

Braishfield Village Diary

December			
1st	Mon	12.00	Lunch Club in the Village Hall
2nd	Tues	7.00	Braishfield Parish council
9th	Tues	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society
11th	Thurs	7.00	Carols by Candlelight United Reform Church
15th	Mon	7.00	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Christmas Workshop
18th	Thurs		Sherry and Mince Pie Evening (see Open Doors)
21st	Sun	4.00	Carol Service St Johns Farley Chamberlayne
21st	Sun	6.00	Carol Service at All Saints Church
24th	Weds	4.00	Christingle Service All Saints Church
24th	Weds	11.15pm	Holy Communion All Saints Church
25th	Thurs	9.30am	Christmas Worship United Reform Church
25th	Thurs	10 am	Family Service All Saints Church
25th	Thurs	11.15pm	Holy Communion St Johns Farley Chamberlayne
January			
6th	Tues	7.00	Braishfield Parish council
12th	Mon	12.00	Lunch Club in the Village Hall
13th	Tues	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society
20th	Tues	8.00	BVA Annual General Meeting
22nd	Thur	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society AGM
25th	Sun	12 noon	Annual Senior Citizens lunch Social Club
Weekly			
	Weds	10-12	Braishfield Toddler Group Term Time Only
	Thurs	10-12	Braishfield Art Group

All functions take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.
Please send details to the Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events published.

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Village Association NEWS

Issue 172 December 2008



Once again, the quality of Christmas cards drawn by the children of Braishfield School has been superb. This is a water-colour that shows immense talent from the young artist

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From the Chairman

We all have enjoyed the colours of autumn and are lucky to be able, at the drop of a hat, to walk out and join up with one of our many footpaths in and around Braishfield and enjoy the countryside to match the mood of the moment. We can walk through woodland and recall childhood adventures and happy picnics in clearings among the beaches, a glint on the edge of memory.

Turning to the subject of household waste which concerns us all. It is said that landfill sites claim 12 per cent of Hampshire's household waste and, of the remainder 40 per cent is recycled with the residue going to energy-from-waste plants at Chineham, near Basingstoke, Marchwood near Southampton, and a site at Portsmouth. Hampshire County Council is currently looking for a new site in the Romsey area to replace the aging Household Recycling Centre in Bunny Lane. It is a much used facility and is recognised as totally inadequate for current and future demands as recognised by the County Council Chairman, Michael Woodhall. He describes the site as generally very consumer-unfriendly and often congested with traffic. There is little doubt that we would all agree as we use the site frequently. We should press for improvements. It is hoped that the site will be

surveyed, extended and upgraded, a practical step and one which would be popular. The newsworthy subject which is growing by the day is the battle to stop Romsey being encircled by 2,400 new dwellings. Commercial Estates Group (CEG) claims Romsey is 'not sustainable' for large scale housing development and has put forward an alternative to Test Valley's Core Strategy document, which details where new homes should be built during the next twenty years. A number of road shows have been held and about 63 per cent of those who attended stated that they preferred CEG's alternative proposals. Although we are concerned with the Abbotswood development nearby, we should take an interest in the debate on the wider issue of new housing around Romsey which concerns us too.

I know you would like to thank Ros Chaplin for organising and distributing the News throughout the village together with her many helpers, who deliver a copy to your doorstep. Ros has never failed in over five years to bundle them up and deliver to the distributors on time. She has always been helpful and departs with grateful thanks from us all to take up another enterprise. Anne Edwards (tel:368193) has kindly agreed to take on the mantle. The handover is

complete and we are in good hands.

The United Service of Remembrance, All Saints and United Reform Church, on 9 November was very well supported with nearly a hundred attending starting at the War Memorial at 1050 am and afterwards in All Saints Church Braishfield. We were blessed with a fine day, so too was the 11th at the Act of Remembrance held at the Memorial, so simple in design and so profound in meaning. It was the 90th Anniversary of the Armistice to end the First World War. We do not need reminding that forty-four servicemen were killed in the past year in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The year has almost turned full circle. Like Christmas pudding' singing out loud is something many of us indulge in just once a year, at carol concerts. And even then we don't exactly throw ourselves into it. For while those who won school singing cups are giving it all they've got it in the final chorus of Hark the Herald Angels Sing, the rest of us recall the painful look on our

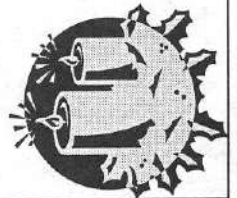
music teachers' face as we emit an unsuitable sound. For us, then, the damage has been done and we are condemned to dwell forever in the singing shadows, hiding our misshapen vocal efforts from the world. Only the followers of the Barmy Army seem to traverse the continents without such a fear as ours. So let us see what we can do this Christmas!

