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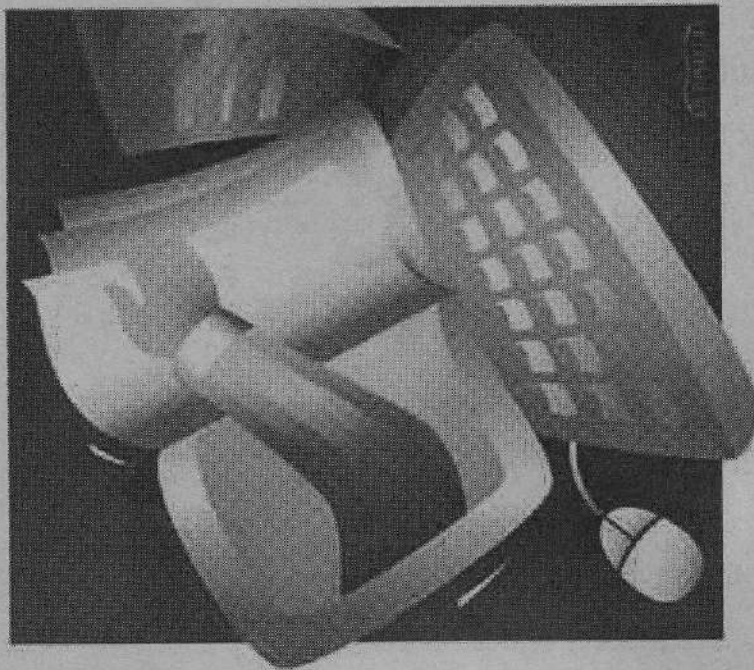
<b>February</b>		
12 Mon	12.00 Noon	Lunch Club in The Church Room
22 Thurs		Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Workshop
<b>March</b>		
2 Fri	7-30	Women's World Day of Prayer in Braishfield All Saints Church
6 Tues	7-00pm	Braishfield Parish Council
7 Weds	7-00pm	All Saints Church Grass Cutting Rota 2007 In The Newport Lounge Bar
12 Mon	12.00 Noon	Lunch Club in The Church Room
9 Tues	7-30pm	Braishfield Horticultural Society
<b>April</b>		
03 Tues	7-30	Braishfield Annual Parish Meeting
<b>Weekly</b>		
Weds	10-12am	Braishfield Toddler Group
Thurs	10-12am	Braishfield Art Group

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Please send details to the Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events published.

# BRAISHFIELD

## Village Association NEWS

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## From the Chairman

The festive hangers have long faded and the last of the Christmas turkey has been dispatched but our New Year resolutions remain - or has the heavy rain and gale force winds washed them all away? It is a good time of year to entertain dreams as well as resolutions. Whatever our situation may be, the New Year is before us, hopefully with many happy moments to look forward to.

You may remember the written account of the Farley Chamberlayne sponsored walk of 2006 in the last August issue of the News. The encouraging newsflash just 'in' is that £8,667.15 was received in sponsorship, but with gift aid amounted to £10,549.04, of which £2,488.30 went to other charities. The total sum donated was a remarkable achievement and a just reward for Iain and Chris Chisholm and their team, who had planned and prepared so well to meet the wishes of the happy band of walkers along the way. Also, it is fitting to give a huge thank you to the sponsors who gave so generously. With this news, came details of the Walk 2007 which starts at Ripon, Yorkshire on Friday 25 May and ends in the Scottish Borders on Sunday 3 June on Holy Island, Lindisfarne. Any ardent walker should make contact with Iain (Tel: 368120) by the end of January if they wish to be included in the party setting off on 25 May. A good number of the 'not so

young', eighty-eight to be exact, attended the New Years lunch on Sunday 7 January at the Braishfield Social Club. The Committee, led by Ricky Dorlay, with Janet Cook, Sharon Fielding, Mary Ansty, David Old and others, achieved a miracle of organisation. On arrival we were given a generous welcome, followed by a most delicious lunch. We were richly entertained, first, by Braishfield School with an impressive repertoire of carols and songs - and with one being sung beautifully in French. The children performed so well and we can be justly proud of them and our School. Then it was the turn of the Romsey Old Cadets, who in seconds won us over 'heart and soul' to match the New Year spirit. The sing-along and the dancing volunteers, who so bravely swung a leg, added to the party mood. Finally, the raffle produced many wonderful prizes. Somehow, we wended our way home extremely happy despite the torrential rain. Those who attended wish to thank the Committee and the many helpers, including those behind the scenes for their kindness and hard work; also the Social Club and the three Pubs for contributing so generously in various ways to make the occasion such a success and a memorable event - yet one more to be added to 'Braishfield Memories'.

