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From the Chairman

I hope you are all keeping well in these difficult times.

Behind the scenes, many people have been working tirelessly to ensure that the vulnerable amongst us are being looked after, but it goes without saying that we need to watch out for each other and help where we can. Many groups, including the Parish Council, Emergency Planning, the Pantry and the BVA along with vital groups like Social Contact and others have all been involved. Thank you to them, any I've missed and all the volunteers that have offered help. Please see pages 16-18 for further details.

On a brighter note, I'm delighted that the footpath up to the Hillier roundabout is now complete and that John Bevan's name will live on in such a positive way. Angela and family must be very proud, so thank you to them and everyone involved in bringing this about. It's made the walk much safer for us all. See p12.

Finally, for obvious reasons, we've placed the June Music Festival on a back-burner. Sorry to the groups already signed up and to all those who had given it so much time. We will re-schedule it giving us something to look forward to at a later date.

Very best wishes and keep well,

Ian

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We would like to thank all those who donate toward the cost of Braishfield Village News. We hope that the content of the News makes good village reading and keeps you up to date with events. We do not run it on a subscription basis but obviously incur costs to publish. We would welcome any support you can give us to keep the News viable in 2019. If you wish to make a donation please complete the slip below and send with your donation to:-

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Obituary

TONY CHANT

Tony and Ann Chant lived in the village at Amberley for many years, before moving into Romsey in 2009. Tony died last month and a service of thanksgiving for his life was held in Romsey Abbey on the 17th March. Around 100 people attended, and but for the virus epidemic there would have been at least three times that number. Tony was a much loved and respected man by many. He and Ann with their close friends Tom and Jean Gould were a social and practical source for good in our community.

Tony was a distinguished surgeon with a national reputation, a teaching professor at Southampton as well as practising as a vascular surgeon. He made many innovations in his field and was frequently published. He founded the British Vascular Foundation. He had a constantly restless, enquiring mind, curious and fascinated by many disciplines outside and inside medicine. One of his ideas, the 'Stem Doctor' approach to medical training and further professional development, was too revolutionary for his peers, but may actually now be being reconsidered.

He was also extraordinarily good company. A founder member of the Newport Friday night gathering (6.00 – 7.00 pm strictly), the room became a little brighter when he walked in. The village Flower Show was enhanced (in the days when we had a few side shows on the Rec) by his 'Whack the Rat' competition. This involved a very low tech frame with a length of plastic drainpipe held vertically, down which the 'rat' (a rat shaped furry thing presumably made by Ann) was dropped. As it popped out of the bottom, the contestant had to whack it with a stick. The winner was the person who whacked it the furthest. 10p a go, but Tony always gave free goes galore until you manages to hit one! His energy and enthusiasm for life was infectious, and seemingly boundless.

He was a fisherman (very canny), a golfer (good company, didn't talk too much on the course, played some outrageous shots I'm told), a keen gardener, sang (occasionally in the church choir) and played the piano. He could strike up a conversation with just about anybody on just about any subject, he loved people, and showed them almost unfailing respect and attention. His kindness to others (matched by his wife) was legendary. Shirley Smith recalls how much he helped her sister Janet by visiting her daily in the Newport to dress her badly ulcerated legs. Many of us will remember how solicitous he was when we needed medical attention. He would visit my late wife when she was hospitalised, and I like to think that she received extra special treatment when the staff saw he was a friend!

Canon Bruce Kington lead the service in the Abbey, and he summarised Tony's in three words: Kindness, generosity and fun. He will be missed by so many.

David Robinson.

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 Chair of Braishfield Parish Council and residents of Braishfield

I would like to thank the Parish Council members past and present, especially Carole Renvoize who continued dealing with the powers that be to get the footpath in place following John’s death. I would like to thank Hampshire County Council, Test Valley Borough Council for getting the footpath complete and the men of Rocon who have worked in such appalling conditions to make such a good job of the path. Also not forgetting the Braishfield Village Association for their support and input.

It has taken many, many years to finally get the job complete, so it is many thanks to all, who over the years have pushed to get the footpath in place. I would also like to mention Mike Price who as chair of the Parish Council prior to John would have had dealings with this.

Children walking to and from the village via Crook Hill will now be considerably safer, especially on dark evenings when they have to walk from buses following after school activities. This will also open up the village to our neighbours at Abbotwood and Woodley who will now be able to walk safely into the village for recreational reasons, taking children to school, to visit our local hostelrys, recreation ground and village Pantry.

A lovely tribute to John, thank you all.

Angela, David and Gareth Bevan
Crook Hill
Braishfield

The Editor,

For those of you passing “Little Beeches “at the top of Crook hill, will see that Little Beeches is now up for sale again. However the developer only wishes to sell the original building, retaining a large part of the garden and a right of way between the original property and OakDene for a access route for the many vehicles that would be associated with the occupancy of the multi bedroom dwellings proposed.

