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From the Chairman

On Sunday 11th November, in my absence on business, Sheila Still laid a wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the BVA at the Remembrance service. There was more respect by passing motorists this year and the presence of a horse and rider at the service was a fitting reminder of all the animals that were sacrificed in the name of freedom.

Behind the scenes, there's been a huge amount of work taking place relating to the Braishfield Community Resilience - Emergency Plan and I'd like to thank Jane Bennett and her team for all their hard work in putting together both a draft plan and presentation evening on 7th November. This was very well received and work now continues on providing an information pack for all residents outlining details on action to be taken in the event of a number of emergency scenarios.

The Village Design Statement is also being updated and it's vital that as many residents as possible provide feedback by completing the survey (delivered with this BVN). Your views are very important so please return it by **20th December**. See Page 12 for further details.

The dark evenings are here and although it's hard to believe, Christmas is once again nearly upon us. It's very easy to get home in the evening, light the fire and curl up with a book or in front of your favourite TV programme, but please spare a thought for any neighbours who may be on their own or who may need a little help, especially during cold snaps.

On a lighter note (no pun intended) the BVA is once again very proud to host the Christmas Sing-a-long on Tuesday Dec 11th outside the Pantry between 5:30 and 7:00pm. We're delighted that BUMS will be leading the way with some carols and festive songs plus there'll be hot dogs, mince pies, mulled wine and a visit from Santa and his elves. Please join us if you can.

Whatever you do during the festive period, I'd like to wish you a safe and peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Ian

From the Editor

Many thanks for the Letters contributions, which are beginning to come in. Please do keep the comments coming! You may notice the odd goat or two hiding in this edition - homage to the unprecedented influx of loose animals in the Village recently: cats, dogs, peacocks, goats and cattle - have all been causing a stir in the last month or so. You certainly know that you live in the countryside when you have an invasion of a herd of cattle across your lawn..... and goats chewing your hanging baskets Hey ho.....Happy Christmas!

Wendy

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Ian Jeffery - Chairman

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Letters

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 Editor,

I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for supporting the afternoon of tributes to John on 29th September, particularly the BUMS, for their marvellous and very entertaining performance – as always, Glen, for the kind use of the Wheatsheaf and all of those that spoke, from Tim and his amusing tales of beating days to Jan and her recollection of how John readily assisted her with a nuisance bookcase! Thank you to everyone that came along, from the very local to the far flung. We were overwhelmed by the turnout, with many even having to stand outside on the garden terrace. It was a great testament once again to how highly regarded John was and a great comfort to me. Even the weather did its part! A very big thank you too for all the generous donations to my chosen charity, Guy’s and St Thomas’ Purine Research 890. I have received a thank you from my contact at St Thomas’ and an offer to keep me informed of medical developments. It is hoped that in due course the NHS will offer DPD testing as a matter of course for those receiving 5FU chemotherapy. The quicker this happens the better

Thank you all once more

Angela and family

Dear Editor,

Just over 5 years ago we moved to a new house just outside Braishfield village. Since then we have become more and more involved in the village activities and are impressed and grateful for the welcoming response that we have received from well established residents. In the past we have lived in villages and enjoy the two way experience of being part of a community.

Our dream now is to live amongst our new friends so we are actively looking for a small plot of land where we could build a modest cottage or barn styled oak framed home that resembles a converted barn or stables. Alternatively a property that could be converted into a home or a modern house that we could enhance.

Do you have a section of your garden that you could spare or know someone who could benefit from a smaller garden and a little cash.?! We would be lovely neighbours!

We look forward to hearing from someone,

Janet and Lionel Miller.

[\(janetamiller13@gmail.com\)](mailto:janetamiller13@gmail.com)

(07762050501)

Dear Sir,

As Brexit continues to unravel, I would encourage readers to continue to carefully and actively listen to both sides of the argument, but to read widely about the implications of Brexit and a no-deal Brexit. Surely democracy did not suddenly end on the 23 June 2016, just as it did not end when we voted to join the EU (formerly EEC) in the first place back in 1975?

As someone who uses Twitter, Facebook and other social media groups, as well as checking in and out of both tabloids and broadsheets, it is shocking to witness

unhelpful comments from those who choose to proudly dismiss and ignore the facts. Sadly the nation (and our village) is deeply divided, but we are incredibly fortunate to live in a democracy in which people can change their minds when presented with new information.

If we are truly a democratic state, now that we are in possession of clearer facts about Brexit, we should insist that our politicians refer back to the people to reaffirm their will for Brexit AND if, leaving is their will, the terms of our departure.

Yours,

Sally Yalden

NOTICES

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH BRAISHFIELD

Invite you to our 200th year
Anniversary Celebration Tea
Party
at 3pm on Sat 8th December
2018.

To be held at All Saints Church
rooms - ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact: Margery 367738 or
Margaret 368125

BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

NEW YEARS

EVE DISCO

**TICKETS REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY**

31st December 2018



tickets on sale now
Members £3 Non Members £5

BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

We are planning on redecorating our Members Bar and would love to be able to display photographs of the club, old and new, past and present members and show the amazing history of this lovely club.

If any of you have any you can let us have, to copy or email them to us, we would be very grateful.

Hopefully, we can then get them framed and displayed.
Many thanks

BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

Common Hill Road, Braishfield

SLOE GIN COMPETITION

Sunday 16th December 2018.