May you all have a happy 2007.  
George Elliott  
Chairman

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## Your Letters

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### The National Children's Homes Door to Door Collection 2006

Way back last September we held a door to door collection in Braishfield to raise funds for The National Children's Homes. The sum collected was £317.00

Thank you all for your generosity.

Thank you to my always willing collectors; Jill, Kate, Carolyn, Maggie, Nicky, Jane, Gill and Alan.  
Mary Mortimore

### Carol Singing 2006

Those of us from All Saints' Church who went carol singing in the centre of the village on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December would like to thank everyone who came out to listen and who gave so generously. We have been able to send a cheque for £127.93 to Shelter, the National Campaign for the Homeless.

Sarah Boothman

### BRAISHFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Our charity project for 2006 has now drawn to a close with the fabulous amount of £2,658.26 for our local children's hospice 'Naomi House'.

The money was raised by having coffee evenings, quiz, raffles, Humble Bumble and concluded with a sherry and mincepie evening at Rusty and Shirley Smith's home.

The appreciation of our church goes out to all who have provided a variety of venues and to everybody who have helped and supported these events. The cheque will be presented to a representative from 'Naomi House' at our 10.00 a.m. service on January 21st. and everyone is welcomed and there will coffee and biscuits after the service.

Our charity project for 2007 is 'Water Aid', an international charity dedicated to helping people escape the stranglehold of poverty and disease caused by living without safe water and sanitation

A Very Happy New Year to one and all from the URC Braishfield

Pat Taylor

### Braishfield Summer Fayre & Flower Show Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2007

The day, the date, the venue is all confirmed and the list of attractions is growing fast.

It's therefore time to make a firm date in your diary to attend one of the districts best Country Fayre's.

This year's event combines the varied features of the Fayre with its numerous stalls, side shows and arena entertainments with the full splendour of the Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show.

Last year was a record breaking event in terms of visitors and income with all the Fayre proceeds aiding our treasured village primary school.

Please may I ask all of the community to show their support of this valued event where we aim to reflect all that is good in a traditional English country occasion with attractions to suit all ages.

If you would like to sponsor the event and gain a valued return from extensive local publicity and above all the satisfaction of supporting such a worthy cause, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Further features are avidly sought and so if you have something to show off such as a vintage vehicle, cabaret act etc., or can recommend attractions you have enjoyed at other events -please give me a call, or drop me an email. All help of any amount is appreciated.

Kind regards,

Martin

01794 513791

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### Lucy Berry

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank everyone who gave so generously at the Thanksgiving Service in memory of my mother Lucy Berry, who died at the end of October.

She had lived here for only two and a half years but she loved it, in no small way because people were so welcoming to her. In Church; in the road when collecting her paper; the Social Contact group and the village monthly lunches people chatted to her and it was very nice to see at first hand the effect all the hard work that goes into organising social events in the village has on those at the receiving end.

The amount given in her memory was well over £600 and it went towards the amplification system in All Saints, which was installed before Christmas and is proving very successful; she would have so appreciated it!

Thanks to all,  
Wendy Quarendon

## Viewfinders of Romsey Camera Club

If you really want to improve your photographs, one of the best ways of doing it is to join a Camera Club. Viewfinders meets on Tuesday evenings in the Michelmersh and Timsbury Jubilee Hall, which is within easy reach of Braishfield, and, indeed, we already have local residents represented among the current membership!

Perhaps you have wondered what goes on at a Camera Club? Our varied programme of weekly meetings runs from September to July, and we welcome people of all ages and levels of ability. We cater for those who are interested in digital photography and for the more traditional photographers working with film cameras.