Plans are still with TVBC to build two large houses to the rear, along with multiple garages, with high pitch roofs, ideal for retro planning to become a third dwelling. The original plans of summer 2019 were withdrawn in the autumn and new plans submitted for public comment during December.

Since the ending of the consultation period, new plans have appeared apparently moving the houses one meter closer to the road, and the block of three garages at over 4meter tall moved from the centre of the plot to within a meter of the boundary with The Cottage. The post consultation plans are what the estate agent is using for the information on Little Beeches and has implied to at least one potential purchaser that planning has been granted.

The pond on site which was due for environmental evaluation due to the possible amphibious wild life has been filled in. TVBC have been made aware but so far no response.

Lyn & Geoff Holyoake
The Cottage
Crook Hill

Dear Editor,

As a relatively new dog owner, I am always conscious of clearing up behind my dog's excrement.

I am shocked by the number of dog owners that do not bother cleaning up behind their dog around the village.

It may be acceptable on a wild grass verge to leave it, but to the owner who does not clear up after their dog near Newport Lane or on the grass verge adjacent to Potters Clay, please consider the health risks to others, more importantly children walking to and from school.

I am a dog owner and I find it offensive myself.

Do not give all dog owners a bad press. You own the dog, own the excrement!

Julie Kemp.

Dear Editor

Is our Village losing its identity?

Many of you would have seen the front page article in the 13 March edition of the Romsey Advertiser about another Planning Application for 64 houses to be built on **Countryside** land along Braishfield Rd adjacent to the Ganger Farm development and opposite Abbotswood. This in addition to the possibility of a large unsightly three and a half storey McCarthy and Stone development at the entrance to Abbotswood !! All of this is on the edge of our Parish boundary. Over 1000 houses either built, under construction or in the pipeline.

I recently went onto Rightmove and put in a search for property for sale in Braishfield. I came up with 15 properties for sale as follows:

1 in Payne's Hay Rd, 1 in Megana Way , 1 in Crook Hill, 1 in Dores Lane

AND THE REST - 11 - either on Abbotswood or Ganger Farm. !!!

So more than two thirds ARE NOT IN OUR VILLAGE or WITHIN OUR PARISH BOUNDARY but highlighted as **BRAISHFIELD**.

Why Rightmove do not correctly indicate the 11 houses for sale are in Abbotswood or Woodley or Romsey Extra I do not know. I doubt if anyone can exercise any control over them or others.

My only guess it is because all these developments are accessed off **BRAISHFIELD Rd** that starts at Winchester Rd.

To my mind (and I would be pleased to hear others' views) our identity as a stand alone Village is being compromised.

Urbanisation creeps ever closer. The footpath now complete is a necessity for the safety of all but like it or not it is further urbanisation.

How can we recreate our own identity?

Better gateway signage would help.

My suggested solution which might help

separate us to be a stand alone Village

community again is to campaign to get

Braishfield Road to start at the

Jermyns Lane / Sandy Lane roundabout

and run through the Village and the section

from Winchester Road to the Jermyns Lane roundabout be named something else.

I plan to mention this at the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7 April VH Community Room under Public Participation and would be interested to hear other Villagers views.

[Name and Address supplied]

THE BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

Two more winners and two more donations to local good causes. The winners were Mike Horton (again! He won it in January. What's his secret?) and Helen Robinson. We made donations to All Saints Church and the village's Social Contact Group. They shared just over £300 between them.

We're still keen to have more members, and still keen to hear of local causes that you think would benefit from a modest donation from us to help things along.

With the sad loss of Tony Chant, who was one of the Club's trustees, I am grateful and glad to announce that Graham Bennett has agreed to take his place.

David Robinson. (tel: 368774)

Grand Fun is a free, informal, drop-in especially for grand-parents who care for their grandchildren during the day. Grand Fun is held every Tuesday morning from 10.15am-11.30am in the Lounge of Abbey Hall, just down the road from the Abbey United Reformed Church, known as 'the Church by the Arch'.

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.

Should you have any queries please contact Revd Mike Perrott

The Village Lunch on Monday 13th April is **cancelled** due to it falling over the Easter Weekend.

The next Village Lunch will be on Monday 11th May at approx 12.15 . In view of the Coronavirus , circumstances may change . We will update Village websites as we see fit and will take advice from Public Health England .

BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

Another season of golf is planned for 2020.

Tuesday 14 April at Highpost GC 10am tee off

Wednesday 24 June at The Hampshire GC 10am tee off

Wednesday 26 August at ROMSEY GC 1pm tee off (note later start)

Wednesday 28 October at Tidworth GC 10am tee off

The Society welcomes new members and should you be interested please call or e mail me:

Richard Brazier rdbrazier@hotmail.com 368414



Wednesday 22nd April 2020
11.45am – 1.45pm
Braishfield Village Hall
Braishfield Rd SO51 0PN

- + Need help to find local services?
- + Want information on community transport?
- + Need help with your charity or community group?
- + Need to recruit volunteers?
- + Want to volunteer?
- + Want to start a group but don't know where to start?

