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The Northern Lights above All Saints' Church

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Front cover: *Megan Holdaway*

From the Chair

We're obviously a blood thirsty bunch in Braishfield judging by the demand for tickets to our Murder Mystery evening! What a fabulous turnout! We originally allocated 84 tickets but as demand grew, we spent an afternoon at the hall, playing around with tables and finally managed to squeeze in 110 guests.

Many thanks to all of you that came along, I do hope you had a fabulous evening. A special thanks to BMADS for putting on an entertaining and polished performance.

For those of you that are new to the Village or just may not know every resident in the Village becomes an automatic member of the Braishfield Village Association just by living here. The Committee are there to simply represent you and organise events for the benefit of all villagers. If there is a particular event that you would like to see happening, then please get in touch. We are open to all suggestions and it is important that we put on a variety of events to cater for all ages and tastes.

I hope you have seen the signs around the village advertising the School Summer Fayre on Sat 8th June. We are very lucky to still have a village school, and I know from experience, that all monies raised go towards enhancing the children's education via new equipment, school trips and much more. Please do support this event if you can. I hope the sun shines for them, it'll make such a difference.

Bye for now , Julie.

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DEADLINE DATES FOR BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS 2024

July 19 for AUG
Sep 20 for OCT
Nov 22 for DEC

Braishfield Village Voices.....



If you ever thought you couldn't sing or ever been told "you can't sing", then think again and come along to Braishfield Village Voices!

Gardening, walking, singing, being outside, meeting up with friends - all these activities need to be on the NHS to help us keep fit, healthy and happy!

This very informal group usually meets on the 4th Monday of the month, 2-4 pm in the Church Rooms, with an all-important refreshment break partway through. There's always plenty of songs of many varieties, lots of good humour and with absolutely no musical/singing training needed.

We look forward to seeing you on any/all of the following dates:

June 24 / July 22 / Aug 19 (when we celebrate 10 years of BVV!)

Please contact Meri 368516 / Wendy 368015 for further details



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Save the date - Carols on the Rec will be held on 20 December 2024!

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

April and May winners were Jeremy Brown and Jerry Metherell. Our donations went to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance service, and the Romsey Food Bank.

As ever, we're keen to attract more members. If you can afford £5 a month (less than two cups of coffee) please give it some thought!

David Robinson, tel 368774

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Braishfield Library - The Old Telephone Kiosk

Just a reminder that the library is for fiction paperbacks only (bring one, take one) - no hardbacks please.

Parish Council

Exciting Opportunity

After being a founding supporter and director of The Pantry, Ian Barrow has decided it is now time to step aside as a director.

However, he intends to continue contributing to the work of the village shop and café.

On behalf of the Trustees of the Village Hall, I would like to thank Ian for all he has done over the years.

We are now looking for an enthusiastic person to become a new director of The Pantry.

You may have relevant experience/skills or just be keen to support The Pantry as a wonderful village asset.

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact me... Ian Knights

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

If you require special assistance

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

Water supply or wastewater emergencies, blocked drains or possible pollution - 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



At the end of June Bruce Chapman and Rev'd Tom Benson will be attempting an 'Ironbutt Challenge' to ride 1000 miles by motorcycle (not the ones in the picture though!) in 24hours to raise money for Epilepsy Research UK.

To donate – go to

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laramayweston>

Or contact Tom on 01794 368335 or Bruce on 07753107172



“It seemed like a good idea at the time.....”

DUMMER FAMILY

DO YOU KNOW THESE FOLK?

I have two photographs of members of the above family that I can only speculate about their names. One is of a couple that could be George and Ellen Dummer, who were my Grandparents.

The other photo is of a wedding group, believe, taken in the early 20th century based on the dress styles possibly sometime between 1900 and 1910.

The photos were obviously treasured by my grandmother and my mother but both have passed away.

Can anyone help to identify them or provide more information?

