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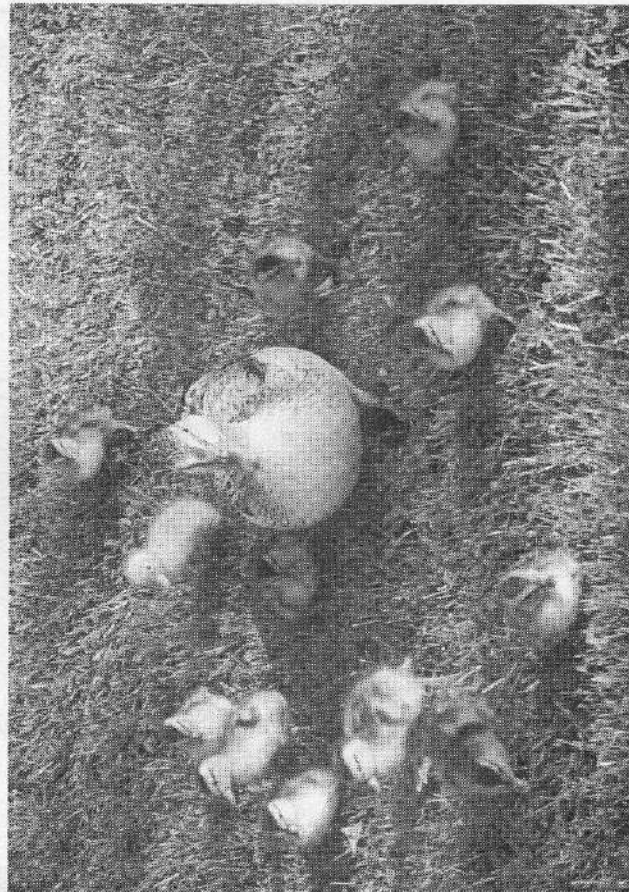
June	
3rd Tues	7.00 Braishfield Parish council
9th Mon	12.00 Lunch Club in the Village Hall
10th Tues	7.30 Braishfield Horticultural Society
14th Sat	7.30 Just Quintessential All Saints Church (page 31)
19th Thur	10.30 Coffee Morning at Stable Cottage, Lower St
26th Thur	7.30 Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society 'Inside Out' flower demonstration by Katie Baxter
July	
1st Tues	7.00 Braishfield Parish council
8th Tues	7.30 Braishfield Horticultural Society
14th Mon	12.00 Lunch Club in the Village Hall
15th Tues	7.30 Handel and Messiah All Saints Church (page 14)
24th Thur	7.00 Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society 25th Anniversary party at Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane
Weekly	
Weds	10-12 Braishfield Toddler Group
Thurs	10-12 Braishfield Art Group

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# BRAISHFIELD

## Village Association NEWS

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### The new family on the pond

The first time for many years we have had a family as large as 12

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## From the Chairman

My computer unsettles and drives me mad. The machine piles on the pressure. Electronic text is everywhere, and reading it is a compulsory feature of most people's working day, which is why people have never been keener to find a refuge. We need a touch of beauty, a moment of calm, a space in the 24 hours when someone isn't hectoring us or bullying us or trying to make things happen more quickly or trying to sell us something. In retirement it would seem that one would have a choice but I have found it is not that easy.

The top ten ancient trees in Britain - how lucky we are to be in touching distance of just one, the Great Plane at Mottisfont Abbey, the branches of which cover an area of some 1,500 square metres. Conservation of venerable trees is one of our biggest obligations and so preserve the bio-diversity of Britain, for our ancient trees are our rain forests. They are also a living witness to our history. These are the oaks that took us around the world and won quite a few battles. If you think of an oak which is 1,000 years old, it only takes seven generations of ancient trees before you get back to the Ice Age. We can identify with trees. They are small and helpless, like us, when they are young. They're brutal, arrogant

creatures in middle age, like a few of us. And when they are very old, shrunken and crippled with age, we can feel only sympathy and admiration for them.

On 15 April the Parish Council held an extra-ordinary meeting to discuss the development at Abbotswood. The Parish Council notes in this issue of the News, will I am sure, cover the points raised. The BVA Committee brought to the Councils notice their concerns, particularly the proposed public footpath by Crookhill. Mary Mortimer kindly agreed to do a survey of the views of those living on the hill which was passed on to the Parish Council. The survey can be found on the village website together with the BVA Committee's comments. As one gets older anniversaries of whatever kind appear to come round more frequently. And as time itself seems to accelerate every passing year, 'they' are upon you before you realise it - whether you are ready to celebrate or not! Friends of mine are nearing their 48th Wedding Anniversary and they reminded me of one lesson they have learnt over the years: 'Whenever you're wrong admit it - Whenever you're right shut up.'