12.00 – 2.00 pm

**Come along and join us for
Sloe Gin competition**

**Start making your sloe gin, ask
at the bar for a bottle to put
your entry in
(entry £2 per bottle)**

**See what a friendly club we are and get into
the Christmas Spirit.**

THE BVA ARE
LOOKING FOR A
NEW COMMITTEE
MEMBER TO JOIN
THEM.

IF YOU LIVE IN THE
VILLAGE AND HAVE
THE TIME, PLEASE
THINK ABOUT
VOLUNTEERING ON
OUR COMMITTEE.

BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB



**8th DECEMBER
2018**

CHRISTMAS DRAW

**TICKETS ON SALE
AT THE BAR
20P PER SQUARE**

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

The October draw was won by Helen Robinson (my daughter, sorry about this!) and we made a donation to the research team at St Thomas's which is looking into the use of a chemotherapy drug which seems to have caused the untimely and tragic death of John Bevan. The November draw hasn't happened yet as I was away, so there will be two draws in December at the Village Lunch (Christmas Special – don't miss it!) in the Church Room on the 10th. Still time to join us, either in person or just by signing up as a 200 Club member. Give me a call on 368774, or on dbr33@john-lewis.com

David Robinson

Braishfield Parish Council

Braishfield's Village Design Statement and Emergency Plan

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the presentations on 7th November to hear about the work being done on the **Village Design Statement (VDS)** and **Emergency Plan**. We said we'd issue some questionnaires to everyone in the village and these are enclosed with this edition of the Village News. We hope you can spare a few minutes to let us know your views and if you can help in the event of an emergency or need help yourself, please let us know especially if your usual helper is away.

In the event of an emergency, here are a few useful numbers for:

Loss of Electricity - Phone 105 or SSE on 0800 783 8866

If you require special assistance call SSE on
0800 294 3259 to register for Priority Services

Water supply or wastewater emergencies, blocked drains or possible pollution - Phone 0330 303 0368

Police - Phone 101 or 999 if people are injured or a threat to life

What next in 2019:

- The VDS and Emergency Plan working groups will meet to review your questionnaires.
- We will arrange a Traffic working group taking up all offers of help to take forward the concerns that have been raised and look at new ways to improve the safety of our village.
- We are actively pursuing the Crook Hill footpath - further info to follow shortly

Any questions or in case of emergency, please contact:

Jane Bennett jane.bennett76@btinternet.com **01794 368109**

Kate Orange clerk@braishfield-pc.org **07968 671604**

Or any member of the council <https://braishfield-pc.org/the-council/>

With Season's Greetings,

Jane Bennett

Chairman of Braishfield Parish Council

Do you own land that has a watercourse or drainage ditch on or adjacent to it?

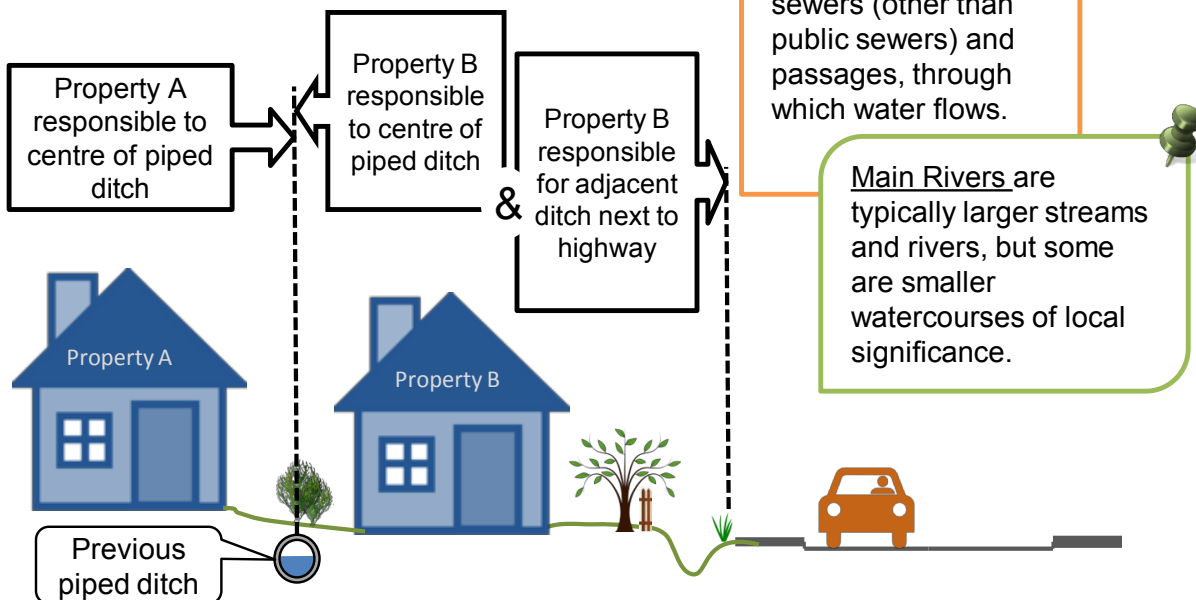
Answer: Yes – You are therefore a **'riparian landowner'** and you are responsible for maintaining those watercourses

What is a watercourse?

Watercourses are any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows. Watercourses are classified as either 'Ordinary Watercourse' or 'Main River'.

Ordinary Watercourses are watercourses that are not part of a main river and include streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers (other than public sewers) and passages, through which water flows.