If so, please contact me:

Alan Bailey

knapton47@gmail.com





BRAISHFIELD GARDEN CLUB

Will hold the

THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 20th July 2024

At Braishfield Village Hall at 2pm

Please come along and support your local event

All Garden Club and Flower Club members along with village residents are eligible to take part

Photographic competition – ‘Chilling Out’
and
Plant or flower photo



Report from Cllr Sally Yalden, Borough Councillor

As I write this update, a General Election has just been called. Regardless of your political group, I do hope everyone will participate in the process. The polls will open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday July 4. People who have not yet registered to vote, or are not sure if they are eligible, have until June 18 to submit an application, or June 19 if you want to vote by post. This can be done online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Anyone who wants to apply for a proxy vote – in other words, for someone to vote on your behalf – will have until June 26 to apply. Please also remember that you will need to show photo ID to vote at the polling station.

Test Valley Borough Council’s Annual Council and Mayor Making recently took place. While the next set of local elections for TVBC will take place in 2027, a new Mayor for TVBC is selected every year. The upcoming Mayor for TVBC is Cllr Ian Jeffrey and the Deputy Mayor is Cllr Linda Lashbrook. The new Mayor for Romsey is Cllr John Parker.

By the time you read this entry, the AGM for Braishfield Parish Council will have taken place. If you’re interested in learning more about my activities as your borough councillor over the past year, please visit the Parish Council’s website. I provide detailed monthly reports and updates to the parish council.

Unfortunately, dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village. You may have noticed the sticks and signs provided by TVBC around the village. The one at the Rec was broken and thrown over the fence within a few days of me placing it there. I’m currently working with the Environmental Health Team at TVBC to explore other options for encouraging inconsiderate owners to clean up after their dog(s).

It also saddens me to report that the tree which we planted with the school as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative was vandalised this week. If you do see any suspicious activity or anti-social behaviour, it is always worth reporting the matter to the Police. The current plan is to replace the tree in the autumn.

Ampfield Parish Council has recently implemented a community speed watch to address persistent speeding in various locations of Ampfield. I'm interested in hearing from Braishfield residents about their thoughts on implementing a similar scheme here. It seems that speeding remains a perennial issue in the village, so it would be beneficial to discuss options with the Parish Council.

Lastly, I want to say thanks again to all the community litter pickers who continue to keep our village clean. Unfortunately, I didn't have the opportunity to organise a spring litter pick this year, but we will do so in the autumn.

Kind regards

Sally

Cllr Sally Yalden

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Romsey Local Jumbulance Group

We are now finalising our itineraries for the two supported holidays, which are both full (offering respite to families and a real holiday for the sick and disabled people) to Blackpool, to the best accessible hotel in the UK in July in Blackpool and the Isle of Wight in September. Our priority this year was to get more new volunteers and disabled people and we have several

new, very excited people – some who haven't had a holiday for 20 years, something many take for granted.

Advance notice too that the Jumbulance will be on show in the Cornmarket in Romsey 10am – 4pm Wed 7th August - do visit us.

We have many more applications from sick and disabled people than we have volunteers. Last year our fund raising efforts raised less than we need this year, so we need Sponsors and people to help us, either fund raising or offering to get involved or come on a trip. Without volunteers and nurses we can't take sick and disabled people away as everyone is feeling the cost of living crisis and asking for financial support. We are extremely grateful to some local individuals and I am busy applying for grants for the group and for individuals.

Chris Chisholm

Group Leader 01794 368120 or 0788 774 8224

Braishfield Pantry

How do you tell whether Summer has arrived?

Do you check the weather on the TV or via the millions of Apps on your phone!



Do you notice the ending of the football season and the start of the county cricket season!

Is it Summer term time in schools

Or when you walk around the village can you literally smell the freshness of nature as it wakes from the slumbers of the Winter months.

Maybe it's even the case of transferring the cooking outside and starting the BBQ, or moving into Picnic mode.

Or you could simply notice the subtle changes in stock that we have to offer in the Braishfield Village Pantry..

