



# BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS

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*Summer in the village*

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# Braishfield Village Association

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Front cover: *Donna Burkhardt*

## From the Chair

*What a busy few weeks it's been in the Village !*

*Braishfield making the headlines with a visit by Rishi Sunak to our Primary School. Regardless of your political opinion, if any, how exciting for those children to meet with a serving Prime Minister. I am sure it is something that they will remember for a long time to come and will repeat the story of the visit to their Children and Grandchildren. People will not believe that little old Braishfield played host to the Country's leader.*

*Then last week we had the drama of the gas leak on our Village boundary. I'm sure you'll agree that the noise was unbelievable. I initially thought it was a jet flying overhead, I had no idea that a gas leak could be so intrusive. A speedy and efficient service by the Emergency Services and Gas Board in putting road closures and diversions in place. Personally I found it more exciting than inconvenient, but I've always loved a bit of drama !*

*You may have seen the advance notice of our BVA event on 7th December. An afternoon of family bingo. So get together with neighbours, borrow the grandchildren for the afternoon (that'll earn you some brownie points) or simply turn up and say hello. It's going to be an afternoon of fun for all the family, young and old alike, so put the date in your diary and keep an eye out for further information.*

*Bye for now, Julie.*

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**DEADLINE DATES FOR BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS 2024**

Sep 20 for OCT  
Nov 22 for DEC



**Braishfield Village Voices.....**

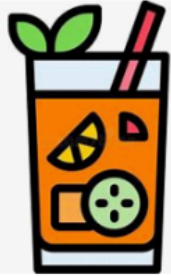
From a small idea of getting together to sing 'old songs' from schooldays and sharing two sessions in August 2014, the group has grown to 30+ and our library of songs to 150+!

These include anything and everything, from Rogers and Hammerstein to Lloyd Webber, Elvis to Abba, Dana to Leonard Cohen, from hymns to national songs, action songs and rounds to Taize, songs from the 'Front' to those once heard in the playground. Over the years, we've all met many new folk, found plenty to laugh about and enjoyed 'having a go' at all sorts of singing.

Please come and join us at any or all the following dates – usually the 4th Monday in the month in the **Church Room 2-4pm - Aug 19/Sept 23/Oct 28/Nov 25**  
We sing together for fun, with an all-important break for refreshments and chat partway through the afternoon.

Everyone can sing – whether they know it or not!!

**Please contact Meri 368516 / Wendy 368015 for further details**



## Favourite Hymns and Pimms

Come along to

Braishfield Social Club SO51 0QF  
on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 5pm

hopefully in the garden if fine ....

sing favourite hymns and enjoy a glass of Pimms!

Hymn requests to Rev Tom by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
[tbenson09@aol.com](mailto:tbenson09@aol.com) 01794 368335

..... we will include all we can!

We look forward to seeing you. Bring your friends!

*Event arranged by All Saints church, Braishfield*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
7th December 2024

**BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION  
FAMILY BINGO EVENT!**

More details to follow

## All Saints' Braishfield Harvest Supper



**Saturday 5th October**  
**6pm – 8.30pm**  
**in the Church Room**

*Please bring your own drinks!*

Contact Sarah Boothman  
on 01794 368143 [seboothman@aol.com](mailto:seboothman@aol.com)  
to book a place by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

No charge in advance – please make a donation  
on the evening

**Come and bring your friends to a relaxed meal!**

Gifts for Romsey Foodbank may be brought to the Harvest  
Supper or to the Harvest Festival on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**  
**9.30am in All Saints Church**

## BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

The June and July winners have been Tom Greenwood and Lawrence Coppock. We have made donations to the two village churches, All Saints and the United Reformed Church.

*David Robinson, tel 368774*

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SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2024

**Ride & Stride Day supports our Churches & Chapels in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight  
This is a national event.**

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 14th 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 [rideandstridehict@gmail.com](mailto:rideandstridehict@gmail.com) or ring 01794 368427. Our thanks to All Saints (Braishfield), St John's and the United Reform Church congregations for sponsoring in 2023**

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

Chris & Meryl Balchin

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

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## GAS ALERT IN THE VILLAGE

July 16th 2024 – personal account from Crook Hill of the gas main eruption

Gas isn't something that affects us in Braishfield as we don't have gas. We have to make all sorts of other arrangements. However, it turns out a major pipeline under high pressure runs very nearby.