CANCELLED

Come and meet Unity and other local community organisations for a "chat and a warming cup of coffee or tea"

For further information please call us on 0330 4004 115
Email Christianne.Ireland@unityonline.org.uk



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Village Voices

Whilst we're not able to sing together, singing is still 'good for you' so keep singing - around the house, in the garden, in the shower, in your head!!

Then, when we're back together in the Church Room, our group will be singing in 4 parts, with actions and expression!

Take care, stay safe and....we'll meet again!



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Stay updated with the news in our village.

To be added to the mailing list, please write to the following address with your name and email address.

network@braishfield.org

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Hampshire
Constabulary Alerts

Community notices

Braishfield Parish
Council

Neighbourhood Watch and
relevant emergency updates

The Pantry

Events

NO SPAM.

Your email address is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone.

£2300 raised by the BUMS for the Jumbulance

The BUMS, an abbreviation for the popular Braishfield Ukulele Music Society !, have so far raised over £2300 during the last couple of years for their chosen charity, The Jumbulance Trust which

enables those who are disabled or have more serious and complex health conditions, to have the opportunity of a holiday that otherwise they could not undertake and is made possible by travelling in a specially adapted coach equipped with everything



necessary to ensure their comfort, safety and well-being. In addition, a team of volunteers, including a nurse and a doctor, who give their services free, are on hand to tend to their needs. Holiday destinations have include not only Devon, Wales and the Lake District but also abroad in France , Holland and Germany and are so appreciated by those who otherwise would not be able to have a holiday. BUMS have also earned donations in previous years for the Jane Scarth Cancer Trust and Simply Simon.

The BUMS were formed just over 9 years ago and give a programme of songs, fun and amusing stories to residential and rest homes, assisted living, and various groups and clubs across the region. Last year, they gave 26 performances and by handing out song sheets, encourage the audience to sing and participate which for some is especially therapeutic . BUMS self fund their expenses in travelling, room hire for practice nights, printing song sheets etc and do not make a charge, merely asking for a donation to the cause that they support. BUMS are a small group numbering around 10 players whose intention is to make their audience laugh and heartily sing along with their repertoire of over a 120 songs ranging from the 1940's through to the Beatles in the early 60's and onwards to Abba and the Carpenters, plus some more modern day numbers..in fact, a song for everyone.

Further details about the Jumbulance organisation can be obtained from: **Chris Chisholm on 07887748224 , and for BUMS gigs etc, David Lewis on 01794 368774**

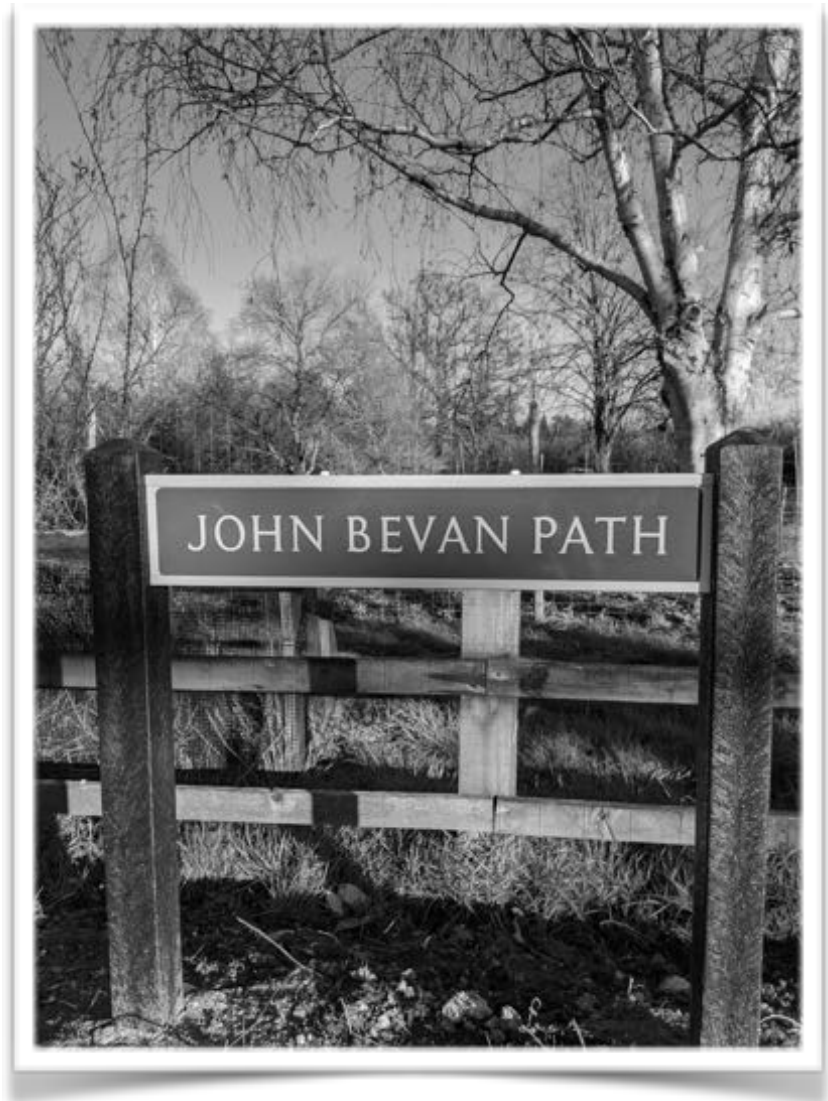
At Last !

