



# BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

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The United Reformed Church decked out in full flower glory

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# Braishfield Village Association

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## From the Chair

What a few busy weeks it's been in Braishfield! It was great to see such a good turnout at the School Summer Fayre. No one was able to get past Mr Cascarini without parting with a pound or two for his £50 note challenge. No pitch needed for him, just lots of enthusiasm and energetic running about !! A great idea Mr Cascarini, the BVA may just have to 'borrow' that one !

We also had the BVA local knowledge quiz which was well supported considering the awful weather that we had that evening. Full report p.12.

Talking of awful weather, I am sure many hearts sank in the week leading up to the Flower Show wondering if anything would survive the wind and torrential rain . Off I went on the morning of the Show with my rather battered rose and a jugful of assorted weather beaten blooms. Needless to say, my beginners luck from the previous year had well and truly run out!

An amazing display of flowers , fruit and veg greeted me . Those with years of experience obviously had a wet weather plan and it showed .....

Bye for now , Julie

## ***The Braishfield 200 Club***

June and July winners were Sarah Boothman and Charlie Menzies-Wilson. So if you see either of them driving flash cars or sporting a Barbados tan, you'll know why! (Ahem!)

We made our monthly donations to All Saints and the United Reformed Churches.

Still open to new members by the way! Fabulous riches may not come your way, but it's still quite a nice prize paid out each month, and the remainder all goes to good causes.

*David Robinson, Tel 01794 368774*

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## Notices

### Braishfield Village Voices.....



August 2014, and there was a suggestion of having a very informal singing group, giving people the chance to sing 'plenty of the old songs'. Nine years on and 145+ songs later, our group has grown to 30+, many of whom come along regularly to enjoy a whole variety of songs. Popular tunes, songs from the shows (new and old), rounds and action songs, hymns, wartime melodies – suggestions from the group have all been shared.

All are welcome – we meet in the Church Room, usually 4th Monday in each month, from 2 – 4pm, with an all-important break for refreshments and chat part-way through the afternoon.

Future dates - August 21\*/September 25/October 23/



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

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Hampshire Alerts is a free messaging service keeping you up to date with events and incidents via [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk)

DEADLINE  
DATES FOR  
BRAISHFIELD  
VILLAGE NEWS  
2023

Sept 22 for OCT  
Nov 17 for DEC



**BRAISHFIELD ?**

## **You can still have your say on the future of Braishfield**

If we complete it, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes a statutory planning document; it is important we get as many replies as possible regarding future development in the village so that our voice is heard loudly and clearly by the planners.

We have therefore decided to extend the survey period until the end of August. So, if you haven't filled in a survey, please do so either at [BraishfieldNP.org/survey](http://BraishfieldNP.org/survey), or return a paper copy to the Pantry or to any of the addresses given on the back. You can get a new paper copy from the Pantry.

Please do it!

### In Case of Emergency

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or report/ check a power cut

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

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life

Community Emergency Co-ordinator

Cllr Jane Bennett 01794 368109 or 07823 320910

Braishfield and Farley  
Chamberlayne  
raised £879.50 for  
Christian Aid



## BMADS

Braishfield Music & Drama Society has arranged another picnic & play reading on Saturday, 12 August of a dramatised version of Graham Greene's Travels with my Aunt. It is a story full of larger than life characters and exotic locations - plenty of opportunity to throw oneself into a meaty part!

As ever, new as well as old members are very welcome, so please contact Mike Allen on 368014 or at [ovstores@gmail.com](mailto:ovstores@gmail.com) if you would like to join in what will be a fun afternoon.

# Donations



We would like to thank all those who donate toward the cost of Braishfield Village News. We welcome any support you can give us to keep the magazine viable in 2023. This can be a ONE OFF PAYMENT or a MONTHLY STANDING ORDER. If you wish to make a donation please complete the slip below and send with your donation to:-

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Kate Marshall

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A standing order form to make annual donations to the BVN is available. Please contact the Treasurer, Kate Marshall, and she will send you one.

## Report from Cllr Sally Yalden, Borough Councillor

It's been a rather hectic but exciting few months as I settle into the role of your new borough councillor. Once again, thank you for your support and encouragement - it is a huge honour to represent our wonderful community and village. From parish councillors, to borough councillors, to county councillors, it might seem confusing as to who does what, but Test Valley Borough Council is responsible for community and leisure, environmental services, housing and environmental health, planning and building, property and asset management, and planning policy and economic development.