The New Year should bring in the lighter moments. Nonetheless 2008 has left us a dreadful legacy: recession; two unfinished wars; and a world of rare turbulence and uncertainty. Heroes are not the ones who keep solitary watch; they are the ones who cross into unfamiliar territory and take risks. And, Jack, that is not always fun as the innocent are finding.

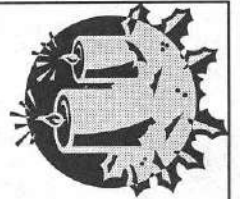
To end with positive thoughts and spread festive cheer: with crisp blue skies and frost-covered hedgerows, winter can be one of the most magical times to see the beautiful English countryside. A Happy Christmas to you all.

George Elliott

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**Braishfield Village Association
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Village Hall, Tuesday 20 January
2009 at 8.00pm**

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the BVA. Join us to hear about the Association 's activities during the past year and what we hope to achieve in 2009, and also to let us have your comments and ideas.

Please contact Rosie Groves (368178 or RosieGroves1@aol.com) if you are unable to attend but would like an issue raised. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Committee please submit your name along with those of a Proposer and Seconder by 5th January 2009. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

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The County Council's Older Driver Skills Scheme aims to find ways of helping older people drive safely for as long as they are fit to do so, rather than taking measures to prevent them from driving at all.

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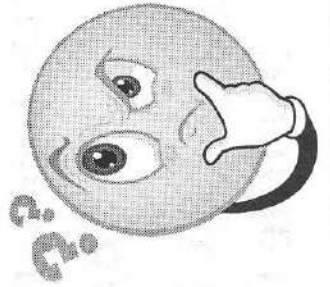
fail. Instead it's an informal, confidential appraisal aiming to offer help and advice, which will enable that person to continue driving with improved safety. General ability is assessed but particular concerns can be investigated. Each person is given a comprehensive de-brief and any concerns or remedial action discussed, a written report follows.

A current driving licence is required and eyesight is checked. The appraisal costs £25 and is delivered from the persons home, using their own car.

Road safety officers manage the award winning scheme with appraisals delivered by Driving Standards Agency (DSA) Approved Driving Instructors (ADIs).

For further information or to arrange an appraisal please contact Hampshire's Road Safety Team on 01962 874600 or email road.safety@hants.gov.uk

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Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

she can get half lambs packaged up too, so do ask if that is what you want.

Not a lot to report, which is good. Our 'lads' are moving to an office in Romsey soon as they have run out of space here which is good for the Company, but I'll miss having them around and I expect some of you will miss seeing them on their walks round the village. It has been very nice to help them start up, but they do need a bigger office than we can provide at the moment. We do have planning permission to make more office space here, but bureaucratic delays have meant that we are unable to do it in time.

Kate has just finished her dagg- ing - she did 100 today, leaving 27 to do tomorrow, it got too dark to continue and Isabelle is still smiling!

Wendy Quarendon

As I write, Kate the shepherd is outside in the damp, 'dagging' the ewes, i.e. shearing the wool around their rear ends, to keep them clean. A very backbreaking job, but she'll feel very pleased to have done it. Baby Isabelle, who was born in August, has had a busy autumn happily being with Kate while she does everything with the sheep. Currently there are some up at Woolley Green Farm, the rest being here and the Scoggins' field. Later on Kate is going to be able to use other fields around the village, which is really good news: no more having to drive to Overton.

The rams will be put in with the ewes on December 5th and the whole cycle starts again! If anyone would like some lamb for the freezer do give Kate a ring on 368794; a whole lamb doesn't take a huge amount of room, but

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Braishfield Horticultural Society

With the end of yet another year fast approaching, it is time to take one last look at recent events before looking ahead and wondering what may be in store for us during the coming months. The World is in some turmoil at the moment, let us hope that a light may soon appear at the end of the tunnel.