It was over 30 years ago when the Villagers of Braishfield first requested a footpath from the Jermyns Lane junction down to the Dog and Crook. One of the reasons was concern for the children walking along the road during the winter months in the dark on their way to and from school. Braishfield Parish Council made several requests to Hampshire County Council over the years but sadly all to no avail. With the building of the Abbotswood development, money became available and the Parish Council, under the Chairmanship of John Bevan, again requested HCC consider building the footpath. Several meetings took place between Hampshire County Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Hilliers, our County and Borough Councillors and the Parish Council.

We were given the green light and earlier in 2019 a plan of the proposed footpath was exhibited in the Village Hall, with representatives from both HCC and TVBC on hand to answer questions. It looked certain the path would be going ahead.

Several months later, after various contractors tendered for the work, Rocon was awarded the contract and work began in October 2019. There followed probably the worst weather conditions imaginable but through it all the contractors nobly carried on and with the minimum disruption to traffic too.

Over the past few months, we watched the footpath slowly taking shape until it was finally finished on Friday 28th February 2020. When the weather improves, TVBC will sow grass seed over the bare soil. We are hoping we might be able to plant some wildflower seeds too and possibly a few small trees.



It's been very gratifying to see people already using the path and able to walk up and down Crook Hill in safety.

The only sad part of course is that John Bevan who was very tenacious in his efforts to get the path started has been unable to witness his success. However, there was no doubt in the Parish Council's minds that the path should be named after him – hence JOHN BEVAN PATH.

As we look forward to better weather, we hope everyone will be able to enjoy the John Bevan Path and children particularly will feel much safer too.

Cllr.Carole Renvoize
Braishfield Parish Council

STOP PRESS

You will have noticed that sadly parts of the footpath have been dug up. Apparently there is a water leak which Southern Water is endeavouring to repair..

DAVID'S PAPER ROUND IS FINALLY OVER

After delivering newspapers to Braishfield for some 48 years, David Nicholas has finally retired. To mark the occasion, and to express our thanks to him on behalf of the village, the BVA has presented him with a hamper of goodies (from the Pantry). We wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement.



SOCIAL CONTACT GROUP

As we all know February can be a cold and depressing month but not so at our last meeting! We decided on a Bingo and Buns afternoon and we are extremely grateful to Maggie Batchelor who was brave enough to be our caller. It was a fun afternoon with everyone trying hard to focus on the 'Bingo Lingo' and failing to understand which added to the hilarity.

After playing 3 rounds it was time for tea and hot toasted buns. We had planned on another 2 rounds of Bingo but there was so much chat, we just ran out of time.

At the time of writing this, we had planned a programme for the forthcoming year with new venues to visit. However, in line with Government advice we have postponed our outings until we receive confirmation that it is safe to resume.

If you would like to join our very friendly group, don't be lonely, just give me a ring on 368339

Hazel Prince





Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Flower Arrangement Society enjoyed another busy year in 2019 with a variety of demonstrations and workshops. The highlight of the year is always our Open Evening which took place in November when Jo Richards from the Academy of Floristry gave an inspirational and amusing demonstration entitled 'All that glitters and sparkles'. Each year the members decide on a charity they would like to support from the proceeds of the Open Evening. This year there was a unanimous decision to support 'Victoria's Promise' which is a local charity which supports and empowers young women through cancer. Their mission, starting with young women, is to make certain that every individual going through cancer, is provided with personalised support and treatment services that best increase the chance of



survival and quality of life. They offer support in a variety of ways: Childcare, Home Cleaning, Massage Therapy, Beauty and Skincare, Wig Advice (sourcing and funding), Counselling and Coaching.

At our meeting in February our Treasurer Hazel Prince was able to present a cheque for £350 to Ed Smith the Fund Raising Manager at Victoria's Promise. More information can be found on this amazing charity by visiting their website:

www.victoriaspromise.org or telephone them on 01256 592081.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Parish Council Update

The Coronavirus is certainly having an impact on all our lives which we feel are being placed on hold and at times, out of our control.

