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From the Chairman

Just when we thought (hoped) things were returning to normal, further restrictions have been announced and it remains difficult to meet with families and friends. Let's hope we all stick to the guidelines and things will have improved by Christmas so we can celebrate with loved ones.

Speaking of Christmas, we are still progressing with the arrangements for the proposed Christmas Market on 5th December (see opposite) but please bear with us as plans may change as the date nears. My thanks to all who have offered support and who have asked for a table. We will be in touch soon and, of course, keep you all up to date with how things are shaping up.

The VJ Day weather wasn't kind to us, but didn't stop some of you commemorating this important date. Thanks again to those of you who sent in articles included in this edition. They are very much appreciated.

We all need good news at the moment so feel free to share happy memories, any amusing stories or if you know of anyone who has gone the extra mile to help others – please let us know. **This edition's prize goes to Ian Knights for his efforts in the flood - see page 24! - (Ed)**

In the meantime, please stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes

Ian





Braishfield Village Association
Christmas Market
5 December 2020
Braishfield Village Hall

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Calling all crafts people, small businesses, artisan bakers, in fact people who make anything/everything!!! Register your interest for a table at our Christmas Market by contacting ianandwendyj@btinternet.com or

Tel: 367282.

If you know of any other persons who may be interested, give them the details so that we can make this a popular and diverse attraction for all.

PLEASE NOTE: If government advice changes, this event may be subject to cancellation or amendment

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

It is with the greatest regret that the above has been cancelled this December and there will be much disappointment felt by all who have contributed in past years to its success, not least the children and all those who benefitted through the donations collected.

Unfortunately though, the continuing uncertainty of the Covid situation, the restrictions that would undoubtedly be placed on All Saints church, and the requirement to comply with all the regulations that would need to be followed, left Carole and myself with little alternative other than to cancel the festival this year. However, we hope that we will be able to arrange the festival again next year and that All Saints church may again be graced with the children's trees during the Christmas period.

Stephen Treglown and Carole Renvoize

Village Voices!

It has been ages since Village Voices met, but rest assured we will meet again, in the church room but we don't know when. Meanwhile sing in the bath and whilst peeling the potatoes to keep those vocal-cords well exercised.

Meri and Wendy

Arrangements for the United Remembrance Sunday Service and Christmas services at All Saints

At the moment it is too soon to know exactly how we will be able to observe Remembrance Sunday or mark Christmas as a church. We are waiting for guidance from the national church and the government. All Saints and the URC will make a joint decision about Sunday 8th November. We have been used to planning well ahead but are currently learning to adapt to changing situations. Rather than make a plan which has to be altered, we will wait to see how things develop and what is possible. We will make sure that arrangements are communicated widely when there is definite news to share.

AIRMAN'S ADVENTURE

PARACHUTE JUMP IN FOG

Two farm hands working in a stable on a farm at Braishfield, Hampshire, were amazed to hear shouts for help coming from the top of a fog-shrouded oak tree near by. They ran to the spot and saw a figure dangling in the harness of a parachute.

Running back to the farm, the men secured a 40ft ladder and went to the airman's rescue. The straps of the parachute had become so tight that the suspended airman's circulation had been partially stopped and he could not move.

The village postman then came to the help of the farm hands and a rope was put round the man so that he could be hauled towards the centre of the tree. When released the parachutist was too weak to move and he had to be held up in the top branches of the tree until he recovered.

The airman was Sergeant Jobbing, of the Royal Air Force. He explained that he was flying with Flying Officer Edwards from Peterborough to Old Sarum air station when they ran short of petrol through having to fly around in the fog. The sergeant offered to jump out to lighten the aeroplane. He did so and landed in the tree.

Meanwhile Flying Officer Edwards brought his machine down undamaged in a field at Totton, near Southampton.

Remembering VJ Day

The Daily Sketch

No. 11,307 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1945 A KEMSLEY NEWSPAPER ONE PENNY

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JAPAN SURRENDERS

THE BRIDGE OF TEARS

TOKYO'S Nii Hami, the bridge in front of the Imperial Palace where the people gather in times of crisis, became the bridge of tears yesterday.

A report broadcast to its readers in the Far East by the Japanese news agency, describing in colorful language the scene as the "Imperial Decree" issued toward and weeping in relief, broke off without explaining what the Imperial decision was.

On August 14, 1945, the Imperial decision was granted, the Japanese report said.

Honored with the Imperial edict in the outside palace grounds, the loyal people now bowed to the cry issued in front of the Nii Hami. Tears they shed.