Peter Barwick, our Speaker for the month of October, I am given to understand, gave an interesting talk on his subject of apples. Unfortunately, this was one of the rare occasions when I was unable to be present, but I am told that his presence was appreciated by everyone. Peter was, of course, our final visitor for 2008, during which, we have enjoyed a succession of meetings, all of which have been well worthwhile. Jill is to be congratulated on her choice of speakers, it is no easy job arranging interesting subjects year after year.

During the same evening, the Autumn Show, which this year was a little better supported than previously, was judged. Again we had some familiar faces on the leader board, namely, Jennie Wilkie who was first, Sylvia Watts, second and Viv Robinson who came third. Congratulations to these ladies and indeed to all

who entered, thereby making the event worthwhile.

The Annual General Meeting took place during the evening of Tuesday 11th November. Remembrance Day. The Meeting was, as is usual, well attended. Also, as is the norm, there were no nominations to join the Committee and as a result the existing members were re-elected once again, all having agreed to serve if it was the wishes of the Society Members present on the day.

Many organisations today tend to suffer, as membership levels tend to reduce until such a time that they are no longer viable. We in Braishfield are lucky in that respect, our Society Membership is very much alive and kicking. However, we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent and with that in mind, we must always be one step ahead to ensure continuing interest. During the evening, we did discuss ways and means of improving matters surrounding the Annual Flower Show. The changing weather patterns we are experiencing these days, do create some problems for our happy gardeners. A number of ideas were put forward by the Members and these will be borne in mind during future planning. The evening then, as usual, turned to the lighter side of life when the wine flowed, the eats on display were quickly devoured and a the air was filled with a lot

of happy chatter.

Following the AGM we will move on into January 2009 when on Tuesday 13th, Photographer David Poynter will be with us to present his Impressions of Spring as an antidote to winter. By this time, all hangers should be in the past and we look forward to a good attendance.

On Tuesday 10th February, Wolfgang Bopp, Curator of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens will be with us with his talk on, "From The Past And Into The Future". This will be the talk that Wolfgang had been due to present earlier this year when he was unfortunately called away due to

a family bereavement. I am sure that this will be another interesting subject.

Having no further news to pass on, it now remains for me to once again, on behalf of your Committee, wish everyone a very happy Christmas and hopefully a new year that we can all look forward to. Things do look bleak at the moment but be optimistic, be positive. Surely there can now be only one way to go, ever upwards.

Bob Thomson

BHS Secretary & Scribe.



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Millie Dunford 1927 - 2008

Amelia Emily Parsons was born at Lower Street on 15th August 1927, the only daughter of Fred and Dorothy (Dolly). Her mother grew up at Sharpes Farm; her uncle, Ernest Savage, had died in the First World War. Millie's father, one of six, grew up at Malthouse Farm. One brother, William, was lost in the First World War. Their father, Thomas, built the five red brick bungalows ('Parsonstown') in the '30s and Fred and Dolly moved into Hillside, where Millie grew up. Millie was baptised at the parish church. After Sunday morning church she returned in the afternoons for Sunday School in the Church Room. So began her lifelong association with All Saints'. Amongst her fellow pupils at school were Doreen and Cyril Dunford. Doreen and Millie walked round the playground hand in hand as both were shy. At midday Millie and her cousin Bill would walk home with Joyce to Fairbourne for their dinner (not as far as Lower Street). She belonged to the Brownies together with Rita Stitt, Girlie Old and Mollie Russell, among others. One day she and Rita collected the church silver for cleaning. On the way home they decided to stop and play so the bag of silver was hidden in the Newport Lane hedge to be retrieved when the game was over. On arrival at Lower Street, Mrs Parsons demanded an explanation as to what had kept them. They never delayed on that particular errand again! Braishfield was an all age school, so Millie left at fourteen and went to

work in the office at Rolfe's garage (the Co-op on Winchester Hill) cycling there each day. It was wartime and she and her friends, including Pat Cobbold (Foxcroft) went to weekly dances in the WI hut and to the pictures at the Plaza.