Main Rivers are typically larger streams and rivers, but some are smaller watercourses of local significance.



What can land and properties owners do to reduce the risk of flooding?

- ❖ Identify your ordinary watercourses/ditches/piped watercourses – check deeds if required
- ❖ Check whether they are clear from debris and vegetation and if not clear them

As a landowner you have a right to protect your property from flooding – consider how you might do this and prepare a plan.



More information:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding>

National Flood Forum provides information on preparing for a flood:

<https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/>

Scam Mail

Royal Mail has contacted the Parish Council with information to help raise awareness of scam mail. They are committed to combating scam mail and have put various proactive measures in place.

Typically, scam mail involves professional fraudsters sending convincing letters that are designed to trick people out of money or other valuables. Scam mail can include bogus competitions and fake prize draws.

Who receives scam mail? It can be anyone. You, a relative, or a friend could receive this type of mail. Even the most alert people can be taken in by these criminals.

What to look out for: Is someone you know receiving a large amount of mail? Are they sending money in response to this mail? If so, they could be a target of scammers.

Contact: Royal Mail scam mail team on 0800 0113

466, scam.mail@royalmail.com or FREEPOST SCAM MAIL

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Here we
GOAT
AGAN!



Seasons Greetings

To All The Residents of Braishfield

A Very Happy Christmas

And

A Peaceful New Year

From

County Councillor Alan Dowden

Braishfield Village Design Statement

The existing VDS is a good document, but it was published in 2002 and some planners feel able to ignore its recommendations because they can say that it is out of date!

The Review

In this copy of the BVN you have received your copy of the review questionnaire and it is important for all of us, and the village of Braishfield, that you read it and do your best to complete as much of it as you can.

Why

The VDS is produced by us, the residents of Braishfield, who wish to protect what we believe is important and essential to preserve the Village and its way of life.

and

Although a VDS cannot stop development, it can help to ensure that any development is in keeping with what makes the village special to its residents.

It provides guidance to planning authorities when considering applications for new build, extensions and renovations.

Much of the text of the existing VDS is as true today as it was when first written, but some parts need updating. We also need to take account of developing threats in our recommendations, such as the demand for housing in the Test Valley and the resultant pressures and impact that that scale of development will generate.

What to do

The VDS is one way of focussing the planners' attention on those impacts on Braishfield.

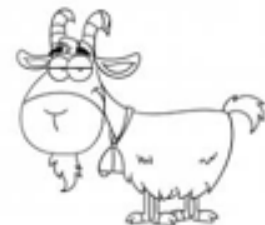
So please

Talk to your neighbours about our village.

Get them involved

Tell us what you value most about our village

Tell us what you see as threats to the village life



Please complete the questionnaire

By December 20th

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

An Act of Remembrance took place on Sunday 11th November at 10.50am at the War Memorial for the United Service of Remembrance led by Revd Jane Thompson and Mr Derek Hiscocks who were accompanied by the Churchwardens and the choir from All Saints' together with Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from the uniformed organisations. There was a large gathering of those from the village and beyond, assembling on this special anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.



A hymn, the Act of Remembrance and the Roll of Honour, read by Parish Council chairman Jane Bennett, was followed by the Laying of Wreaths and the Kohima Epitaph read by Tom Greenwood. The choir sang an extract from the hymn 'O Valiant Hearts' and the Act of Commitment completed the ceremony. Gemma Virtanen played the Last Post and Reveille.

The Service continued after processing to All Saints' where the Colours were received. Coffee and biscuits were served in the Church Room giving people the opportunity to see the display about the men who died in WW1 and whose names are recorded on our War Memorial.

The collection of £584.29 (including Gift Aid) has been sent to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Village Quiz November 2018

Who knows that Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in the UK?...Or that you wear 'jangles' on your feet in New Zealand?
(They're flip flops).

Well, you will know if you were one of the 70+ people who attended the Annual Village Quiz. You will also know how challenging a dingbat can be!

The evening was most enjoyable and successful, raising over £265, which will help to fund further work at the Village Hall.

Many thanks to those who came along and especially to Steve and Michell Shepherd, from Wellow, who voluntarily organised the Quiz -they will be back next year!!!

Ian Knights



Braishfield Primary School



I can't believe how quickly the first half term has gone for our lovely new reception children (Little Acorns) at Braishfield Primary School!

Since the start of term we have been embedding our Citizenship Values of kindness, honesty and respect and our Learners' Values of inquisitiveness, resilience and independence across the school. The Little Acorns have been learning and getting used to lots of new rules and routines.

Lots of great learning has taken place already and it is hard to believe that all our reception children have only been full time for just over 4 weeks! They have been building relationships with children and new adults and trying very hard to learn all of the new names. Last week the children spent some time with their 'buddies'. Each reception child is paired with a year 6 child to support them through their first year at school. The Little Acorns are incredibly lucky as they have a group of very dedicated and nurturing buddies.

We have got creative making vegetable prints and leaf men for our special Harvest Festival service as well as rehearsing the Harvest Samba to sing in the church. We have loved exploring the change in the seasons and are super excited for our trip to the vegetable farm next week where each child gets to pick their own pumpkin to return to school for pumpkin carving fun!

The children have enjoyed a listening walk around some of the village, listening carefully to all the sounds we could hear in the environment whilst learning some road safety. We have enjoyed an Outdoor Learning Day on the recreation ground getting into role as a squirrel hiding acorns and seeing if we can find them again!

