

Braishfield Village Diary

April	
10 Mon	12.00 Noon Lunch Club in The Church Room
11 Tue	7.30 pm Horticultural Society
12 Wed	11.00 am Police presence
25 Tue	7-30pm Braishfield Annual Parish Council
May	
9 Mon	12.00 Noon Lunch Club in The Church Room
10 Tue	7.30 pm Horticultural Society
17 Wed	11.00 am Police presence
23 Tue	7.00 pm Braishfield Parish Council

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From the Chairman

piano has been the centre of attraction for years with the Saturday night sing-along and flow of good ale. May this tradition long continue despite the unsettling news that Fullers Brewery have taken over Gales. The latter have valued Janet and Bernard's support in past years and have appreciated the pleasure that they have given many of us on those special evenings of fun.

You will have noticed that Braishfield has been in the News.

We congratulate Andrew Lalonde on being appointed President of Romsey Show for this year, which takes place on the second Saturday of September. Andrew is a great supporter having first attended the event over 50 years ago, and has been a member of the Council for thirty years and Chairs the rural industries section. Over the years the Show has broadened the range of activities and attractions, based on farming foundations. The number of farm livestock entries have been steadily rising and fulfils the Show's motto 'Where town and country meet'. We need have no doubt that it will be a great success and Andrew's mission will be achieved - to put the 'Rum' back into Romsey!

Many of you will have read the splendid news that the Newport scooped a national award for maintaining English tradition. Congratulations to Janet and Bernard, who have been running the Inn for 32 years, have won This England magazine's Silver Cross of St George award. A marvellous achievement, well worth a toast - sufficient enough to lift our spirits and for the regulars, the right elbow! The

In the February issue of the News you may have read with interest the letter from Adrian Moore, Chairman of Braishfield Football Club, to the residents which explained the Football Club's position regarding the pavilion on the Recreation Ground and the Club's wish to become an integral part of village life. It has a thriving Junior Section, the majority of who live in the village. It was very sad to read that Dean Cameron, a player in the under 14s team, from Romsey was killed in a traffic accident while out cycling on 21 February. The tragedy has been a great shock to his team-mates and to the whole of Romsey School. The Club celebrates its centenary in 2007, a landmark of which we can be proud. We all appreciate this achievement and offer the Club our support when and where necessary. You will have received the new Residents Guide. We are grateful

to Mikopy Ltd for sponsoring the publication this year. It would be helpful to Mike Stevens, the Editor, if you have any suggestions regarding the content and any additional information that would be useful. In this way, we hope to improve the Guide year on year.

A notable landmark for the Village Hall was reached on 2 March when Mike Alison, Chairman of the Committee retired after nine years in the Chair, only the second in the life of the Hall. We all appreciate Mike's contribution over many years and as a result the enjoyment of its use by the community at large. Thank you

George Elliott
Chairman

Mike, for the successful management of Braishfield's 'jewel in the crown', which we all value highly as the 'heart' of village life.

Some of us derive more joy from this time of year, as the earth slowly awakens from winter, than any other. As I write, this English winter is taking its time but even so we see the early signs unfold of the miracle of spring. Let us all enjoy it.

Your Letters

Braishfield Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch

This years lunch has been changed from its normal December week-end. The committee has set a date for the Sunday 7th of January 2007 which we all feel will be a quieter time in all of our busy lives to serve you all. Please dont be too dismayed it may not be full of 'Christmas Fayre' but a New Years feast for sure you can look forward to. So dont worry if your invitations may be a little late arriving this year. Thank You on behalf of my commitee.

Sharon Fielding.

Donation of play equipment to SNAPS brought using money raised from carol singing

I would like to acknowledge receipt of a parachute and bubble machine that we received from you in February. Thank you very much.

We understand that the money to buy these items was kindly raised through the Christmas carol singing efforts of Richard Menzies-Wilson, Charlie Mathews, Rosie Lloyd, Elle Drage, Sarah Carrie and Philip Ashton .We are absolutely delighted to have been chosen as the recipient charity as like most charitable organisations funds are always limited and we cannot easily afford to buy such equipment ourselves.

I would like to thank you on behalf of our young people and SNAPS for your generosity and support.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir/Madam

CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME 2006/7

I am pleased to advise you of the arrangements for Concessionary Travel for 2006/7.