"Aha, in their shame how can the people raise their heads?"

"NHI! the words 'forgive us, O Emperor, our efforts are not enough' heads bow lower and lower as the tears run unheeded."

"Ever since December 8, 1941, when we received the Imperial Decree (the declaration of war), causing the 'Majesty' deep anxiety..."

It was at this point that the agency broke off the report.

News Flashed To The World At Midnight

JAPAN has accepted the Allies' surrender terms, it was announced in London and Washington at midnight.

The dramatic message was flashed to the world 1,347 days after the Japanese made their attack on the American fleet at Pearl Harbour.

A Swiss communiqué earlier announced that the Tokyo reply was received at the Foreign Office in Berns at 8:10 p.m. and was cabled to Washington.

News that the Note had reached Washington was transmitted over the direct line to Whitehall, and was conveyed to Mr. Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, who was addressing an eve of Parliament rally at Seymour Hall, Marble Arch, W.

The Swiss official communiqué said: "At 8:10 p.m. to-day the Japanese Minister in Berns handed to the Foreign Office the Japanese Government's reply to the Allied declaration transmitted to Japan by the U.S., Great Britain, Russia and China on Saturday."

The reply was addressed to the United States Government for forwarding to the four Allied Governments. The reply was handed over to the American Minister at Berns at 8:25 p.m. and was cabled from the Swiss Legation to Washington at 8:5 p.m."

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Japanese Surrender— Official

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The Japanese Minister throughout Manchuria, stayed in the Foreign Office for only two minutes.

The Swiss Foreign Office then called for the U.S. Minister, Mr. Edward Hughes, who arrived at 8:30 p.m. and had a conference with Mr. Walter Bland, Swiss Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Day Of Confusion

The best of the news was telegraphed from Rome to President Truman and Mr. James Byrnes, Secretary of State.

Mr. Byrnes left the State Department at 8:30 p.m. for an additional destination. He told reporters: "I won't be back for a while."

This new development followed a day of increasing confusion over the Japanese story in Europe.

Tokyo radio during the afternoon told the world that the reply was on the way and the Swiss Legation in Washington reported receipt of the following cable from Rome:

"Japanese Legation reports and cables it received this morning do not contain the news wanted by

the whole world, but it is stated to be

When this statement was heard Mr. Charles Egan, Press Secretary to President Truman, wanted reporters prepared for a conference when the President might announce the conclusion of the Japanese war, which the "Japan line" would be provided, and the means by which the Japanese Government would be obtained in the immediate future.

But the conference failed to materialize and an official word (the substance of any reply appears more complete than ever "Only Tokyo seems to know," he said.

The Premier's Midnight Broadcast

MR. ATTLEE broadcasting at midnight said: Japan has to-day surrendered. The last of our enemies is laid low.

Here is the text of the Japanese reply to the Allied Command:— With reference to the announcement of August 14 regarding the acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration and the reply of the Government of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China, sent by Secretary of State Byrnes on August 11, the Japanese Government has the honour to reply to the Government of the four Powers as follows:

1. His Majesty the Emperor has issued an Imperial edict regarding Japan's acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration.
2. His Majesty the Emperor is prepared to authorize and insure the signature by his Government and the Imperial headquarters of the necessary terms for carrying out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration.

Cease Resistance

3. His Majesty is also prepared to issue the "constitution" to military, naval and air authorities, to issue to all forces under their control wherever located to cease active resistance and to surrender arms—signed Taji.

Let us recall that on December 7, 1941, Japan, who China had resisted for over four years, fell upon the U.S.A. and upon ourselves who were so opposed in our death struggles with Germany and Italy, taking full advantage of surprise and treachery.

The Japanese forces quickly overran the territories of ourselves and our Allies in the Far east and at one time it appeared as though these invaders would reach the mainland of Australia and advance into India. But the tide turned.

Mighty Allied Forces

With ever increasing speed the mighty forces of the United States and the British Commonwealth and Empire and other Allies were brought to bear. Japanese resistance has now everywhere been broken.

At this time we should pay tribute to the men from this country, from the Dominions, from India, and the Colonies, to our fleets, armies and air forces that have fought an war in the campaign against Japan.

Our gratitude goes out to all our splendid Allies. Above all to the United States, without whose generous efforts this war in the East would still have many years to run.

We also think, especially at this time of the prisoners in Japanese hands, of our friends in the Dominions, Australia, and New Zealand, in India and Burma, and in those colonial territories upon whose behalf the Japanese attack fell.