It really is amazing to watch the progress the children have made in such a short time and see them settle in so quickly. Here are some photos of our learning so far.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite any families of children due to start school in September 2019 to one of our open mornings on Thursday 1st November and Thursday 28th November at 9.30am. We also have our annual Christmas Fayre, organised by the Braishfield School Association (BSA), which will be held on Friday 29th November from 3.30pm -5.00pm. will be a variety of stalls, tombola, tea/coffee and cakes, Santa's Grotto and a performance by the school choir to get everyone in the festive mood! We would love to welcome you into our school.

Hannah Pauley, Early Years Leader

At Braishfield Primary School we will remember...

The children commemorated the centenary of the end of the First World War with each class becoming 'history detectives,' learning about the history of the Great War and what life was like for the soldiers and the families they left behind.

They enjoyed looking at photos, medals and uniforms and listening to music and poetry from the period. At the end of the week we held a special assembly to remember those who sacrificed so much, as well as those who are still on active service today.

I was very proud of how respectful the children were throughout our discussions in assembly and during the two-minute silence. We invited parents into school to share our learning, including some fantastic artwork and poetry. Some children also laid clay poppies on the village war memorial during the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

With kind donations we raised £68 for the charity 'Help for Heroes.'

Lou Rhodes, Headteacher



All Saints', Braishfield

Dates for your diary

Sunday 16th December 6.00pm Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments

Sunday 23rd - Saturday 29th December Children's Christmas Tree Festival (see page 23)

Sunday 23rd December 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th December 4.00pm Christingle Service

Sunday 25th December 10.00am Family Service



2019

Saturday 26th January Gift Day and Open Day (see page 17)

Saturday 23rd March 9.30am Working party

Saturday 22nd June 9.30am Working Party

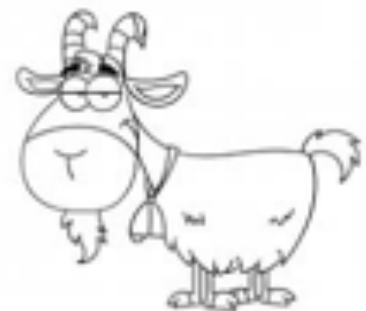
Saturday 5th October 7.00pm Harvest Supper

Saturday 2nd November 9.30am 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' Gift Day – Saturday 26th January

All Saints is having a Gift Day alongside our Open Day on Saturday 26th January. As we said in the last Village News, we would appreciate some help to keep our books balanced.

Day to day running costs of heat, light, insurance, minor repairs and upkeep, servicing the boiler, tuning the organ, materials for children's work and a host of other very necessary outgoings form one part of our expenditure. The diocese provides us with a Rector and access to support

services and we make a payment to central funds to provide ministry across the diocese of Winchester, in the poorer areas as well as the better off ones. We recognise that we are a church set in an affluent area, and our contribution reflects this.

In common with churches up and down the country, most of our income comes from church goers through their generous giving. Although it is officially 'the established church,' the Church of England is not funded by the state! Our expenditure is over £40,000 a year, and with careful management from our treasurer we keep in the black. We would like to be in a position where we can make plans without concerns that we won't make ends meet.

The parish church is there for everyone: regular worshipper, occasional visitor, those who enjoy joining in with church social events, or someone who finds the church yard a good quiet place to be. You will be very welcome at our Open Day on Saturday 26th January. Do come and find out more about what we do and who we are, or just enjoy being in and around All Saints.

*Steve Pittis,
Andy Brooks,
Sarah Boothman*

*Rector and
churchwardens*

All Saints' Church, Braishfield

Open Day and Gift Day

Saturday 26th January 2019 10am - 4pm

Drop in and find out more about the history of the church building

See displays about what we do

Listen to live music at points during the day

Enjoy refreshments and a chat in the Church Room

Something for everyone. Look forward to seeing you!

Braishfield Classic Car Show

Thanks to the efforts of the whole team at the Social Club, especially Tim Howkin, this annual event took place again this year.....

Another great gathering of classic car enthusiasts and owners.

It all started about five years ago when local enthusiasts decided to meet up at Braishfield Social Club ground, to give their treasured cars an airing and has grown ever since in popularity and size.

This year, on thankfully a beautiful autumnal day, over sixty vehicles rolled up ranging from a Dennis Fire engine to the much loved Austin Sevens in its various forms.



The atmosphere was one of a genteel time warp, owners and spectators alike, discussing the technical details, " magnetos, coils 20/50 oils, SUs, dynamos, trunnions, distributors, leaf springs" and a other mechanical jargon of a bygone age. A universal language and interest shared through out the classic motoring world



It is not possible to list all the cars, but each one represented an era of past engineering that inspired designers to build cars for speed and others for family leisure," hold on my Dad had one of those!"

Manufacturers such as Wolseley, Standard, Rover, Triumph, Morris, Hillman, Alvis, AC ,MG once made our small island famous, sadly are no more, except for a memory of the beautifully preserved examples we saw on the day.

The organisers are grateful to all the owners for turning up to support our event, see you next year, may your exhausts ring true.

Geoff Wride

Braishfield Horticultural Society

David Jewell was the Superintendent/Floral at RHS Wisley Garden and his talk in October was on the flower borders there. He outlined three of these, the mixed perennial, the natural border, and the glasshouse garden. Each was very different in concept and planting.