The scheme has been reviewed following the introduction of free bus travel for all residents aged 60 and over by the Government and, as a result, the concession options have changed from previous years. This letter provides details of the options available for 2006/7 and tells you how to apply if you wish to take up a concession.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be resident in the Test Valley Borough Council area. Applications are invited from residents aged 60 or over, and from residents of any age with a "qualifying disability" (see below).

What concessionary travel options are available?

The concession options have changed for 2006/7. National Transport Tokens are no longer being issued. Taxi drivers and operators will no longer be able to redeem the tokens with the Council after 30 June 2006, so any tokens still in your possession should be used well in advance of that date otherwise taxi drivers may not accept them.

There are now two concessionary fares options to choose from:

- Hampshire Farepass OR ▪ Senior Railcard

These are explained further below.



From the Editor's Desktop

Braishfield's Own Website

The BVA is discussing the set up of a website dedicated to Braishfield and the surrounding hamlets.

We are looking for ideas for possible input and layout of the site.

What information would you want to see on the site

A few ideas are:

Things to see and do, Eat out in Braishfield

Favourite local walks, News

Residents Guide, History Script and Pictures

Local Businesses, Annual or special events

If the site goes ahead, we will also be looking for a volunteer to run and update the site on a regular basis.

Assistance will be given to whoever wants to take on this small task by the editor.

Please forward your ideas or your willingness to help with this new venture.

Contact

Mike Stevens

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Bin Collections

Bins are emptied in Braishfield on Wednesdays. If a bank holiday falls on a Monday, The bins are generally emptied on a Thursday.

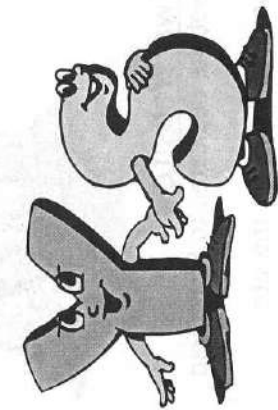
Recycle Bins are Emptied Fortnightly.

Dates for Recycle Bins

12th & 26th April

10th & 24th May

Braishfield All Saints Church and Community Appeal



remind them about what they have learned. We try to teach the children about the Bible in an informal atmosphere through fun and games, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our next Sunday Club will be on Easter Sunday (16th April) at 10.00 a.m., which will include an Easter Egg craft session and an Easter Egg Hunt. Please come and join us, and if you would like to know more about the Sunday Club, contact Kate Marshall on 367932.

By the time you read this, the Young Saints' Sunday Club will be recovering from it's second meeting! The Sunday Club has grown out of activity sessions for primary school aged children which have been organised by All Saints' Church under the banner of "Young Saints" for the last three years or so, and which many of you with young children will have heard of or attended. The Young Saints' Sunday Club is held on the third Sunday of every month (except August) between 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. in the Church Room in Church Lane. So far, the children have learned about God helping Moses, Joshua and the Israelites in their escape from Egypt, have made tents from chairs and blankets to experience a little of what conditions would have been like for them in the wilderness(!), have had a competition to find the best way to "Lego" Israelites across the baking tray River Jordan, and made craft items to

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Relative Values (Noel Coward)

For many this year's BMADS play was the best so far. Relative Values by Noel Coward encompasses social differences with humour and insight. The loyalties between fading aristocracy and their staff are challenged by the arrival of a film star as the prospective Lady Marshwood. Unknown to all but the dowager housekeeper, the future lady of the house is in fact her long un-seen sister. Unravelling the situation filled a most enjoyable two and a half hours in the Village Hall at the end of November.

From the moment the curtain rose to applause for the set to the final curtain the play flowed with scarcely a hiccup. The entire cast and production team deserve immense credit for a splendid evening. The standard of acting was high and to pick out individuals would be invidious. As usual Noel Coward did not let us down providing an intriguing social plot. Directed by Mike Allen and produced by Richard Clifton the play moved on at a good pace. The Village Hall was metamorphosed into Marshwood Hall by the splendid set from Peter Quarendon and bold painting by John Edwards and Jean Lowe. Dorothy Ross helped Jean with the props whilst Nicky Ayers and Elizabeth Templeman put the finishing touches to the wardrobe. Graham Bennett

saw to the front of the house and the furniture. Donna Taylor and Sheila Gardiner were responsible for the hairstyles with Wendy Quarendon being dramatically transformed into an older Cynthia Haying. Make up was by Sandy Richards and publicity by Alan Clifton. Malcolm Ayres, Chris Balchin, Philippa Tomlin, Mike Templeman and Geoff Mitchell completed the very able behind the scenes team not to mention Tessa Allen whose services as prompter were very little used throughout the evening.