George Elliott  
 Chairman



## Progress with the Renovation of the Church Room

Since making a decision at the end of June last year to renovate the Church Room, much work has been going on behind the scenes. A Working Party appointed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has met frequently to discuss and plan every aspect of the work. When we came to look for a surveyor to draw up the final specifications prior to going out to tender, we were very blessed when Mr. Graham Cailles (RICS) offered his services to us free of charge. He has much experience of working with old buildings. We are tremendously grateful to Graham, who has no connections with the village, for his generosity and for his wise and practical advice. His involvement has been a real encouragement to us all. The PCC approved the specifications at a meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are now ready to go out to tender, and may have already done so by the time you read this. The plans are on display at the back of the church: do go in and look at them if you are passing. For further information, see below:

### Frequently Asked Questions

*What will be done about the damp?*

- A. New rainwater goods and the

tanking and insulating of the walls, as well as keeping the room warm all the time, will mean it will not be damp in the future.

*How will it be kept warm?*

We are installing under-floor heating, powered by a heat pump, which will take heat from the warmth of the earth under the car park. It will heat the room at a low level all the time. There will be back up electric heating for very cold weather.

*Q. What type of flooring will there be?*

- A. In the main areas it will be oak boarding; in the toilets and kitchen continuous vinyl sheeting.

*Q. Will we still have the fireplace?*

- A. Yes.

*Q. Will we keep the arched door?*

- A. Yes. It will replace the emergency exit door at the west end.

*Q. How many toilets will there be?*

- A. Two; one easy access and one other.

*Q. Will the windows be replaced?*

- A. No. The ones on the road side of the room will be renovated; the ones on the car park side will remain; the new window to be put in where the door now is will match the existing windows on that side of the building.

*Q. Will we have a new roof?*

- A. No. It will be repaired where necessary.

*Q. How much more money do we need?*

- A. As at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 there was £146,129 left after the work on the church, which cost £46,000. We are going out to tender very soon, then we will know the amount.

*Q. When will the work be completed?*

- A. We are not sure. Once a builder has been chosen, we will have to wait until he can do it.

Sarah Boothman

Hon. Secretary to Braishfield PCC

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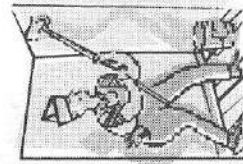
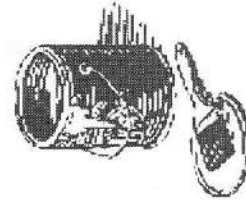
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## Spirit of Cricket

'Ponting must douse the flames of fury', these were the Newspaper headlines following the second test between India v Australia in mid January 2008. At the time Australia was ablaze with its cricket controversy and consequently, all Australia is still fighting the flames. From the moment Ponting chose to leave the field and report the Indian player for a racist sledge, modern cricket's least attractive face has been exposed - now at last, with thought and compromise it may even be addressed. But what truly catches the breath is that such a number of the Australian people have found their own cricketers guilty of a crime they barely knew they were committing. His team are staggered by the response from supporters and others, who have struck words such as boorish, ugly and arrogant on to their already confused conscience.

The Braishfield Cricket Club has all to play for in the current

*Straight Bat*

season but with no flames to douse! We all wish the team and players every success and, most importantly to enjoy the spirit of cricket. This is an appropriate time at the start of the cricket season to be reminded of the MCC's Spirit of Cricket initiative. Essentially it is about respect - for yourself, your opponent, the umpires and the game. It leaves the Captain responsible and accountable for the actions of his team who are expected to make an important contribution themselves. It explains that the unique appeal of cricket depends on competing not just within the Laws but within the Spirit. It is a wonderful initiative. The Spirit of Cricket, seven simple and well-explained bullet points, should be a part of the education of the game at schools, clubs and village teams and, therefore adopted by all cricket-playing nations.