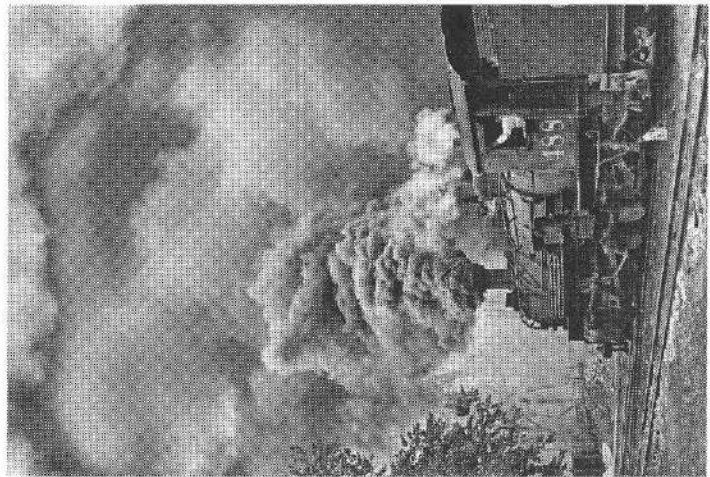
Some of our most popular evenings are the assessment evenings, which allow members to show their prints, slides or digital images, and obtain helpful advice from a judge on how they may be improved. These are of value to both beginners and the more advanced photographers. Included for you here is member Peter Read's atmospheric shot "Train at Chama" which scored a perfect 10 in a recent assessment.

We also invite experienced photographers to come along and talk about their work, which can be on

a wide range of different subjects concerned with photography.

Interested? Then please come along and see what we do for yourself - Viewfinders is known for being a very friendly club, so you will be made very welcome. Further information, including full details of the Club's programme, is available on the Club's web-site at [www.viewfinderscameracub.org.uk](http://www.viewfinderscameracub.org.uk), or telephone our secretary, Steve Williams, on 023 8073 6624.

Margaret Kirby



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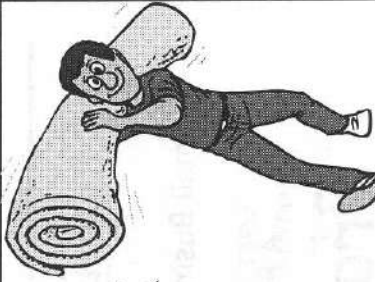
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### PROGRAMME 2007

Date	Title	Demonstrator
Thurs. 25 Jan	AGM	Denise
Thurs 22 Feb	Workshop	Jan Meloy
Thurs 22 March	Somewhere Over the Rainbow	Rosina Brandham
Thurs 26 April	Home Sized Arrangements	Madeleine Simpson
Thurs 24 May	Talk & Slides "Ladies of Destiny"	Katie Baxter
Thurs 28 June	Creating with Copper	
JULY	BRAISHFIELD FLOWER SHOW	
Thurs 26 July	Garden Party	Eileen Witt
August	NO MEETING	Marion Catt
Thurs 27 Sept	In the Beginning	Christine Stevens
Thurs 25 Oct	Away Days	
Thurs 22 Nov	The Magic of Christmas (OPEN)	
Thurs 10 Dec	Christmas Workshop	

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## From The Editor

Firstly may I wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the news over the last year. With your input, it made the news an interesting read. I would also like to thank all of the advertisers whose contributions make the news possible.

The BVA have been consulting over the past year with regard to a website for Braishfield. This has gone ahead and I am proud to announce finding the following web address available.

<http://www.braishfield.org>

The site is up and running but in early days for content. If anyone has anything they feel should be included on the site, please e-mail the webmaster, Chris Balchin, at his address [webeditor@braishfield.org](mailto:webeditor@braishfield.org). All advertisers will get a free advert on the site and there is a £20 annual fee for all other adverts.

We also have been allocated 200 email addresses with this site. If any of you would like [yourname@braishfield.org](mailto:yourname@braishfield.org), please let me know. This is on a first come first served basis so I apologise to anyone named mike. We need to apply a small fee for setting up the address of only £5 per year. Please e-mail your requests to [mike@braishfield.org](mailto:mike@braishfield.org)



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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH GRASS CUTTING ROSTER 2007

George Elliott reported in his Chairman's letter in the December 2006 edition I have taken over from Tom Gould (a hard act to follow!) co-ordinating the roster for 2007.

Tom joins me in thanking all the volunteer helpers in 2006. It was noted how well cared for the graveyard areas looked throughout the summer.