For anyone who would like a detailed summary of the work I have been doing since being elected, please do read the minutes from Braishfield Parish Council's meetings as I am providing written updates on a monthly basis. Minutes can be found on Braishfield Parish Council's website: [Minutes - Braishfield Parish Council](#)

In April of this year, following approval at Council, TVBC has now shared its new Corporate Plan for 2023-2027 [Corporate Plan 2023-2027 | Test Valley Borough Council](#). The plan will play a key part in determining decision-making, laying out the council's vision, values, priorities and place-based approach for residents.

The final format of the plan was officially launched in June. It focuses on five main priorities:

- Sustainability – delivering lasting benefits for our communities;
- Connection – building upon our communities' identities, strengths and ambitions;
- Environment – a greener borough for all;
- Inclusion – working together to create opportunities;
- Prosperity – creating economic growth that impacts positively on our communities.

The four-year plan also reflects the Council's commitment to working with our communities in a way that celebrates their uniqueness, sense of belonging and the ambitions people have for the places where they live.

My email address is [CllrSYalden@testvalley.org.uk](mailto:CllrSYalden@testvalley.org.uk) or my mobile number is 07783821561 if you need to get in touch - I would be delighted to hear from you.

Best wishes,  
Sally



# Braishfield Parish Council

## **Parking along Braishfield Road**

Complaints have been received regarding cars parked inconsiderately at the entrance to the Village Hall. There have been a couple of near misses and we request that anyone parking here leaves a safe distance to allow full visibility onto the highway. The Highway Code advises drivers not to stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction.

Your assistance is much appreciated.

*Braishfield Parish Council and Trustees of the Village Hall*

## **BMADS concert on October 28th 7.30pm in All Saints Church.**

Put the date in your diaries now! BMADS are very pleased to be able to support another concert to be performed in All Saints Church at the end of October, at the suggestion of Sophie Renshaw who has played here several times and has introduced us to many extraordinary musicians. This is to be a Folk concert and Sophie writes:

*'I am in rehearsal with Paul Hutchinson of Balshazzar's Feast and Coracle (both of which are very highly regarded Folk groups), on accordion, Gaby Maas on fiddle and nyckleharper (which is a Scandinavian fiddle-type of instrument) and Lucy Russell (violin and Hardanger and who is leader of my trio you heard play Goldberg Variations). We are developing a lovely programme of folk tunes from Scandinavia, England and beyond plus some re-workings of our own of Baroque composers such as Purcell and would like to offer this programme to you in October'.*

This is going to be a really joyful concert, just what we all need and I am sure the church will be loud with the sound of feet tapping. This is an incredible line-up and we are honoured to have them coming!

Do get in touch if you would like to attend; my notebook is open ready for names to be added. Details will follow later.

Wendy Quarendon  
wendy@quarendon.net  
01794 368015

## News from the Local Hospice



Many of you might have seen the report about the hospice on BBC South recently which highlighted the important work we do. We thought you might like some more detail on your local hospice which not only covers Andover and Braishfield, but Romsey, Whitchurch, Sutton Scotney and the many surrounding villages.

At the heart of our services lies the exceptional new hospice building, with ten rooms for patients requiring expert palliative care. Ensuite rooms with state-of-the-art beds which expand to a double for partners and families to snuggle together, and access to a patio and beautiful gardens.

In addition, we care for over 160 patients in the community. The Community Palliative Care Team is a beacon of hope and guidance for these individuals and their families, providing invaluable symptom control, emotional support and coordination of all aspects of care. Our dedicated Home Care Team can respond quickly to deliver personalised care directly to individuals in their own homes.

Overnight, a team of qualified clinicians provide a Hospice at Home service. Many concerns can be dealt with over the phone, but nurses can attend emergency calls and visit patients experiencing severe symptoms if needed.

Self-caring individuals with a life-limiting condition but a long-term prognosis benefit greatly from our Day Centre where up to 3 times a week a programme offers arts and crafts, well-being and therapy, cooking and baking, quizzes and games.

We are grateful that many of you have contributed generously to support the Countess of Brecknock Hospice in Andover. Through your gifts, we can maintain the high standards that have earned us an outstanding CQC rating and a gold accreditation within the Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Thank you.

