

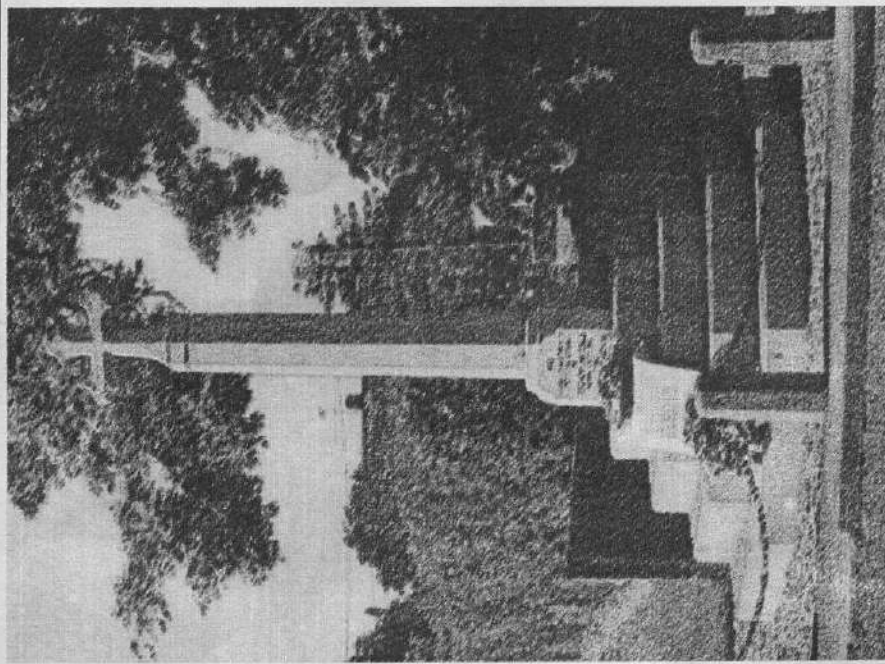
Braishfield Village Diary

- October**
- 03 Tue 7.00 pm Braishfield Parish Council
 - 09 Mon 12.00 Noon Lunch Club in The Church Room
 - 10 Tue 7.30 pm Horticultural Society
 - 11 Wed 11.00 am Police presence
- November**
- 07 Tue 7.00 pm Braishfield Parish Council
 - 11 Sat 10.55 Armistice Day service (War Memorial)
 - 12 Sun 3.00pm Remembrance Sunday service (Church)
 - 13 Mon 12.00 Noon Lunch Club in The Church Room
 - 14 Tue 7.30 pm Horticultural Society
 - 15 Wed 11.00 am Police presence
 - 17 Fri 7-30pm Fun Quiz Night
 - 24 Fri & 25 Sat BMADS presents: ROMANOFF & JULIET

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From the Chairman

We have a few more weeks before the leaves start to fall and the light fails before it is time for tea. It may seem a low point in the year but some of us are quite pleased for the rest from the garden and a clear conscience to tackle the myriad of household jobs awaiting our attention.

The BKP public meeting on 7 September in the Village Hall was well attended with over 70 present. BKP and Planet Group explained the revised proposal and the BOS process of turning 'waste to energy'. We appreciated the opportunity to challenge the project and the new system which is not yet in use in the United Kingdom. Many questions were put to the Team but it was not easy to identify and ask appropriate questions without knowing details of the application. Nevertheless, the wide interest shown by everyone was encouraging and the general awareness gained of the new technology and its potential impact is a positive step forward. However, this is only the exploratory phase. We must now maintain our interest, to be ready and focused for the application when it is submitted. We must ensure that the

planning process takes account of all the factors. Our community's concern is that nothing is put in place that causes an adverse impact on the health, safety and amenity of our residents and of the local environment.