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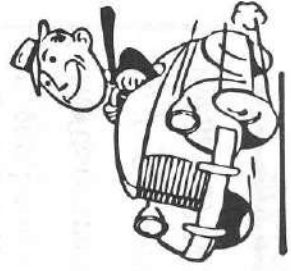
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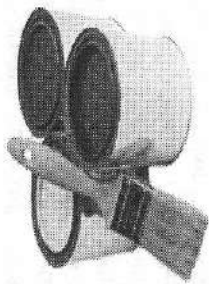
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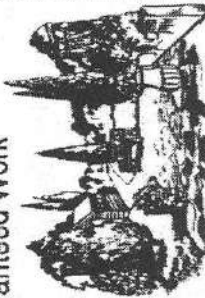
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## Braishfield Horticultural Society

I heard the Cuckoo yesterday, for the first time this year, May 13th. As this is several weeks later than usual, can it be confusion with the weather or defective radar and will they now be with us until later in the year? We shall see. Whilst on the subject of our feathered friends, on volunteering to hang out some washing a couple of days ago, I discovered a tiny, beautifully constructed nest in among the pegs, well down in the peg bag. Two days later, two little eggs. So far, no sign of the bird responsible. Luckily we have more pegs.

It was in April that we enjoyed the pleasure of meeting Carol Watson for the first time and what a lady she turned out to be. Carol, an enthusiastic member of the Winchester Camera Club, entertained us with a brilliant talk on her subject, Flowers From Home and Abroad, supported by a photographic show which was second to none. The flowers we were shown came from areas ranging from the Alps through to Greece and beyond. Her travels have taken her as far away as New Zealand. Carol's commitment to her subject is such that she was once to be seen, early one morning, lying face down in an area of Winchester, taking pictures of a tiny plant she had come across. It must have been quite a shock to the man who came to "her aid". He probably thought that he had found a body. Altogether, a wonderful evening, enjoyed by everyone present. I understand

that Carol has another great programme available, based on South Africa. We must remember her name for the future. The Spring Show took place that same evening and although not over-run with entries, the standard as usual was good. The winner on this occasion was Sylvia Watts, not for the first time. Second was Dorothy Ross, followed by Jill Fahy. Again, our congratulations, not only to the winners, but to all who took part, thereby ensuring the future of the Show.

I have been pondering on the high standard of the Lady Speakers who's company we have been enjoying lately. Listen lads, are the ladies taking over? Think about your doctors surgery. The boys are outnumbered. We have the same problem with our Committee. I am beginning to feel quite fragile.

Our next Meeting in May, again produced yet another welcome and entertaining Speaker in Stuart Pockock. He began his talk by showing a film of the mechanised method he now uses to produce the budding plants at the start of the annual programme. In earlier years, only 3000 plants could be set in the soil each day. With the mechanised approach, the figure rises to 20000. Quite amazing. The actual budding of the plants is carried out by a man he brings down from Scotland for the season. This same fellow then moves on to New Zealand where he does the same job all over again. For most

of us, a back breaking task, I think that this man must have a rubber spinal column. Stuart is no stranger to us having been our guest on at least two other occasions. He is a down to earth man who does not try to blind his audience with science but talks in an easygoing manner that everyone can understand.

It goes without saying that his knowledge of roses is unsurpassed. One outstanding part of Stuart's talk was the manner in which he rapidly named the many dozens of roses that quickly flashed across the screen without faltering and without reference to any notes. Quite unbelievable. Stuart generously contributed half a dozen potted roses to our monthly raffle. That evening had to be one up for the boys.

Too early to pass judgement on at this time is what took place on May 20th when twenty five hardy soles will have journeyed to Highgrove House. If anyone did fail the security check and finish up joining the Ravens at the Tower, I will report on later.

As we move into June, we have the annual round of Garden Visits to look forward to. We begin with a trip to Sparsholt Agrigultural College on Tuesday 10th. Something we tried to set up last year but were unable to. That will be followed by a trip to The Old Ship, (this is a house, not a pub) in Sandheath which is near Fordingbridge, on Tuesday 17th. The final visit for the month will be on Tuesday 24th when we are due to de-

scend on Borough Farm which lies on the road between the Village of Stoke Charity and Micheldever. Details of all of these visits were distributed during the May Meeting but copies can be obtained from either Jill Fahy or myself should anyone else be keen to participate. Again this year, arrangements have been made for those who wish, to join together later each evening, to enjoy each others company whilst partaking of a supper and at the same time, exercising ones right arm. Unless of course, you happen to be left handed. The end result remains the same.

The Annual Flower Show is next on the agenda and will take place on Saturday July 25th. As everyone should now be aware, following the success of last year, we will be joining in with the Village Fayre and hoping for the same, or even better results. The Schedules are now ready and everyone should receive a copy along with this edition of the Braishfield Village Association Magazine. Once again we are grateful to the BVA for agreeing to distribute the Schedules.