Please visit our website [www.cobh.org.uk](http://www.cobh.org.uk) for more information.

The Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust

Brecknock House, Henry Gamman Drive, Andover SP10 3LB

Registered Charity: 1067238

**Andover Crisis and Support Centre**, which has been helping local survivors of domestic and sexual abuse move forward with their lives since 1975, has today announced it is changing its name to reflect the broader range of services it now offers.

**Finding Freedom From Abuse** operates across the entire Test Valley region and provides a range of services and programmes that offer emotional and practical support.

For more information about Finding Freedom From Abuse, please visit [www.findingfreedom.org.uk](http://www.findingfreedom.org.uk) or email [enquiries@findingfreedom.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@findingfreedom.org.uk) or call 03332 422 055



## BVA LOCAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ EVENING

Following weeks of advertising and organising, the 30th June saw the local knowledge quiz hosted by the BVA.

10 teams gathered at the Village Hall to test their knowledge and pit their wits against fellow villagers . Teams were encouraged to arrive early to peruse the “picture round” photographs that were displayed in the Committee room. Lots of discussion and headscratching took place before contestants were invited to take their seats.

There were 6 rounds in the first half including History, Geography, General Knowledge and Village Administration.

During the interval,all were treated to a fabulous Ploughmans Supper with a selection of cheeses, chutneys, pickles, fruit and a neverending supply of crusty bread washed down with plenty of liquid refreshment! There was lots of chatter "where is that?" "Are you sure?" together with the odd attempt at cheating and buttering up the Committee !

The raffle was well supported and the lucky winner was Chris Ward who won a cash prize, with Jane and Graham Bennett the lucky recipients of a selection of wines as second.





The second half saw further rounds on Village life whilst the teams continued to graze on their supper. It was then time to reveal the answers where many cries of "of course it is!" and "I said that!" were heard.

The papers were marked and scores added up, and the winners were declared as Anne and Mike Edwards and Diana Wyers who won a hamper of local produce from the Pantry.

We always said, if you don't know much, you certainly will by the end of the evening. I think we can say this was very accurate! A fun evening had by all, and a healthy profit of £520 made to help with printing costs of the BVN.

Braishfield Village Association



**SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Ride & Stride Day supports our Churches & Chapels in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight This event happens nationally.**

Why not visit all the churches in the Five Alive Benefice or go further afield to see more of the wonderful churches in Hampshire on Ride & Stride Day Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Get yourself sponsored to raise some much needed funds for your nominated church – 50% of the sponsorship money for a nominated church is returned to them!

The Trust keeps the other half plus any gift aid to hand out in grants to our churches on application. All Saints, Braishfield benefited for repairs to the tower and clock. Our Grants Committee are very supportive of churches to the extent that they sometimes offer advice!

The Trust is run entirely by volunteers so almost all the money raised goes to our churches.

Please join us and register for Ride & Stride on **Saturday 9th September**. If the date conflicts then pick another day to visit some of our county's wonderful churches by whatever means you wish! Enjoy a picnic and have a fun day exploring our wonderful cultural heritage!

We will be visiting some area of Hampshire this year so you are most welcome to sponsor us and nominate your church. If you need further information please email us on [rideandstride@hihct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@hihct.org.uk) or ring 01794 368427. Our thanks to All Saints (Braishfield), St John's and the United Reform Church congregations for sponsoring in 2022

Please raise sponsorship, open your church, or make a donation. Participating churches will be on our website and it is best to check registrations shortly before the event. <https://hihct.org.uk/participating-churches/>

Chris & Meryl Balchin

[www.hihct.org.uk](http://www.hihct.org.uk)

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# Braishfield Pantry

## NEWS FROM THE PANTRY



Summer is here and the long summer holidays have begun – plenty of ice creams in the freezer!

Here at The Pantry, we've been awarded the Elite award from Test Valley Food Standards Agency, for receiving a 5\* food/hygiene rating three times in a row! We are very proud of this and our 'Elite' sticker is now in pride of place on our door for all to see.

On 1st August, we have been asked to provide cakes and cheese scones for a Test Valley Community gathering at the Crosfield Hall.

Sharon is busy baking even more than usual and it's great that she has been asked to do the catering at this event – word has got round that our cakes are popular and recent Google reviews have proved this!

