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FROM THE CHAIR

Very short and sweet this time, due to the bumper edition put together by Wendy.

November 26th , put the date in your diary and come along to our Christmas Market running all day between 10 and 4. Pick up some unique Christmas gifts whilst supporting local crafters and small businesses..

Bye for now, Julie.

LETTERS

Contributions for “Letters to the Editor” must provide the writer’s name and address to the Editor. Maximum word count for letters is 250.

Dear Editor

Horses are not predatory animals but they can be very scary. Like several other people in the village I have been harassed, chased, bumped, by those in the fields crossed by the Monarch’s Way (footpath 8) near Hall Place. On a recent walk there I was pursued by three horses and I fled. This is a mistake. I now know that you should turn square at them, raise your hands and a stick or similar as high as possible and wave them about. Use low aggressive growls and stamp your feet whilst taking assertive steps towards them. This may be obvious to those who are familiar with horses, but I hope this warning will be useful for those who are not.

Ros Chaplin

*Necton Cottage,
Paynes Hay Road,
Braishfield.*

Dear Editor

Sending sincere thanks for all the cards and kind messages at the sad passing of my dear husband Bill. They are really appreciated by myself and the family.

The funeral will be held at Test Valley Crematorium 5th October at 10.45. Family flowers only and donations to The Blind Veterans fund.

Bill really appreciated living most of his life in Braishfield.

Margery Randall & family

NOTICES

DEADLINE DATES FOR BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS 2022/23

Nov 18 for DECEMBER

Jan 13 for FEBRUARY

Mar 17 for APRIL

May 19 for JUNE



Keep up to date

Facebook and twitter are a great way to keep in touch and up to date with your local neighbourhood team. Follow us on:

Facebook: Test Valley Cops

Twitter: @TestVlyRuralPol

Hampshire Alerts is a free messaging service keeping you up to date with events and incidents via www.hampshirealert.co.uk

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

Two more winners: Guy Askham in August and Connie Lumb in September.

And we made a donation to the Youth in Romsey charity (they have a very smart place just near the Rapids and do some good work with young people).

We also gave some support to Isabelle Knight's fund raising for her school trip to Kenya in 2024.

Do let us know if you're fundraising for a good cause and we'll see if we can help. And do let us know if you would like to join in this village lottery and the chance to be a lucky winner! It's easy to join - just give me a call

David Robinson (tel 368774)

Braishfield Village Hall – Change of date!

2021 - 2022 AGM will be held on
Thursday 3rd November @ 7.30pm

The Village Quiz will be returning on **Friday 18th November**

Please make a note of these dates now - both events in the Village Hall – further details in the next edition of the BVN

All Saints' Church
*Blue Skies and
Sunflowers*
Thank you

We'd like to thank all the fabulous performers, those 'behind the scenes', anyone who donated gifts and everyone who came along and supported us on the evening.

With your wonderful support, we've surpassed our own expectations and raised a massive **£1,720** for the Braishfield Ukrainian Support Group.

All Saints' Church, Braishfield organised a concert, "Blue Skies and Sunflowers", with talent from the village and beyond.

The event raised **£1720** for the Braishfield Ukrainian Support Group.

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or report/ check a power cut

<https://powertrack.ssen.co.uk/powertrack>

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call SSE on 0800 072 7282294 3259 to register for Priority Services

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Phone Southern Water on 0330 303 0368

Police

Phone 101 or 999 if people are injured or there is a threat to life

Community Emergency Co-ordinator

CLlr Jane Bennett 01794 368109 or 07823 320910

Braishfield Village Voices.....

4th Monday in the month, 2.00 – 4.00, in the Church Room
24 October / 28 November / 12 December

Look forward to seeing you at any/all of these sessions...and bring a friend!
Wendy 368015/Meri 368516

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY

26 NOVEMBER 2022

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Following the success of last year's market, we will again be running our traditional Christmas market and would welcome your stall.

Any craft, artisan baker, home made preserves etc interested in selling your wares?

Reserve your table now for this event on by contacting

***JULIE KEMP on 01794 368894 or email
juliekemp@googlemail.com.***

VILLAGE QUIZ - FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

7.30PM VILLAGE HALL

Make up a team of 4/5 - cost £5 per person, includes 1 free ticket for Raffle

Questions for all ages/abilities - a fun evening!!