The mixed traditional bed is very labour intensive. The colour scheme runs from pastel to hot and back to pastel. Pea sticks or black matt stakes are used to hold the flowers upright with fruit netting where needed. He talked of varying height and shapes of plants, long flowering, use of foliage and grasses and deadheading.

The natural border is based on the ideas of Piet Oudolf. It has no staking or watering, no mulching, just grit. The flowers are shorter with many grasses, planted to form rivers of flowing diagonals. Most of the planting is left in over the winter before cutting back.

The striking new glasshouse was designed by Tom Stuart-Smith and the garden round it was trying to create a 'musical fugue'. It is landscaped and planted with yew and beech evergreens, bulbs, grasses and perennials to form a statuesque feel. The result is more formal and static but just as effective in its style.

Three different concepts, bringing together the past, present and future from the old beautiful manor house to the new glasshouse. Wisley gardens are encompassing all styles.

Life in Plants

We were delighted to welcome Roy Lancaster to Braishfield village hall where he gave a talk on his early botanical life in China.

He enthused over the huge number of plants which come from there, especially via E. H. (Chinese) Wilson, who was responsible for bringing back about 2000 seeds. From visits in 1965, then on to 2014, Roy included pictures of Rhododendron, Clematis, Magnolia and Hellebore, some of which he planted as seed in his own garden in Chandlers Ford. He took us to the Valley of Daphne where the little yellow plants fill the hillside. He talked of Pere David who discovered the beautiful tree, Davidia , with white handkerchief bracts, one of which grows in Roy's garden.

His enthusiasm is infectious; he shared the stories of the plants which have filled his life and we loved i

Viv Robinson

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Fourth Thursday in the month 7.30 pm

Church Rooms, All Saints Church, Braishfield

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|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Jan 24 | AGM |
| Feb 28 | Inspiration – Elizabeth Pelley |
| March 28 | My family and other animals – Julie Jeans |
| April 25 | Chelsea Gold – Irene Hickson |
| May 23 | From Ice to Fire – Christine Evans |
| June 27 | Workshop – Pip Bensley |
| July 25 | Club Summer Party |
| Sept 26 | TBA – Allison Finch |
| Oct 24 | Second Hand Rose – Carole Norman |
| Nov 28 | OPEN EVENING – Pleasures Unwrapped - Sandra Bailey |

Braishfield Village Voices

It started with just a few traditional songs in August 2014!

Now, after nearly 50 singing sessions and enjoying more than 100 songs, we look forward to more informal singing in 2019.

Both old favourites and unfamiliar tunes, part-songs and rounds, songs from the shows, from school and hymn books, folk and contemporary...we try to sing whatever people want!

We've welcomed many new voices during the year, including friends from Romsey U3A - and still send the same message - 'everyone has a voice and can enjoy singing'!

Come along on the 4th Monday in the month, from 2 - 4 pm in the Church Room - everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you all.

Dates for 2019 - Jan 28/Feb 25/March 25

Meri Knights 368516/Wendy Quarendon 368015 for more details



BUMS



Braishfield Ukulele Music Society

Join us for a Christmas Party.

Enjoy a fun evening of Christmas
Songs and some old favourites
accompanied by Ukuleles.



Please bring your own drinks and food,
nibbles, glasses, will be available.

**Monday 3rd December 7.30pm in
the Church Rooms, Braishfield.**



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Sunday 23rd – Saturday 29th December

Christmas is a special time for children so with this in mind we will be holding our first **Children's Christmas Tree Festival** which will take place at All Saints Church, Braishfield from Saturday 22nd to Saturday 29th December 2018. Children of any age are invited to enter a tree in the Festival. A tree may be real, artificial or made from any medium, it must be decorated by children and named to a theme of their choosing. The tree should be no taller than 4ft and if lights are required these should be battery operated. There will be NO charge for entering a tree and entry to the Festival will be by donation. Any proceeds raised from the event will be donated to the **Simon Says Child Bereavement Charity based in West Wellow**. Trees should be brought to All Saints Church between 9.30am and 12.30pm on Saturday 22nd December.

Please help us to make this event a success by encouraging your Children to enter a tree.
WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE 15 TREES SO GET YOUR ENTRY IN FAST !

For further information and an Entry Form, please contact :
Carole Renvoize – stevecarole.renvoize@btinternet.com **not later than 30th November**

Organisers: Stephen Treglown (01794 502150) and Carole Renvoize (01794 368766)

Broadband update

As you know the BVA has for some time been investigating ways to improve broadband speeds throughout the village, including the option of using HCC's and BT's community funding scheme to help properties that currently receive unacceptably, and at times unusable, low speeds to connect to the superfast network.

As a starting point, and at the time as Chairman of the BVA, I had a meeting with the HCC Superfast Broadband Officer in March 2017 to explore options. Following that meeting, a group of householders at the King's Somborne end of the village agreed to proceed with an application and two of us met with the BT Openreach Programme Director in December 2017.

We agreed that, subject of course to the cost, we would proceed and pay for the connection. The route was surveyed in February and we were told that the connection would be relatively straightforward and that we would shortly receive a quote.

However, despite repeated requests for an update on progress from both HCC and BT we have heard nothing. Our emails to Openreach have gone unanswered and HCC told us that BT normally take between six -nine months to produce a quote and that we had to wait!