Millie married Cyril Dunford in 1952 and lived with Cyril's widowed mother, Mrs Ethel Dunford, at The Square (now Orchard Rise). When the new houses were built on the south side of Hillview, Millie and Cyril moved into No 22. Peter was born in 1956 and by this time Millie was working part time in the Post Office, conveniently right next door! During these years Millie was an enthusiastic member of the Women's Institute, she helped behind the scenes in the Braishfield Seven shows and was their prompter. Whenever there was a village event, Millie would be there. She was ran the cake stall at church sales for decades and was a stalwart member of the Wives Group. At the Horticultural Society meetings she and Joyce Alford presided over the teas. She loved the Flower Show and belonged to the Flower Club.

Millie's life was not without its difficulties. Following her father's death the family moved to Hillside to be with her mother. After battling with severe asthma, Peter died at home on Millie's 50th birthday. You could never be in Millie's company for long before she would mention Peter. Four years later, Cyril died at the age of 60. Millie never complained; she was sustained by her deep faith. As

a result of her own bereavements she was very supportive of others in the same plight. If a customer ignored someone (probably because they couldn't find the right words) Millie would challenge them afterwards: 'It doesn't matter what you say, but you MUST speak!' Later she cared for her invalid mother at home. Mrs Parsons, forthright but very kindly, lived well into her 90s but with the help of friends and neighbours, Millie was still able to get out each day, on her trusty bicycle. Whilst working at the Post Office Millie formed a strong friendship with the Oliver family. Sheila and John Prince and their two daughters and the grandchildren became a very special part of Millie's life in recent years.

Millie welcomed newcomers and was a regular and much appreciated visitor to so many who would learn about village traditions and customs, not to mention the stories of days gone by. She had a vast network of friends, supporting those who were unwell, and using the wisdom of her experience. Between 6 and 9pm it was a challenge to get Millie on the phone! Each year I would have a long talk with her about senior citizens living in the village; together we would 'walk' round the roads, checking on who might appreciate a visit from the Brownies. Millie knew everyone! Some would misunderstand Millie's motives and be unaware of her discretion. In the time honoured village tradition mutual understanding and respect can flourish and help can be offered when appropriate.

Millie was a wonderful hostess; all visitors were offered refreshment,

right up to the final months. She was always immaculately dressed and utterly dependable. When the Village Lunches started Millie said she would bring an apple pie - it was there for the next eight years. Someone said that after speaking to Millie on the phone she always felt better. I'm sure we could all echo that observation. We send our deepest sympathy to Gordon and Eileen, to Doreen and Norman, to Sheila and John and to their families.....

HJB

Millie loved Braishfield. In fact some of us say, she WAS Braishfield! She was involved with so many aspects of the village and its occupants. Having experienced troubles herself she was not afraid to speak to those finding themselves at a low ebb; a lot of people have benefitted from Millie's kindness, sympathy and support. Whilst she was well known for her apple pies, knitting and doing the teas at village meetings, she was also mischievous, naughty, funny and sometimes downright outrageous too.

It would be a shame not to document such a large character for posterity. Therefore I have the permission of Gordon and Eileen and Sheila and John to ask if anyone would like to write down their anecdotes and special memories of Millie. I'm sure it would make interesting and amusing reading. Perhaps these could be kept in a village archive or made into a booklet in the future. Any ideas would be most welcome. Please send them to Kathy Hatcher (Parsons) 5 Bungalow, Lower Street, Braishfield, Nr Romsey, SO51 0PH or to Hannah Boothman - hj.boothman@btinternet.com

Braishfield School Association Gives Thanks

All change in the committee!

Over the last six years a small but highly dedicated group of parents have run the very successful committee for the Braishfield School Association ably led by their Chairman Martin Weeks.

As their children come to the end of their primary education they have taken the decision to hand over the running of the charity to the parents whose children still have many years left at Braishfield school.

During their time on the committee they have raised over £52,000 in funds which has been used to enrich and enhance the education of the children. Buying items such as interactive whiteboards, playground equipment and Samba Drums to name but a few; as well as supporting outings and entertainment for the benefit of all the children at Braishfield School.

This has been achieved through their dedicated fundraising events such as race nights, Christmas Bazaars, fashion shows and who can forget the ever popular Summer fayre which takes months of planning to bring the whole community together with a day that rivals Romsey Show in its entertainment and attractions.

They are all very modest about the amount they have achieved during their time with the Braishfield School Association but the new committee, the school and of course the children would like to thank Martin Weeks, Tracy Weeks, Sarah Weare, Jill Briggs, Karen Parvin, Andrew Swayne and all their helpers for all they have done for the school over the years. There are many lasting testaments to all your efforts around the school and you should all feel proud for the amount you have achieved in 'supporting a Community's Future'.