I hope all 2006 mowers will continue but we do need more volunteers for this year. It is not a too onerous task taking a maximum of 1 to 1.5 hours on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday (avoiding Weddings and church services).

Milder autumns mean we can now

expect to cut to the end of October and possibly into November hence the need for more volunteers to ensure everyone only has to do a maximum of 2 sessions.

A mowers meeting is to be held in THE NEWPORT Lounge Bar on WEDNESDAY

7 MARCH 2007 at 7.00 pm and all existing and new volunteers are most welcome.

Alternatively if you are wishing to know more as to what is involved with a view to joining our merry band please telephone me on 368414 or e mail rdbrazier@hotmail.com Richard Brazier

## Evelyn Bess Rosella Turner (1930-2006)



mired for those very same honourable qualities by all those that knew her.

Peter, Mary, John and Elaine were born before the family moved to 4 Hill View Road Braishfield in 1957. There were to be three more additions to the family Jean, Ivor and Susan after moving to Hill View Road. They were all devastated at the loss of a beloved son and brother Ivor when he was just a few days old.

The community at that time was attuned with a genuine need to support one another. Natural attributes that were followed on from the war years and befitted a community that was resilient, self-reliance and proud. These ideals I'm sure we all still try and aspire to today.

This little anecdote we feel, epitomises the general mood at that time. When Evy gave birth to her eldest daughter Mary, a next-door neighbour came around and said: "If you need any fresh milk, I'll milk the goat for you!"

This was the community where Evy naturally belonged, lived, loved and where her heart will always remain. It is a fitting tribute that on the 30th November 2006 she was granted her wish and came home to rest here. She was interned within the grounds of All Saints Church, Braishfield and re-united with her son, mother, father and brothers.

The family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their loving support at this very difficult time in their lives.

God Bless you all!

George Turner & Family.

Of Bunny Lane Braishfield was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1930. She spent her informative years at Deal Cottage, Newport Lane, Braishfield. Educated at Braishfield school she formed many lifelong friendships.

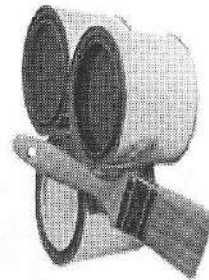
She was affectionately known as Evy or Eve to her friends and neighbours alike. Evy was the elder sister to Sylvia, the only member to survive the original six children, and now lives in Baddeley. Her four brothers George, Harry, Alfred and Ronnie became in their own right, formidable characters in the area. They have also left their unique prints firmly imbedded in the soul of the village. Life was less than easy, several traumatic events in her life ensued. She lost two brothers, one in the Second World War then Harry in an accident at the Timsbury Gravel Pits.

Evy married George Turner on the 1st November 1952 at All Saints Church Braishfield. She had many qualities but the main driving force in her life was to be a devoted wife, mother, mother in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. For these virtues, we as a family are eternally indebted to her. She became ad-

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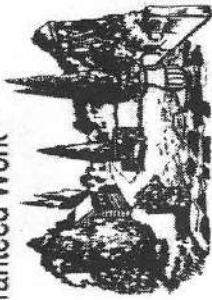
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**Braishfield Horticultural Society**

It was on that same Tuesday, that sadly, we lost one of our long time members, Cynthia Beloch. Always a keen supporter of our Society, she will be missed by her many friends, not only here in Braishfield, but also by members of other groups in which she was involved, in and around Romsey. Cynthia had been in poor health for only about three months before passing away, peacefully I am told, which is indeed, a blessing.

Now, a timely reminder about our next couple of meetings for those of you who can't find your programme. You would be surprised at how many are mislaid, which is quite useful to me really. Adding reminders does help me fill a page when there is little else say. .

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February will see Ray Broughton, Head of Horticulture at Sparsholt College in our midst. He will talk to us on the subject of successful Pruning. The following month, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Brian Kidd returns, this time with a new subject, Creating Space By Using Height. Brian has now visited us that many times, he must surely qualify as a "Local".