Tuesday 16th July started normally and thankfully for later events was going to be quite cool for the time of year. Around 11am we suddenly started to hear a very loud noise coming from outside and all around us. Whilst it sounded like a helicopter or a jet engine that we couldn't see under low cloud, we quickly realised it wasn't. When whatever it was didn't stop after 20 minutes or so we decided to investigate.

In Kiln Lane, from a farm gate we could see the culprit. In a field just down from the Ace Liffaway site at Yokesford, gas was erupting from a hole in the ground and carrying dust up with it to a height in excess of 50 feet. Thank fully not on fire. We could now smell gas in the area around the Dog & Crook and were concerned about risk of explosion so reported the situation to the gas people and started liaising with neighbours and parish and district councillors. We worked out we were approx. 1km from the site of the gas leak and the noise and later the smell gave us the impression of seriousness of the leak.

The initial advice was to keep windows open but this changed later in the day to keep windows and vents shut. We had done this anyway as the smell of gas became so strong outside that we had to close everything. Thankfully the wind was swirling and changes in direction meant that it was bearable at times during the day. However, the noise was remarkable – definitely like a jet engine. We were now learning that this was a major pipeline for the south of England, under high pressure. Roads were closed, residents within a 450m radius evacuated and reports of gas leaks as far away as Southampton, Winchester and Chandlers Ford as the gas cloud continued unabated.

By the early evening, we were hearing that the gas pressure would gradually reduce during the evening and engineers would attempt a fix the next day. There was no noticeable reduction in the situation until 10pm when it fell silent. Huge relief after the noise, smell, danger to life from explosion and huge loss of natural gas. It will be interesting to hear what they think caused this as we have quite a lot of gas pipe around here.

Michael and Mary Stubbs

Springwood Crook Hill

## Report from Cllr Sally Yalden, Borough Councillor

I hope you are enjoying summer, despite the recent inclement weather. By the time you read this, we might be in the middle of a heatwave! Here are some updates as your local borough councillor.

### Romsey Citizens' Assembly

The council is working with Romsey Future (RF) and external partners to run a new citizens' assembly focusing on community facilities in Romsey. This assembly will bring together residents to discuss community facilities and provide recommendations for the regeneration plan of the area south of the town centre, including the Crosfield Hall site.

### Funeral Homes

In light of a recent incident in Hull and East Riding that received media attention, councils have been conducting visits to funeral homes to reassure the public about the safety, professionalism, and care provided by the sector. Our Environmental Health colleagues have visited several funeral homes and have not identified any concerns that need to be reported to the police.

### Fly-tipping

Colleagues from the Environmental Services team are actively combating fly-tipping by utilising covert cameras in known hotspots. We recently achieved another successful fine and prosecution, which highlights the diligent investigative work being done behind the scenes to protect our local environment and discourage illegal dumping. If you use someone to take away your waste, please make sure they're licensed to do so with the Environment Agency.

### Protecting biodiversity in Test Valley

The council has set out its approach towards conserving and enhancing biodiversity with the publication of its first biodiversity statement (available from TVBC's website). This is a requirement for public authorities under the Environment Act 2021, and this initial milestone outlines how the council currently contributes to conserving and enhancing biodiversity, including through our work with partners.

The borough of Test Valley supports a range of biodiversity assets, including internationally, nationally and locally important wildlife sites. A variety of habitats can be found in the borough, including chalk rivers and streams, woodlands, heathlands, grasslands and wetlands. The area is home to a range of species including notable species of fish, butterflies, birds and plants.

Some of the current ways the council is delivering on our duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity are:

- including the environment as one of our five strategic priorities, giving more opportunity to invest in and nurture the natural environment and biodiversity
- adding a duty in relation to biodiversity to our planning policies and functions
- managing 17 sites covering over 200 hectares with a primary focus on the conservation of wildlife and providing safe and well-managed spaces for the community to encounter nature
- key partnerships with statutory bodies, conservation charities, private landowners and local communities
- being proactive in our approach to taking on new land through direct purchase and land adoption to develop a connected network of green spaces that benefit both wildlife and people
- increasing canopy cover and creating new urban meadows and urban parks.
- The council will be monitoring our actions and reporting progress and updates.