Please bring your own refreshments

Numbers in advance from 1st November -
please leave your name/team contact number
at The Pantry/ 368516 Ian Knights

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BRAISHFIELD

Saturday 17TH DECEMBER --SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER.

We are pleased that the above will again be held this Christmas which is a special time not only for children but for all who celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Children of all ages are invited to enter a tree and previous festivals have shown how imaginative children (and Mums and Dads !) can be. Trees can be of any medium but not taller than 4ft and any lights must only be battery operated. Trees should be brought and placed in the church on Saturday 17th December between 10am. and 12noon.

There is no charge to enter a tree and we can accept up to 10 entries this year, due to other activities taking place at the same time. Any donations raised from viewing will, as in previous years, go to the benefit of Sparks Club at Braishfield School and Messy Church.

For further information and to obtain an entry form please contact Carole Renvoize on email stevecarole.renvoize@btinternet.com not later than 30th November.

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

BRAISHFIELD FLOWER
ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

OPEN EVENING

**Demonstration by
Pam Lewis – National
Demonstrator**

**WISHING YOU A
HAPPY**



THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER
2022

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL
7.30pm (Doors Open 6.45pm)

Tickets – Members £8.00 Visitors £12.00

**To include coffee and mince pie – Raffle &
Sales Table**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:
Hazel Prince 01794 368339
yewtree.cottage@btinternet.com**

DUO BAYANELLO CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Accordion and cello combination wow a capacity audience

BMADS was able to lure two world-class musicians to Braishfield for a second time following their successful visit in 2016. Iosif Purits is one of the best known classical accordionists of his generation, and cellist and composer Cecilia Bignall is in great demand on the modern music scene. Together they are the Duo Bayanello, and they performed a wide-ranging selection of music to an enchanted audience at All Saints' Church on 1st September.

Their programme ranged from Bach to Scarlatti, through Mussorgsky and Bartok, to contemporary works including by Cecilia herself - one of these being her arrangement of 'Scarborough Fair'. Such is the busy schedule of these musicians that Cecilia was at risk of arriving late, having to hurry from a rehearsal in London for a Promenade concert two days later! The programme was adjusted to allow for this, so the first half comprised Iosif playing solo pieces. The Bayanello accordion is a particular type of instrument which, in the hands of a master like Iosif, can produce a wide range of sonorities, from an individual plangent sound to the effect of an entire orchestra. This worked to stunning effect in the church's acoustic and held the audience spellbound.

In the second half Iosif and Cecilia played duets - Cecilia was not late! - which matched the sound worlds of their instruments brilliantly, ending with a rousing piece by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla. Afterwards an appreciative audience was able to stay and mingle over a glass of something.

It was a welcome return for these occasional concerts, arranged as ever by impresario supreme Wendy Quarendon, supported by Peter and others under the auspices of BMADS. Thanks are due to them and to Rev Tom Benson for the use of the church as a perfect setting for the event.

Surplus proceeds from the concert have been divided between the church, for the Clock Tower Appeal, and the Braishfield Ukrainian Support Group.

Richard Groves

Parish Council

Braishfield Parish Council



Private Secretary to His Majesty The King and the Royal Family

**Clarence House, 8 Cleveland Row,
St. James's, London, SW1A 1BA.**

Dear Sir,

I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty the Queen and join with the nation in mourning Her loss. I write to express our heartfelt condolences to His Majesty The King and all members of the Royal family on behalf of Braishfield Parish Council.

Braishfield is a small village on the outskirts of Romsey, a Market Town, visited on many occasions by the Queen when she stayed at Broadlands.

Her Majesty the Queen will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Council and its parishioners, we give thanks for Her Majesty's unwavering service during her long and faithful reign. The Queen's selfless dedication to our nation and the wider Commonwealth has been truly inspirational.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Jane Bennett
Chairman of Council

BRAISHFIELD RECREATION GROUND

I thought residents would be interested to know that on 22 November 2022 it will be exactly 100 years since the Rec was gifted to the Village.