As a Council we have arranged for every home to have a flyer giving details of how we can help with errands, shopping or prescriptions. We are also extending this to residents of Farley Chamberlayne. We are very grateful to Hazel Prince and her committee who support the members of the Social Contact Group.

We are pleased The Pantry is setting up an order and delivery service and The Wheatsheaf and Dog and Crook are selling takeaway meals which we hope residents will support.

As regards our Parish Council meetings, we will keep you informed of dates and how they will operate to avoid us being in close proximity to one another.

Wishing you well,

Braishfield Parish Council

Pantry Update - March 2020



As this is being written, The Pantry's notices re staying OPEN, have just gone up, we're setting up a delivery service for those living in Braishfield who may need shopping, and ordering as many items as possible to replenish shelves.

Thank you to everyone who's offering help, to the many shoppers using The Pantry and to all our fantastic local suppliers.

To you all, take care, stay safe and look out for each other in these challenging times...keep smiling!!.

The Pantry Team

A MESSAGE FROM THE BVA TEAM

Whilst there have been many messages going out across the village from a variety of sources, we wouldn't want you to imagine that your BVA has been silent. Far from it - behind the scenes the BVA has been actively liaising with many other groups in the village. However, it is vital that we all present a united front in our fight against the Coronavirus and the advice is clear and consistent.

We'd like to thank everyone who's helped others in need, put together the information leaflet and assisted in so many ways.

It's true that at a time of need, we stand together (not literally at the moment) and amongst the upsetting and frightening news, there has been much positivity. We'd like to focus on that and would welcome any **positive posts** that you'd care to share with us all. Some examples recently highlighted include:

- It seems that people are good at helping others at times of crisis.
- Home deliveries and take-aways are helping both those in need and those who like a special treat. Our thanks to the Pantry, Dog and Crook and The Wheatsheaf for organising.
- Slots have been arranged at supermarkets so the more vulnerable may shop in relative safety.
- People have been heard singing in the streets so others may be entertained (*read the latest from Village Voices on p.10!!*)
- There are virtual choirs, concerts and the like.
- It's been lovely to see so many people out walking or cycling. Traffic is down, as is pollution – by about 50% compared to last year.

We understand that these are difficult times for many of you – please, if you are struggling, make contact with one of the useful numbers on the leaflet. Help is there.

Please look after yourselves and others. Together we will beat this.

Best wishes

The BVA Team

TAKEAWAYS

The Dog and Crook are offering takeaway and delivery to the local area off of our classic menu. On Sundays roasts are available too.

We are also opening as a shop for bread, eggs, milk etc and any special requirements please phone and we will accommodate.
We are open 11:30 until 33and 6 until 8

Dog and Crook

01794 368530

<https://dogandcrook.co.uk/food/#menu>



Takeaway Opening Hours:

11.30 am - 2pm

then

5.30 pm - 8.30pm

The Wheatsheaf Braishfield

01794 368652

<http://www.thewheatsheafbraishfield.co.uk/>

TAKEAWAY MENU AVAILABLE ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE
or via the Email Network

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council has recently received contact from a number of residents concerned about parking in the village, and we wish to bring these concerns to your attention. Whilst these concerns primarily centre on two specific areas, the junction of Newport Lane and Braishfield Road, and the area surrounding The Dog and Crook, they do apply generally.

Firstly, **parking close to a junction**. No one should park closer than 10 metres adjacent to a junction, as parking any closer does impede the view at the junction.

Secondly, **parking on the pavement**. This does make it difficult for footpath users, particularly if the person is using a wheelchair or buggy. The white lines at the Dog and Crook were installed in an attempt to slow traffic, not to indicate a parking area. The parking on the road does at times slow down the speed at which people are driving. An issue close to many residents heart!

We ask for your support with these matters, in order to make our community a safer place to live.

Thank You,
Braishfield Parish Council

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Governing Body of Braishfield Primary School has vacancies for 2 new Community Governors. 1 position is available now and a further position will be available from September.

The Governors are a friendly, forward thinking body and we are seeking new members to work with school leaders to achieve the best for our children. Anyone can be a Governor – it just requires a commitment to children and some free time.

Governors can make an important contribution to the school and the Local Community. A vital part of the role as a Governor is to both support and challenge the school. Governors need to ask questions of the school to help it to scrutinise how effective the educational provision is for our children. They meet every half-term, alongside school visits, training and background reading.

Being a Governor can be an enjoyable, stimulating and very rewarding role and comprehensive training and support are available.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact the school on 01794 368359 or email adminoffice@braishfield.hants.sch.uk.

From the village churches

As all church services and events are currently suspended, there is no Open Doors insert from the village churches to be delivered with this edition of the BVN - we have nothing to publicise! Although we aren't able to meet together for worship or other events, we will still aim to be active.