Finally, given the financial challenges faced in local government, coupled with the growing need for services like adult social care, the incoming new government will undoubtedly have its work cut out. After dramatic cuts to central government funding over recent years, Hampshire County Council are at the point where they must address a £132 million budget shortfall from April 2025. Local government is a crucial component for any successful government system of the future, so let's hope some of the local challenges can start to be addressed with the right support.

If you have any issues relating to Test Valley Borough Council, please don't

hesitate to reach out. Since being elected last May, I've already addressed 111 diverse case matters that fall under my areas of responsibility in this ward. I might not have been able to resolve all of them, but I'm here to assist you with any concerns or issues you may have.

Kind regards  
Sally

Cllr Sally Yalden  
CllrSYalden@TestValley.gov.uk  
Mobile: 07783 821561

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## Braishfield Pantry

### JULY 2024

#### Staffing News.....

We are delighted to announce that Debbie Sykes will be joining the team shortly as the Pantry shop supervisor – Debbie will bring a combination of great customer service along with her considerable baking talent to the role. We will be organizing a tasting session for the shops volunteers over the coming weeks, and Debbie will be introducing a lovely “savoury” range of produce to sell shortly after

On a sad note, Ian Barrow, a director of the Pantry will be stepping away from that role shortly. Ian has served the community for 10 years +, and probably deserves time off for good behavior. Do not fear though he still intends on doing his shift in the shop. The Tuesday tag team along with Ron will still be going strong.

Thank you Ian for all your hard work. “Fantastic job”

And a final word on staff – it's the volunteer community who go above and beyond the keep the Pantry running smoothly and functioning as a true hub of the community. – Thanks to those who have done those



extra shifts, completed stock ordering, tweaked stock processes, fixed air conditioning, measured power outputs so we could optimize our electricity usage, and many other tasks. ( I could list names but would have been mortified if I missed someone off !) and I know you're a shy bunch !

If you'd like to join us please pop in and sign up.

#### Back to business

We have a bonus delivery of Trout Pate from the New Forest Smokery arrived this week. As some of you may know, that company has been scaling back operations recently so this product will not hang around long

We have also had a lovely delivery of apple juices from Hill Farm in Swanmore. I had read that they were stopping trading soon, as although the economics of farming apples made it worthwhile, inflation had taken its toll on the other costs of running the business – if true that is very sad, and makes buying local even more important if you can do so.

#### The Coffee machine

The rumours were true. The new shiny machine has arrived. So you can have a complete range of decaf coffees to go alongside your regular drinks if you wish. The range is competitively priced from £2.30 £2.80 = good value when you consider what it would cost elsewhere



#### Offers

Check out the latest offers as they are published on the Braishfield Residents facebook page. We just finished a super competitive prosecco/ strawberries and cream offer for you to enjoy during Wimbledon, and we will be introducing new ones for the Olympics coming soon!

Best Wishes

*The Pantry Team*



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### Romsey Local Jumbulance Group

Our largest continental Jumbulance (part Ambulance – part Coach) is in the Romsey area doing day trips for local disabled groups (paid for by Hants and W,Berks Jumbulance Group). This is giving us the opportunity of having it on show in Romsey for a day so the public and local disabled and sick people can come and see inside it and find out what we can provide on a fully accessible holiday.

**The Jumbulance will be on show in the Cornmarket outside Bradbeers Store SO51 8GB on Wednesday 7 th August 2024 from 10am to 4pm.** It will be manned by Hants and W.Berks Jumbulance volunteers. We look forward to meeting you there.

The Jumbulance Trust is a small national charity who own the jumbulances which are manned by groups around the UK who provide the nursing care and support using volunteer doctors, nurses and carers. Wheelchair users are especially welcome as we have a platform lift to get them on board. The Jumbulances provide much needed holidays in the UK and Europe in fully accessible hotels and day trips for people who cannot travel independently anymore providing respite for their carers and / or families. Apart from the national administrator and the drivers everyone is a volunteer and like all Charities since lockdown we need the goodwill and support of the public more than ever.

We are currently away on holiday with a full group for 8 days and have 8 new people. One isolated lady has not had a holiday for over 20 years and lives with her 93 year old mother. Seeing her smiling face and laughing and having fun on the dance floor each evening is why our volunteers come back again and again. It's a total win win situation.

On Sat 24 th August we have our Summer Reunion Lunch and Tea party at Oakfield.

Our 2nd holiday this year is to the Isle of Wight in early September. We may have a space for a disabled person but no single rooms available. Contact me if interested.