The land which forms the recreation ground and car park was granted under trust by A.C. King of Braishfield Manor in November 1922 for use as a recreation ground. See the splendid conveyance document – or you may prefer to read the transcript of the conveyance. Both can be viewed on the Parish Council web site - braishfield.org.uk.

Braishfield Parish Council took over as trustees of the recreation ground in 1956 –

the council did not come into existence until 1951 and the trustees had previously been members of the local community.

The village hall was constructed on a site to the north east of the recreation ground in 1980 – on land which was not part of the recreation ground. At that time, the current car park was constructed on the northern part of the recreation ground, and serves both users of the hall and users of the recreation ground. The car park also provides a means of access to the hall.

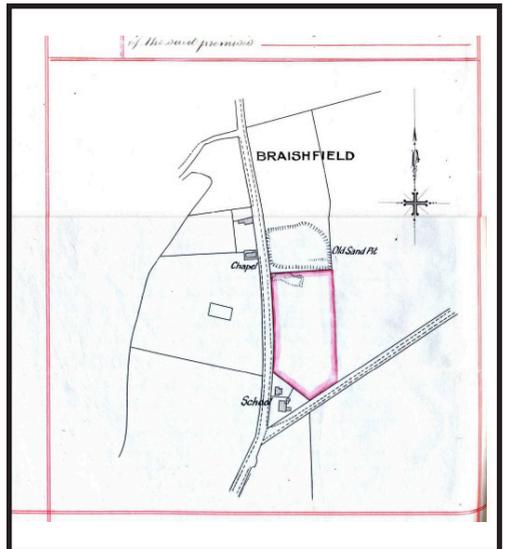
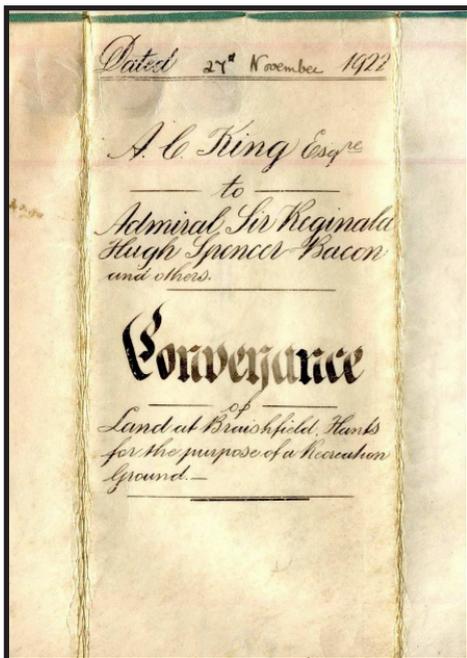
Probably for that long and maybe longer Braishfield Football Club have used the Rec to play football. I'm sure someone in the Village can verify a date.

Richard D Brazier

THE COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT IS AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

Transcript of the Braishfield Recreation Ground Trust Deed - Braishfield Parish Council

<https://www.braishfield.org.uk/recreation-ground/recreation-ground-charity/transcript-of-the-braishfield-recreation-ground-trust-deed/>



Romsey Area Health Walks

We will again be taking part this year in the Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need on October the 10th at Braishfield, starting at 10.00am, at the Village Hall. Locals are welcome to join us on this occasion, you can either have your own sponsorship form which can be downloaded from www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk or you can make a donation into a bucket and sign in to add Gift Aid on our form. If you fancy wearing any Pudsey merchandise that would be great.

Romsey Area Health Walks arrange walks around the area on a weekly basis, the walks are about 1 hour in length. We have three walks all led by trained walk leaders. A slow walk for those of limited ability, ideal for those getting over hip and knee operations and those of older years. The main walk for normal walking pace and a brisk walk for those who like to walk a bit faster.

We do appreciate using the various foot paths around Braishfield and for those who help to keep them clear. Occasionally we do have problems with fallen trees and we do have a continuing problem with one horse who does not want us venturing into the field or decides to chase us out of the fields. Test Valley and the Parish Council are aware of this issue and hopefully it will be resolved soon. If you require any further information email. romseyhealthwalks@gmail.com

Look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

Romsey Area Health Walk Leaders.



