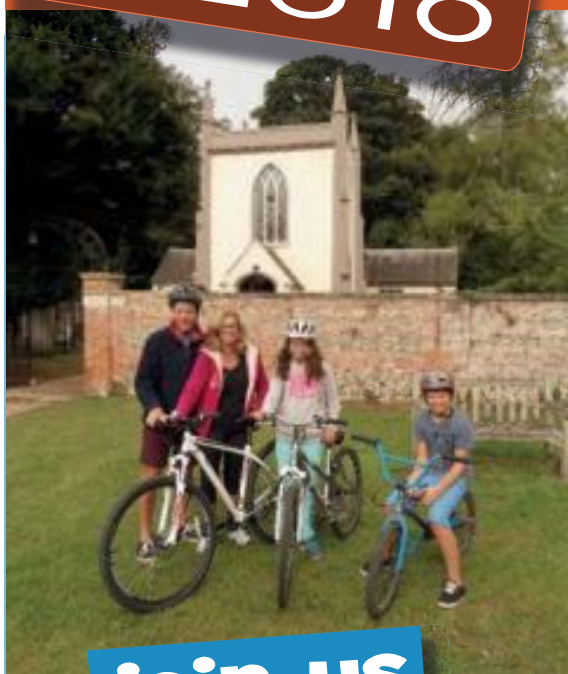
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WORLD CUP FEVER

As I write this England have just succumbed to Croatia in a World Cup semi-final, but let us not forget our younger generation who love to play and hope to achieve stardom. Not just the boys but the ever increasing number of girls who are not only being allowed to play but encouraged to do so.

Within the last couple of months, I have had the opportunity to go to Wembley and St George's Park to watch my granddaughter, Heidi, play in two English Schools' Football Association finals. The first match was in April, at Wembley Stadium, prior to the EFL Cup Final between Lincoln City and Shrewsbury Town and was the culmination of a series of 8 tournaments, which commenced at the District level and progressed through County and Regional and on to National. The girl were from school year 8. Unfortunately Heidi's team didn't win, losing on penalties but that didn't detract from the amazing experience of playing on the hallowed turf, using the changing rooms and being shown round the ground, all after being accommodated the previous night at the Holiday Inn, adjacent to that iconic building.

The second final was in June at St Staffordshire. This was the ESFA previous rounds, scoring an



George's Park, the FA's training establishment in U12 Girls final Year 7 with the team winning 7 impressive 21 goals to get there.

The match was played indoors on due to the extreme heat outside but team finished runners-up again.

an impressive 4G synthetic pitch, which was lucky despite having the best of the possession, Heidi's

Unfortunately we supporters felt quite let down as we were not allowed into the main building and had to use porta-loos but we will not hold that against the FA.

Both of these days were days to remember, sadly one of us was missing, but Heidi's Grandad would have been very, very proud. So for all you young, enthusiastic football players, both boys and girls, you are never too young to get to either of these dream venues of English football.

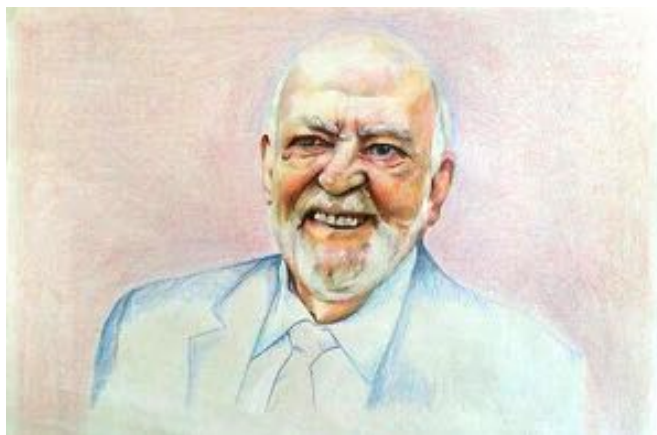
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Angela Bevan



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'GRAND FUN' is time when adults can meet each other and chat over light refreshments, while grandchildren play with toys, do arts and crafts and interact with one another in a safe and happy environment. Light music, including nursery rhymes, will be played on CD to sing along to and play simple 'shaker' instruments. Changing facilities are available.

If you need any other information please contact the minister, Revd Mike Perrott, at revd.mike13@gmail.com or on 01794 512163. We very much look forward to seeing you!

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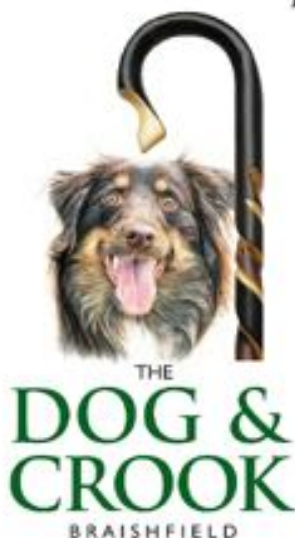
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Planning Committee	Village Hall	7.00	7th August	-	-	-
Rec.Ground Committee	Village Hall	To follow	7th August	-	-	-
Village Lunch	Church Room	12.15	2 nd Mon excl. August	10th Sept	8th Oct	12th Nov
Horticultural Society 	Comm. Room Village Hall	7.30	2 nd Tues excl. June/July/ Aug	11th Sept	9th Oct	13th Nov
Flower Society 	Church Room	7.30	4 th Thurs excl. Aug/Dec	27th Sept	25th Oct *	22nd Nov **
Village Voices	Church Room	2 - 4	4 th Mon	20 Aug	24 Sept	22 Oct
The Pantry Shop & Cafe	Village Hall	9 – 12 2 - 5	Mon – Fri (Sat 9-12 noon)			
Story Time	Village Pantry	10 - 11.30	Thursday, Wendy Lord 367015			
* Church Rooms, Church Lane * * Village Hall						

Events 	Where	When	More Details
BVA meeting	Comm.Room Village Hall	Monday 10th Sept	7.00 p.m.
Race Night	Village Hall	Saturday 11 August	from 6.00 p.m.
RAF 100 event	Village Hall	Saturday 1st Sept	

 Please see BVN or Notice Boards for further details

Please refer to www.braishfield.org or your Residents Guide for contact telephone no.s
Details to the BVN Editor or Web Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events to be published



1st September 2018

RAF 100

Save the date!!!

*Entry by ticket only.
 Tickets available from
 Sheila Still: 01794 368384
 (email: BVA@f2s.com)
 Ian Jeffery: 01794 367282

Braishfield Village Hall from 2.00pm

Braishfield Village Association Any refreshments contributions welcome Any proceeds will be split equally between RAF100 charity and Braishfield Village Assoc

Commemorate 100 years
 Lots to see and do including...

Uniform Displays RAFAC Wing Band Ensemble Romsey Modellers Display Bar Falconry display

Games 1391 (Romsey) Squadron RAFAC Veteran Spitfire Pilot

*£7.50 adults to include afternoon tea.
 Children FREE