The Braishfield Horticultural Society is well supported by a very enthusiastic number of people from around the area. In fact, in recent times, we have gained a number of new members. Unlike so many organisations in today's world, we are not reducing in numbers. There is

With 2006 now well behind us, the parties all over and the decorations all down, everything is back to normal. Just think, only another eleven months and the whole thing starts all over again. Meanwhile, if the start of the New Year is anything to go by, hang on to the "web feet" and the "wellies", this is no time for peep-toed sandals.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, we enjoyed our first meeting of the season in the company of David Rowling, a Speaker for the R S P B, who held our interest for the duration of his talk on British Garden Birds. He began by outlining the work of the Society, which, he said, is now one hundred years old. It all began as a result of a solicitor becoming appalled at the near disappearance of the Great Crested Grebes and the Little Egrets, which were being killed off at an alarming rate. He decided to do something about it and the end result is the Society as we see it today, in fact, I am sure that many of us, until now, were quite unaware that the R S P B does become involved with the various authorities during the planning stages of many projects throughout the Country which may directly affect our bird population in some way. It was an evening well spent and I feel sure, a pointer to the standard of Speakers yet to follow throughout our programme for 2007.

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We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Vil-

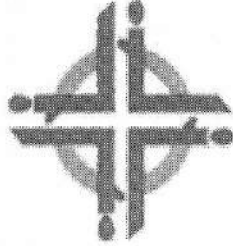
lage Hall, with the exception of, June and July, when we have the garden visits and the Flower Show and August and December, when we have a break. Just come along and make yourself known. Alternatively, call me on 368553 for details.

I will now call it a day and submit my efforts to the Village Magazine Editor, Mike Stevens, who will, no doubt be pleased to receive our entry on time for a change. More often than not, our activities clash with his copy date. Until the next time, be happy.

Bob Thomson  
BHS Secretary & Scribe.

## Women's World Day of Prayer in Braishfield

Women  
across the  
world join  
together  
to pray for  
its needs



The service will be at All Saints' Church at 7.30pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There is plenty of singing (a mixture of traditional hymns and modern songs) led by a small group, and there will be a talk based on the theme. It will be followed by tea or coffee and a chance to meet friends and to make new acquaintances. Do come along if you can - you will be sure of a warm welcome. Romsey is holding their service in the afternoon; 1.30pm at the United Reformed Church (by the arch).

More information is available at [www.wwdp-natcomm.org](http://www.wwdp-natcomm.org).

Hannah Boothman Branch  
Secretary

Do join us for our annual interdenominational service. This year the content has been planned by women from Paraguay. Their theme, *United under God's Tent*, is an appropriate symbol for people from over 170 countries and many denominations who are united in prayer on this one day in the year - the first Friday in March. Our local committee plans for the Braishfield event and invites people to take part.

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## Fun Page

These are all cryptic clues for bands and artists. See how many you can get. We have started for you.

1	Venom	Poison
2	Oysters annoyed by heavy traffic	Pearl Jam
3	Lion Talker	
4	Champagne and orange juice	
5	Pale serpent	
6	Primitive shout	
7	Primates	
8	BA, B.Sc, B.Eng	
9	Where Snowwhite's friends keep their bikes	
10	Woodworkers	
11	Back to normal	
12	Spicey jalapenos	
13	Hard shelled insects	
14	A violent place for plants to live	
15	Dark Sunday	
16	Distribute equally	
17	Barbie was even on 100	
18	Desert waterhole	
19	Stealing the England captains meat	
20	Silhouettes	
21	Hamlet, a female relative	
22	Aircraft data recording unit	
23	Stunted growth	
24	Young men selling mice	
25	Never ending duo	
26	Excellent weed	
27	Possibly great	
28	Toilet lecture	
29	Contributing to car safety	
30	Nuclear Pussy	

31	Awful etiquette	
32	Metal Airship	
33	Skeletal letter	
34	Sting in the tail	
35	Young mans area	
36	Several raincoats found in cemetery	
37	Throttlers	
38	Clergyman in long dress	
39	Gorgeous but not northern	
40	Revolvers and flowers	

Answers will be published next issue. If you need any clues, please e-mail [mike@braishfield.org](mailto:mike@braishfield.org) with the numbers of the ones you cannot solve.

### Johns Anagram

Thanks to John for submitting the following anagram. There is a clue in the anagram.