Remembrance Services 2022 at the War Memorial

Friday 11th November 10.50am

and

Sunday 13th November 10.50am

(All Saints' Church and United Reformed Church)

Refreshments afterwards in the Church Room/ Car Park

Braishfield Horticultural Society

At our meeting on Tuesday 13 September Chris Bird was our speaker. He stepped in at the last minute to replace our scheduled speaker on The English wine Industry, Jonathan Rogers



Chris gave us a talk on Grasses and Ferns and introduced us to the surprising variety available to gardeners in both these groups of plants. We learnt about the unique features of Ferns and their mode of reproduction through spores, which is quite different from Grasses which reproduce through the production of seeds. We also learnt about the mathematical connection which fern croziers have with the Fibonnaci sequence.

Growing ferns in the garden adds a new dimension in both interest and character. There are no showy flowers but the fronds are varied and unlike any other plant. The largest ferns are the Tree ferns (*Dicksonia antarctica*) native to eastern Australia, and up to 4 metres high with fronds 3 metres long. This species is most suited to the humid regions of south west England and western Scotland. At the other end of the scale is the small *Dryopteris erythrosora*, which has reddish coloured fronds when they are newly emerged. Other colour variants are found in the silvery fronds of *Athyrium niponicum*. There is also a surprising variety in our native ferns, which can easily be introduced to out gardens. The distinctive native *Asplenium scolopendrium* (Hart's Tongue fern) as a contrast does not have the divided fronds so commonly identified with ferns.

If you are thinking of adding a few ferns to your garden Hilliers have an extensive selection at the moment.

Of the grasses *Festuca glauca* was notable with it's stiff bluish leaves and the fact that it thrived in dry stony soils on exposed sites. In contrast *Hakonechloa macra* prefers partial shade and has yellowish, soft, flexuous leaves; when planted on mass the leaves give a ripple effect when the wind blows over them.

Chris has visited us before and always entertains us with his humour and knowledge.

Steve Renvoize

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

We were very happy to be able to take part in this year's Braishfield Horticultural Flower Show which resumed after an absence of 2 years following the Covid epidemic. Several of our Members produced some beautiful arrangements for the various competitions and many were rewarded with cups. I think everyone will agree that the flower arrangements certainly do produce a splash of colour at the show.



At our meeting on 22nd September we welcomed Jennifer Thompson who gave a very interesting and informative demonstration entitled 'A Moment in Time'.

On 27th October Carolyn Vanstone will be demonstrating 'Branching Out'.

Plans are already in place for our Open Evening in the Village Hall on Thursday 24th November when Pam Lewis (National Demonstrator) will be 'Wishing you a Happy Christmas'. Pam is not only an accomplished demonstrator but also very entertaining too. It's going to be another enjoyable evening packed with fun and laughter! Tickets will be on sale very soon.

We meet on the fourth Thursday in the Month in the Church Room at All Saints. We are a very friendly club so do come and join us. Flower arranging experience isn't necessary – just a love of flowers! More information is available on our website at www.braishfield.org

Carole Renvoize

Braishfield Primary School

September

Greetings from Braishfield Primary School!

There have been mixed emotions at the start of this term. Many children may have felt a little nervous about the return to school.

Our last year's Year 6 pupils had their first days at secondary and our newest learners received home visits from their teachers, before they began school on the Wednesday. On the playground, it was lovely for me to see so many children, excited to be back each morning.

The sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II was discussed in classes and assemblies. Our Queen was a great example of faithfulness and resilience during her long reign. Many have fond memories of her or of receiving a letter from her- including 3 children from our school, who shared a response that a family member had had only on the Monday of the week she passed away, showing that our Queen worked right up to the very end of her reign.

It has been lovely to see our new Learning Value of Collaboration featuring in learning opportunities around the school. I have been on lunch duty on and off a lot this term so far and have really loved seeing the older 'buddies' playing so well with our new children in Little Acorns. Being a small school has lots of advantages; getting to know every child at a deep level, being able to meet individual learning and social needs and the warm, 'family' feel that Braishfield is noted for. Thank you, all Year 5/6 children, for making our new learners feel so welcomed- I'm sure the parents & carers really appreciate it too!