Reminder Braishfield School Christmas Fayre

Please come along and start your Christmas shopping on Saturday 29th November 11am - 2pm at the Village Hall. There will be a variety of stalls offering many unique and personalised gifts not to be found on the high street including:

Children's designed Christmas Cards, Blue Fairy Design Jewellery, Pampered Chef, Sweets from Romsey Sweet Shop, Blue Shed Crafts, Tinkerbell's Girls Gifts, Mea's Box gifts, Sarah's Cakes, Zara's Cards and crafts, Usborne Books and many more.

In addition there will be refreshments, the popular bottle tombola, Santa's Grotto and a big prize rafle:

Prizes (so far) in The Christmas Raffle

4 tickets to Lapland in the New Forest (for 3rd December)

4 tickets to Paultons Park;

2 child tickets to Marwell Zoo;

A bottle of Champagne - from Waitrose;

A back, neck and shoulder massage from Essential Beauty at the Rapids;

A make-over from Artifex nails and Beauty at the Rapids;

£5 gift voucher from ASDA-Totton;

A reflexology session from Solemap (Chandlers Ford);

A signed Southampton FC supporters shield;

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Test Valley Core Strategy 2006-2026

The Council has prepared a strategy for development in the Borough for the next 20 years required by the South East Plan, to meet the demand for more houses to provide for a prosperous community whilst maintaining the quality of the environment.

Braishfield lies in Northern Test Valley but on the southern boundary so that development in the south will significantly affect us more so than the proposed plan for the north. The strategy needs to provide in the south a further 3,000 homes at Romsey, North Baddesley and Nursling. At Romsey, land at Abbotswood (800) and Lower Whitenap (1600) could provide 2,400 homes in two new neighbourhoods; at North Baddesley, 400 new homes and Nursling a further 300. A new forest park will be established around the existing woodlands which stretch from Nursling to Stoneham to

provide walking, cycling and horse riding.

A number of areas of countryside will be retained. Local spaces are proposed at:

Ampfield - Valley Park/Chandlers Ford

Romsey - North Baddesley

North Baddesley - Chitworth

North Baddesley - Valley Park

Southampton - Eastleigh

How people move round Romsey is important part of the plan. The town access will be studied including the town transport network. There are no detailed development proposals for rural Test Valley. A review of the village boundaries will be part of the Rural Area Action Plan commencing in 2009.

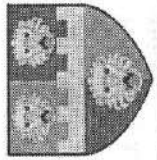
Comments on the proposal are welcome by 12 December 2008 on the paper form obtained from the Council Offices or the website www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning. Telephone queries to 01794 527816.

Rubbish News

Recyclable materials in cardboard boxes left beside the brown bin on recycling weeks will be collected throughout the year

Recycle weeks beginning 8th & 22nd Dec. 5th & 19th Jan

Household weeks beginning 1st, 15th & 29th Dec. 12th & 26th Jan



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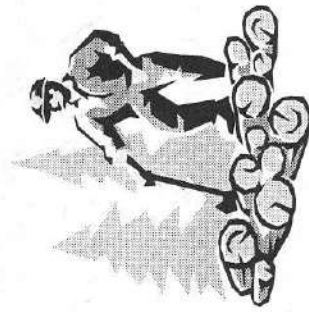
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Our Adventure on Pack Holiday

This year 1st Braishfield Brownies have had many adventures but our favourite was Pack Holiday. We stayed in Sparsholt Memorial Hall. Our brownie pack holiday theme was Babe the Sheep Pig. On Pack holiday we do activities, baking and even go out on day trips and afternoon trips.

On our day trip we went to Winchester. First we went to a Winchester Mill and made flour. We learnt about Otters which live on the River Itchen who mark their territory on the river. Then we went to Westgate and looked around the museum. Then we went to the Great Hall and looked at many statues and paintings. On the way back to the bus we stopped at the Works to spend our pocket money.

Our afternoon trip was a short drive to Sparsholt College. We saw reptiles my favourite was the Chameleon. We then saw cows and I especially liked the three day old calves. We then saw the horses and the pigs and piglets which were so cute.