LIES - LETS RECOUNT

Answers net issue

Boat trips Beaches Bird watching

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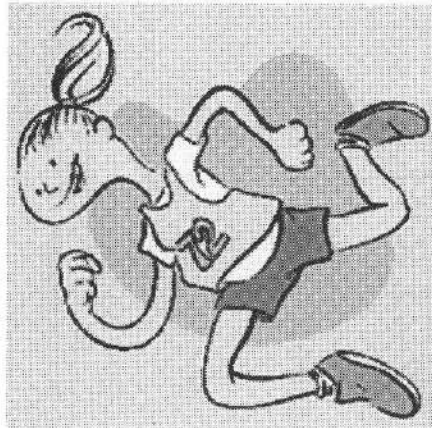
## From Braishfield to Rome

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, three Braishfield residents will be running in the Rome Marathon for Romsey-based charity 'XLP Research Trust'. Phil Ball (from Megana Way) and Jerry and Elspeth Dugdale (from Church Lane) will be pounding the 26.2 mile distance of the Italian capital in an attempt to raise £5,000 by completing the Marathon in a combined time of under 15 hours.

Elspeth and Phil lay claim to being the experts as they have both run Marathons before: Elspeth completed London in 2005 (time 4:40) and Phil completed Southampton in 1988 (time 3:20.....but he was a lot younger then). Jerry lays claim to being the lame duck on the team and had never run more than 3 miles before starting training in December.

The original plan was to run the London Marathon to raise money for the XLP Research Trust but we could not get 3 guaranteed places - hence Rome was selected. If we had thought harder, we may have realised that Rome had plenty of spaces due to it being the city set on 7 hills!!! Many of you are already familiar with the 'Hartley boys' charity set up by their parents Dave and Allison Hartley in 2005. Thanks to successful bone marrow

transplants, their 4 boys will all have the chance to live full and healthy lives, but XLP Research Trust raises money to fund medical research into finding a cure for this condition 'XLP', so that other families will not have to go through the same experience as them. We would encourage you all to take a few minutes finding out more by clicking on the link [www.xlpresearchtrust.org](http://www.xlpresearchtrust.org)



If you would like to sponsor the RomeRunners Team and make a donation to XLP, please send any donations either to the Dugdales at Colsons Barn in Church Lane or there is a collection point at Volumes Bookshop in Romsey too. Please make any cheques payable to 'XLP Research Trust'. For the technology friendly, we have a fundraising

webpage - go to <http://www.justgiving.com/xlp-roma> and donations may be made online. We are paying for our own flights and accommodation (+ pasta!) so we are just asking you to help us to raise the £5,000 target.

We are training quite hard - and eating lots of pasta - at the moment so if you see us running round Braishfield do encourage us and give us a cheery wave - but we can't accept lifts!

Thank you so much!

Phil, Jerry and Elspeth

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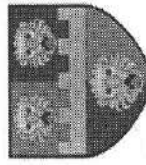
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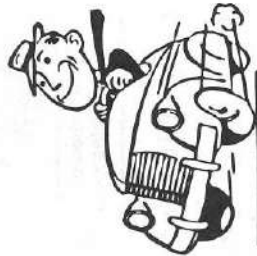
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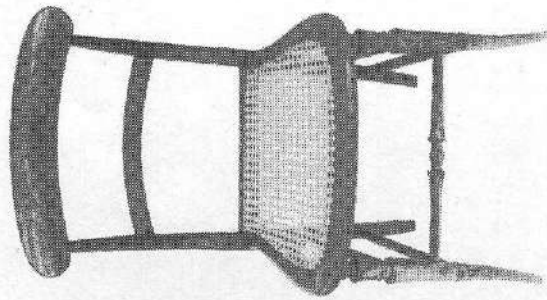
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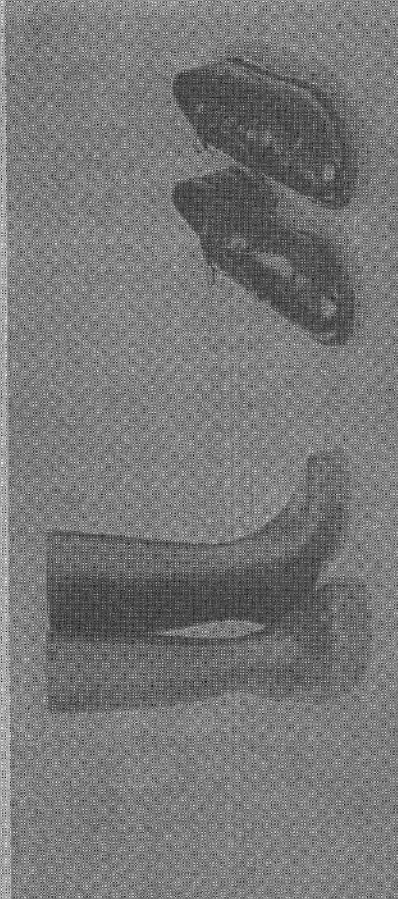
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## Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers the Council's main meetings held on 6th December 2006 and 11th January 2007. There will be no meeting in February and the May Meeting will be delayed from the normal first Tuesday until Thursday 10th May. This delay is because 2007 is an election year for all Councillor positions and the May meeting needs to follow this. There will of course be a call for nominations from anyone interested in serving on the Parish Council.