Jim Cascarini

Headteacher



All Saints' Church

Dates for your diary

Saturday 1st October 6 – 8.30pm Harvest Supper in the Church Room in aid of the Church Clock fund.

Sunday 2nd October 9.30am Harvest Festival
All gifts to the Romsey Food Bank.

Friday 28th October 11.00am – 1.00pm Messy Church, Church Room All children welcome with a parent/carer

Saturday 30th October 3.00pm Remembering Sunday

A short service at All Saints church when we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those known to us, both in our village and beyond, who have died in past years. The service will be followed by tea and cakes in the Church Room.

Everyone is very welcome.

Saturday 5th November (change of date) 9.30am Churchyard Working party with refreshments

Sunday 6th November 11.00am All Saints celebration service

Sunday 13th November 10.50am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial followed by refreshments in the Church Room/ Car Park

Friday 16th December 6.30pm Carols on the Rec

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

More information? asbchurch.org or contact **Jane Bennett** on **01794 368109**

Dear Friends,

With the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, we find ourselves in a time of change. This change is unwanted, enforced, inevitable and perhaps something of a surprise, a shock. As monarch, she has been a constant in our lives for 70 years and we find ourselves at a moment of world history. Queen Elizabeth's reign covered so many world events – empires rising and falling, liberation and oppression, wars and peace; she has met innumerable world leaders and ordinary people just like us.

The Queen had a great sense of fun. Something that we perhaps saw more of



in her later years. Again, she handled this with such grace, and we might ask ourselves how she managed it? Her Majesty was a person who could shake hands with Ozzy Osbourne at a variety performance, handle Donald Trump with such consummate ease and dignity, and speak to us at times of trouble.

For me this dignity and leadership is summed up in the photo of the Queen wearing her mask sitting alone and socially distanced at the funeral of Prince Philip during Covid times. Complying with the rules of the time. Here was a person who actually WAS above the law but who chose even in her grief to stand in solidarity with her people in theirs.

Around the world, wars continue to rage, viruses continue to infect, economies continue to rise and fall, -- as they always have. Way back in the early 19th century, the poet John Keats wrote that 'There is nothing stable in the world. Uproar is your only music'. In many ways the reign of Queen Elizabeth covered the era with the most change and turmoil. Except in Her Majesty we found a constancy, a steadiness. She somehow provided an antidote to the world's uproar. She clearly regarded her role as one of duty and service, and she provided both for seven decades, without complaint.

Much has been said by others and the queen herself about her faith -- as she grew older, she expressed more publicly just how much she depended on God.

There is a line in Matthew's Gospel where Jesus told the Parable of the Bags of Gold, in chapter 25 verse 21, where the master greets his worker with the words 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' And it gives me great comfort to think that those could be the first words that Her Majesty heard as she left this world behind.

Her father George VI broadcast this moving poem "The Gate of the Year" by Mini Louise Haskins, in his Christmas broadcast of 1939. It was just after the Second World War had broken out. Many people of the time remember it, but few people know that it was Elizabeth herself, his 13-year-old daughter, who had found it for him and pressed it into his hand to use.

It goes like this:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

God Bless, Tom

Braishfield United Reformed Church

We were saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. She was such a constant presence in our lives for so long and a wonderful Christian lady. We pray for her family and King Charles that they might know God's peace and strength at this sad time.



On a happier note, I am glad to say charity events are happening for Braishfield URC's charity project, Mercy Ships, once again. Many thanks to Jack and Margaret Batchelor for hosting a lovely Coffee Morning recently. We

were well supplied with cakes, coffee, tea, and had a lovely time in their garden. We raised over £180.00 for the charity too. Well done, everyone.



Many thanks to all who helped with the harvest decorating – see the pictures!



As ever the food goes to the Romsey Food Bank and I am glad to say a lot was sent. Thank you, everyone. Don't forget we do collect food for the Food Bank

(tinned and dried items, please) regularly. Please bring them along to church on the third Sunday of the month.

For more details please contact:-

The Minister:
The Church Secretary:

The Reverend Mike Perrott, MA - 01794 512163
Shirley Smith - 01794 368447

Braishfield Pantry



Summer at the pantry

Wow, what a hot busy summer we have had, lots of sales of ice creams and lots more visitors for coffee, tea and cakes, many have left some amazing comments after enjoying browsing around our lovely shop.