We rejoice that these territories will soon be purged of the Japanese invader.

Quick relief for P.O. W. is planned

PREPARATIONS are proceeding

for the relief of our prisoners in Japan as soon as peace comes, called William Courtney, Daily Service War Correspondent, from Manila last night.

It is estimated that 17,000 Britons, including Australians, and more than 10,000 Americans are in Japan.

Treatment of prisoners released may not be good, depending on the condition of the prisoner, whose welfare is the first consideration.

Measures to improve will be made as soon as possible.

The United States is responsible primarily for the relief of prisoners in Japan, but all Britons will come automatically under Australian control on reaching Allied soil. Bruce Reynolds, Daily Service War

Correspondent at Headquarters Air Command U.S. Pacific.

Plans have been made there to meet as quickly as possible prisoners of war and measures released where British troops re-occupy Malaya and Singapore.

It is understood that the general policy will be to ship these people home to their homes in Britain, India and Australia.

Australia has been asked what shipping is available. Problems connected with the transportation of Japanese-held territory are being grappled with by the Supreme Commander, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, who returned to his headquarters yesterday from London, having made the journey in the record time of 36 hours.

Lord Louis Mountbatten's Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. F. A. M. Browning, discussing the treatment of the job ahead, pointed out that it is essential to have every public service in the island by the Army, and he said that would happen in other liberated areas and civil administration was required.

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SOCIAL CONTACT GROUP

Due to our current situation we are still not able to meet up for our usual outings and get-togethers, however it's still important for friends to keep in touch. On this occasion the 'door-step fairy' left a tin of biscuits on every Members doorstep. Whilst we cannot go out together for coffee and biscuits at least everyone can enjoy a treat in their home and look forward to good times in the future.

If you feel lonely or isolated and would like to join our happy friendly group please do not hesitate to contact me, **Hazel Prince, on 368339.**

All Saints' Church

All Saints' Churchyard

Many people enjoy walking through All Saints' churchyard and have done especially during the lockdown. They have been able to sit on the seats kindly donated in memory of loved ones; having a few moments of peace and quiet reflection. In the early days of lockdown, it was noticeable that far fewer people were able to be out and about to tend individual graves but we knew that the churchyard as a whole was being kept in excellent order by our group of volunteers.



However, over the summer as visits to graves have resumed, there have been concerns expressed about graves where items left have apparently been broken or moved elsewhere. This is a concern to us too and one which we discussed at our recent PCC (Parochial Church Council) meeting. We have therefore decided to share some information on how our churchyard is managed. This includes some Diocesan Regulations which we must adhere to whilst continuing to provide a burial ground for the parish of Braishfield.

Who 'owns' the grave space?

When a funeral service is held in the church, there is a statutory fee, set nationally by the Church of England, which must be paid. If there is to be a burial in the churchyard, a further fee must be paid. Quite understandably, families believe that having paid for the burial to take place, they have 'bought' the burial plot. In a civic cemetery the system is different – plots are sold leasehold. In a churchyard, the ground above the burial remains under the jurisdiction of the church authorities. The Rector legally 'owns' the churchyard but as we are awaiting a new Rector, under diocesan regulations the churchwardens have full responsibility for it.

Who maintains the churchyard?

The Rector and churchwardens must see that the whole churchyard is in good order. We at All Saints are very fortunate to have the assistance of many volunteers, led by Richard Brazier. In addition, we apply for an annual

grant from the Parish Council to contribute to the costs of the burial ground such as maintaining the mower and making sure our large trees are in good health and don't pose a safety risk for visitors. We are aware that the ground in the new extension is very rough and we are buying soil to cover graves and encourage grass to grow.

What can be placed on a grave?

Individuals who tend graves have their part to play in the maintenance of the churchyard. We know that each grave is a special place for family and friends to visit and remember loved ones, but the whole churchyard is a shared public space for peace and reflection. It is not the setting for items of a personal nature. We are really grateful to everyone who abides by the diocesan regulations: one vase of flowers per grave, placed at the head end of the grave, and no personal items. This makes the task of the mowers less difficult, and there is less likelihood that your floral tribute will be replaced on the 'wrong' grave in error when mowing has been completed. A few people have said they would prefer to maintain their family grave themselves. By all means do extra trimming between cuts if you choose, but the volunteer mowers need to have a clear run up and down. The task is demanding without trying to avoid certain areas. Bulbs may be planted on a grave, to grow up through the grass, but no other plants should be growing there.