The play takes place in Kent in 1951 and was ably performed by Braishfield's amateurs. The acting compared well with a recent performance in Salisbury. The timing of many of the punch lines was not out of keeping with that of a professional performance. Maggie Hillier as Moxie came over as a loyal member of the household but one who found her change to become Lady Marshwood's companion difficult. Alan Gurr, as Crestwell the butler, was studiously aloof and deferential but much in control: a difficult role to play well but one in which he succeeded. Kate Marshall played the central role of Lady Marshwood with verve and Mark Tomlin her somewhat toffee nosed son Nigel. A new find for BMADS was James Hillier in his first role as Don Lucas, the American film star. He got right into the part and was

unrecognisable for himself. The same could be said for Richard Groves who, in the role of Lady Marshwood's nephew, Peter Ingleton, displayed his natural talent for theatrical innovation and to amuse. The flamboyant Miranda Frayle, film star and potential new mistress of the house, was superbly played by Becky Hougham. Both she and James Hillier managed to retain a convincing (albeit Southern) American accent throughout the play. Peter Semper, as the pipe wagger and somewhat inconsequential Admiral Haying, complemented his socially climbing wife Cynthia played by Wendy Quarendon. Mention should also be made of Hannah Bennett as the star struck maid who can barely handle the presence of two film stars

in the house! The recipe worked extremely well and provided for a most enjoyable evening. BMADS has gone from strength to strength and it is to be hoped will continue to do so.

The cast obviously enjoyed themselves and gave great pleasure to the audience. A great deal of effort has gone into this production and the audience's response testifies to the success of the evening. Lets hope there will be more to come and the new found actor talent can be used again in the future.

Thank you to one and all.

Ian Chisholm

Apologies from Mike Allen for the delay getting this article to print

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Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

In November we held our annual charity demonstration by Jackie Knight for which we would like to thank everyone who came and supported us. We had some wonderful arrangements to admire and everyone brought lots of draw tickets and brought from the cake and flower stall so that we were able to give the XLP Research Trust (The Hartley Boys) £150.

January's meeting was our A.G.M. with a small gathering. The A.G.M. was over quickly and we were happy to know that we were able to go on for another year. It's sad to think that each year we see that we may not be able to keep going as we do not have many members but we live in hope. We then enjoyed a lovely American supper and then we sat down to watch slides of NAAFAS Winchester Flower Festival which we all enjoyed as we were able to say whether we like an arrangement or not without hurting anyone's feelings. Some were quite strange but most were wonderful.

February's meeting which was a cold bitter night with snow so that only a few members came and watched a wonderful demonstration by Christine Stevens titled "Trends and Traditions" her arrangements were very modern but lovely and the amount of flowers she used was unbelievable. Simone, our treasurer was having fits about the expense but her flower allowance was no more than usual and all who were there went home with lovely arrangements won in the draw.

Great! At the March meeting, our own Chairman Denise Bright will be demonstrating "A Few Of Our Favourite Things" which will be very good, I'm sure, she does a demonstration most years for us which helps to keep the expense down and they have all been great.

We are a very small group and very friendly who meet once a month and would welcome any visitors who would like to come along. You do not have to be good at flower arranging but enjoy seeing plants and flowers arranged nicely and you never know you may enjoy it so much you may want to have a go yourself when you get home.

We meet in the small room in the village hall at 7.30 p.m.

FUTURE DATES ARE LISTED BELOW.
Thursday 27th April Marion Emery Speaking on "From Capability To Bumps"

Thursday 25th May Irene Hickson . Demonstrating "Music Of The Night"

Thursday 22nd June Christine Evans . Demonstrating "Floral Inspiration"

Thursday 27th July. Garden Party.

Thursday 28th September Diane Norman Demonstrating "Ikebana From An English Garden"

Thursday 26th October A Workshop.

Thursday 23rd November Our Open Evening Lizzy Matheson Demonstrating "And Here Begins A Journey"

Monday 11th December A Christmas Workshop

Maggie Batchelor

Braishfield School Association

BRAISHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

The children of Braishfield Primary School entertained two packed houses of parents and friends during the final week of term at their performances of three seasonal musicals.