A reminder for you - do remember the Quiz Night on Friday 17 November in the Village Hall. The evening is advertised in the later pages and has drawn support from an ever wider field each year. This also reminds me to express my admiration at the number of specialist and fun events which are held in the Village during the summer. The August News gave such a good account of many of them but by no means all. The October Issue will doubtless do equal justice to the later activities. They are wonderfully organised and seem to have just the right balance between relaxed efficiency, quality, fun and enjoyment, whatever the theme. We should give a very big thank you to respective committees and their helpers for their enthusiastic endeavour and hard work. In my unbiased opinion we can give ourselves the Village of the Year Trophy without a moment of hesitation!

Once again the date of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday approaches. The Village

Diary on the back cover reminds you of the timings of the Gathering at the War Memorial on 11 November and the Remembrance Sunday Service on the 12th. Sadly, the events in Iraq and Afghanistan are with us each day and the names on our Memorial deserve to be remembered. A real human life lies behind each one of these.

Let us enjoy the closing days of summer while we can.

George Elliott
Chairman

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As you may have noticed, we are now experiencing alternate bin collections. This means that only one of your bins will be emptied each week and alternates between recycle (brown bin) and household (black bin). Everyone should have been sent details of dates for collections. For the next two months the dates are:

Recycle	Household
October 4th and 18th	October 11th and 25th
November 1st, 15th and 29th	November 8th and 22nd

There has been concern about what to recycle and how to avoid too much household waste. Here is the answer from TVBC

Reuse your waste for instance by reusing carrier bags when shopping, repair household items rather than buying new ones, give items away to charities, use rechargeable batteries and compost your kitchen and garden waste at home.

brown-lidded bin	Material	Local Recycling Site
Yes	newspapers and magazines	Yes
Yes	tins and cans	Yes
Yes	plastic bottles	Yes
Yes	other paper and card	No
No	glass bottles and jars	Yes
No	textiles and books	Yes
No	Green garden waste	No
No	mixed plastics	No

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1st Braishfield Brownie Holiday

The glorious weather of the first week of the school holidays added to the enjoyment of a fun filled holiday for nineteen girls and six adults.

We stayed in the village hall in Winterbourne Earls near Salisbury. Once camp beds were assembled, posters put up and the girls had arrived with their colourful bedding and cuddly toys, it became a comfortable environment. Over the years we, the adults, have learnt that the success of a good week is to keep the girls occupied and well fed, and this we certainly did.

A variety of activities had been organised and everything fitted in well, even allowing for adjustments to cope with the very hot weather. One day we had planned to leave at 11:30am to climb up to Figsbury Ring, taking a packed lunch. Instead, after enjoying an al-fresco breakfast in 24°C, we were walking by 9.30am and back by midday to enjoy a picnic in the shade of the hall.

Water play became a feature of the week and the leaders got soaked on several occasions. The water play was enjoyed with renewed enthusiasm when one of the parents kindly delivered a hose and sprinkler.

Our day out at Longleat Safari Park was a great success. Even the coach company were considered and sent a larger air-conditioned coach than we had booked. The girls seemed to have incredible energy despite the heat and this was put to good use in the adventure play area where the leaders could watch from shady positions. The animals in the Safari park were enthusias-

tically admired but the coach driver could not be persuaded to venture into the monkey enclosure. The giraffe that has survive a caesarean delivery (a world first apparently) was a favourite, but held second place to the large hissing cockroach that the girls were allowed to hold in pets corner!!

Other activities during the week included playing Pooh Sticks in the river Bourne, visiting the village church and having a barbeque at the house of some friends of Hannah who live in the village. They kindly organised games in the garden, including a race of their three tortoises.

The girls all wrote diaries during the holiday - these are a few extracts:-

"The roast dinner was delicious, especially the flavoursome gravy"

"We ended a really fun day today with a great water fight"

"The food was yummy. The cooking is excellent, even as good as my Granny's"

"The gorillas at Longleat have got Sky-TV for FREE - lucky things"

"I Loved making scones. We ate them for tea with jam and cream, I had three and a half - yum yum"

After six days the girls were excited to see their parents and the adults were very tired. It was a great holiday and the girls were all a pleasure to take away.