**Chris Chisholm**

**Group Leader Hants and W.Berks Group**

**Email cookchris@aol.com Mobile 0788 774 8224**

## Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

It is weaning time when ewes and lambs are separated, so that the ewes can recover from giving birth and feeding their lambs for the past few months. It is usually a very noisy period with ewes and lambs calling out to each other, but this time they settled down very easily.



For the next few months the ewes will have a rest and be brought to prime condition, ready to go in with the ram in the autumn and for the whole cycle to start again. The lambs will be sorted with Kate keeping the best girls to increase her flock and the others being sold.

Kate is constantly monitoring the worm situation. These are picked up from the grass, then multiply in the gut of the sheep, causing problems ranging from poor rate of growth, loss of condition generally, poor wool quality, anaemia, so it is vital that they are dealt with sooner than later. Fly the sheepdog and children come in handy to pen the sheep in order to give them a dose of medicine.

The rams continue to sleep and occasionally walk round the field. Interestingly, as soon as they were shorn they changed their place for watching the world go by. No longer beside the track, they moved away, favouring the shelter provided by the building next door. Perhaps they felt chilly with the wool removed, or maybe they need the shade provided as their wool was no longer a protective barrier. Who knows? I expect the rams do!

Let's hope for an uneventful rest of the summer.

WQ



## Braishfield Guides

Braishfield Guides have had a very busy Spring term and been working towards an Olympic Challenge badge.



We started off having a football coach visit us from Southampton Ladies FC and had lots of fun doing various ball skills and activities. We have also tried Badminton (thanks to the very kind donation of rackets from a villager), staged our own mini-olympics event on the Rec which the Guides then ran for Braishfield Brownies. Lots of water involved = great fun. Special thanks to Nicky Ayres and Hannah Boothman for helping us on this evening as we had 30+ girls involved.

Four of our Guides then headed off to Butcher's Copse near Bournemouth for some 'proper camping' with Guides and Rangers from West Wellow and Lockerley. Apart from the biblical rain event on the first evening, we had great fun and tried crate stacking (building and climbing crates as you go), zip wire and The Cave Bus (navigating confined, narrow spaces in the dark).

In June, the brownies and guides met up at Romsey Memorial Park with West Wellow girls for a Wide Game called "Spud". Basically this involves simultaneously guarding and pinching potatoes from other teams; who knew that girls could get quite so protective and competitive over a few potatoes?!!

We have also worked on our skills builders "Fireside feast" and "Shelter Sleepover". Thanks to the Parish Council who gave their permission, the Guides were able to try their hand at building a fire in a colander to make 'Smores', and cook some sausages over our new fire-pit.

We finished for the Summer term with a visit to Golden Gecko climbing in Romsey which the girls all enjoyed. We have lots of exciting things planned for the Autumn term so if you are between 10-14 yrs of age and would like to come and join us, please email me for further information at [guidesbraishfield@gmail.com](mailto:guidesbraishfield@gmail.com).



Jill Briggs.



## Celebrating 60 Years

All who were connected to the Brownies, as a Brownie, leader or helper are invited to a celebration of 60 years of Brownies in Braishfield. Please do pass this on to anyone you are in contact with who may have moved away.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 6.15 pm**

**Braishfield Village Hall**

Please contact me if you would like to come along.

Brown Owl: [brownies.braishfield@gmail.com](mailto:brownies.braishfield@gmail.com)



The current Brownie Pack was started in 1964 by Peggy Parsons although the original registration of Braishfield Brownies was in 1930. The pack meetings were in the Church Room on Saturday afternoons. It closed when the leader moved away in 1936.

Girls living in the village in the 50s and 60s attended Guides and Brownies with the Woodley and Crampmoor unit where Peggy was Tawny Owl. Peggy recognised the need for a Brownie Pack in Braishfield and so the unit was re-registered in 1964 and met weekly on Wednesday evenings in the school. In the 70s meetings moved from the school to the Church Room and subsequently to the Village Hall when it opened in 1981.

The Brownies went from strength to strength and over the span of 60 years leaders have included Julie Samways, Hannah Boothman, Sue Ransom, Nicky Ayres, Barbara Gribble, Charlotte Marsh (Butterfield), the current leaders Nicky Pilato and Jill Briggs.