What about stone memorials?

Before a memorial can be introduced into a churchyard legal permission has to be given, and the design and wording agreed before work can begin on having the memorial made. The memorial is the responsibility and property of the family. The safety of the upright memorials is checked regularly. In a dry summer there may be a little movement – this is natural. Some stones are at quite an angle but are still perfectly safe. If there is concern that a stone could topple over, it will be laid flat. If we have a means of contacting the family concerned, we will try to do so – and they may engage a stone mason to re-set the stone securely if they wish.

Do I need permission for a wooden cross?

In recent years funeral directors have offered to mark new graves with wooden crosses. The legal permission for these to be on the grave is withdrawn if or when a stone memorial is put in place. The stonemasons Blackwell and Moody explain this to their clients and offer to remove the wooden cross on their behalf. Other stone masons do not appear to offer this service. It can be hard to decide what to

do with the cross, but the permission extends only to one wooden cross or one memorial stone.

Compostable waste

We are exploring the possibility of a link with the Parish Council-sponsored Village Climate Change Group. Each year a large amount of compostable waste arises from cutting back, mowing, and dead flowers from graves. If you can, please place any dead flowers and foliage in the composting bin – we know it gets overfull at times! - but please remove any non-plant material first.

Keeping everyone informed

We would be grateful if you could share this article, which may be of interest to friends and family who visit the churchyard, and don't get to see the Village News. Thank you!

Andy Brooks and Sarah Boothman, Churchwardens, on behalf of all the PCC



Wild flower border beside Footpath 4
by Chris Balchin

United Reformed Church

Events Report

The news from Braishfield URC is that we are still unable to hold Sunday worship in our church as yet. This is because we would be unable to keep to the 2 metres Social Distance requirement. Of course, we are all eager to get back to church but, until we are able to meet together in person, we are trying to keep in contact with each other. We do look forward to seeing everyone again soon.



For a number of years, we have sponsored, as individuals, Chris Balchin who kindly rides to raise money for our church on Ride and Stride Day. Half of the money he raises comes to our church and half goes to the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust. Last year, the Trust raised more than £70,000 which was another record year for them!

If you would like to sponsor Chris, would you kindly let him know on 01794 368427 or contact me with your donations. It is okay to send money after this year's event which was held on 12th September. We have been grateful to Chris over many years for his support for our church, so if you can support him this year, after such uncertain times, he would be pleased to hear from you. Thank you! Incidentally, Chris's wife, Meryl, rides for All Saints Parish Church.

All of us at Braishfield hope and pray all of you are keeping well.

Shirley Smith

For more details please contact:-

The Minister: The Reverend Mike Perrott, MA - 01794 512163

The Church Secretary: Shirley Smith - 01794 368447

Braishfield Parish Council

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Jane Ray to the Council as our Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO). Jane lives in the village and is very keen to play an active part in Braishfield. We wish Jane every success in her new role.

Regular meetings of the Parish Council, Braishfield Recreation Ground and War Memorial have continued and are being held via Zoom with members of the public joining the meetings.

We are actively commenting on planning applications, the draft Local Plan and working on the revised VDS. We deal with calls and queries from residents liaising with TVBC where necessary.

Traffic incidents have been evident in the village and adjacent hamlets resulting in Police attendance, vehicles being damaged and cyclists, drivers, horse riders and pedestrians being put at risk. The Parish Council would like to provide Hampshire Highways with a report of instances which may have been avoided if there had been appropriate signage and road safety provisions.

If your car has a dash cam, you can upload footage <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/news/hampshire/news/news/2020/august/scheme-officially-launched-for-road-users-to-report-dangerous-incidents/>

If you, or anyone you know, has been involved or witnessed an incident that you feel was due to the state of the road, poor signage or speed limits, please email details to clerk@braishfield-pc.org.

Parking problems remain a concern which we are responding to in conjunction with Hampshire Highways and Hampshire Police.

Cycling along The Bevan Path is not permitted so let's spread that message too.

Footpaths Replacing stiles with gates is a current project for the autumn so if you would like to join the working party, please contact clerk@braishfield-pc.org

Replacement grit bins have been requested ready for the winter.

Litter picking Thank you to those who are already volunteering in the

village. If anyone would like to register as a Community Litter Picker with TVBC, please email the Environmental Service at environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk or contact Customer Services on 01264 368000.