Nicky Ayres (Brown Owl)

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Braishfield Babies and Toddlers

The long summer holidays are over, September is here and the new school term has started. I like many Mums and Dads in the village took my eldest child for his first day at school but as a Mum of two younger children I wanted something fun and enjoyable to do with my baby and toddler which didn't involve staying home all day.

So on the Wednesday morning I went to the village hall in the side room for the Braishfield toddler group. As I opened the door I was greeted with children playing and having fun and a warm welcome from the adults in the room. I did wonder if my children would be a bit clingy on first arriving but to

my delight my two year old and 10 month old jumped straight in to playing. There was good selection of toys suitable for both the babies and toddlers; a slide, tent and tunnel, a kitchen for budding chefs, playdoh for those feeling creative to name but a few.

But what about me? With my children playing happily with children their own ages in a safe and secure environment, I was able to sit down and get to know some Mums whom I have seen at the school gate. Everyone was really welcoming and it was great to have a drink, some adult conversation, and join in with the play activities with my children.

After an hour of hard playing (not

just the children!) the children all sat down on the mat and had a well deserved drink and biscuit. Following their pit stop the children were then let into the main hall where there was a selection of trikes and cars for the children to run off their excess energy with whilst some of the adults tidied up the side room and some supervised the hall. This was then followed by a singing session in the side room a lovely way to end the two hour session before going home for some lunch and a nap.

I for one will be a regular attendee of this friendly welcoming group where my children can safely play and we can all make new friends.

Braishfield Toddlers is a small

and friendly volunteer run group who meet every Wednesday morning from ten am to midday.

It is a chance for babies and young children to get together and have a play. Everybody is welcome to the group; it is not just for Braishfield residents but anybody from the surrounding areas. Braishfield Toddlers provides a great chance in the early years for all the children in the area as well as parents, guardians and childminders to get to know each other prior to starting preschool and school.

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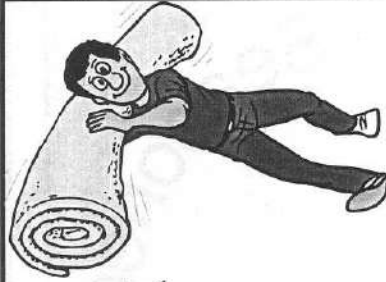
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Braishfield Horticultural Society

Looking out of the window at the moment, it would appear that the Indian Summer we were enjoying has deserted us. Maybe it will return. However, now is not the time to worry about the weather, we have the continuing activities of the Society to think about. No doubt you have all enjoyed the summer break and now feeling bright eyed, bushy tailed and rearing to go.

Our September Meeting proved, once again, to be of the high standard to which we have become accustomed. Our Speaker, Alan Edmondsom, a man who has been in the business for some thirty or so years and is no newcomer to us, spoke at length on what he describes as his favourite subject, "The Florists Flowers". He began by explaining that referring to someone who sells flowers, as a florist, is a misrepresentation of the word. Going back many years, florists were people who grew flowers to a very high standard for the purpose of exhibiting, but were in no way involved with selling. Many, in fact, were ordinary working folk. He then went on to explain the history of and changes to about eight different

species, dating from around the seventeenth century. Much of his knowledge has been gleaned from a very old book discovered in a second-hand bookshop. He has so far avoided telling his wife how much it cost. How many of us lads are guilty of such a misdemeanour? Another good Speaker who I am sure we will see again in the future.

In October, Jane Balfour will present her talk on 20th Century Gardens. The Autumn Show will take place during the same evening when it is hoped that Jane will do the judging. The schedule can be found on the back of your programme. Please do your best to make the Show worthwhile.