In April, I wrote to our HCC Councillor Alan Dowden, asking him to see if he could get a progress report from HCC, and if possible, speed up the process. I was grateful for the efforts he made on our behalf but disappointingly he was equally unsuccessful and was told by HCC that BT were aware of the problem but understaffed and would not give HCC progress updates. In July I wrote personally to the HCC Cabinet member responsible for broadband, but as of the date of this report have not had a response.

As we approach the first anniversary of the meeting at which we agreed to proceed with the upgrade connection, which unlike the rest of the village, we would have to fund, I regret to report that we **still**, unbelievably, have not had a quote or progress report from Openreach.

On 31 October I wrote to the Braishfield MP, Caroline Nokes, and asked her if she would take up our concern and refer the matter to the office of the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture Media and Sports, which she agreed to do. The poor broadband and mobile phone coverage in her constituency are issues she understands well, and I know that we will have her support. She has promised to report on their response.

I also wrote to Steve Brine MP who is (because of a boundary anomaly) my MP. He has already written to BT asking for an update and awaits a reply.

I thank them both. I will report on progress in the next edition of the BVN and put updates on the village network as soon as I get them.

Jimmy Chestnut

Braishfield Brownies



The Brownies have had a really busy autumn term, working towards their Environment badge which included looking at plastics and recycling. The Brownies had a fun evening with materials which could be recycled and made some really creative fashion statements! We have also made flapjacks, played lots of games and were treated to an evening led by our 'Owlettes' (our older brownies) where we did painting and printing using vegetables. We proudly carried our new Brownie Flag at the Remembrance service on 11 November and have recently used it again at the enrolment of three new brownies. We are having a film night with popcorn and juice and are looking forward to going to the Christmas of Rumpelstiltskin in December. We are excited to start the new guiding program in January with lots of new badges and fun activities. We welcome young girls from ages 7-11 yrs, we meet on a Wednesday evening at Braishfield Village Hall from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Enquiries can be made to Brown Owl at brownies@braishfield.org

LETTERS FROM UGANDA.....

Dear Braishfield Friends,

Greetings from a hot and dusty (and admittedly sunny..) northern Uganda! There's a distinct lack of Christmas preparations here - it all starts on December 20th - which secretly I find very refreshing!

The school year is about to end so we are busy with planning and budgeting for next year. Some very dear friends from Romsey have been out helping with teacher training, which has been amazing.

If anyone needs suggestions for 'alternative' Christmas presents for family and friends, we are collecting money this year for A level textbooks (£5-£25 per book - pick your favourite subject!), for primary group readers (£2- £5 per book) and for new mum and baby gifts (£5 per pack). Please donate via our website (www.servedirect.org) or we still accept cheques (!) to Serve Direct. Or do email me elspeth@servedirect.org if you'd like other options. We can supply a gift card if you send us your details and how you'd like us to use your donation.

Have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas!

Elsbeth and Jerry in Uganda

Braishfield Pantry

I'm sitting here writing this update having just spent the evening at the Pantry's late-night shop event where we launched our Christmas stock. I hope those of you who came along enjoyed it as much as we did. The Pantry team (and others) spent many hours choosing, buying and displaying our Christmas selection. The Pantry was buzzing, so we hope everyone had a lovely evening, bought lots of Christmas goodies, taken home an order form (or even completed one there and then) and enjoyed some wonderful gins, wines and nibbles whilst you shopped.



We've tried, as ever, to stock a range of produce to cover all tastes and budgets – so hopefully there is something for everyone. If you didn't make it to the event on the 20th then don't panic, there should still be plenty of Christmas stock to tempt you and order forms to pick up (or download from our webpages – www.braishfieldpantry.co.uk).

Talking of Christmas order forms – this year you can order a whole range of bits to make your Christmas complete and special, however you choose to spend it. We have turkeys from Noah's Ark (our supplier for several Christmases), hams from our supplier Wessex Gammon, the ever-popular trout pate and sliced smoked trout from the New Forest Smokery as well as a full range of cheese options, hampers and chocolates. If wine, port or gin is your thing then we have a separate order form for those too - and

again you may well have tasted some at our event on the 20th. We hope you agree that we have quite a selection on offer.

Both order forms need to be returned to us by **Saturday 8th December** so that we can place orders with our suppliers and get everything in by Christmas. We plan to open especially on Sunday 23rd December for people to collect their turkeys and hams.

And here are those all-important Pantry Opening Hours over the Festive Season...

|  Christmas Opening at the Pantry  | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Saturday 22 nd | 0900-1400 | Closed |
| Sunday 23 rd | 0900-1100* | Closed |
| Christmas Eve | Closed | Closed |
| Christmas Day | Closed | Closed |
| Boxing Day | Closed | Closed |
| Thursday 27 th | 0900-1200 | Closed |
| Friday 28 th | 0900-1200 | Closed |
| Saturday 29 th | 0900-1200 | Closed |
| Sunday 30 th | Closed | Closed |
| New Year's Eve | Closed | Closed |
| New Year's Day | Closed | Closed |
| Wednesday 2 nd January | 0900-1200 | 1400-1700 |
| Thursday 3 rd | 0900-1200 | 1400-1700 |

*Don't forget to collect up your pre-ordered Turkeys & Hams between 9am and 11am on Sunday 23rd.

We're also going to be open Wednesday evenings till 7.30pm from Wednesday 5th December until Christmas. So, even more opportunity for you to pop by and pick up your essentials as well as those Christmas treats.

And just a final note – we’re incredibly proud to be able to report that the Braishfield Pantry has been awarded a 5-food hygiene rating at our recent inspection.