We are open :-

9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

9.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday

Lovely treats are always coming and going

Our bread and cake deliveries from Oven Door in Eastleigh are Monday and Thursday.

Our Savoury offerings are delivered on a Tuesday morning.

The Greenfield Pork (Braishfield Banger) delivery is on a Thursday.

Our fresh fruit and seasonal vegetables are topped up twice a week.

On top of this we get Ad hoc deliveries for:

- Caught Fish Products (Aldi award winning !)
- Trout Pate from the New Forest Smokery
- Cheese Souffles from Red Fox Fine Foods
- Honey from Roselea Apiaries
- Hams from Wessex Country Gammons
- Lyburn Cheeses (Various) as well as Isle of White Soft and Blue cheeses

And lots lots more –

And finally the whisper is we are also about to get a new dual serving coffee machine that will expand our current range of coffees to include more decaf options than ever before!

Hopefully we will see you soon and let summer commence.

*Best Wishes
The Pantry Team.*



MURDER MYSTERY EVENT

The Village Hall was full to capacity for the BVA/BMADS joint murder mystery evening, Dying For a Leek, on 18 th May. Organised by the BVA, BMADS were asked to provide the drama/murder element, making the evening a truly village event. Ticket sales surpassed all expectations, selling out by more than our original allocation within 48 hours.



18 teams of 6 gathered together and sleuthed, as BMADS presented two short acts, during which the protagonists were presented, a varied ensemble of members of SADGITS (Snogley and District Gardeners in the Shire) – a gardening club in the village of Snogley, which the eagle eyed detectives in the audience may have noticed bore a startling resemblance to Braishfield. There however, hopefully, the similarities ended! Del Fyniam – the sleazy, confident chair of the gardening club – had given the other members a variety of motives

for his murder, which occurred brutally by spade at the end of Act 1. Could the murderer be his long-suffering partner Rhoda Dendron who had finally had enough of his flagrant mis-demeanors? Or ambitious Terry Cotter-Pots – would he murder Del for jeopardizing his chances in the hard-fought leek -growing competition? Were mild-mannered Flora Bundy and Daisy Chain really serial fraudsters with a history of absconding with money from village organisations, who had finally been caught out by Del and who wanted to prevent him putting a stop to their activities? Or would Bella Donna, the scarlet woman of the village, really murder Del for dumping her ignominiously, threatening her self-perceived reputation as a desirable siren?

The audience got to muse over these possibilities and further written clues were presented over a delicious supper of Sharon's leek quiche and salad, before pun-laden Detective Inspector Chris Anthemum arrived to delve deeper into the suspects movements and motives in Act 2, before arriving at his theory. To help



him finalise his conclusion, the audience was invited to interrogate the potential perpetrators further following a generous pudding of strawberries and cream. Each team was then invited to submit their own accusation, before Detective Anthemum returned to arrest the murderer. The winning team, intriguingly named Veg, managed to correctly identify not only the murderer, but also to spot the clues littered within the script and written evidence to get impressively close to the DI's summary. Each was presented with packets of leek seeds and germinating trays in case they fancy joining the Braishield Garden Club's very own leek growing competition – a risky move maybe!



A raffle of gardening themed prizes, including the still-bloodied murder weapon, and a bar complemented the evening, which judging by the laughter to be heard in the hall was much enjoyed by all who came. A huge thanks go to the BVA for the organisation – the hall was beautifully and thoughtfully laid out with no detail unconsidered, and to BMADS who thoroughly enjoyed their first foray onto the stage in almost 5 years. Sharon and her kitchen

team made light work of calmly catering for almost 120 people with perfect timing.

And thank you to all of you who supported the evening and made all the effort worthwhile.

Kate Marshall – on behalf of the BVA and BMADS

Addendum from Mike Allen, chair of BMADS - “Espcial thanks needs to go to Kate Marshall, who produced and directed the drama as well as being a BVA committee member. If you think you would like to join BMADS having fun doing similar things, please contact Mike Allen (ovstores@gmail.com) or any other BMADS member”.