The pack Holiday theme this year was Babe the Sheep Pig. All of our activities were based on our theme. My two favourites were baking animal biscuits and painting animal canvases.

The food was delicious I particularly liked Toad in the Hole, cottage pie and my favourite had to be farmyard mess.

I hope you enjoyed reading about pack holiday and maybe you might like to join us another year.

By Jessica Maxwell age 10 who loves being a Brownie

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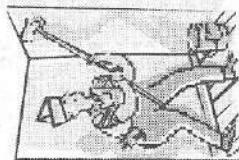
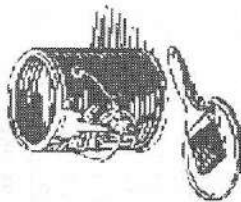
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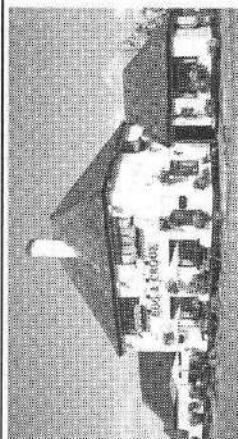
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Church Room Update

At long last all the processes have been gone through and with the assistance of Graham Cailes our Quantity Surveyor the PCC are absolutely delighted to be able to report that the renovation of the Church Room will start in the New Year.

An added delight is that Richard Ord of CBM Services, who lives in The Wooden Bungalow at the bottom of Common Hill, is the builder who will do the work. It somehow seems appropriate that we are able to use a villager to work on the Church Room known as 'The Parish Room' in the past, and we know that Dick will do a very good job.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with what we are going to do, we are adding a small extension on the front for an entrance and a small alteration at the side to make the toilet area large enough for an additional easy-access toilet. We are forming a kitchen inside the original space and otherwise it will remain very recognisable, though dry, warm and welcoming.

We are excited at the prospect of providing the heating by means of a ground source heat pump; this will enable the building to be kept warm the whole time for the price of running the pump. The heat is abstracted from the ground via

pipes laid under the car park extension, the heat being pumped round under-floor pipes inside the building, maintaining the temperature constantly. We have applied for and obtained a grant from the Low Carbon Building Program and another from The Community Sustainable Energy Program for this work, amounting to 85% of the installation costs, which is brilliant!

One of the first things we will have to do is to erect a shed to house the mowers, as the current store will be part of the new building. This shed will be below the horse chestnut tree in an area cleared of debris; at the same time we will put up 2 large compost bins in order to keep the area round the tree clear, which will make it much easier to dispose of grass cuttings and other green waste.

It is thanks to all those of you who have supported the PCC in their desire to carry out a renovation that this has happened and we can all look forward to seeing the end result next summer.

Wendy Quarendon for All Saints PCC

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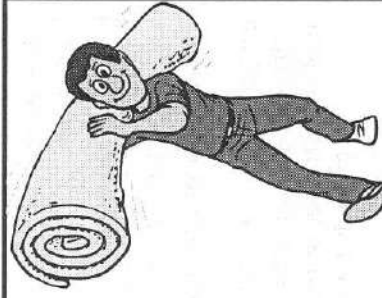
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Application for a Night Out at Christmas

Name of Boyfriend/Fiancé/Husband: _____
 I request permission for a leave of absence from the highest authority in my life for the following period:

Date: _____ Time of departure: _____ Time of return: _____
 NOT to exceed: _____

Should permission be granted, I do solemnly swear to only visit the locations stated below, at the stated times. I agree to refrain from hitting on or flirting with other women. I shall not even speak to another female, except as expressly permitted in writing below. I will not turn off my mobile after two pints, nor shall I consume above the allowed volume of alcohol without first phoning for a taxi AND calling you for a verbal waiver of said alcohol allowance. I understand that even if permission is granted to go out, my girlfriend/fiancé/wife retains the right to be ticked off with me the following week for no valid reason whatsoever.

Amount of alcohol allowed (units) Beer Wine Liquor
 Total

Locations to be visited

Location:	From:	To:
Location:	From:	To:
Location:	From:	To:

Females with whom conversation is permitted _____

IMPORTANT - STRIPPER CLAUSE: Not withstanding the female contact permitted above, I promise to refrain from coming within one hundred (100) feet of a stripper or exotic dancer. Violation of this Stripper Clause shall be grounds for immediate termination of the relationship.