All the infant children took part in telling A Christmas Toy Story, in which a group of children decided they still loved their old toys even though they hoped to get new gifts. Two narrators retold the Christmas story while a traditional Nativity tableau was built up on stage.

The Saplings class entertained everyone with A French Nativity in which the story was told in words and songs in French. The children were complimented on their excellent pronunciation and accent.

The Oaks class acted out a familiar family Christmas afternoon in front of the television interspersed with songs from the musical Oliver.

Following both performances a collection was held for the Naomi House Children's Hospice and we would like to thank everyone who gave very generously. The total donated was £400.58.

Earlier in the month, many of the children performed Christmas songs at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party held at the Social Club.

As usual our children have made

us very proud by their hard work and time given to helping others.

SILVER SURFER WEEK

Silver Surfer Day is a national campaign to promote the use of the internet amongst older people. During the past two years Hampshire County Council has taken part in the campaign by organising a week of events across the county specifically for older people, to encourage them to use the internet. The County Council will be extending this campaign by running events between 20-26 May 2006, which coincides with both the national Adult learners week and the national Silver Surfer week.

The school will be running an event giving local older people the opportunity to access the internet using our equipment at the school. Look out for details nearer the time.

SPACES IN THE SCHOOL

We currently have spaces in our Year 1 and Reception Year groups. We are also not fully subscribed for next September so please spread the word amongst your friends and neighbours that it is worth giving us a ring as we may well be able to accommodate their children.

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Elizabeth Joan Harrington 1916-2006

Joan, my Nan, was born in Ashburton House, Crampmoor and was the eldest child of Bert and Bess Cawte, followed by Peg and Bert. She attended Otterbourne School where she befriended a fellow pupil Douglas Pike although romance did not blossom.

After leaving school Joan, who loved animals, worked on a farm. At 15 she met Dennis Harrington, a year her senior. Douglas was still vying for her attention but it was Dennis who won her heart.

Joan and Dennis married in 1939 before he was drafted and they were posted to Wales. In 1942 John was born and they spent another 4 years in Wales before returning to Braishfield.

Joan's brother and sister both married. Sadly Bert's wife died in childbirth while delivering twins, Bill and Monica. Joan adopted Bill and Peg, who later moved next to Bess and Bert, adopted Monica, so all the family lived in the same road.

I was Joan's first grandchild followed by Spencer in 1973. Dennis worked for Strongs until he retired in the mid 70's. Joan and Dennis had never taken a holiday until 1979 when they took a week on the Thames with John, Pauline and Myself. These enjoyable annual trips continued until Dennis' health stopped them. Dennis passed away in 1992 after Bill and Chris had given them a Grand-daughter Monica.

Joan's first great grandchild Elliot Dennis was born soon after Dennis' passing. In 1995 Joan started to take holidays with John and Pauline at the Haven Holiday centres and won a glamorous Grandmother competition. She also took several holidays with Barbara, Pauline's mother. Joan enjoyed the arrival of her next grandchild, Keegan Frank William Conduit.

Joan was starting to get increasingly frail but was determined to remain at home. This was helped by the attention from Peg and brother in law Ken.

By 2003 she could no longer cope and moved into Nightingale Lodge where John visited her daily even when she got to the stage of being unable to remember him.

Joan passed away peacefully in her sleep last month.

We will all remember her as a kind and loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother

Nicola

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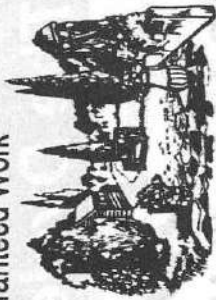
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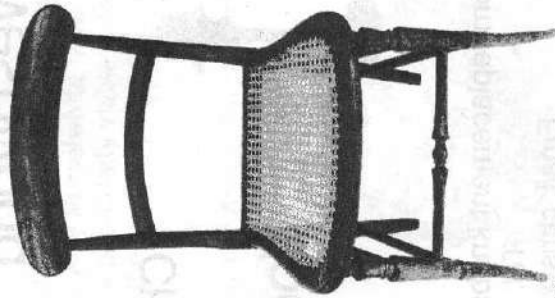
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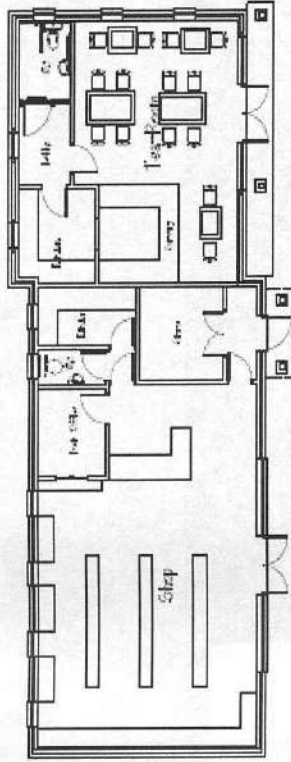
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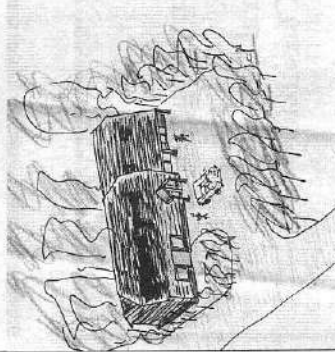
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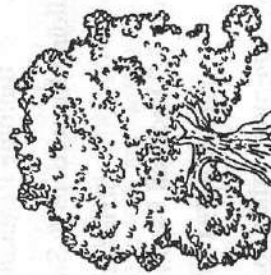
Following overwhelming support for the idea of a village shop (as shown in the survey that we conducted about 2 years ago) we have at last made some progress.

A group of public spirited people brought together by Jeremy Musselwhite have come up with a potentially viable scheme on the site of the old Telephone Exchange.

Jeremy will present his detailed proposals at the Annual Parish Meeting which is at 7-30 p.m. on Tuesday 25th April in the Village Hall.

Please do attend.

Tony Chant
Chairman
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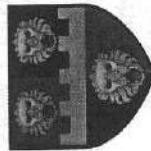
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Braishfield Horticultural Society

So at here with my thinking cap on, I find myself gazing out of the window and looking at the multitude of buds on our Magnolia Tree. Recent years have seen them burst into flower, but only too soon, cut back by the arrival of frosty nights. Maybe the continuing Arctic weather we are experiencing will persuade them to stay in bed until it is safe to emerge, when, hopefully we will enjoy the spectacle for a little longer.

The February Meeting with Dennis Bright as the Speaker was, I am told, very well attended. On the night, I was sat at home feeling sorry for myself as all men do, (so sayeth the fairer sex) when one is a bit under the weather. All was not lost, however, because our resourceful Lady Chairman, Jill, made notes for me to use in this report.

With the aid of a very good slide show, Dennis illustrated the project set up in 1989 by the Environment Agency to encourage the nesting of Barn Owls in the Test Valley. In the beginning, Dennis used tea chests, provided by Twinings of Andover, to create homes for the birds and later constructed larger two storey boxes set up in trees and outbuildings with the co-

operation of farmers and landowners. There were some problems with felines and jackdaws who also liked the facilities, not to mention rat poison.

Barn Owls are birds of open country who follow low flight paths around fields in search of their prey. Casualties often occur on the highway as they cross over. Higher hedges would help prevent this happening.

Sponsorship for the project, which was a great success, was stopped in the year 2000 but Dennis and his friend, Archie, continued the work voluntarily. The flood plain by the river provides an excellent habitat. To see the birds, take a walk along the Test Way on a June evening.

Another excellent talk for our Society, given by a man, a dedicated enthusiast, coupled with a great deal of the patience required to obtain a photographic record of the various stages of the owls lives. In March, Mrs Lynn Formison duly arrived from her home in Ropley to talk to us on her favourite subject, weeds. She spoke to us at some length and with a degree of humour on not only the problems created by some weeds, but also on the benefits of others. Lynn supported her talk with a slide show, which,

unlike the usual display of flowers and shrubs that we are used to, was made up of every type of weed you may come across in your garden.

There are, of course, a number of weeds considered to be edible. Lynn has tried some but was obviously not impressed with their flavour. There are some that attract the Blackfly, quite useful, you may well find that they leave your favourite plants alone. The one "weed" that brought a sparkle to Lynn's eyes was, of course, the elderberry and her "Elderberry Hot Toddy." There was a definite stir among the audience as she described her recipe. I wonder how many members will be out gathering the berries this year? Not to mention the increased demand for brandy.