The BVA is also on committee members. We events for the benefit of the whole village community to raise funds to allow us to publish the Braishield Village News and to make other contributions to village life. If you'd be interested in joining our merry band please contact the Chair, Julie Kemp (julieakemp@googlemail.com) or any of the committee members whose names are listed at the front of the News.

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Braishfield Garden Club

April Report

It was good to see so many members and visitors at our April meeting, when we were able to give Gillian a very warm welcome. Gillian Taylor, our speaker only started her venture into roses approximately 8 years ago following her career as a veterinarian. Gillian started with 2 roses and now has over 250 in her gardens in Hampshire and France.

Gillian started her talk by mentioning the Welfare Charity Perennial, this charity supports horticulture workers helping with health, wellbeing and financial difficulties. It includes anyone who creates or maintains gardens, parks, sports facilities, woodlands and other green area. Last year they helped over 33,000 people.

Garden tools are also a must for us gardeners, Gillian recommended the following tools. Hand shears, secateurs, a small hand hoe, Uncle Tom's tonic (or similar) a foliar or ground feed, plastic coated rose tie and a protective arm sleeve, this protects the arm leaving fingers free, ideal for preventing scratches whilst working in your garden.

Another good tip passed on is how to read a catalogue and understand breeders abbreviations etc. i.e. Kordes: Kor, Harkness: Har, Austin: Aus. When buying roses it was suggested to go for bare roots, these are cheaper so you are getting more for your money. If they arrive early just dig a hole and put them in until ready to plant in position. Grafted roses need to be planted 2" under the soil. Roses require very little attention, a good feed, in March/April then again in mid-summer after the first flush of flowers. Wood ash from your wood burning stove if you have one during February, whilst a 4" mulch will help prevent black spot.

Garden visit – two garden visits are planned for June – see website for more details.

Braishfield Flower Show – Saturday 20 th July

All Braishfield residents and members of Garden Club and Flower Club are eligible to enter.

Angela Bevan

May Report

Our Chairman Steve opened the meeting by giving out a few notices. Nick Read had kindly brought along a bag of peat free compost for members to help themselves to. The school fete is to be held on June 8th and a request for plants for the children to sell was made. Steve will coordinate any donations. Lastly 2 garden visits have been booked for June. The first one is on June 4th to Woodend Gardens in Ringwood where two gardens can be seen both within the National Garden Scheme. Details for booking can be found at e-voiceorg.uk/braishfieldgardenclub and the closing date for booking is May 28th. The second visit is to a garden called Bluebells in Whiteparish on June 24th. The closing date for this visit is June 17th. To book please email Sheila, still.orch@gmail.com.

Our May meeting was well attended with 32 Members and friends coming to hear about Flowers of the Reserves and roadsides – a talk given by Gerald Pontin. His main hobby is photography and so his talk also showed a myriad of photographs backed up by some soothing music as he ran through them. He then showed them separately with explanations of latin names and the common ones by which we know the plants. Additions to this were quotes from various poets and plant hunters relating to where they originated and times of day they flowered.

The area he covered was quite local, Chandler's Ford, Winnall, St. Catherines Hill, Squabb Wood, Emer Bog and Flexford Area. It was lovely to know that lots of plants we knew as children were still in existence today. However, 2 in 5 of British wild flowers are threatened with extinction. This is down to things like land being drained, ploughed and hedges destroyed. So many of us weed our gardens to make them neat and tidy but some of the plants we call weeds are actually wild flowers. We call them weeds because they are not in a place where we want them but are in a place where they want to grow. Some of the flower seedheads contain thousands of seeds, some of which are windblown (dandelion) and others dropped when they dry and die (poppy) and others alongside railway lines are wafted by the trains as they pass.

Gerald enlightened us to some of the unusual names which have been given to plants.i.e. Dandelion is known as Golden Lace but also as Chimney

Sweep! Some plants were named after the use to which they were put e.g. Teasel was used to tease out cloth.

Finally Steve reminded everyone about this years flower show on July 20th and that the preliminary schedule for the classes was on the website.