We have been encouraged by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin and John, and the Moderator of the United Reformed Church General Assembly to pray, unendingly, during the crisis caused by Coronavirus. As we write none of us know quite how the Coronavirus will impact us directly but it is already profoundly affecting the way we live our lives. Many are isolated, lonely and fearful, and others ill and in distress. All of us need reassurance, and feel unsettled as our normal routines are altered and the future looks uncertain.

At a time when we might especially wish to be able to meet together in God's presence for reassurance and to do our bit in praying for the many needs of the world, this isn't possible as a local group. We can still pray and worship on our own or join with others on-line or via radio/TV. **You may find this list of opportunities to access services/Christian content on radio/TV and on-line helpful:**

- the Daily Service at 9.45 on Radio 4 long-wave,
- Choral Evensong Wednesday Radio 3 at 3.30pm repeated on Sunday at 3pm
- The Sunday Service on Radio 4 at 8.10am,
- Songs of Praise Sunday 1.15pm ish on BBC1,
- Tim Daykin Radio Solent Sunday 6-9am for worship songs, interesting information and a feeling of connectedness

Archbishop Justin has arranged for all local radio stations to broadcast the same service each Sunday at 8.00am. You can join in with this on Tim Daykin's show.

Romsey URC will be open for private prayer from 10.30-11.30am each Sunday morning.

And there will be links to services at other churches through the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org. It has lots of encouraging information and news: if you can't find what you need please email the Benefice Office for help with navigation.

While unable to hold services of worship or meet together as Christians would normally do, we are encouraged to find other ways of showing our love for God and for those around us

at this challenging time. Already individuals are offering to help, shop, listen, phone others and care as best they can, and we are grateful to the Social Contact Group who already had plans in place a couple of weeks ago to support their members. We plan that St John's, Farley Chamberlayne and All Saints' in Braishfield will be open every day for people to visit and pray. There will be prayer resources available. Obviously, please try to touch as little as possible in the buildings, to reduce the chance of spreading infection.

Archbishops Justin and John also recommend the familiar prayer taught to us by Jesus, to say while washing our hands – it takes a little over 20 seconds!

*“Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.”*

Although it is very unlikely that we can meet together this Easter, the truth of Easter still shines through; “He is not here, he is risen, Alleluia!”
(Matthew 28 v 6)

Useful church contacts:

United Reformed Church: Revd Mike Perrott 01794 512613 revd.mike13@gmail.com.

Church Secretary/Elder: Mrs. Shirley Smith 01794 368447

All Saints and St John's Associate Priest:

Revd Jane Thompson 01794 502035 email: janethompson@me.com

Braishfield Benefice Office:

01794 878020 email: braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com

If you would like to receive email updates from All Saints or St John's, request to join the mailing list on:

allsaintsbraishfieldfriends@gmail.com or
farley-friends@googlegroups.com

And if you are not on email and would like to receive information please phone the Benefice Office (01794 878020) and leave a message, and we will try to arrange for someone to phone you and pass on email messages.

Braishfield United Reformed Church

Flowers

The beautiful flowers shown here were part of the World Day of Prayer Service held at Braishfield URC on Friday, 6th March. It was a lovely service written by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe with their text "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". It is amazing to think this same service was held all

over the world, at different times, but all on the 6th March. There were a good number of people at the service, which was great to see. We thank Hannah and Gill for organising the service and Joan for organising the refreshments after it.



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World Day of Prayer – 6th March 2020

Thank you to all who came and took part and supported our service this year, from Zimbabwe, held at Braishfield URC.

The collection amounted to £200.02 and will be distributed between Christian charities supported by WDP.

Visas, Viruses & Playing Snakes & Ladders

Greetings from Uganda (although still ‘officially’ virus free), although by the time the BVN is printed, we may be catapulted back into Braishfield, much earlier than planned and leave ‘abruptly’, as they say. Life at the moment is a little like a live version of Snakes and Ladders – some great improvements, followed by some real disappointments.

The term here started so well: a high intake of Senior 1 (first year) and A’ level students, a new, exciting curriculum, a good number of qualified staff, steady leadership team, an improved financial basis – a generally, well ordered start. Even the weather has been kind – a good measure of sunshine and rain. In addition to this, we were finally granted our new work permits (we started the application about 2 years ago. Last but not least, our Ugandan partners and friends, Charles and Annett, have finally been granted UK visas to visit sunny Braishfield and Hampshire in the summer . It feels as if things have turned a corner at last....

However, life here is just so similar to playing Snakes and Ladders. Having moved forward in many ways, the changing situation with the alarming spread of Coronavirus is potentially stopping all this great progress in its tracks. Today, with very little notice, Ugandan schools all closed for 30 days as a prevention – with only 36 hours’ notice for students to pack and leave. This creates

immediately a serious financial predicament for WTA (the secondary school) as they are only half way through the first term, and parents were just about to pay their balances of outstanding fees, but will now hang onto it tightly. Will WTA have enough money for outstanding salaries and food bills? They don't yet know.