I acknowledge my position in life. I know who wears the trousers in our relationship, and I agree it's not me. I promise to abide by your rules & regulations. I understand that this is going to cost me a fortune in chocolates & flowers. You reserve the right to obtain and use my credit cards whenever you wish to do so. I hereby promise to take you on an unlimited shopping spree, should I not return home by the approved time. On my way home, I will not pick a fight with any stranger, nor shall I conduct in depth discussions with the said entity. Upon my return home, I promise not to urinate

anywhere other than in the toilet. In addition, I will refrain from waking you up, breathing my vile breath in your face, and attempting to breed like a (drunken) rabbit.

Signed - Boyfriend/Fiancé/Husband: _____

Request is: APPROVED DENIED

This decision is not negotiable. If approved, cut permission slip below and carry at all times.

.....
 Permission for my boyfriend/fiancé/husband to be away for the following period of time:

Date: _____ Time of departure: _____ Time of
 return: _____ Signed - Girlfriend/Fiancé/Wife: _____

Application for a Girls Night Out at Christmas

Name of Girlfriend/Fiancé/Partner/Wife: _____

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Evelyn Eustace 1931 to 2008

As a number of you may be aware, Evelyn Eustace, a great member and supporter of our community for an number of years, sadly passed away on 28th September 2008.

Before moving into Romsey in 2005, Evelyn had lived in Braishfield with husband Tony since 1987. During their time in the village both Evelyn and Tony contributed greatly to our community through their involvement in the Parish Council, Village Association, the Church and numerous other events that took place over the years. When someone as active and involved in others lives passes away, it is fitting that we celebrate their time in recognition for the contribution they made while they were with us.

Evelyn Hayward was born on 22nd September 1931 in Windsor and was the youngest of four girls. Soon after the family moved to Nottingham and then onto Ruislip, Middlesex just before the second World War. Going to School near Harrow, Evelyn then went on to work at the Guinness brewery in Park Royal for the next 14 years where she

learnt her trade first as a Typist and then Secretary.

Meeting Tony in 1953, they were married the following year. In 1960 Evelyn became a mother when their only child Neil was born.

In the early seventies, Tony went into business in Property Development and in 1976 bought out West Wellow based building contractors Bartlett and Gilbert. It was at this time that the Eustaces moved from their home in Pinner to this area. Firstly living in Lyndhurst for a short period of time before moving to Landford in 1977 and then on to Braishfield in 1987.

From the time they moved to this area until they sold the business in 1986, Evelyn worked with Tony full time in the business. After retiring they moved to Newport Lane in Braishfield where they were to spend more time than they had in any other house they had lived in.

Following Tony's untimely death in 2002, Evelyn decided to make the move into the centre of Romsey and took up residence in Rivermead House three years later. She was so proud of her apartment and took great pride

in the way she completed its furnishing. She was very happy for the three years she lived there.

Evelyn was always an extremely positive person who would always look on the bright side of life. Even when faced with all kinds of adversity whether it be with family or friends, business or otherwise she had a natural ability to keep calm and find ways around all kinds of issues no matter how big or small. She was a fun person to be with, a quality that endeared her to many. This, together with her

ability to remain in contact with so many friends and acquaintances over the years, meant she had a tremendous circle of friends from all walks of life and parts of the country as was demonstrated by the huge turn at the Abbey in Romsey for her funeral on 13th October

Many times, Evelyn would say how lucky she was to have all the things she had and do all the things she did. But luck is what you make it and you only get out of this life what you put in. She certainly got a lot out of her life and deservedly so.



Braishfield Village Hall

The Annual Village Quiz took place on Friday 10 October in the hall.

Although advertised in the BVN over previous months only 6 tables were occupied. This was disappointing as it is a long established village event which we will advertise more widely next year.

Questions set by last year's winners, the Balchins and the O'Keeffes included rounds on general knowledge, science, food, sport, spelling and other topics together with a round on anagrams.

The Groves and the Allens were the eventual winners and will set the questions for the 2009 Quiz when we hope more tables will be taken.

It is a fun evening not taken too seriously and teams, lubricated by their own wine and nourished by nibbles, try hard to come second to ensure someone else has to set the questions next year.

Booking Secretary

Anna Baker, after more than two years in this role, wishes to resign and the committee are looking for her replacement.