While there have been numerous changes to the Brownie programme of activities, and to the uniform(!) over the years, there are many happy memories of times spent in Brownies. The basic programme has always embraced learning new skills, making friendships, involvement in the community, personal development and sharing exciting adventures together. Eagerly anticipated events have included outings and Brownie Holidays. Involvement with supporting senior citizens in our community, and shared activities with other Brownie and Guide units in the area. At times of national celebration and on World Thinking Day (the joint birthday of our founders Lord and Lady Baden Powell) we are most aware of being part of a worldwide organisation.

As life moves on in our busy world, we hope Brownies in Braishfield will continue for many years to come with the support of volunteers and the Girl Guide movement worldwide.

*Nicky Ayres and Hannah Boothman*

## All Saints' Church

### Additional dates for your diary:

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| <b>Sunday 3rd November</b><br>Remembering Service                      | 3.00pm      |
| <b>Sunday 10th November</b><br>Remembrance Service at the War Memorial | 10.50am     |
| <b>Friday 20th December</b><br>Carols on the Rec                       | 5.00-7.30pm |
| <b>Sunday 22nd December</b><br>Carol Service                           | 5.30pm      |



More information: [www.asbchurch.org](http://www.asbchurch.org) or contact

**Jane Bennett on 01794 368109**

### From Rev Tom.....

Hello everyone,

Welcome to summer! The school year is coming to an end, holidays away might be booked or time at home is looked forward to. If we are really fortunate, perhaps we can find some time and space to take a breath, enjoy some sunshine and appreciate what we see around us.

This has made me reflect on the importance of 'family', whether it be our biological family or that wider family of our communities. And within a family, biological or otherwise, we need to be rooted in love if we are to flourish. To be rooted in love means that we care for each other, we are gentle with each other, we are *kind*. And kindness is a much underrated thing don't you think? Kindness is the manifestation of love. Kindness is what love *does*. Because love is a doing thing. It is not passive. Kindness is not weakness – it is strength. This does not mean that we will never disagree or even feel irritated by each other—but equally it means that we don't bully or allow ourselves to be cruel in our disagreements.

I am reminded again and again that everything that we achieve - the qualifications, the money, the houses, the careers, etc- actually count for very little if we have not been kind in our path to accomplish it. We often hear that it is a dog eat dog world, and while the world can seem cruel at times, the reality is that there is much more kindness around if we take the time to look for it.

God Bless and have a happy and joyous summer.

Tom

## Braishfield United Reformed Church

We recently had a Name That Bear event to raise money for church funds. Our thanks go to Alan and Dawn Smith for donating the lovely bear. Our task was to name the bear. There was a list of 124 names to choose from at £1.00 a go. The chosen name (picked by Alan and Dawn) was kept in a sealed envelope until our 206<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary service in June.



With all the names on the list sold, it was time for our Minister, the Reverend Mike Perrott, to open the envelope, reveal the bear's name and its new owner.

Bear's name is Monty. The lucky winner was the Reverend Mike and Marie Perrott! However, Mike donated the bear to Andy Bevan, one of our friends from Romsey URC, who in turn donated the bear to a family who will appreciate Monty. A great result!

I hope everyone will be in good voice for Sunday, 18th August



when we'll be having a favourite hymn service. Braishfield's "record", when we had a service like this a year or so ago, was to sing ten hymns, interspersed with readings, and we still finished five minutes early! If you like a good sing, this is the service for you!

Braishfield is having its Harvest Festival service on 22nd September. The church decorating will take place on Saturday, 21st September with the church open from 10 am. The "undecorating" will take place on Monday, 23rd September, again with the church open

from 10.00 am. Helpers welcome and appreciated!

Tinned and packet items will be donated to the Romsey Food Bank. These will be brought up to the front of the church during the 22nd September service.

**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

**Elder:** Allison Symes – 02380 262803

## Braishfield Garden Club

This summer our members enjoyed two garden visits. Our first visit:



### **Woodend Gardens consisting of Hollyhurst and Trolls Mead, Ringwood**

A very interesting afternoon visiting these two gardens, both very different but with plenty of interest. Trolls Mead is a 1 acre garden with interest throughout the year, whether newly planted, in full bloom or left in its natural state with seed heads to create an architecture display or simply for the birds to appreciate. The wooded area and lake is still under construction. The bottom meadow with its mown paths has SSSI status with natural flowers including wild orchids. Hollyhurst is a 2 acre site of mature trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials which are generally resistant to deer. Ponds and small sculpture augment the vistas.