The Annual General Meeting is now but a few short weeks away. One can but wonder where the time has gone. It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since we last enjoyed the annual celebration. The object of the Meeting is, of course, to listen to reports of the activities of the previous twelve months, discuss any matters arising from such reports and finally to elect or re-elect the Committee. For a number of years now, it has been a case of re-elect because no nominations have been put forward. The only changes to the Committee have been as a

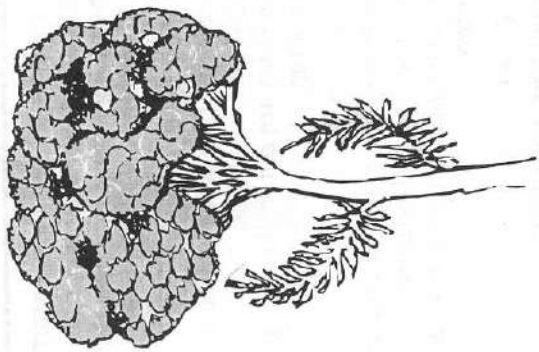
result of co-opting. Please give the matter some thought. Anyone interested should seek nomination.

Apart from that, make sure that you attend, fill the room as usual and enjoy what is always a jolly good social evening.

There being nothing more that I have to bring to your attention, I will now sign off. Do give some thought to the matters mentioned and let us have a good old "natter" in November.

Bob Thomson

BHS Secretary & Scribe



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Fun Page

So summer is over and we start to think about winter. Here is an interesting insight into how they deal with the cold in Finland

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People in Spain wear winter-coats and gloves.

The Finns are out in the sun, getting a tan.

+10° C / 50° F

The French are trying in vain to start their central heating.

The Finns plant flowers in their gardens.

+5° C / 41° F

Italian cars won't start.

The Finns are cruising in cabrio-lets.

0° C / 32° F

Distilled water freezes.

The water in Vantaa river (in Finland) gets a little thicker.

-5° C / 23° F

People in California almost freeze to death.

The Finns have their final barbecue before winter.

-10° C / 14° F

The Brits start the heat in their houses.

The Finns start wearing long sleeves.

-20° C / -4° F

The Aussies flee from Mallorca. The Finns end their Midsummer celebrations. Autumn is here.

-30° C / -22° F

People in Greece die from the

cold and disappear from the face of the earth.

The Finns start drying their laundry indoors.

-40° C / -40° F

Paris starts cracking in the cold.

The Finns stand in line at the hot-dog stands.

-50° C / -58° F

Polar bears start evacuating the North Pole.

The Finnish army postpones their winter survival training awaiting real winter weather.

-60° C / -76° F

Korvatunturi (the home of Santa Claus) freezes.

The Finns rent a movie and stay indoors.

-70° C / -94° F

The false Santa moves south.

The Finns get frustrated since they can't store their Kossu

(Koskenkorva

vodka) outdoors. The Finnish army goes out on winter survival training.

-183° C / -297.4° F

Microbes in food don't survive.

The Finnish cows complain that the farmers' hands are cold.

-273° C / -459.4° F

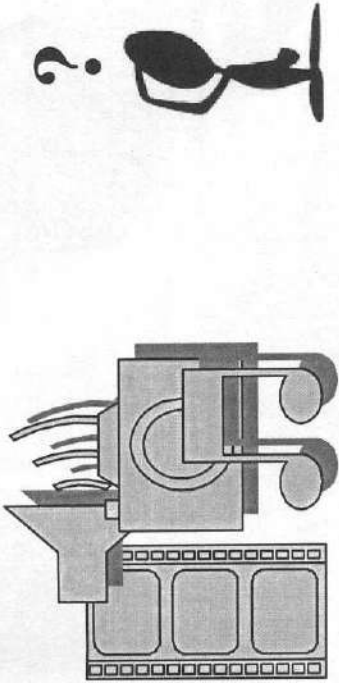
ALL atom-based movement halts.

The Finns start saying "Perkele, it's cold outside today."

-300° C / -508° F

Hell freezes over.

Finland wins the Eurovision Song Contest.



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Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers the Parish Council's meeting held on 5th September 2006, there being no meeting in August. As mentioned last time, the Council has changed the date of its meetings and the general rule is that they will be held on the first Tuesday of the month except in August.