Ideally candidates would live in the village.

It involves joining the committee (we normally meet quarterly), taking bookings mainly over the telephone, agreeing terms and sending out contracts.

Receiving back deposits and passing to the Treasurer.

Arranging for the Hall to be opened and inspection of the Hall after the booking is complete.

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Anna is very happy to work with her successor for a period and anyone interested may like to contact her in the first instance to discuss the role.

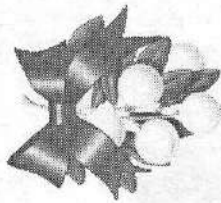
Alternatively please call me on 01794 368414 or e mail to rdbrazier@hotmail.com

Richard D Brazier
Chairman - Braishfield Village Hall Committee

PS We are still looking for a Treasurer as advertised in a previous issue of the BVN.

Anyone interested in this role should contact me.

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Braishfield Parish Council Notes

This report on the Parish Council covers the Council's meetings held on 7th October and 4th November 2008.

Starting with the War Memorial, an order has been placed for repair work to replace a cracked stone. The work is being done by Blackwell & Moody but the delivery of a new stone from Portland is taking some time. The pointing on the Memorial will also receive attention.

Having expressed an interest in the sale of land off Common Hill Road, the Council understands from the agents that the whole field has been sold. However, the 'for sale' sign is still there, so it is not too clear what the true situation is with it.

The Council gave its agreement to a proposal to construct a short path across the Recreation Ground from the School to the Braishfield Road footpath. This will run from a gateway on the northern boundary of the School and emerge on to Braishfield Road near the bus shelter. This will avoid the children having to use the very narrow part of the Braishfield Road path in front of the School when they walk to the Village Hall.

The Braishfield School Association is in need of some storage space and asked the Parish Council for permission to put a 20' x 8' container on the Recreation Ground behind the pavilion. The Council declined to give permission owing to the need for planning permission and Conservation Area consent which would most likely be refused. It was also mindful of the difficulties encour-

tered with replacing the pavilion within the terms of the Recreation Ground Trust Deed. There is a significant restriction on building on the Recreation Ground.

The Council is pleased that the speed limit change has been introduced but is not too pleased with the signage at the entrance to the village. When the trees were in leaf, the signs were obscured from a distance and they are also mounted inexplicably at different heights on either side of the road. The Twinning sign has also disappeared and Hampshire County Council has not responded to the Council's complaint sent some weeks ago.

Braishfield is purchasing one of those signs which alert drivers if they are speeding. This will be shared with Ampfield Parish Council and managed by Test Valley Borough Council. It will be installed at different locations within the two parishes every week or two, rather than being in one relatively permanent location. Ampfield Parish Council has kindly placed the order for it and the associated mounting brackets etc.

The passage of time and the damp surroundings have not helped the preservation of the seats by the pond under the trees. One of these will be removed and probably replaced. It is intended to cut back the tree from overhanging too far down to the ground and Test Valley Borough Council has been notified, as the pond area is in a Conservation Area. One stumbling block was the identity of the tree, so our

thanks go to a VIP in the village who informed the Council that it is a Salix Atrocinerea. Test Valley Borough Council has so far taken our word (and his) for it.

The All Saints PCC and the Parish Council are putting in a joint application to TVBC to change the use of the land adjacent to the cemetery, in order to make it into an extension to the cemetery. The joint

application is for financial reasons as the Parish Council gets favourable rates for applications. This has been accepted by TVBC. The Parish Council feels it can do this as the application is not a Church matter as such, because anyone in the village is entitled to be buried there, regardless of religious denomination.

The TVBC and HCC Planning Authorities dealt with applications as follows:

08/02039/ FULLS	Extension	Heigham, Braishfield Road	Permission
08/01684/ CMAS	Extension of time	BKP, Bunny Lane	Refused

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

08/00475/ OUTS	Amendments to 800 houses etc	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Object to the mini roundabout at the end of Woodley Lane
08/02272/ FULLS	Reconstruction of rear garage section	Seven Pines, Braishfield Road	No objection, but notes the existence of bats
08/02225/ FULLS	Replacement extension etc	Thatched Barn, Paynes Hay Road	No objection
08/02133/ FULLS	Extension and entrance canopy	Thatch Cottage, Newport Lane	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