During the summer term we welcomed the Year 6 from Braishfield School to come and help out in the Pantry, they helped with all the tasks with great enthusiasm, as well as serving and chatting to our customers some were lucky enough to ice cakes, price goods, serve on the till and helped with any task that needed doing, the washing up and sweeping the patio we're surprisingly popular too.

Cooler days are coming and we will welcome more visitors inside but still able to sit out if they wish.

Our garden area is looking great and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers, whether they help us serving in the shop or behind the scenes - we couldn't do it without you!

We have also welcomed three new Ukrainian volunteers who are enjoying serving our customers and getting to know them.

If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers please pop in for a chat we are a very friendly bunch.

Christmas at the pantry

Yes, it will soon be upon us!

Gemma and myself with the help of Alison had to place our orders in July in the heatwave!

This Christmas we will again be offering turkeys, Braishfield bangers, sausage meat, Gammons, cheeses, trout pate and all the normal Christmas goodies.

Order forms will be out in November so pop in for yours.

Happy shopping!

Sharon and the Pantry team

Social Contact Group

On a lovely warm sunny morning in August we visited Gilbert's Dahlia Nursery for coffee & cake. We were so well looked after whilst seating outside under cover to keep us cool. Following our refreshments we were then able to see the amazing riot of colour whilst strolling through the dahlia fields. Difficult to decide which was our favourite!



Our future plans are already in place including the reservation for our Christmas Lunch in December. If you would like to join our very friendly group please don't hesitate to contact me on 368339. I look forward to hearing from you.

Hazel Prince

What a busy month – our summer reunion lunch in August followed by our 4 years in the planning 11 day trip to Austria and Oberammergau in September. We arrived at Hotel Sonnschein in Neiderau – a beautiful 5 star hotel with pools and sauna that many of us enjoyed, set in the mountains. Some had an afternoon nap and others went into the village to explore and find the little church. Wednesday in sunshine we went to Rattenburg on the River Inn and enjoyed stretching our legs in the smallest medieval city in Austria. Wonderful crystal and chocolate shops and lunch outdoors in the Cafes. Thursday we went to stunning Salzburg with some initial rain but fine once there. Some visited the Mozart Museum and others just enjoyed the beautiful buildings and narrow streets in the old city. On Friday we went up to Achensee and a gentle accessible boat trip up the lake between steep mountains with lunch afterwards in the shoreside village.

Saturday our drivers day off, Paul and Steve (extra driver and Trustee) helped us so we took the Gondolas up the mountain and with the help of the drivers got the VIPs and their wheelchairs safely up and down the track at the top to the mountain ski café for lunch outside on the terrace. In warm sunshine the views were unbeatable with bells ringing (on the cows) and goats on the steep slopes. This is where our Jumbulance Ski trips come in the new year. A real sense of achievement to have got people up there literally above the clouds. Saturday evening they had live music and dancing – very traditional and fun. All the hotel staff always wore beautiful traditional dress and were so kind. Jumbulance are given a special rate by the family run hotel or we could never have been able to stay in a 5 star hotel.

Sunday we went up the Brenner Pass for the views and into Italy for some different Italian adventures. In the evenings we had Games and a Fancy Dress evening, also a Raffle which other guests joined in with and raised E205.

On Monday we drove past Innsbruck and over the German border to Oberammergau and the much awaited Passion Play. We stayed in a lovely hotel outside the village with accessible rooms and really geared up for blind guests. Tuesday we went early into Oberammergau for a talk by the English speaking, Freddie, who was later to play Jesus in the Passion play. He had played him in 2010 too which is very unusual to get a second go at the main role. He gave us the history of the play which started after the plague of 1632. You have to live in Oberammergau for over 20 years or have been born there. All are amateurs. Now they have more women and allow people of other faiths. We all had a translation of the Passion Play and this was our chance to ask questions. The village of under 5,000 residents had over 2,400 people in the play. We then had a lunch, pre arranged near the theatre and then at 1.30pm the Play started. The size of the company – women , men and children was amazing and all looking so at ease. Even small children are involved from an early age. The play was so moving even if we had to translate the German from the book. It is very dramatic and although much is obvious the language was very beautiful and I used the book. We had a 3 hour break for dinner and movement after sitting so long. Then at 7pm back into the play. It was so emotional and dramatic. Next day we had a later start and a hot lunch in the hotel before loading up and setting off home. We were home after another overnight journey with beds for those who needed one, all tired but very happy.