The Parish Council heard that the Cango bus service does not appear to have been the resounding success hoped for by Hampshire County Council. It is expected that the Cango will be withdrawn at the end of October and the No 35 bus re-instated at approximately the same times. Use of the Cango required pre-booking and consequently it is being said that this was an obstacle to its use, particularly for occasional users. The cost of the Cango subsidy appears to have been excessive, with high overheads associated with the pre-booking service and administration. The issue of tokens/vouchers etc will continue to be debated.

The village shop is still being pursued and an application has been submitted to Test Valley

Borough Council as you may have gathered from the circular put round the village. However, at the time of writing (21st September) it does not appear to have been registered as the Parish Council has not received a copy for comment from Test Valley Borough Council. The Council had been talking in terms of holding an extra meeting before its normal one on 3rd October to discuss the application. If the application is received by the Parish Council just after 3rd October, then it is possible that an extra meeting might be held later in October, rather than having to wait until the November meeting to discuss it.

BKP has also been in the meeting game following the withdrawal of their application for a gasification plant at its Bunny Lane site. BKP held a public meeting in the village hall on 7th September which was nothing to do with the Parish Council. However, they gave a presentation on what they proposed to do followed by a question and answer session. It was attended by about 55 villagers. Some people may have been reassured but others were not. The sole reason given by BKP for the burning of waste



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was to avoid the ever-increasing landfill tax. In fact BKP have changed their proposed supplier of equipment following the objections to the first applications, some of which BKP described as emotional and containing misinformation. A meeting was also held at the Timsbury Jubilee Hall. Minutes were taken of the meeting and these have been given to BKP.

The plan from now on is for Parish Councils to see and comment on the application before a final application is made to Hampshire County Council probably later this year.

A slightly similar application for a wood-burning electricity generator in Slackstead has been withdrawn.

The issue of car parking on the Recreation Ground car park was discussed again following a complaint from a resident that the Parish Council was being heavy-handed if it introduced a penalty fines system. This can be an emotive issue, but perhaps I could point out that the car park is part of a registered charity and is not there to alleviate parking problems at nearby houses. Upkeep of the car park comes from the public purse but the Council is not permitted to make

a charge for non-recreational use.

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

06/197 8/F	Alterations and extensions	Sunnybank, Church Lane	Permission
06/195 2/F	Erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings	12, Hill View Road	Sent to Planning Control Committee
06/205 0/F	Replacement garage	Tregoyd, Crook Hill	Permission
06/199 6/F	Conservatory	The Homestead, Braishfield Road	Permission
06/204 5/F	Extension for utility room	Meade Hill, Church Lane	Permission
06/198 7/C	Part demolition of cowpen	Elm Grove Farm	Permission
6/1625/ F	Land at the rear of Meadow View, Newport Lane	Change of use from countryside to domestic	Permission
6/2106/ F	Wrens, 3A Newport Lane	First floor extension	Permission

For information on planning applications in Braishfield and for copies of Parish Council Minutes etc, you can find these on
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The Council received a number of planning applications and responded to TVBC as follows:

6/2474/F	Tregoyd, Crook Hill	Two storey and single extensions	No objection
HCC TV188	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Temporary storage and concrete crushing	Objection
HCC TV188	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	Temporary storage of skips, portaloos etc	Objection
6/2106/F	Wrens, 3A Newport Lane	First floor extension	No objection

Braishfield in the Beginning

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

1st June 1976

The Clerk reported that he had been telephoned that morning by the Gas Corporation regarding the proposed sub-station at Bunny Lane. The equipment to be installed at Bunny Lane was identical to that originally proposed and they have suggested that any information the Council required should be obtained from the TVDC. It was decided to obtain the information from the TVDC but that the Clerk was not to write to the Hampshire County Council and the TVDC informing them that they were satisfied.