The Recreation Ground remains a popular venue and we are pleased to welcome back the Football and Frisbee teams. We have a memorial bench kindly donated by the family of the late Mr and Mrs Irish and we thank Mr Alex Macleod for repairing the picnic benches. Emergency work has been carried out on a tree that was impacted by the recent strong winds and other necessary tree work will be carried out very soon.



Following the last BVN edition where Ben Merrills (Group Scout Leader at 3rd Romsey Scouts) asked for volunteers to join the behind the scenes team on the Executive Committee, myself and Elaine Freemantle took up the challenge. Having a son who is just moving up to Cubs from Beavers and having been through the Brownie and Girl Guide side of things as a young girl, I really do appreciate what the Scouting movement provides young people. So, this is my first BVN update in this Executive Committee Member role. So far, I have completed the online training and provided various forms of identification as well as attended one virtual general meeting, and the 2020 AGM, also carried out virtually. Not at all onerous, but interesting to understand all the work, thought and preparation that goes on in the background to make beavers, cubs and scouts happen, that us as parents to children attending do not usually get to see.

The green light has finally been given to return to face to face meetings, albeit with additional precautions and preparations. Indeed one of our roles has been to look over the risk assessments each leader has to produce to run COVID safe meetings. However, in the Scouting movement, where there is a will there is a way – and there definitely is a will to get the children of Braishfield and beyond back to the joys of campfires, challenges, adventures and above all fun.

There are still vacancies on the Executive Committee so if you do feel you have some time (and hopefully you will of seen from above that it isn't at all onerous) and would like to join the team please contact Ben on gsl@3rdromseyscouts.org.uk

Gemma Quarendon

Braishfield Pantry



Pantry News – October 2020

At the time of writing the Pantry café has been in operation for almost two weeks. We are so pleased to have been able to work with the Village Hall to re-open the café, making use of their newly refurbished Community Room. And it really is wonderful, especially as the weather begins to turn a bit chilly. So do pop in and try it for yourself when you get the chance.

As with the Pantry itself, since re-opening the café we've been adhering to all government guidelines including - introducing track and trace; operating one way systems; ensuring plenty of hand sanitisers; keeping tables clean and well-spaced, keeping toilet areas clean and ensuring only a certain number in the café at any one time; not to mention getting used to our 'new' temporary location in the Village Hall's Community Room. The latest rule just announced of table service for cafes looked set to slightly scupper our plans. However, further reading sets out that this rule is only for those premises serving alcohol. Phew!

As such our aim remains to keep the Pantry Café open (for opening hours see table) until the end of the year (at least). But please be aware that either due to future rule changes, or volunteer shortages, we might have to close the café on short notice.

Just a quick note regarding our AGM scheduled for October 20th at 6pm at the Pantry. Whilst we hope to be able to go ahead, if this proves to be impossible in person then we will look to hold a virtual meeting (papers of course will be published). So please keep an eye out on the noticeboards,

Café – Sit-In Opening Hours

(in the Community Room)

Tuesday	10-12 and 2-5pm
Wednesday	10-12 and 2-5pm
Thursday	10-12 and 2-5pm
Saturday	10-12

Nb Last orders will be taken 30mins before close.

website and village email network for news.

A gentle reminder that we are always in need of volunteers – so do think of us if you have time to spare and would like to give a little back to the local community.

Christmas might feel a long way off, especially with the world as it is right now, but please be assured, the Pantry will be stocking those Christmas essentials and treats that we all enjoy so much. Christmas is definitely still on at the Pantry!

I will finish this update with a rather lovely story of an elderly couple who came for tea and cake at the Pantry earlier this month with an even older gentleman. Just before leaving they said to Sharon ‘We’ll see you next year’. Apparently, it was the elder gentleman’s 104th birthday and he has come with his son and daughter for the last 3 years because he loves the cake!

School Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body of Braishfield Primary School has a vacancy for a new Community Governor. 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 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 by email **adminoffice@braishfield.hants.sch.uk**.

Braishfield Primary School

This has certainly been a challenging time for our school community. With the government announcement of lockdown in March, we remained open, initially providing child care for all our vulnerable children and children of key worker parents. Staff also provided digital resources for children learning at home together with feedback and emotional support via regular telephone calls and by organising video meetings for the children so they could have contact with their classmates.

From June we were able to welcome more children back to school with every child able to attend for at least a week before the end of the summer term. In accordance with government guidance, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 were able to attend school regularly.