At this point of the proceedings, can I remind everyone that we will be pleased to receive items to stock our Book Stall on the day. Hardbacks, Paper backs, DVD's, Tapes or CD's. Fact or fiction. All are welcome.

However, if you can help, please hold on to what you have to offer until nearer the time, storage space is almost none existent. A telephone call to me on 368553 with details would be appreciated.

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## **Braishfield Horticultural Society (cont')**

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Following the Flower Show we have a long break taking us through to Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September when Jim Love will help us explore China. Meanwhile, keep your fingers crossed for a brilliant summer, but even if it rains, be happy. Think of what goes on in so much of the world and realise how lucky we are to be in England. Especially if you

live in Braishfield. T.T.F.N.

Bob Thomson  
BHS Secretary & Scribe

Stop Press: Another egg has appeared in the peg bag. Still no sign of the culprit.

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## **Social Contact Group**

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Our members enjoyed the sunshine on a trip to the Garden Centre at Cadnam. It was a lovely opportunity to buy plants for the summer and enjoy coffee and a chat surrounded by summer flowering plants.

We have various other activities

Hazel Prince

organised for the summer months including a return trip to Bashley to see The Olde Tyme Players in their latest production and for further information please contact Gill Allison on 522965

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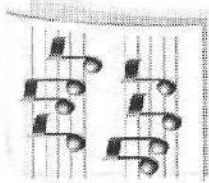
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- 1 I feel it in my fingers, I feel it in my toes
- 2 I'm a million different people from one day to the next
- 3 it's calling you my dear, out of reach
- 4 Let me get over you the way you've gotten over me too
- 5 Everything going jackanory, in touch with his own mortality
- 6 He wants to be like you man, he likes you more than I do
- 7 Mini skirts were in style when she danced down the aisle back in '63
- 8 You know we never get far driving around in a stolen police car
- 9 The love that I was giving you was never in doubt
- 10 I believe in Hollywood, don't believe that love must bring despair
- 11 In my dreams I'm dying all the time
- 12 You and me were meant to be walking free, in harmony
- 13 You can wait for a lifetime to spend your days in the sunshine
- 14 Pour my life into a paper cup. The ashtray's full and I'm spillin' my guts
- 15 I'm losing, I'm bluesing, but you can save me from madness
- 16 We like our fun and we never fight. You can't dance and stay uptight
- 17 Don't ask me because I don't know why
- 18 As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I take a look at my life
- 19 You're just like an angel, your skin makes me cry
- 20 There's things I want. There's things I think I want
- 21 You're the book that I kept open and now I've got to know much more
- 22 Feeling kinda groovy working on a movie (Yeah, right!)
- 23 Just like the prodigal son I've returned. Anyone stepping on me, you get burned
- 24 But if your mind's neglected, stumble you might fall
- 25 Everybody needs a bosom for a pillow
- 26 We don't talk about love, we only want to get drunk
- 27 Well the truth may come in strange disguises. Send the message to your mind
- 28 We're the litter on the breeze, we're the lovers on the streets
- 29 Lying there dying in each other's arms "Oh" you said to me "Don't worry"
- 30 Tomorrow could be too easy and today is gonna be too near

- 31 Do you think I miss you? Do you think I care? Do you think I'd lay down and die?
- 32 Stepping through the door like a troubador whiling just an hour away
- 33 Is it because I lied when I was seventeen?
- 34 I had to crucify some brother today
- 35 If there was a problem, yo, I'd solve it. Check out the hook while my DJ revolves it
- 36 So give me your heart, make it real or else forget about it
- 37 Mesdames, Messieurs, le disk-jockey est de retour
- 38 I'm moving like a train into some foreign land
- 39 Baby, how can we make love, if we can't make amends?
- 40 Did you ever stop to notice the crying earth, the weeping shore?
- 41 You can try to resist, try to hide from my kiss
- 42 And you know it ain't fiction just a natural fact
- 43 Right about now, the funk soul brother
- 44 I was right about the whales and dolphins, whales and dolphins
- 45 Sometimes the snow comes down in June, sometimes the sun goes round the
- 46 I believe that junk food tastes so good because it's bad for you
- 47 She's into superstitions, black cats and voodoo dolls
- 48 I'm your hell, I'm your dream, I'm nothing in between
- 49 When I'm with you I am filled with emotion, can't you see that I'm giving you
- 50 Look at me babe, if I'm with you, you know you gotta have hope
- 51 Don't want to close my eyes, I don't want to fall asleep
- 52 She leads a lonely life
- 53 I know that was then but it could be again
- 54 It's that little souvenir of a terrible year which makes me wonder why
- 55 Just buy a ticket and take a summer holi-holiday
- 56 My power, my pleasure, my pain
- 57 So when I'm lying in my bed, thoughts running through my head
- 58 I'm singing it loud and I don't care
- 59 I was born long ago. I am the chosen, I'm the one
- 60 Don't believe in love, don't believe in hate, don't believe in anything

## Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

### COFFEE MORNING

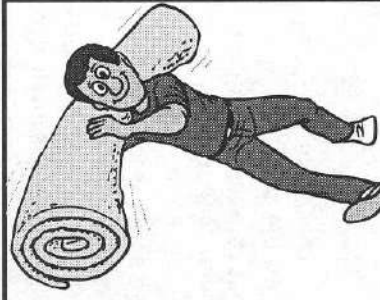
### 25th ANNIVERSARY

We are holding a coffee morning at Stable Cottage, Lower Street on Thursday 19th June at 10.30 am. There will be a Bring & Buy, Tombola, Raffle & a Cake stall and we look forward to seeing you.

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary we invite former members of the Society to join us for 'Champagne and Canapes' Evening to be held at Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Braishfield at 7.00 pm. There will be a small fee of £2

RSVP: Maggie Batchelor, 2 Common Hill Rd. Braishfield  
(Tel: 368125) by 17th July

- 61 Things ain't cooking, in my kitchen  
62 Don't tell me it's not worth trying for  
63 Don't cry for me next door neighbour  
64 We'll spend our time with a bottle of wine and a love that knows no human state  
65 Every artist is a cannibal, every poet is a thief  
66 Honey came in and she caught me red-handed creepin' with the girl next door  
67 Our love is a mystery, girl let's get inside it  
68 I wish I could freeze this space in time, the way I feel for you inside  
69 I guess it doesn't really matter about the rain 'cause we'll get through it anyway  
70 Then the lover that you miss will come to you on these cold, cold nights  
71 And we'll all be lonely tonight and lonely tomorrow  
72 Though that was a good solution, hanging with the raisin girls  
73 From the rooftop shout it out  
74 And boy, I really miss you and all I want to do is kiss you  
75 You should know, I could tell you're on some foolish mission  
76 The girls need a break. Tonight we're gonna take the chance to get out on the town  
77 Touch me now, I close my eyes and dream away  
78 They had style, they had grace. Rita Hayworth gave good face  
79 Move in, now move out. Hands up, now hands down  
80 Take me back to my sweet lavida. Find my love, my dolce vita  
81 In No Man's Land  
82 But then the sound of my desperate calls echo off these dungeon walls  
83 I don't want to lose your love  
84 I had an uncle who once played for Red Star Belgrade  
85 So hurry up and bring your jukebox money  
86 They hung out with folks like Dennis Hopper, Bob Seger, Sonny & Cher  
87 I know just what you're saying so please stop explaining  
88 You are my one and only. You gave that joy to me when my whole life was lonely  
89 Walk me down the lane where shadows will be, will be  
90 We'll be like Theima and Louise  
91 One kiss, heaven isn't far  
92 There's a fire between us, so where is your God?  
93 Open your mind, surely there's time to be with me  
94 But I just bit on my lip and my face began to frown  
95 Whatever happened to the life we once knew? Can we really live without each other?  
96 I woke up and called this morning. The tone of your voice was a warning



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## Crookhill Footpath Survey

From: Mary Mortimer, resident of Crookhill

I have spoken to 10 households out of 13 and will speak to the others when I can. There are a variety of views as you would expect:

1. The older[in age] residents tended NOT to want the path for these reasons:

Like Crookhill as it is.

Do not want to feel joined up to Woodley and Romsey Romsey.

Like the 'countryside' feel of Crookhill.

Do not want late -night drinkers from the pubs walking up in front of their properties.

Do not believe that parents will actually walk their children to the school from the new houses.

5 households were adamant in not wanting a footpath at any cost

2. Younger families tended to favour the footpath for these reasons:  
They could walk their children to school - "when it is dry,

warm, and when we have the time."

As their children grew up they could walk to.....? Maybe a youth club, the Village Hall, into Romsey.

It is impossible to take a push chair on the existing verges or to walk with small children.