We have a new stock of our popular 'Lemon and Lime Drizzle' gin and keep your eyes peeled for raffle tickets to win a Gin Hamper, which includes two bottles of local gin plus mixers and some nibbles – a real bargain!

Our Braishfield Bangers remain a favourite among our customers and we also have other flavoured sausages throughout the summer too, great for summer barbecues.

Braishfield Pantry is here for you all, so please pay us a visit – use it, support it or risk losing it! We really look forward to seeing you over the next few months.

*The Pantry Team*

P.s We always need more volunteers so pop in for a chat if you can spare a few hours.

# Braishfield Primary School

Greetings from Braishfield Primary School!



## May & June

In May, we were able to publish the report from the Ofsted inspection in March. I was so pleased that the report celebrated all the good things that we do on a daily basis. Pupils enjoy attending this caring and happy school. They achieve well and feel safe. There is a strong sense of community, the report states. Our curriculum, we know, has high expectations for all pupils, including children with SEND and the strong teaching ensures that pupils learn well and remember what they have been taught. Safeguarding, leadership and management, behaviour and children's personal development all came out strongly.

I really felt that the report was an accurate and fair reflection of what goes on at Braishfield every single day. I am so proud of the children, staff, Governors and wider community - well done, everyone!



One example of our fabulous community: a well-organised and successful Coronation Tea Party. Coming together to celebrate, eat and have fun is important - some of the best conversations happen over a cuppa and a slice of cake! Many thanks to the BSA for running this

for our children and community.



Broadening the outlook of young learners is one of the most important things we do at Braishfield. We believe not only that great oaks from little acorns grow, but that our 'great Oaks' will one day be citizens who play an active part in the economy and society of our nation and beyond. The visit for Year 6 pupils to Parliament was designed to do just that. Serving as a follow-up to our work during UK Parliament Week, our children walked the corridors of power, observed MPs debating the 'Cost of Living Bill', held their own debate and met our local MP- Caroline Nokes- to ask her about the workings of Parliament. Taking the train and walking through Central London were also big attractions!

Jim Cascarini  
Headteacher



# The Flower Show

On Saturday 15th July the Society held its annual Flower Show which was very well supported with over 170 exhibitors. There was a colourful display of flowers, plants, shrubs, grasses, vegetables and soft fruits.



The culinary section of cakes, marmalade, jams and chutneys was well supported and alongside this was a class for children who made 4 cupcakes. The men baked a beetroot and chocolate cake. It was great to see a number of new entrants and just 5 people won the same prize as in 2022, so competition is heating up!



The 4 sections in the art and photographic classes saw some stunning entries with Wendy Dolby-Stevens winning the Best single entry. Next year's special theme for photos is 'Chilling Out' so please start clicking away now!

The Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society added spectacular colour to the hall with their displays which included a pedestal, a door wreath and a petite arrangement.

The children from Braishfield School again produced some very colourful and artistic entries. There were five age groups with classes including a drawing of a plant or flower, flags made from textiles, a screen printed poster and some lovely fabric tree frogs.



Along with the raffle, plant stall and teas it was an afternoon enjoyed by many. The afternoon ended with the presentation of trophies by Julie Kemp, Chair of Braishfield Village Association and Chairman Steve Renvoize thanked everyone for their contributions particularly in view of the weather. We'd like to thank everyone involved in making the show a huge success plus all the entrants and visitors. Alongside all the winners, special congratulations go to Yelena Clifton who won the Best Entry in the Flower Section and Leo Morey who produced a lovely collage garden. Braishfield Horticultural Society meet the second Tuesday of the month (excluding August) whilst the Braishfield Flower Club meet on 4th Thursday of the month. Non-members are always welcome.

*Ian and Wendy Jeffery*



# Braishfield Horticultural Society

This summer our members enjoyed three garden visits. Our first visit was on a lovely spring afternoon towards the end of April to Lepe House. Lepe House is part of the Lepe Estate and is situated at the mouth of the Beaulieu River. The estate includes properties, extensive gardens, grazing lands and a privately owned beach.



The gardens consist of 14 acres of a landscaped spring woodland garden originally planted in 1893 and consists of camellias, mature magnolias and rhododendron, also a walled garden, ponds and spring bulbs. The coastal walk overlooks the Solent. This was the embarkation point for D-Day.