Sheila Still



The Club also held its Spring Flower Show, which was won by Fran Clifton with her vase of assorted flowers (excluding daffodils). Fran is seen here receiving the Cup from Gillian. Braishfield Garden Club meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Braishfield Village Hall at 7.30. Non-members always welcome. More information on events can be found at Braishfield Community Website braishfield.org'.

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society welcomed Michael Bowyer MBE to their April Meeting. Michael is a Past President of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) a National Speaker, Judge and Demonstrator. He gave a very interesting talk on three remarkable women – Rachel Rugsch, Mary Delany and Clarice Cliff. Three artists working with paint, paper and clay all from different eras but inspired by flowers.

Rachel Rugsch was a Dutch still-life painter and worked in The Hague from 1701 to 1708 where she was the first female member of the artist's society. She specialised in flowers, inventing her own style and achieved international fame in her lifetime.

Mary Delany, born in 1700 was an English artists, letter-writer and bluestocking, known for her 'paper-mosaiks' and botanic drawing, needlework and her lively correspondence. At the age of 72 began producing a series of 985 extraordinarily detailed floral collages. The

Delany collages can be seen in the Department of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum.



Clarice Cliff was an English ceramic artist and designer and was active from 1922 to 1963. She became the head of the Newport Pottery factory creative department. Today she is regarded as one of the most influential ceramics artists of the 20th Century and her work is collected, valued and admired the world over. Her 'Art Deco' style was known by collectors as The 'Bizarre' years. Her work can often be seen on the Antiques Road Show !

Following Michael's fascinating talk he then surprised the audience by creating an arrangement in the style of a Rachel Rugsch painting !

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society meets on the fourth Thursday in the month from 7.30pm in The Church Rooms, All Saints Church, Braishfield. Details of their programme can be found on the Village Website www.braishfield.org.

GARDENING - JOBS FOR THIS MONTH

HOW TO ACHIEVE ALL SUMMER COLOUR

Clients often ask me to plant up a garden that will give them colour throughout the summer. Right now, we are in early summer – then there is mid summer from mid July to August and and late summer from late August through to first frosts.

Early summer has lots of pastel shades blues, pinks, purples, soft-lemon and these combinations are easy on the eye, relaxing and fresh. The lawn is still bright green and there is still a newness to the garden as the herbaceous unravel and delight us with the scent of summer. If there is space we plant lupins in groups of five or more and this creates some dynamism in the garden. They are perfect next plants that will fill out mid/late summer or behind shorter growing grasses like *Stipa Tenuissima*. If grasses aren't your thing try a group of rounded shrubs/topiary like yew balls or *Pittosporum Tom Thumb*.

I also love *Sidalcea* – a perennial that has rounded basal leaves with tall stems of silky pink/mauve flowers – check out *S.Elsie Hughes*. It is soft in colour, lingers around for a long time and is pure delight. I plant this in the middle of my borders so that when it stops flowering there is something to hide the gaps.

We are seeing geraniums flowering now – *Geranium Rozanne* will keep going through the summer.

No garden can be complete without the gorgeous aroma of *nepeta* – it creates a haze of soft blue/purple or white and with the bonus of aromatic leaves. Cats will go mad for it, hence the name *catmint*! It comes in all sizes from a plant that will get to at least a metre high/wide to daintier versions that will achieve 30cms in height. After the first flush you may want to cut it back in preparation for another go.

Now is the time for roses – they are looking fabulous as the first blooms burst forth just like a song bird! All colours and for every situation including north facing! They do best in full sun. I love them but I do plant beneath them to screen the stems.



Geraniums are perfect combinations as I described earlier or lavender. A simple scheme using roses and lavender and you can't go wrong!

For mid summer the colour palette gets stronger – echinaceas are combining with dahlias, rudbekia and heleniums. This palette is hot and fiery – orange, red, golden and generally taller plants. Soften them up with slender grasses woven through.