3. EVERYONE accepted that the bend of the hill is a dangerous place to be.

4. EVERYONE agreed that if a path was to come it MUST be in keeping with this little bit of countryside dividing B'field from Woodley, just wide enough to take a pushchair and with grass on either side. Nothing 'flash', no pavement. If the plan was for something of that nature my feeling is that the opposition to it would be much, much greater.

5. Most people would prefer the path on the opposite side to all the houses but know that walkers would have to make crossings at some point.

## Rubbish News

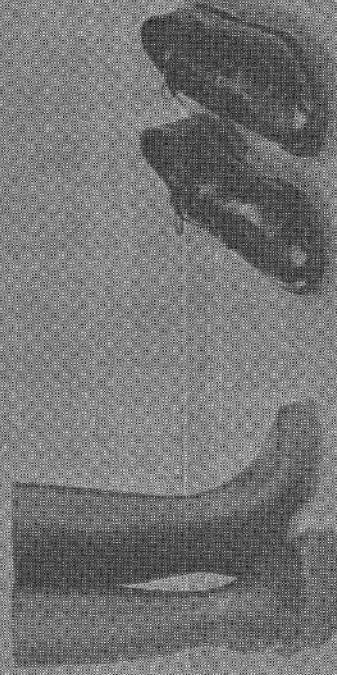
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## Sheep matter at Elm Grove

By the time you read this, most of the 180 ewes will have lambed, producing something over 300 lambs. Kate's father Mark, had to come for a few days at the beginning as the lambs started coming early, before her Mother Linda and husband Ian were on 'holiday' from work to help. Mark had the wettest days of May, with lambs coming thick and fast, not a lot of fun. Ian and Linda have managed very well with Kate feeling frustrated at not being 'hands on', just acting as an advisor. There have been a couple of lambs down rabbit holes, (perfectly happy when released!) and one or two being rejected by their mothers, but these are problems that can be sorted. Linda has discovered muscles she hasn't used since doing gymnastics at school, mainly when, having to feed a new born that for some reason hasn't had any of it's mother's milk she has to grip the lamb between her legs to keep it in place while inserting a tube down it's throat. If you don't do that the lamb gets away and it all has to start again! The ewes and lambs will be moved onto other fields as they get older; when the lambs start to eat grass a lot of it is needed, especially as they are hoping to keep them locally this summer. They are going to start using the fields opposite The Wheatsheaf soon and of course they also need to make a lot of hay for next winter.

The ewes that had a difficult time lambing or are having problems

feeding have been brought into the newly renovated Cow Pen to receive some TLC and assistance. Dick Ord (of C.B.M. Services and who lives in the village) just managed to get the inside of one end finished before lambing started fully, the early ones coping very well with the sound of hammering and sawing; they seem to like Radio 2! Dick has done a wonderful job on the Cow Pen which has retained its essential character, but is now 'safe', a bit shorter, but otherwise virtually the same as when it was built; we have kept the stalls at the road end and these are being repaired.

Michael Hoddinott, the previous owner of Elm Grove said that the Cow Pen had been built in 1901, by Miss Eaton who lived at Braishfield House; she was a great character, there is a photo of her in the Braishfield Memories, tending to a pig, wearing a very smart looking hat and coat and we have another of her sitting on a horse in the same hat and coat, so these were probably posed portraits. There are some initials picked out on a beam in the Cow Pen - 'AWQ 1906', which I fondly imagined referred to Annie Quick of Annies Cottage. Looking at the Census information for 1901, there was no one living in the village with the initials AWQ at that time and Annie Quick didn't marry until about 1915, so it wasn't her - has anyone got an idea of who it was?

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## Sheep matter at Elm Grove (cont')

This made me want to try to get a picture of village life at the time the Cow Pen was built, and as it was Census year there is plenty of information available, but inevitably one wants more. There is a lot more work that can be done, but here are some initial findings that you might find interesting.

There were 98 dwellings - the inhabitants of Pitt Farm house and Braishfield Lodge were away at the time the census was taken and there were a couple of uninhabited cottages, so probably about 103 in all. 40 of these dwellings had less than 5 rooms.

There were 412 people living in the village on that day, 205 females of whom 89 were under 20 years old and 16 over 65 years old and 207 males of whom 84 were under 20 years old and 15 over 65 years old. The oldest woman was 79 and the oldest man was 83. There were 72 married couples and in 29 of those couples the woman was the elder.