Our second visit was to Twin Oaks, Chandlers Ford, this garden is still being developed. A suburban garden with plenty of colour from azaleas and rhododendrons, perennials and bulbs. The lawns meander around informal beds with a stream with bridges leading from one area to another. Seating around the garden with mirrors giving an impression of depth. There was even an Aviary with birds and several guinea pigs

Our third visit was to Wingham Barn Cottage, Ampfield. This is a Forest Garden and a completely new concept for most members. Ruth and Jon aim to grow most of their own food whilst also creating diverse habitats to attract wildlife. A silage clamp has been repurposed to become a walled garden complete with polytunnel, green house and raised bed. They have planted over 200 native trees, a new hedge and numerous fruit trees and a number of ponds have been dug. Part of the former grazing meadow is now a young forest garden. The aim is to mimic a young open forest with the purpose of producing food in a way that is both sustainable and low maintenance. Each evening ended with a meal in one of the local public houses. If you would like to join us next year or there is a garden you would like to visit please let us know.

## **Meetings:**

Sept 12 th - Ben Cross 'British Flowers Rock' – from young Alstroemeria plants to the cut flower.

October 10 th - Members Eve

November 14 th – AGM

Non-members always welcome so why not come along.

# Braishfield United Reformed Church

## News From Braishfield URC

Glad to report our Favourite Hymns service on 9th July was lovely and everyone was in fine voice. Just as well too – we had ten hymns interspersed with readings. Well done, all!

The decorations for the Flower Festival in our church, as ever, were fantastic. Many thanks to all who generously put in an arrangement. The church was so colourful and the pictures can only show a tiny selection.



Our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday, 24th September at 10.00 am. The church will be open from 10.00 am for decorating on Saturday 23rd September. If you can help with the decorating of the church, please come along. Decorations will include flowers, vegetables, tinned and dried food. Suitable items will be donated to the Romsey Food Bank after the harvest weekend. Any help that can be offered here would be much appreciated. Thank you.



The church will be open for visitors to admire the wonderful decorations on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September from 10.00 am to 6 pm.

The church will be “undecorated” on Monday, 25th September. Again any help with this would be much appreciated. Again, please come along from 10.00 am. Braishfield always has a wonderful harvest display. Let’s keep that tradition going!

For more details please contact:-

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

Church Secretary/Elder: Shirley Smith - 01794 368447

Elder: Allison Symes – 02380 262803

# All Saints' Church

## Dates for your diary

Saturday 19th August 4pm BBQ in the Church car park

Saturday 2nd Sept 9.30am Churchyard Working Party

Saturday 30th September 6pm Harvest Supper in the Church Room

Sunday 29 th October 3pm Remembering Service

Sunday 5th November 11am Thanksgiving, dedication and celebration for the Clock Tower

Sunday 12 th November 10.50am Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial

Saturday 18th November 9.30am Churchyard Working Party

16th December - 30th December Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 22nd December Carols on the Rec 6.30-7.15pm (Fish and Chips from 5pm)

We do hope you can join us!

More information: [www.asbchurch.org](http://www.asbchurch.org) or contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109



## From Rev Tom.....

The year is rolling on, the children have broken up for their summer break, our farmers are keeping a close eye on the weather as the crops ripen and maybe, for some of us at least, the pace of things slows down a bit. Maybe we have a bit of time to catch our breath and look around us. And that is no bad thing.

Our Sunday readings recently have been taken from Matthew 13 and this chapter

contains many of the parables that Jesus told us. The parables of the sower, the weeds, the hidden treasure, the net, the mustard seed and the yeast. These stories are timeless, easily retellable, things that makes us ask questions of ourselves. Jesus often taught using parables because he knew that we engage and remember more from a story than we do a lecture. How many of us can remember far more about our favourite film than we can about our physics O level? Why is it that I can remember all the words to the title sequence of 'Champion the Wonder Horse' and nothing of the Periodic Table?

Stories are important, they are a great way of passing information down through the generations. I can recount tales about my great grandparents because their stories are told and retold with great affection. Those stories are family treasures and important to hold on to.

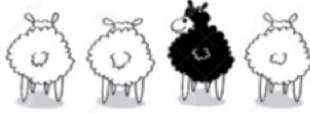
So if you are fortunate enough to have a little time to take stock this summer, why not think about your family stories and perhaps think about the story of your life, its ups, downs, challenges and joys? Whatever your stories are, treasure them and make sure that they are passed along to the next generation.