What a wonderful experience with a great team of experienced drivers, nurses and volunteers who worked so well together to make this happen. An enormous thank you to many local people who support us financially and in other ways as this was a highly subsidised trip and for most of us a once in a lifetime event.



Sheep Matter at Elm Grove



The rams are still spending most of their days lying closely together in the field, dozing; they do seem to be the best of friends. They occasionally break into a gentle trot when they see the blue bucket with feed supplement coming towards them! We were responsible for feeding the sheep for a few days when Kate and family were away and although the rams are very gentle, the art was to get the food into the trough before they noticed and then leave the field quickly. There are two young boy lambs in the field with the rams and Kate is training them to respond to the bucket, as it makes for an easier life if they need to be controlled. Rattle the bucket and they will follow anywhere!

Kate has bought another Lleyn ram to use this year and he will be put with the daughters of Hank, the ram she has had for the last couple of years as Hank cannot be put with his own daughters. Hank will then be used with the older Lleyn ewes and some of the new ones that Kate has just bought, too. The new ram goes by the name of Applewood Kaiser Chief! Pedigrees have to be named by the Society, each year a different letter of the alphabet is used. Hank was just Hank! I suppose he must be 3 years older than Kaiser.

The north country mules will be put to the lovely Suffolk ram this autumn, and hopefully it will all go well. The 7 'pet' lambs are great, very chatty and say hello when they see anyone walking down the track; they are either saying 'hello', or, more likely, asking for more food!

Otherwise, there was concern that hay was having to be used to feed the sheep as there was very little grass, but fortunately nature has started to even itself out and the grass is growing again. Let us hope that there will be enough hay for the winter months.

Fly is doing well, acting as Kate's right-hand dog. She loves rounding up the sheep and doing what Kate asks and she is very good at it.

Wendy Q.

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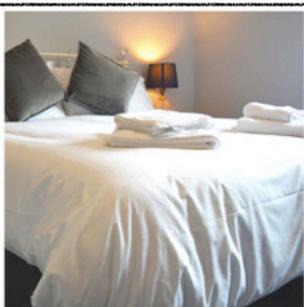
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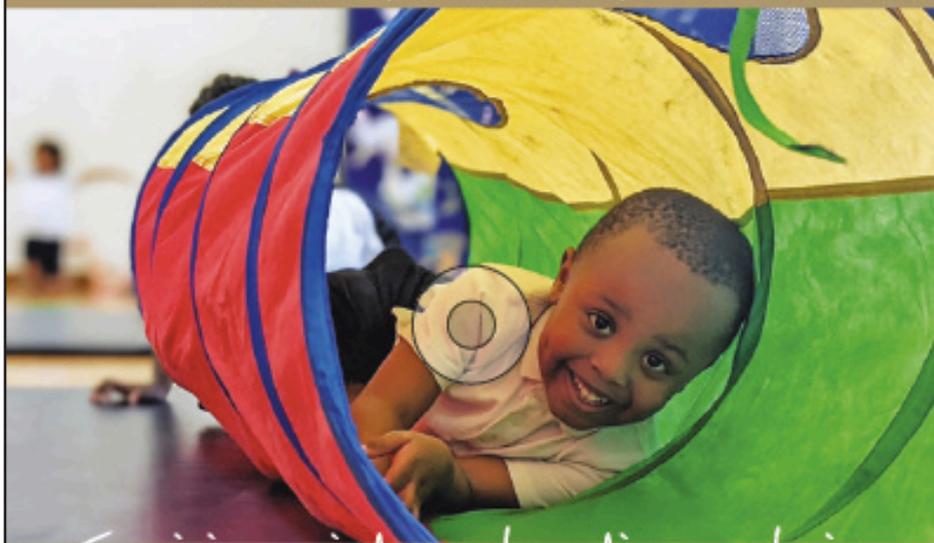
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