Once again, I believe we all enjoyed an evening well spent. To some there was a reminder of childhood days as we were reminded of the games played with some of the species. Lynn, obviously a lady dedicated to her cause, which includes butterfly conservation and on which she spends three days a week. Her final plea was, "please remember the butterflies." Leave an area where they can breed.

On into April, just a reminder that Rob and Rosie Hardy of Hardy's Cottage Plants will be with us once again. April, of

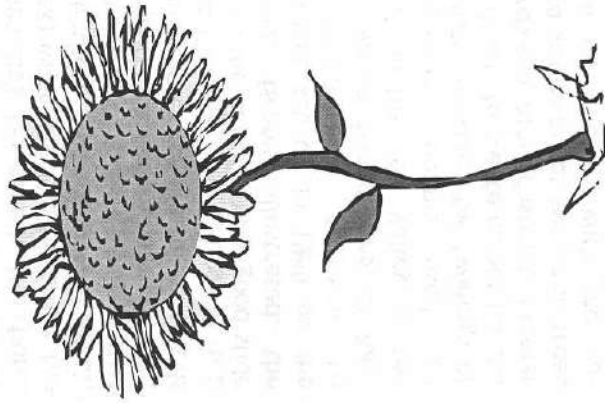
course, being the month of the Spring Show. If the cold spell continues much longer, some of the items on the schedule might prove to be difficult to find.

May see's the return of an old friend, Andrew McLindoe whose subject on this occasion will be Shrubs Throughout The Year. We can be sure of yet another good evening and a high attendance.

On that note, I will bring this epistle to an end as my brain, (or what there is of it,) is now completely drained. The next edition, which will be in June, will hopefully contain news of the Outside Visits together with things that matter in connection with the July Flower Show.

Bye for now.

Bob Thomson
BHS Secretary & Scribe.



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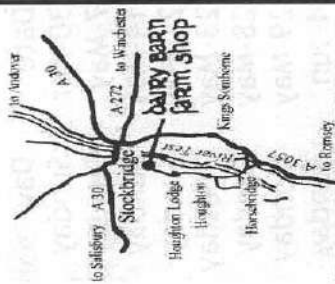


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Date	Day	Against	H/A	Time
30-Apr	Sunday	Rioters	A	2.30
7-May	Sunday	Comp Chamb	H	2.30
14-May	Sunday	Cuckoo	H	2.30
21-May	Sunday	Winchester Coll	A	2.30
23-May	Tuesday	Stanbridge Earls	A	6.00
28-May	Sunday	Lamb and Flag	H	2.30
29-May	Monday	Wheatsheaf 20/20	H	11.00
4-Jun	Sunday	Willow	A	2.30
11-Jun	Sunday	Chelonians	H	2.00
13-Jun	Tuesday	Stanbridge Earls	H	6.15
18-Jun	Sunday	Dorset day	A	
21-Jun	Weds	Leckford Estate	A	6.30
25-Jun	Sunday	Vagabonds	H	2.00
2-Jul	Sunday	Dr. Hardings	H	2.30
5-Jul	Weds	Winchester Coll	A	6.15
9-Jul	Sunday	Tap Room Trophy	H	11.00
12-Jul	Weds	Leckford Estate	H	6.30
16-Jul	Sunday	Crawley	A	2.30
19-Jul	Weds	Cuckoo	A	6.30
23-Jul	Sunday	West Meon	H	2.30
30-Jul	Sunday	Upper Clatford	H	2.30
6-Aug	Sunday	Rotherfield Park	A	2.30
13-Aug	Sunday	Hyde	A	2.30
20-Aug	Sunday	Primary Club	H	2.30
27-Aug	Sunday	Willow	H	2.30
3-Sep	Sunday	Rioters	H	2.00
10-Sep	Sunday	Cuckoo	A	2.00
17-Sep	Sunday	Crawley	H	1.30
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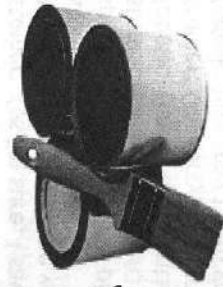
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Customer: I have problems printing in red...
Helpdesk: Do you have a color printer?
Customer: Aaaah.....Thank you.
Helpdesk: What's on your monitor now ma'am?
Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me
Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.
Helpdesk: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?
Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.
Helpdesk: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.
Customer: Okay.
Helpdesk: Did the keyboard come with you?
Customer: Yes.
Helpdesk: That means the keyboard is not plugged in. Is there another keyboard?
Customer: Yes, there's another one here. Ah.that one does work!
Helpdesk: Your password is the small letter a as in apple, a capital letter V as in Victor, and the number 7.
Customer: Is that 7 in capital letters?
A customer couldn't get on the Internet.
Helpdesk: Are you sure you used the right password?
Customer: Yes I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.
Helpdesk: Can you tell me what the password was?
Customer: Five stars.
Helpdesk: What anti-virus program do you use?
Customer: Netscape.
Helpdesk: That's not an anti-virus program.
Customer: Oh, sorry...Internet Explorer.
Helpdesk: How may I help you?
Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.
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Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers only the meeting held on 28th February 2006. There is only one meeting on which to report owing to a re-scheduling of meetings over the Christmas and New Year period. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 28th March and the one after that on 25th April. The 25th April is also the date of the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a formal Council Meeting but is a Meeting for Parishioners. This year, Jem Musselwhite has kindly agreed to give a presentation on current thoughts for the Village Shop. So everyone is invited and urged to come along to the Village Hall.