Before I sign off, I would like to thank everyone for your support for my trip to the Arctic Circle, I covered over 6000 miles with only one breakdown , met lots of lovely folk, saw too many reindeer to count and together we raised over £4900 (with gift aid) for Prostate Cancer UK. So thank you all again and have a lovely summer.

God Bless, Tom



## Sheep Matter at Elm Grove



Kate is very pleased with her tally of lambs born in the spring; the ewes seem happy; shearing has been completed and the rams are content; what more could one want?

When walking by you may see Kate with a lamb on the lead. She is going to show two of her Lleyn lambs, one male and one female at the New Forest Show. She has never done this before, so it is a bit scary! The girls are also going to walk round the ring with the lambs, in the young-handler classes. Be very interesting to see how they get on!

Her stock of Lleyn ewes is growing due to a good proportion of this year's lambs being girls which is really good as she aims to build up her flock of Lleyns.

Otherwise, to the mere on-looker all seems quiet, but there are an awful lot of jobs to be done to keep the flock healthy, allowing the ewes to recover from giving birth and feeding, ready for when the whole cycle starts again!

*Wendy Quarendon*





## Social Contact Group

On a beautiful warm sunny afternoon in June we had afternoon tea in The Rectory Garden. We really appreciated the kind invitation from Rev Tom & his lovely wife Maryanne, both of whom put in a lot of thought to ensure we had a brilliant afternoon. As can be seen from the photo we sat in the shade of a lovely old tree, the tea kept flowing, tummies were full, chatter & laughter surrounded us all and no-one wanted to go home.

If you would like to join our very friendly group please don't hesitate, just give me a call on 368339.

Hazel Prince



**BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CLUB**

**opening hours: Wed, Thurs, Fri 7pm-11pm  
Sat 7pm-11.30pm, Sun 12.00noon-4pm & 7pm-10pm  
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays**

**Weekly Events**

Friday Nights - Quiz every fortnight  
Saturday Nights - Meat Draw  
Sunday Nights - Bingo

We also have Pigeon Club, Dart and Crib Teams,  
Snooker Room available. **We no longer have a skittle alley**

**Regular Events**

**Quiz Nights** - held fortnightly on Friday Nights  
**Bingo** Every Sunday Evening

**Future Events**

**Jack B Daniels 50's-80's live music** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
**Stevie John (live music)** 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
**Motor Bike Meet** 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (Sunday)  
**80's Disco** 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
**Tiki Takeover (Caribbean theme)** 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Sunday)  
**Motor Bike Meet** 10<sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)  
**Peter Pods Peas** 30<sup>th</sup> September  
**Classic Car Show** 8<sup>th</sup> October (Sunday)

**Please see Club Notices for more details**

**MORE EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2023**

**Visit the club to find out more**

**LARGE FUNCTION ROOM AVAILABLE for celebrations,  
birthdays, wedding receptions, christenings, wakes etc.**

The village wheelchair has become unsafe for use so is no longer available

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## 2023 Market Dates

Braishfield Village Hall, Braishfield, SO51 0PN  
 Last Saturday of a Month  
 9.30- 12.30

26th August	25th November
30th September	16th December
28th October	

Romsey Town Hall Market  
 & Community Cafe  
 2nd & 4th Friday of a Month  
 10.30- 12.30

8th & 22nd September  
 13th & 27th October  
 10th November  
 1st, 8th, 15th December

Romsey Market at  
 The Corn Exchange  
 1st Saturday of a Month  
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5th August  
 2nd September  
 7th October  
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Recyclable materials in cardboard boxes left beside the brown bin on recycling weeks will be collected throughout the year.



Recycle weeks beginning MONDAY:

31 July, 14th and 28th August

11th and 25th September

Household waste weeks beginning MONDAY:

7th and 21st August

4th and 18th September

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

## Recycling Is Easy!

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

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

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

«Glass bottles and jars «Textiles «Aluminium foil

«Cartons «Books and media

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

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## Brown Bin Recycling Tips

« Ensure your recyclable items are clean and dry.

« Don't bag your items – keep them loose or they won't be recycled!

« Don't put other plastics (pots, tubs, trays) in your bin – we can only recycle plastic bottles.

« If in doubt, have a look at the recycling guide:

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