From late August the flower heads on the grasses will be looking spectacular and they look fantastic with sedums and asters. Sedums stand strong for months and well into autumn/winter, turning from fleshy domes to dried seedheads.

Susanne Boswell, Garden Designer 07900 312120

Social Contact Group

On a pleasant spring morning eighteen of us visited Charlotte's Tea Rooms based at In-Excess, Landford. It was a lovely opportunity to wander around the plant centre which was full of spring flowering plants. There was a large variety of cakes to choose from alongside the favourite scones and teacakes to enjoy with our coffee.

Once again we were very fortunate to be able to sit together and have a catch-up.

Our next trips are all planned and if you would like to join us please just give me a call on 368339.

Hazel Prince



Braishfield Primary School

Greetings from Braishfield Primary School!

March & April

Over the course of a year, our children have many opportunities to raise money and support charities. In March, our children were able to support Sport Relief, whilst taking part in a range of sporting opportunities themselves.



Coach Tom put on a muddy assault course on the Recreation Ground, our learners had the chance to have a go at golf and they learned the benefits of skipping and boxing for fitness. I even met a childhood sporting idol of mine!

I feel that it is so important for children to have exposure to a wide range of sports in their

primary years. At Braishfield, we hope that children are inspired to take up a sport- and go on to live active, healthy lifestyles. A big thanks goes to Mrs Niles for all her organisation behind the scenes- thanks for giving our children more chances to discover a passion for sport!

In April, after the Easter break, our children got stuck in to new topics, learning opportunities and experiences. Our Little Acorns said 'goodbye' to their butterflies, as they flew away and also said 'hello' to some wonderful new arrivals- lambs at Farmer Kate's farm!

Jim Cascarini, Headteacher



THE LOG BOOKS OF BRAISHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Log Books of Braishfield Primary School were written by the school Governors, or 'Managers' as they were called then, and various Headmasters and Headmistresses. We have records from 1877 up to 1974. Events such as illnesses, the weather, accidents, behaviour, attendance, academic achievements, staffing and village life all feature.

Please have a read- I hope you enjoy them. If you have links to the school yourselves, or know folk who attended the school, please do put them in touch with me.

Jim Cascarini, Headteacher

- 26th February, 1912 *Examined Standard I and II's books. The work as a whole is slovenly done. Had some serious talk with Miss Wiggs about this- she has scarcely any control over the children, discipline is lax- hence the state of things.*
- 3rd March, 1896 *Bell turret blew over during last night when the wind was very rough.*
- 7th March, 1918 *Another week has passed by, and no help available. There is a large amount of sickness in the village and amongst the children, two more deaths this week, Influenza claiming its victims.*
- 15th March, 1954 *The Senior Class were taken to the Plaza Cinema at Romsey to see the film "The Conquest of Everest".*
- 27th March, 1903 *Upon entering school this morning, found one of the windows broken facing the street. It transpires that the window was broken by two Infant boys, Basil Rogers and Horace Goulding. Stone throwing- a thing I'm constantly warning children about.*
- 16th April, 1907 *Dismissed school at 3.45pm to enable the children to attend a tea kindly provided by Mrs King of Braishfield Manor.*
- 17th April, 1942 *School closed for potato planting.*
- 28th April, 1908 *Miss Short has not turned up this morning. Sent a post card saying "owing to weather, impossible for me to come tomorrow". Well, the majority of the children are here, but not the teacher.*

Braishfield United Reformed Church

The big news from Braishfield URC is we are now part of a group of six churches called The Southern Fellowship (within the URC structure). This means we now have two Ministers giving pastoral oversight for all six churches.

We were very pleased to welcome the Reverend Sarah Hall to Braishfield recently. There was an inauguration service for the Reverend Mike and Reverend Sarah on 11th May which was held at Avenue St. Andrews URC, Southampton.



Talking of getting together, it was good to join with All Saints Parish Church for the united Christian Aid service on 12th May.

Braishfield URC will hold its 206th Church Anniversary service on 16th June at 10.00 am. This will be led by the Reverend Mike Perrott. We would love to see you for this. We don't look a day over 205 of course!