### **Blue Bells, Cowesfields, Whiteparish**

This 1 ½ acre garden in a rural setting is not far from Romsey. Small woodland has carpets of bluebells in season, the large front lawn surrounded by borders, whilst the rear garden faces south and the design is contemporary to reflect the newly built house on site. A large vegetable area, fruit trees, including espalier trees 'stepovers' and 2 ponds.

Following our visits the evenings 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.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

September 10th

Question time with Chris Bird

October 8th

All year round colour - Plant something of interest for every month – with Geoff Hawkins

November 12<sup>th</sup>

AGM

Non-members always welcome so why not come along

# BRAISHFIELD GARDEN CLUB

## SUMMER SHOW



On Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> the Garden Club held its summer show in the village hall. The villagers' response was lovely to see and there were 210 entries over all classes excluding the children. Entries provided by the children were very clever and we had volcanos exploding, eye catching optical art,

excellent drawings of nature's plants and flowers and very clever examples of tessellated artwork. Some of the children entered the adult classes and proved themselves worthy of doing so.

Despite the unseasonable weather many Braishfield gardeners produced a great display of vegetables and fruit, some of which was used for entries in the culinary section to make jams, chutneys, cakes and lots of other goodies.

Flower and foliage class entrants had foraged in their gardens and had obviously found that the weather had not dampened the items for display as we had to extend the allotted space to accommodate them all. What a display they made! It was encouraging to see new people entering this year and in some cases winning first prize. So many commented that it was not the winning but the fun of entering.



Last but not least the Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society did themselves proud with their displays of artistry and imagination. Themes to choose from this year were, Saving Lives at Sea, Remembering D-Day, A Perfect Match, Moody Blues, Miniature World and Bring me Sunshine. That's exactly what they did - brought sunshine, creativity and skill. We are very grateful to the "Flower Club" for all their hard work in helping to make a very successful show. The Chairperson of the Club presented the trophies and certificates at the end of the show, and was presented with a thankyou pot plant.

A raffle of gardening hampers was run by Viv and David Robinson with the plant stall being run by Darron and Steve. The community room was used to serve tea and cake and there was a constant buzz of chatter and laughter whilst munching on cakes made by volunteers. For many years Jane Bennett has organised the cake makers and the serving rota and the Club presented her with a gift of a pot plant to say thanks for all her hard work over time.

Finally a big thank you to all the exhibitors who took the trouble to enter and make the show another annual success and to all those who came along to see them. We look forward to next year's show and seeing what exciting exhibits our villagers can come up with.

A reminder that the Garden Club meet on the second Tuesday of the month from September to May and the Flower Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

*Sheila Still*



## Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May members of Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society were given the opportunity to show off their own skills with an 'in house' workshop.

Following a demonstration by Maggie Batchelor of a linear arrangement it was then the members turn to arrange their own interpretation with the flowers they had brought along. What followed was a very lively and interactive evening with no two arrangements looking the same. There certainly was a lot of chatter, laughter and the occasional pinching of foliage! Everyone agreed it was a very enjoyable evening and must be repeated again in the future.

Members are now gearing up for the Braishfield Garden Club Summer Show where they will have another opportunity to show off their talents in a more serious environment – no pinching of foliage allowed !!

*Carole Renvoize*



## Social Contact Group

It's always good to visit a new venue and at the end of May we visited The Country Cafe based at Hill Top Farm, Sherfield English. When we arrived the weather was overcast but by the time we'd enjoyed our home-made cakes & coffee the sun was out and we were able to sit outside & delay our journey home. We were so well looked after and this will definitely be on our list of return visits. It's also a lovely opportunity to support a family business.



In the hope of summer sunshine at the beginning of July we visited Daisy's Tea Rooms at Setley Ridge near Brockenhurst. Once again this is a favourite on our list of

venues and for those of us who chose a cream tea the scones were cooked whilst we waited! We are very fortunate in that wherever we visit the staff are always kind and willing to assist us in any way. It must be all our happy faces!

Our next trips are already planned and if you would like to join us please don't hesitate to contact me on

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**Household waste** rubbish on:  
*FRIDAY* 9th, 23rd Aug & 6th, 20th Sept

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

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«Cartons «Books and media

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

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