After such a long period of disruption, it has been a pleasure to welcome all the children back to school on a full-time basis, including our new Reception class. The children are settling into their new classroom bubbles well and have been happy to see their friends and teachers again. We are proud of the way that they have taken the new routines and expectations in their stride after the summer break.

The first week provided an opportunity for many of the children to enjoy an Art workshop led by Southampton City Art Gallery. They got to see an original silk screen print by the artist and poet Ian Hamilton Finlay before creating their own artwork using printing and collage techniques.

Lou Rhodes, Headteacher





Orlaith, Big Acorns *“I felt really confident with the art. The lady showed us a famous picture from the gallery. I thought the creator of it must have worked very hard making it by printing it on silk. Then we made our own pictures. I used paint and collage and a stencil to make the sea and rock roses. It turned out really well with the stencil and I was really proud of myself. I thought it was a really good project to work on.”*





BRAISHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Common Hill Road, Braishfield, Romsey, SO51 0QF

Is your child due to start school in September 2021?

At Braishfield Primary School we create a positive environment in which to nurture **happy, kind** and **respectful** children who are motivated to give their very best in whatever they do. We find and **celebrate the individual** talents of every child.



We may be a small school but we have **big ambitions**, striving for excellence and aiming to have the highest expectations and aspirations for all our children.

Our aim is to **inspire** children to develop inquisitive and imaginative minds and a lifelong love of learning through a **rich** and **engaging curriculum**.



The schools admissions process opens on 1st November 2020.

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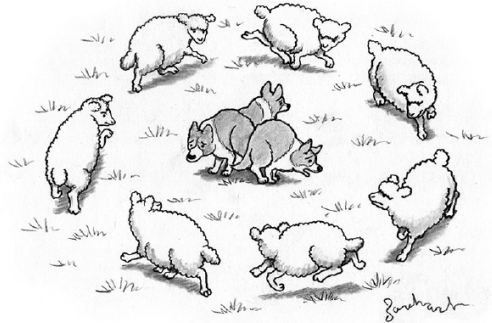
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SHEEP MATTER AT ELM GROVE

Kate went to market with the boy lambs earlier than she originally thought she would, as there was so little grass for them to eat here due to the dry weather and to feed them hay that had been stored for winter did not make sense. However, when she took her shearlings (last year's ewe lambs) to Salisbury they sold for a good price so there was some good news over that period. Certainly, sheep farming is not the road to riches and a good price at market is essential to make any sort of money over the year. Fleeces, which years ago fetched very good prices for the wool trade are sold for very little nowadays and little wonder some sheep farmers buried or burned their fleeces to save the cost of transporting them to a collection point, which in Kate's case was near Sherborne. Shearing is carried out for the benefit of the animal first and foremost.

Kate has bought another 10 Lleyn ewes, and a Lleyn ram. These ewes are a year younger than the 12 she bought a few months ago, so will not be put to the ram this year. The ram, who at the moment is happily living in half a field with 2 boy lambs which means he has company, will be put in with the 12 Lleyns that were bought earlier in the year, sometime in the next few weeks; next year the ram will be put in with these same ewes again along with the ones bought this year. The resultant ewe lambs will be kept by Kate to build up her flock of Lleyns. As she is wanting to have a pure bred i.e. pedigree flock of Lleyns, Kate will have to purchase another ram as she cannot use the current one to mate with his own progeny. My mind is in a whirl trying to explain it; it is a good thing Kate knows what she is doing.



Meanwhile the Lleyn ram has to be kept at a distance from the ewes, hence being fenced in half a field, otherwise he is very likely to be leaping the fences to get at them!

We mustn't forget Kate's main North Country ewes who are awaiting the presence of the lovely Suffolk rams. She bought some more ewes a few weeks ago to replenish the stock and they have been kept in the field over the road getting used to life here; they will never forget that field, sheep remember where they have lived and were at ease there. Interestingly, we had to move these over to the other side of the road a couple of days ago; we stood a distance from the gate they

had to use to get into the new field. They had to come out of the gate of the field they had been in, aided by Fly the sheepdog, and come along the road towards us and into the new field. Easy. We had stopped a couple of vehicles and all was well, but a few at the rear suddenly didn't like the idea of leaving 'home' and going somewhere 'foreign' and promptly turned round and ran back into the first field, the others promptly following suit. It took some time to persuade them that it would be a good idea to move to the new field, Fly rounding them up again and order was restored!

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9th, 23rd November

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5th, 19th October

2nd, 16th, 30th November

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

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« 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.

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Brown Bin Recycling Tips

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« 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:

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