The Flower Festival church service is on Sunday, 21st July at 10.00 am. Please join us if you can.

The church will be open for visitors on Saturday 20th July and Sunday 21st July between 11am and 6pm (though if you join us for the church service you have an extra hour in which to enjoy looking at the flowers!).

The church will be open on Monday 22nd July for the flowers to be collected and taken home so do come and make the most of viewing the lovely displays. Many thanks to all who work so hard to make this such a special event.

For more details please contact:-

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

The Reverend Doctor Sarah Hall - 02380 768004

Church Secretary/Elder: Shirley Smith - 01794 368447

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All Saints' Church

The 80th anniversary of D-Day on Thursday 6th June 2024

Older residents recall troops camped along roadsides in this area waiting for the call to set off and begin the invasion. There will be a local time of commemoration on this important day with a short service at 6pm at St John's, Farley Chamberlayne. All are welcome.

'Get to know our local churches' weekend 27th/28th July 2024

For decades All Saints Braishfield has been part of a team of five parishes, sharing a Rector with Farley Chamberlayne, Michelmersh, Timsbury and Awbridge. In recent years we have also been working with King's Somborne, where Revd Tom Benson is Priest-in-Charge and there is a resident part-time Associate Priest, Revd Anne Newport.

To provide a chance for everyone to visit churches in our Group which they may not have been in before – or to re-visit - on Saturday 27th July the churches will all be expecting visitors. There will be someone on hand to welcome you and point out interesting features – and light refreshments to be enjoyed, including cake! All the churches have fascinating features and are very special places.

Between 10am and 1pm St Peter and St Paul King's Somborne, SO20 6PH, St John's Farley Chamberlayne, SO51 0QP and our own All Saints SO51 0QH will be pleased to see you, so do drop in

– and in the afternoon, **from 1pm to 4pm, All Saints Awbridge SO51 0HG (see their new carpark!) and St Andrews, Timsbury SO51 0NE.** (Unfortunately St Mary's Michelmersh isn't free that day.)

There will be a **Songs of Praise at St Mary's Michelmersh SO51 0NS at 5pm on Sunday 28th**, everyone is very welcome!

(NB: no morning service at All Saints or St John's on Sunday 28th July – a service of Holy Communion for all the churches at King's Somborne at 1030am).



Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

Kate writes:

“Lambing went well apart from the incessant rain! 101 lambs were born.



Since lambing has finished, the ewes and lambs have been fly sprayed; the lambs with a product that give 19 weeks protection so will see them through to the autumn, the ewes are sprayed with a product that gives 8 weeks cover then they will be shorn. The flies don't bother them once they have been shorn until they have about 4 weeks wool growth, when they will be sprayed again giving another 8 weeks protection.

The lambs have also been wormed, faecal egg counts are done by Kate on the farm to determine the best time to treat. They have also had their first vaccination against a number of clostridial diseases and Pasteurellosis, with the next one in 4-6 weeks' time. Those that Kate keeps will then have an annual booster.

Ian has dusted off the shearing machine and the ewe lambs that are going into the flock in the autumn have already been shorn.”

All very interesting, no wonder Kate is always busy with her sheep. They do look well for it. I had no idea that the timing of shearing depends roughly on when they were sprayed against flies.

The two rams that will be put to the ewes in the autumn are having a lazy time, occasionally walking to the other side of the field, otherwise they lie with their heads resting on the fencing rails!

Wendy Quarendon

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



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FRIDAY 7th, 21st June & 5th, 19th July
Household waste rubbish on:
FRIDAY 1st, 14th, 28th June & 12th, 26th July

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

Recycling Is Easy!

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

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

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

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

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

www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling

Brown Bin Recycling Tips

« Ensure your recyclable items are clean and dry.
« Don't bag your items – keep them loose or they won't be recycled!
« Don't put other plastics (pots, tubs, trays) in your bin – we can only recycle plastic bottles.

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

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