Perhaps it's the time of year, but the number of planning applications being submitted is very low and the Council had only the tree work at Elm Grove Bungalow to consider and it duly made no objection.

It is unusual for the Council to object to tree work in the Braishfield Conservation Area but it did so at an earlier Meeting with a request from Blackthorn Close. It did so because the Council understood that the trees in question were covered by a planning condition. This was pointed out to TVBC but it appears to have been ignored.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Head of Planning, pointing out that this was not merely a Conservation Area tree work issue, but a planning matter.

The Borough Local Plan Inquiry (ie houses at Abbotswood etc) rumbles on. Part 2 of the Planning Inspector's report will be available for public consultation on 24th March. The Council is writing to TVBC still objecting to the concentration of homes at Abbotswood.

It took a long time to get a replacement post box for the one removed from Hill View a year or two ago, but the Royal Mail managed to replace the fallen box nearly opposite the War Memorial without being chased, thereby saving the Clerk the job of writing to them as requested by the Council.

The Council had been pursuing a request for a road name change from Parnholt Road to Baileys Down. TVBC conducted a survey (you wouldn't expect the turnout to be high in that part of the village) which voted against a change, so the idea has been dropped.

Also on 'Highways', HCC has yet again given the thumbs down sign to a request for a footpath at Crook Hill on the grounds that the accident rate is too low.

Bookings for the Recreation Ground have come in thick and fast lately, with the Council giving the following approvals:

Flower Show

Saturday 15th July

School Fayre

Saturday 10th June

Romsey Road Runners Sunday 11th June

During AOB the matter of the disappearing Recycling Centre at the Wheatsheaf PH was raised and the Clerk was asked to write to TVBC for an explanation. The

issue even produced an article in the Romsey Advertiser. Though not yet reported to the Council, the current excuse from TVBC is that it is too difficult to wheel the bins over the gravelled surface. TVBC was reported in the Romsey Advertiser as looking for another site in Braishfield. This is now denied by TVBC, saying "As far as any potential sites, we are happy to investigate any that might be suggested". So much for trying to promote recycling.

BRAISHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Tuesday 25th April 2006 – 7.30pm

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J RHODES Clerk to the Parish Council

The Planning Authority dealt with a number of applications as follows:

HCC Reference	Address	Variation of conditions relating to	Permission
HCC TV066	SITA, Rudd Lane	Hunts Farm Quarry	Permission
05/841	All Saints Church, Church Lane	New doorway and ramped access	Permission
05/853	Orchard Cottage, Church Lane	Retrospective changes to windows and porch	Permission
05/797	Unit 10, Pucknall Farm, Dores Lane	Change of use to domestic (revised application)	Refused
HCC TV 153	BKP, Bunny Lane	Electrical waste storage	Permission

The Council received a number of planning applications and responded to TVBC as follows:

06/427T Elm Grove Bungalow, Dummer Road
Tree work
No objection

John Rhodes

For information on planning applications in Braishfield and for copies of Parish Council Minutes etc, you can find these on

johnbrhodes.supanet.com/braishfield

Braishfield in the Beginning

The following extracts are from the early Parish Council Minutes researched by John Rhodes, the current Clerk to the Council

24th March 1975

Recreation Ground

The Clerk read a letter from Lt Col JE Tull following a site meeting he had held with Mr Lowman. He recommended that the area behind the old pavilion be cleared and used for swings and slides. He also suggested that the old pavilion be converted into a summer house. He advised that a barrier be erected so that balls could not go into the road. The Council decided to hold a site meeting on the Recreation Ground at 6.30pm on 1st April 1975.