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.



Village Hall Update - November 2018

Those of you who visit either the Pantry or use our Village Hall will have seen the repairs to the roof of the hall, together with the installation of roof windows.

In addition, the leylandii at the back of the hall have been removed, allowing much more natural light into the main room.

During the first quarter of next year, further work will be carried out, with the refurbishment of the foyer and Community Room

The renaming of the Committee Room to Community Room reflects the nature of the usage of the room by a wide range of groups within the community.

We intend to display memorabilia from our village in the re-designated room.

The planned refurbishment will see the ceiling raised, allowing more natural light through the new roof windows into the rooms below, whilst the walls will be lined and painted a light colour.

The funding for this project and oversight of the works has been handled by Chris Balchin and Malcolm Ayres - we are very grateful to them.

We hope that 2019 will be another successful year for our Village Hall.
The Village Hall Trustees

SHEEP MATTER AT ELM GROVE

November and the rams have gone in with the breeding ewes that Kate has in fields at Eldon. All seems to be well. The new ram that Kate took possession of a month or so ago is a nice looking, slightly smaller version of the older ram. He was on his own in a pen in the hay barn for a while, to get used to being here. The older one was a couple of fields away, an arrangement he didn't find to his liking and was found one day walking purposefully over to the hay barn having escaped from where he had been! Kate then put both of them in the hay barn, in separate pens next to each other, with little room to manoeuvre, while they got used to each other. I went to see them one day and the older one was making a lovely low sound, which sounded as though he was chatting to the youngster, who I am sure was listening well to the advice being given! The two of them were eventually put into one pen, with very little space, so no opportunity for head bashing and aggression. Gradually they



were given more room and by the time the ewes were ready to have them in the field with them, they were getting along well. The art of sheep psychology is alive and well at Elm Grove! It will be interesting to see the results in April.

Kate is really pleased with the progress that Fly, the new puppy, is making, taking her out for half an hour each day training her to which she responds beautifully; mind you, she then promptly charges off and splits up all the ewes she has just



rounded up so well. However, yesterday Kate needed to pen 43 of this year's lambs and tried using Fly. She did it! Lying down when told and staying put until receiving further instruction. It was wonderful. There are definitely more steps forward than back, so the future looks good. I can tell you from experience that it is nearly impossible to stop an untrained sheep dog from rounding up sheep, which Isabelle (10), Kate's father and I had to do when Kate and Ian were away. Eventually every

living thing gave in to exhaustion and she was caught; we couldn't admonish her as her job will be to round up sheep but, of course, in a controlled way. Fern, the poorly puppy died a few weeks ago which was very sad and Tilly the old, retired sheep dog is still useful acting as mother-in-chief in the barn and on walks.

Wendy Quarendon

WATCH OUT!

According to the police.uk website, there were 5 crimes reported in or around Braishfield during July to September. This is 5 too many as each can have a devastating impact on the families involved.

We were made aware of a further one during October and were able to immediately send a warning email out on the Braishfield Network.

We need your help

You have a great asset to draw upon - your experience - when deciding what is suspicious.

Please be vigilant and report anyone acting strangely.

If you spot anything, call 999 in the case of an emergency or 101 for non-emergencies. If time permits, contact your neighbours and send an email to network@braishfield.org so others may be put on alert. Social media is also a great way of warning others.

Remember, it is helpful to give the most accurate description possible of the situation including persons and/or vehicles involved, the cause of your concern and where any suspicious persons have gone. Try also to remember the exact time and place.

Together, we can overcome crime.

New art events organisation launches.

A group of creative entrepreneurs have collaborated to launch Artful – an organisation which provides opportunities for people to get creative, through arts events and workshops, led by talented independent artists and makers. Events ranging from schools and family workshops, to corporate wellbeing days or craft parties will be available.

“Creativity can boost wellbeing and happiness,” says Rebecca Maddox, Artful’s Director, “Our events aim to help people get inspired, have fun and learn new skills, whilst also supporting artists to make a living by providing new showcasing and teaching opportunities for them.” Artful’s launch event will be a two day pop-up at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens on 8th & 9th December. Nineteen talented artists from a variety disciplines including ceramics, painting, printmaking, textiles and woodwork are taking part in Artful Christmas Weekend, where they will be showcasing and selling their work. Visitors will be able to meet the makers and even have the option to have a portrait stitched on a sewing machine live at the event! There will also be affordable drop-in Christmas craft activities for children and families to take part in.

“We are thrilled to be launching at Hillier Arboretum,” said,another of founding team behind Artful, “Romsey has a large artistic community who lost a gem this year with the sad demise of Rum’s Eg Gallery. We are championing quality, handmade art and craft, which needs representing more than ever.”

For more details on Artful and the Artful Christmas Weekend visit www.artfulevents.co.uk

Affiliated to the Jumbulance Trust: registered charity No. 1090731

We have just finished our Jumbulance travelling year and have had two wonderful supported holidays to Llandudno and Scotland. taking several local Braishfield - Romsey residents including 4 new people.

In August we had a very special Summer lunch reunion and over 60 people joined us to celebrate our oldest Jumbulance VIPs 100th birthday. Joan from St Cross in Winchester has travelled with us for nearly 10 years – and especially loves our bi-annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. The BUMs entertained us after lunch for a Sing a long and then a birthday tea with 2 cakes so everyone got a slice.