The most common Christian names were, in the males, Charles (13), Henry (13), George (12), James (15) and William (29). In the females they were Annie (7), Elizabeth (12), Harriet (7), Kate (10), Mary (17) and Sarah (8). All of those names are old names, but names that are still used, the boys certainly. The most common Surnames were; Abraham (15), Cooper (21), Dewey (21), Fielder (18),

Goulding (20), Roger (20), Webb (22) and White (16).

Those of us who attend the Remembrance Day service each year, know well the rhythm of the names of those who died in the First World War, as they are read out; several of these names were little boys living in the village in 1901; Charles Abraham was 7, Edwin Goulding 12, Egging Goulding 3 and Frank Goulding was 12, Frank and Egging were brothers who were living in Newport Lane Terrace in 1901 with their parents and three other children.

The employment of the inhabitants of the village in 1901 was mainly Labouring of various sorts: Agricultural, General, 'on farm' 'in woods' (33), Carter (14), Domestic workers (16), Hoop maker/hurdle maker (21), Laundress (7), Wheelwright/carpenter (4), Well sinker (4), Baker/Journeyman baker (6), Blacksmith (2), Dairy worker (4), Shepherd (3), Farmer/Farmer & Pub landlord (9), Gardener (3), Groom (2), Dressmaker (2), Land Agent (1), Undertaker (2), there were 2 Game Keepers, a Grave Digger, Farm Bailiff and the Schoolmaster as well as the Clergy man.

Interestingly, the 2001 population statistics show that 21.5% of the village was over 65 years. In 1901 it was 12.8%. There were 643 people in 2001. In 1901 there were 412. In 2001 there were 266 dwell-

ings, with an average of nearly 7 rooms. In 1901 there were about 103 dwellings and 40 of them had less than 5 rooms.

Back to lambing - Ian who has been on 'holiday' for 2 weeks is looking forward to getting back to work as a tree surgeon to have a rest and Linda also. She is not sure that she'll ever be the same again! They have thoroughly enjoyed it. Let's hope that the rest of the summer goes smoothly, as Kate's baby is due in August; mind you, in 1901 they probably had the baby in the morning and were back in the fields picking stones the next day!

Wendy Quarendon

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## BMADS - A GLIMPSE INTO THE FINANCES

The BMADS AGM - which is open to all - took place on 18<sup>th</sup> March. As always there was a presentation and detailed discussion on the accounts for the previous year. At the meeting it was felt that it might be of interest to a wider audience to highlight where the money goes in putting on the village's plays.

Mounting an annual production in the Village Hall costs upwards of £1,000 after support and contributions from volunteers.

Aside from any royalty that may be payable - depending on the play - the vast majority of the remaining costs are local and are therefore 'recycled' within the village. For example, the two biggest single costs are invariably the hiring of the Village Hall and a donation for the Church Rooms - which we use for our rehearsals. These two items alone cost BMADS £550 last year.

BMADS always aims to make a modest surplus. Whether we do so or not in practice depends largely on how full the Hall is on our two performance evenings. Fortunately, in recent years support has been good and so we have been able to build up a small cash reserve.

Last year's production of 'The Ghost Train' made a surplus of

£127 after all costs (which totalled £1,529). These costs included a donation of £110 to the BBC Children in Need Appeal, as previously reported in the 'News'.

The reason why we aim to make a surplus each year is because from time to time we inevitably have to incur one-off (and sometimes substantial) expenditure. 2007 was a case in point. We needed to spend over £1,000 to upgrade the lighting infrastructure in the Village Hall - partly to add flexibility to what we can do in our productions, but also, importantly, because we needed to fix some very elderly wiring for safety reasons and to comply with current legislation. So, although the production made £127, we needed to dig into our reserves to pay these lighting costs.

Our cash reserve now stands at £2,500. With this we look forward to mounting our 2008 production. Watch this space!

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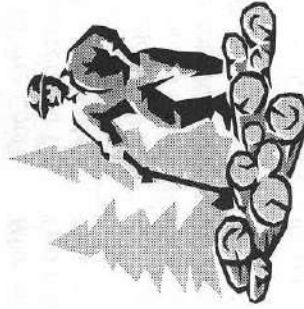
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## Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers the Council's meetings held on 1st April, 15th April and 6th May 2008. Additionally there was the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st April.

The guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting was Lynne Dudley of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service. She explained its operation and the funding arrangements. It is run as a Charity because the NHS does not fund it here in England. Later, the Council agreed to allow the Recreation Ground to be used as a landing point should the helicopter ever be required in Braishfield.