Points raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Morgan, the Divisional Surveyor, regarding several matters as follows:- The Newport Inn sign, the new noticeboard, potholes in the main street, the pothole outside Mrs Masters shop, whether or not the road signs could be repaired and not replaced with the new reflective signs.

The Council confirmed their previous decision that they were not in favour of Council House building in the village at the present time.

12th May 1975

Footpath posts

The Clerk reported that none of the landowners had any objection to the proposed erection of posts in the footpaths to prevent horse riding. The Clerk was instructed to put this in motion.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that the play area scheme had been followed up. The Council had inspected and approved the original suggestion made by Col Tull at a site meeting. The Clerk said he thought that it might be some time before he had a firm quotation to put before the Council.

AOB

It was reported that blood from the kennels was still finding its way into the highway ditches. The Clerk was asked to write in strong terms informing the Hunt that the Council would have to take the matter to higher authority if the nuisance continued.

17th June 1975

The Clerk reported that it was not permitted to erect horse obstructions in the footpaths but that styles (sic) were permissible. It was decided to ask White & Etherington to quote for both one and two styles (sic again) on two footpaths.

Braishfield in the Beginning

Continued

It was reported that blood coming from the kennels into the highway ditches would cease shortly when new soakaways had been dug.

AOB

The Chairman also raised the report contained in the Romsey Advertiser of the Chairman of the BVA address. He said that this was a foolish thing to do. The Chairman read the report and then asked the Clerk to comment on the 'rebukes'. The Clerk said that the Chairman had not requested the youngsters to tidy up the village. He had made the suggestion that it would be an idea and it was never accepted on the understanding that the bus shelter would be repaired. The Clerk confirmed that the Association had written asking if the bus shelter could be repaired. A price had been accepted in ? from a local craftsman whose prices were considerably lower than anyone else. He has been asked when he could do the work and it will be done when he has time.

The report was totally inaccurate and as far as the Newport Inn sign was concerned, the Council had taken this matter up with the Divisional Surveyor long before the existence of the BVA. It had been damaged by the HCC when the road works were in progress and

it had been re-erected last month by the HCC. It was not due to any pressure from the BVA. The Council had not been "persuaded" to change the dates of its meetings by the BVA. The Council had received a request from the Association which they had willingly agreed.

21st July 1975

AOB

Mr Cobbold said he thought that the TVBC should ensure that wells are covered and not filled in, so that in times of shortage they could be used.

It was also reported that if there was a fire in the north end of the village, there would not be enough water to control it. Apparently Mr Hebblethwaite has an irrigation scheme which is without electrical power from September 'til March. Mr Hebblethwaite would be prepared to allow the use of his bowser(?) and the Clerk was asked to write to the Fire Service and TVBC.

4th September 1975

Correspondence

The Clerk read a letter in connection with the 'Best Kept Village' competition. The Judges awarded a good average mark to the village with no outstanding faults noted. Parts of the housing

estate and the laying field at the school merited a bonus point. The Clerk was instructed to write to the BVA and congratulate them on their help.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk said that he had now costed out the scheme. If one larger swing and one smaller swing were erected together with a seesaw, the cost would be in the order of £600 not including erection of the play equipment. The Council resolved to consider this at the next meeting. The Clerk said that the greater part of the work would be the modification of the existing pavilion into a shelter. The Clerk was asked to write to the Clerk of West Wellow PC and find out if they had received help from TVBC in the way of labour at cost for the erection.

20th October 1975

The Clerk reported that the Rights of way Officer had written to say that consent for the erection of stiles had been withheld because it could only be given to prevent animals going in and also that grant would only be given for replacements.

A letter had been received from the fire service regarding the fire risk at the northern part of the village. The Clerk read the letter and it was decided to write to the SWA regarding the low pressure and also invite the Divisional Commander to come and explain the situation. The fire service is to re-inspect the pump installation at Pitt Farm.

Information on current Planning Applications in Braishfield and copies of current Parish Council Minutes etc, are available on the website:-

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