Another 'ladder' is that we now have our own work permits and therefore permission to remain. However, due to the impending travel restrictions and airport closures, we are now sure that we will have to leave Uganda for a while. Sad but inevitable. It is therefore also highly unlikely that Charles and Annet could use their new visas in May

to come to the UK
Another 'snake'.
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patient in their



as planned.
As usual, they are
gracious and
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So here's the
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control'. People ask many questions, but totally accept that there is so much 'stuff' you can't 'fix' yourself or plan for: their own personal poverty, medical issues, hunger, malaria, education, lack of work, disappointment, death, insecurity, theft, lack of goods to buy, not to mention heavy handed governments. And no one ever discusses toilet rolls or pasta supplies. Consequently, they are genuinely more calm and accepting about further uncertainty, not to mention extremely hopeful that this current situation will not last and all will be well. I definitely need to adopt this more positive outlook and become more Ugandan in my thinking.

Elsbeth and Jerry

Jerry and Elspeth Dugdale are part of ServeDirect, a Braishfield based charity working in Uganda. For more information about the work, please look at www.servedirect.org or search for ServeDirect on Facebook/Instagram. Or email elspeth@servedirect.org

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT TWO BMADS CONCERTS

Firstly, four years ago we had a super concert, given by Duo Bayanello, with Cecilia Bignall on cello and Iosif Purits on a Bayan accordion. A strange combination perhaps, but it worked very well; Rostrapovich said it was a more organic combination than cello and piano. Slightly quirky, these award-winning musicians gave us a concert to remember. It was mesmerising watching Iosif playing the accordion and Cecilia has a wonderful affinity with the cello.

They are coming back! This time the concert will be in All Saints church where the acoustic was highly praised by the players in October. It will be held on Saturday September 26th at 7.30. Those who came in 2016 loved it and others were sad to have missed the chance to hear and see an unusual combination, perfectly performed. My book is open to accept names of those who would like to come; I know it is a long way off but time flies! The new season of autumn entertainments will have started by then, so put the date in your diary now, so as to not miss it.

Secondly, the string quintet concert last October was very well received by those who attended and the players themselves really enjoyed playing in All Saints church, so much so that they have asked if they can come back!

After discussions, we have arranged that they will come next February, Saturday 27th. This is the first time they will all be able to get together as they are very busy professional musicians. When I was in email contact with Sophie Renshaw about the proposal, she was in Barcelona with Sir John Eliott Gardiner and the Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra, going on to the Carnegie Hall and Chicago!

I am happy to take names of anyone who would like to come and I will, of course, be sending out information nearer the time. It is certainly a date to put in the diary, so as not to arrange to do something else that evening.

We are really lucky to have contacts in the world of musicians; they are so enthusiastic and love what they do, which enhances the performances. Sophie is visiting Braishfield School this term to talk about life as a professional musician; who knows where that may lead.

These are not fund-raising concerts, but BMADS has to cover the cost of the fees the players charge, which is of course quite a lot. We have made a loss only once, sometimes we just about cover everything and other times we make a profit which, after other expenses are paid, we put by to support more concerts.

Wendy Quarendon

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We also began thinking about what we might put on as our production this year. During our discussion it emerged that the question is sometimes asked as to what it costs us to stage a play. Some people are under the impression that the answer is – not much. If only that were the case!

Of course, if some people get together in a room and speak some lines to a few friends, that would be true. But put those people in a public space and speak lines written by a playwright to an audience, the situation is very different.... Real-world costs arise.

For BMADS, the biggest costs are the hiring of the Village Hall and our rehearsal space in the Church Room. For last year's production, these amounted to £800. (This is actually at the lower end of the range, as we were able to hold a number of rehearsals for last year's production in people's private houses.) Then there are the costs of the set, sound and lighting, properties and any special effects. These will vary from one production to another, depending on the play, but between them can cost several hundred pounds.

Costumes is another item that varies considerably according to the choice of play. For a 'period' production a small number of outfits hired individually could run into hundreds of pounds. Fortunately we have good arrangements with other local drama groups, built up over many years, whereby we can often borrow from their extensive wardrobe at a nominal cost, but it does not always cover everything. A modern/contemporary play may cost less for costumes but the downside for a recent work is that it will be in copyright and we will therefore need to pay for a performance license or royalty. This varies but for 'Murder in Play' it cost BMADS £270. So what you save on the swings can be lost on the roundabouts. And then there are the costs of buying sufficient copies of the text itself. And front-of-house costs... tickets... printing...