The Council considered the letter from the TVDC regarding the introduction of fluoride into the water supply. Mr Watkins proposed and Mr Steiner seconded that the Clerk should write to the TVDC saying that the Council did not approve of the suggestion to raise the fluoride level in the water supply. After a vote this motion was carried three to two.

The Parish Council considered the whole question of the Recreation Ground having had time to consider the Deeds of the Ground and also the licence to the 250+ Club. It was decided that for the present time as long as everybody was aware of the

situation that no alteration in the payment from the 250+ Club should be made but that the matter should be considered again when the first five years of the licence had expired.

Mrs Sleeman asked whether the Council would have any objection if the bus stop to the north of her entrance was moved closer to Pond Cottages. The Council thought this would serve the residents living at Pond Cottages and the Rectory rather better and that it also might be more safe for the bus. The bus was asked to report to Mr Morgan accordingly. (sic!)

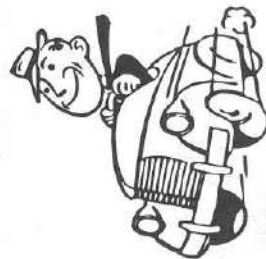
21st June 1976

A letter from the Southern Water Authority regarding the water pressure at the northern end of the village was read. It was reported that tests had been carried out during April and that the results were satisfactory. However the Water Authority were making arrangements to put continuous recorders at a number of points in the area for a period of seven days.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the TVDC saying that they were taking up with the HCC the question of the

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parish boundaries in the vicinity of Fairbourne Farm.

Mr Watkins reported that he had completed his survey of the people living in the Crookhill area and he had interviewed 96% of the residents and 92% of these were in favour of the area being incorporated into Braishfield Parish.

The Council also thought that approaches could be made to the Romsey Extra Parish Council for the provision of a footpath up Crookhill as far as Jermyns Lane.

Mr Corry reported on the meeting held on June 8th at the village pond. The top end of the pond closer to the Church was on chalk and the lower end nearer Elm Grove Farm was on clay. Before any excavation work was carried out tests were being made to see whether digging and dredging work would do more harm than good.

The Clerk read a letter from the Southern Water Authority (Drainage Division) on the Michelmersh and Braishfield sewerage scheme but since reports in the press had suggested that possibly the scheme might be brought forward owing to the

public health hazard the Council decided to wait for developments.

It was reported that a village in Normandy near Bayeux might be interested in meeting up with Braishfield. The Council thought that this tentative proposal was worth considering further. When more information was forthcoming the Council would consider it further and it was thought that generally the Committee of all interested people and bodies should be set up within the village.

20th September 1976

Proposed twinning with Crouay. It was decided that a meeting should be called with organisations within the village to discuss the proposal to twin Braishfield with the village of Crouay. The meeting was arranged for Wednesday 29th September at 7.30pm at the Womens Institute.

18th October 1976

The Clerk had a letter from the Southern Water Authority stating that the Authority's new booster equipment in Sandy Lane has now been commissioned. Pressure tests at Pitt Farm, Slackstead and Braishfield School indicated a satisfactory state of affairs.

Braishfield in the Beginning *Continued*

Parish boundaries and Crookhill. The Clerk had a letter from the Test Valley District Council saying that the boundaries of all 10000 Parish Councils were to be reviewed by the Boundary Commission in 1978 or later. He also read a letter from Romsey Extra PC stating that their Council did not feel it an appropriate time for any changes in their Parish boundaries and therefore they would oppose any proposal for transfer of Crook Hill to Braishfield.

The Clerk had a letter from the Test Valley District Council Planning Department regarding possi-

ble policy in respect of Casbrook Common. The policy indicates that such rural areas should generally stay rural.

Bonfires. After discussion about the bonfire, which is already in the course of construction, it was proposed by Mr Corry and seconded by Mr Watkins that the Parish Council would be against any bonfire on the Recreation Ground unless it was supervised by an adult. The Parish Council would remove from the Recreation Ground the bonfire prior to Guy Fawkes night unless this assurance was given. Mr Watkins said he would find out whether or not any adult was in charge.



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