Whilst on the subject of elections, the Parish Council has been informed that counting of the votes for the Parish and Borough Council elections which take place on a Thursday will not start until the Friday. This is because of the introduction of a special machine to recognise signatures on postal votes. This is an attempt to combat fraudulent voting.

Following the Council's complaint to Southern Electric about the frequent short interruptions to supply, Southern Electric has promised to examine the electricity lines for overhanging trees. What normally happens is that when a fault causes a circuit-breaker to drop out, it will auto-re-close after a short interval. This is often the short break you

experience. If it then stays in, all well and good. If it drops out again, you can look forward to a longer break. Lack of tree maintenance is an issue which the Council has raised before with Southern Electric and there is more than a suspicion that such work has been cut back (pun intended) in recent years.

Moving on to time-keeping, the Parochial Church Council has been considering upgrading the Church Clock and the Parish Council has been making enquiries about obtaining a grant from Test Valley Borough Council as well as providing assistance itself. Parish Councils may not provide assistance to 'religious' organisations but on the other hand they are empowered to maintain a public clock.

The Parish Council has also continued to press a number of highway matters with Hampshire County Council. These range from the general poor standard of road surface maintenance to improvements to the Sandy Lane crossroads and also to the footpath at Crook Hill. However, each time these matters are raised, Hampshire County Council manages to find some excuse for not doing anything. As it happens, Hampshire County Councilors have formed a Hampshire Action Team (HAT) in connection

## Braishfield Parish Council Notes

with the provision of services by HCC. Martin Hatley (our Borough Councillor) will be raising a number of matters like these on Braishfield's behalf, at the next HAT meeting.

On the Recreation Ground some trees need maintenance work near the School boundary and enquiries are being made about who owns the hedge along this boundary. Apparently some maintenance work is required on the School side of the hedge and the responsibility for this needs to be determined. The Council is also investigating remedial work to the roof of the newspaper box and also to the problem of ponding in front of it.

Romsey Road Runners plan to hold their Braishfield 5 mile run on Sunday 10th June and the Council has given permission for the finish to be on the Recreation Ground as usual.

The Council has decided to extend the closing date of applications for the vacant Councillor position until end of February. A notice is being put on the noticeboard to this effect.

The Parish Council thanked Norman Fielder for his voluntary efforts in maintaining the Recreation Ground and continuing with

the Christmas cheer, the Council also made a sizeable donation towards the lunch provided to the older people of the village.

The Council does all its work by raising just £9000 from the village through the Council Tax. The Council agreed to keep the precept, as it is known, at this level for the year 2007/8, the same as it has been for the last six years.

The major planning issue of late has been the refusal by TVBC to grant permission for the shop at the old telephone exchange. This was essentially on the grounds that there was insufficient justification in the view of the committee to override the various planning policies which would normally forbid it. For those not in the know, the field in which the old telephone exchange stands is specially identified as an important open space. Apparently that is now the end of the matter on that particular site.

Watch out for a planning application at Fairbournes Farm. The Council understood that one would be made last November but it is now thought to be imminent. The application is expected to address the restoration of the listed buildings and propose construction of several houses on the site.