Andrew Lalonde resigned from being Chairman last October. In his Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting, Mike Prince thanked Andrew Lalonde for his many years of service to the Council. The Meeting was attended by Alan Dowden and Martin Hatley who answered parishioners' questions and discussions took place on the recent Hampshire County Council decision to approve the biomass generator at Slackstead.

A normal meeting of the Council took place immediately prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. Discussions on the School access to the Braishfield Road footpath via a gate on to the Recreation Ground at the top of the playground continued. There would have to be a gap in

the Recreation Ground fence, a suitable walkway and a short barrier opposite the opening on the edge of the footpath.

Discussions are also continuing on how the playground might be re-developed and the Toddler Group is to be consulted on their views.

Following a survey in the form of a questionnaire throughout the village, Hampshire County Council has produced a report recommending an increase in social housing in the village. The Council has asked a representative of Hampshire County Council to attend the July Meeting to speak about it.

The Council Meeting held on 6th May was the Annual General Meeting at which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are appointed for the coming year. Mike Prince and Mike Edwards volunteered for these two positions respectively and were duly appointed unanimously.

On planning matters, the Council considered the outline application for the 800 houses at Abbotswood and held an extraordinary meeting for this. Since this development is in the Borough Local Plan, it has effectively been given the green light already and so the debate is now about the overall design. This is an outline application and the detail should come later in a full application.

The Council commented on the ac-

cess arrangements, asking for one on to Cupernham Lane. It questioned the need for two football pitches when there is to be a sports complex at Ganger Farm and suggested that this space could be used to reduce the housing density. The Council also asked that overhead power lines are buried, that a footpath at Crook Hill should go along the east side of the road and noted favourably that a roundabout is proposed for the Sandy Lane crossroads, rather than traffic lights.

The approval of the biomass generator at Slackstead generated a certain amount of heat and the Clerk was asked to write a complaining letter to the Leader of Hampshire County Council.

Test Valley Borough Council has issued a consultation document on Developers' Contributions. Such a contribution is demanded by the planning authority when a new dwelling is constructed. Ostensibly

the contribution is to improve the infrastructure of the locality, necessary as a result of the additional housing. (This is a slightly contentious area as it can be very debatable that the levy is necessary in many cases. Others believe that the exchange of money in connection with planning approval is a bad thing.) Information has just been released about contributions in Braishfield which shows that £3279 is due to be paid to TVBC from the new houses in Hill View for 'playspace and informal recreation'.

Summer is upon us and the trees and grass on the Recreation Ground are growing rapidly. A side effect of the tree growth is that they then drop numerous dead wood on to the ground during the football season. It was suggested that the Community Services people be asked to do clearing up work and it was agreed that a schedule be drawn up for consideration which will include the clearing of parish footpaths.

### The TVBC Planning Authority dealt with just one application as follows:

08/237/ F	Replacement dwelling	Sunnybank, Church Lane	Permission
08/376/ F	Side extension	Holmsleigh, Braishfield Road	Permission
08/73/F	Change of use of agricultural land	Axminster Cottage, Lower Street	Permission
08/519/ F	Rear extension	Whites Cottage, Dores Lane	Permission

08/398/ F	Replacement ex- tension	Spinney Corner, Church Lane	Permission
07/3232 /F	Wellbrook, Dores Lane	Extension to residen- tial curtilage	Permission
HCC/20 07/0279	Upper Slackstead Farm	300kw Generator	Permission

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

08/675/F	Extension	Baileys Down Farm, Parnholt Road	No objection
08/01038/ CMAS	Increase in height of stored materials	Ace Liftaway, Yokesford Hill	No objection
08/475/ OUTS	800+ houses etc	Abbots- wood, Braishfield Road	To make comments about access, power lines and density of housing
08/776/ FULS	Swimming pool and office ac- commodation	Elm Grove Farm, Dum- mers Road	No objection to pool but wished to restrict office workers to 6
08/00887/ CMAS	Removal of time limit and need to restore to agricultural land	RFS Farms/ Waltet, Bunny Lane	Objection to non- reinstatement to agri- cultural land and in- definite length of planning permission

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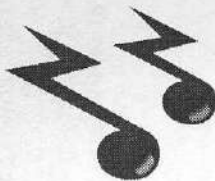
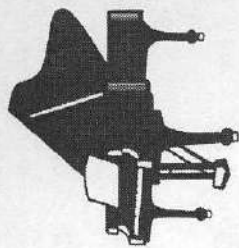
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