In September we went to Lovat Lodge Hotel in Nairn and had a real highland holiday, visiting the Cairngorm Highland Wildlife Park and seeing amongst other things the only polar bear cub born in the UK this year. We had a retreat day at peaceful Pluscarden Abbey near Elgin, a private visit and tour of Ballindalloch castle, a visit to the Culloden battlefield site with its amazing new centre, a quiet day walking along the very accessible sea side on the Moray Forth into old Nairn, shopping of course and on our last day a visit and tasting at a Whiskey Distillery. Each night there was entertainment in the hotel and we all came away having had a really good taste of beautiful sunny Scotland.

Some very generous people have helped fund raise for us this year including a recent Charity Footcare day, through Jo Osman, by a local Chiropodist. The Jumbulance has also been the Charity of the year for the BUMs – We really appreciate all this local support.

Chris Chisholm Home 01794 368120 / mobile 0788 774 8224

AIR AMBULANCE FUND RAISER

After all our fundraising events in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, throughout the summer months, Ian and I set off in September to take on the Inca Trail in Peru. We took part in this amazing trek with 11 others who had also been fundraising for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. We were taking on the gruelling trek, at altitude and amongst the most beautiful scenery along the way, to the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, including camping overnight in the mountains. The team were amazing and we all encouraged each



other along the way and we are delighted to say that we all made it. With all the generous donations received, along with the fundraising events, we have managed to raise the staggering amount of £8,200. Thank you to all of you who have helped us to reach this amazing figure. It is still not too late to donate. Our Just Giving page can be found at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wendyandianjeffery. We would really like to reach the figure of £9,000 which is how much it costs per day to keep the air ambulance available to our area.

Thank you all so much once again for all your support and donations.

Wendy and Ian

BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB

Weekly Events

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Monday Nights | - Free Pool |
| Wednesday Nights | - Keep Fit 6.30pm |
| Thursday Nights | - Table Tennis |
| Friday Nights | - Quiz every fortnight |
| Saturday Nights | - Meat Draw |
| Sunday Nights | - Bingo |

We also have Pigeon Club, Dart and Crib Teams, Pool Team always looking for new members

Snooker Room and Skittle Alley available

Regular Events

Quiz Nights - held fortnightly on Friday Nights

Newport Players - first Saturday of each month

Future Events

CHRISTMAS DRAW 8th December

SLOE GIN COMPETITION 16th December (Sunday) 12.00-2pm

CHRISTMAS EVE/BOXING DAY CELEBRATIONS

NEW YEARS EVE DISCO 31st December (ticket only)

KARAOKE NIGHT 12th January 2019

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RUBBISH NEWS

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

Recycle weeks beginning:
10th and 24th* December
7th and 21st January

Household waste weeks beginning:
3rd, 17th and 31st* December
14th and 28th January

* Note: Christmas collections may vary



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

Recycling Is Easy!

In Test Valley, we collect 5 types of recyclable materials from Rubbish News brown bin, and we have a network of more than 100 Local Recycling Centres to collect even more items! At home, you can put the following items in your brown recycling bin:

« Paper. « Cardboard « Plastic bottles « Tins and cans. « Aerosol cans

and you can take the following items to your Local Recycling Centre:

« Glass bottles and jars. « Textiles. « Aluminium foil. « Cartons
« Books and media

To find your nearest or most convenient Local Recycling Centre and to see what you can recycle there, use Recycle Now's Recycling Locator:

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 the recycling guide:

www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingguide

Braishfield Village Diary

| Regular Meetings | Where | Time | When | Next meetings | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | |
| Parish Council | Comm. Room Village Hall | 7.00 | 1 st Tues excl. August | 8th Jan* | 5th Mar | 7th May** |
| Planning Committee | Village Hall | 7.00 | Provisional dates | 4th Dec | 5th Feb | 2nd Apr |
| Rec.Ground & War Mem. Comm | Village Hall | 7.00 | - | 7th May | - | - |
| Village Lunch | Church Room | 12.00 | 2 nd Mon excl. August | 10th Dec | 14th Jan | 11th Feb |
| Horticultural Society | Comm. Room Village Hall | 7.30 | 2 nd Tues excl. June/July/Aug | 11th Dec | 8th Jan | - |
| Flower Society | Church Room | 7.30 | 4 th Thurs excl. Aug/Dec | 24th Jan | 28th Feb | 28th Mar |
| Village Voices | Church Room | 2 - 4 | 4 th Mon | 17th Dec | 28th Jan | 25th Feb |
| 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 | | | ** AGM, 6.30 p.m. | | | |

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

| Events | Where | When | More Details |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| BUMS Christmas Party | Church Rooms | 3rd Dec | 7.30 p.m. |
| URC Tea Party | Church Rooms | 8th Dec | 3.00 p.m. |
| Christmas Sing-a-long | Village Hall | 11th Dec | 5.30 - 7.00 |
| Carol Service | All Saints' | 16th Dec | 6.00 p.m. |
| Christingle Service | All Saints' | 24th Dec | 4.00 p.m. |
| BVA meeting | Village Hall | 10th Jan | 7.00 p.m. |
| Gift Day | All Saints' | 26th Jan | 10.00 - 4.00 |



Christmas Singalong and



Father Christmas

Tuesday 11 December 2018

Braishfield Village Hall 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Mulled wine & mince pies, Hot Dogs

Christmas Tombola, Book Stall

Children's pocket money toys

B.U.M.S. Carols. Village Pantry Open too!