We always keep a sharp eye on our expenses, but even so a typical production can easily cost £2000. On the positive side, most of these costs are incurred locally and are therefore 'recycled' back into the village. In reality, we never know in advance whether we are going to cover our costs. We don't aim to make money but neither can we afford to make too many losses. We try to strike a balance through our ticket price, which for 2019 was £8.50 which we feel is reasonable for an evening's entertainment. Often it will be the raffle and bar that keep a particular production afloat financially. In the event that we make a surplus, we invariably make a charitable donation, something we have done for many years. For

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SHEEP MATTER AT ELM GROVE



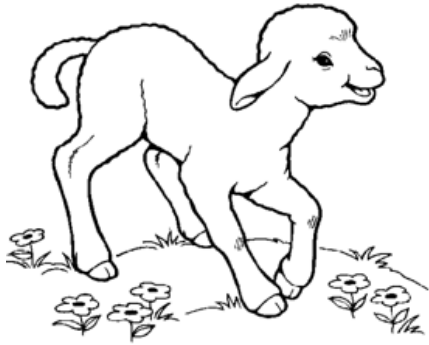
As all of us are aware, it has been raining! Most of us can close the door and think of other things, but Kate the shepherd has to be out looking after her animals every day. Fortunately, she has several sets of waterproof clothing and the cupboard housing the boiler comes into its own for drying wet items. The ground is very soggy making it a mammoth task to wheel barrows of fodder beet

into the fields for the sheep to enjoy eating; the ground is too wet to run vehicles over more than is absolutely necessary.

The ewes were scanned a few weeks ago and it was found that out of the 60 ewes, 19 are expecting triplets, only 3 singles, the rest doubles and a couple are barren; this is an average of two and a quarter lambs per ewe! Which is good in some ways, but Kate is going to be very busy and

there will be a lot of bottle feeding because most ewes do not cope with more than two lambs as they only have two teats. Added to that there won't be a lot of mothers with only one lamb that could possibly become a foster mother. Hopefully they will not come all at once and hopefully it will not be raining!!

Otherwise, last year's lambs are now up at Eldon, out of the mud of the allotment field, and



Kate is monitoring the health of the expectant mothers and of course her Lleyn ewes that she will be putting to a ram in the autumn.

Fly is getting good at following commands now, which is very helpful. The job can't really be done without the help of a well-trained dog.

There will soon be lambs skipping across the fields in the sunshine, it is nearly April....

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Braishfield Horticultural Society

Nick Gilbert came from his nursery at Sherfield English, to give a talk on his outstanding Dahlias. It had taken 16yrs to build up the business in Dahlias which were chosen almost by chance. Now he grows 400 different varieties and has appeared at National Shows, in garden magazines and on TV programmes.

The Dahlia is the national flower of Mexico and its name is from Friedrich Dahl born in the 1800's. Nick showed photos of some of his most spectacular blooms and then told us how to grow them. Dahlias like full sun and if on sandy, free draining soil, they need mulching and feeding with fish, blood and bone. On clay, just manure.

To over-winter, wait till the frosts have turned the foliage to slimy stalks, and then cut back to the ground to prevent water rotting them. In light soil, mark

with a stake and mound to 6-8" with soil or compost over the plant. In clay soil, lift the roots out (they are very shallow), wash off soil and leave to dry well. Wrap in newspaper or woven material, and keep in a greenhouse, shed or polystyrene box.

Every 3yrs the Dahlias need splitting to encourage good growth. In Spring, lift and divide with a spade or saw. Fully grown, they will need staking so it is good to provide that before maturity with bamboo and soft string or netting. Slug pellets are advised in March/April. Rabbits and earwigs will nibble! Blackfly can be killed with washing up liquid and yellow spots like black spot on Roses, can be halted with SB Invigorator - on mail order. Dead head to keep constant flowering.

Many members bought Dahlia tubers from Nick, enthused by his enthusiasm and success. Maybe we will have a Dahlia competition in the Autumn!

At the March meeting we had a talk by Rosie Yeomans on Plant Heritage and National Collections.

She works as a volunteer visiting National Collections which she fits in with her lecturing at Sparsholt Agricultural College. It is all about 'conserving'. She helps to look after the people who have collections. They have been around since 1983 and there are 653 at the moment. The collections are a genetic resource; of historical importance; of commercial value; develop plant supply and skill of growing. The Plant Conservation Committee approves the National Collections which can be of any size and any species or a part of a species. There are three categories a) the reference collection which covers the entire range of species, b) the horticultural collections covering all cultivars, c) historic collections which are often attached to gardens or hunters.

The collections are in many different settings from botanical gardens to private ones, garden trusts or National Trust, Hampshire holds 55 collections and Sir Harold Hillier Gardens have 14 including Cotoneaster, Cornus and Hypericum. Collection holders grow three of each plant, keep a list, verify the naming and collect all records. There are exchange days, workshops and shows like Hampton Court Flower Show.



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SOME CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS **

11 th April 2020	Easter Egg Draw
26 th April 2020	Tractor Show 10am-2pm – cancelled **
8 th May 2020	40's Night with the Newporters cancelled **
17 th May 2020	Cycle Jumble – cancelled **
17/18/19 th July	Beer Festival (Peter Pods Peas on 18 th) on hold
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