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

06/2635/T	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Alterations	withdrawn
06/2489/CAWS	Old Telephone Exchange	Demolition	permission
06/2484/F	Old Telephone Exchange, Braishfield Road	Village Shop, tearoom and car park	refused

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

06/3338/F	Orchard Lodge, Braishfield Road	Greenhouse	No objection
06/3330/F	Tregoyd House, Crook Hill	Replacement dwelling	No objection
06/3397/F	Newlands, Kiln Lane	Alterations	Objection
07/36/CLES	Lower Crook Hill Farm	Storage of car parts etc	No Objection
07/65/T	Chapel Works, Newport Lane	Tree work	No objection
06/3541/F	Oaklands, Braishfield Road	Conservatory	No objection

For information on planning applications in Braishfield and for copies of Parish Council Minutes etc, you can find these on [johnbrhodes.supanet.com/braishfield](http://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*

9th January 1978

Matters arising

The Divisional Surveyor had not received any official confirmation of any agreement reached between the owner of the garage and the County Council. Until he received this he was unable to proceed with the road improvement.

He noted that representations had been made to the County Surveyor regarding the Jermyns Lane junction and Mr Morgan stated that he was awaiting advice from his headquarters.

Mr Morgan also explained that the reason there is a concrete strip immediately north of Newport Lane was because of the problem of road levels.

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to make a donation from the Councillors personally of £15 to the Village School to celebrate their centenary. He reported that he required £3 from each Councillor so that the book token could be purchased.

Village flagpole. It was reported that the flagpole had now been erected.

Queen's Silver Jubilee. Mr Philip

Watkins reported that he had held a meeting of the various Associations in the village and that six associations had attended. A committee had been formed and it had been decided that each organisation should donate a small sum from their own funds.

The Parish Council agreed to pass over the surplus funds of the village jubilee celebrations (£93.47) and Mr Watkins reported that a Mr Reeves who ran a taxi service in the village had agreed to donate £40.

Village Hall. The Chairman reminded members that an open village meeting was to be held on Wednesday 11th January to discuss the possibility of a new village hall.

There was a general discussion as to the village hall and the Council feel more facts must be laid before both the Council and the Residents before any final decision can be taken. Mr Cobbold wondered whether there was any possibility that the Country Fair might be able to help financially.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should nominate a representative to serve on the village hall committee and after a discussion this was accepted. Mrs

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Barbara Bell agreed to be the Parish Council representative.

AOB. Mrs Fahy had passed two matters for attention, one stating that there was no bridge over the River Crook and the other in connection with the footpath to Fernhill.

The Chairman reported that the bridge over the Crook was shortly to be replaced and the Gas Corporation had destroyed the first one but had now provided a new plank. Both Mrs Bell and Mr Cobbold raised their concern about the large hole in Newport Lane outside the Newport Inn. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor Mr JK Morgan, saying that this was a serious hazard to life and limb in particular to motor cyclists.

13th February 1978

The Clerk read letters from the County and Divisional Surveyors regarding the Jermyns Lane junction in which they stated that without major road improvement the junction could not be improved.

It was reported that JH Saunders & Co had submitted an account of £22.50 for painting and erecting the flagpole in the Recreation Ground.

Main Drainage. The Chairman reported that he was in contact with Mr Greenwood of TVBC. If the

scheme was not included in the 5 year Southern Water Authority programme, the Environmental Health Committee might well consider requisitioning the scheme.

Proposed Village Hall. Mrs BM Bell, the Chairman of the Village hall Feasibility Sub-committee gave a resume of its activities. It would seem that the two sites were either the site behind the garage or alternatively a new hall on the present WI hall site. Planning applications in outline had been submitted for both sites.

The Chairman said that possibly a room could be put aside as a Museum with the finds from the Neolithic Site and the Roman site kept there.

It was decided that the Feasibility Committee should investigate the possibility of the WI Hall being refurbished.

Mr Watkins proposed that no access should be made through the Recreation Ground but the matter was not put to the vote.

## Upcoming Village Meetings

### BRAISHFIELD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

VILLAGE HALL, BRAISHFIELD

*Tuesday 3rd April 2007 - 7.30pm*

Parish Council review and financial report  
2006/2007

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J RHODES

Clerk to the Parish Council

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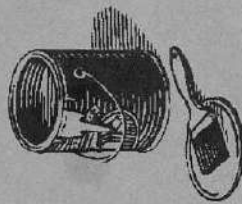
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