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The Village Duck House in Spring Clothing

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From the Chairman

There's plenty been going on recently, and more planned. The 'Murder Mystery' evening was a great success and very good fun, with a great performance by the amateur team, 'The Geriactors'. And we raised over £1200 for the Southampton Hospital's Red and White Appeal, which is chaired by our own Richard Brazier - who, you may have seen or heard, jumped out of an aeroplane recently to raise more for the appeal. The aircraft was airborne too, I understand.

By the time you're reading this, BMADS will have entertained us with their four short comedies by Chekhov, and it will be interesting to see if the new time of year (March instead of November) becomes a regular arrangement.

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations are well in hand and in this issue (pp 26/27) you will find application forms for two of the competitions which are being organised. Cast aside your inhibitions and have a go: make a scarecrow, or make a regal crown (children), and bring them along to the Rec on the 4th June. Bring your own picnic on the day too, and enjoy the entertainment that's being organised for the afternoon and the barn dance in the evening. There will be a prize too for the most attractively dressed picnic table, so push the boat out and have a go!

Two frequently asked questions are: do we need to buy tickets?

Answer: no. Both the afternoon and evening programmes are open, free to all villagers and their friends. There will be a hog roast in the evening which you'll be able to spend your money on, and ice creams, beer and other drinks available for sale too. Question 2: can we bring friends and family? Answer: yes. It's a friendly, open house so bring family members along; invite the kids and grandchildren, and parents, and friends if you want to make up a party. Or join in with neighbours and friends in the village if you'd like to, or just come along yourselves. You can even bring along your own barbecue, so long as it is clear of the ground and doesn't burn the grass. The weather will, of course, be brilliant!

Finally, the collection for our much loved, soon to retire postman, Pip, is being organised by the Village Association so, if you would like to make a donation, send or give it to any committee member or straight to our Treasurer, Sheila Still at Orchard View on the main road through the village (near Megana Way). Make your cheque out to Braishfield Village Association. There will be collection boxes around in the village too. The plan is to surprise Pip by presenting him with the cheque at the Jubilee party, to which he has been invited as a judge. So: Don't Tell Pip!!

From the Editor

As always, very many thanks to all who have submitted articles and thoughts; another tome overflowing with your input.

I would point out that the deadline for the next edition is May 11th—earlier than normal. This is to ensure that any last minute details surrounding our great June 4th Jubilee celebration on the Recreation Ground can be published sufficiently ahead of the event to be of use

to the readers!

Wendy Jeffery has asked me to let you know, with thanks, that the Fayre on 26th February raised the great sum of £640 for the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance; a considerable contribution to this excellent lifesaving service.

On the basis that my appreciation of the weather normally heralds a complete change, let's all enjoy this glorious sunshine. There—maybe now we'll get some rain!

The Braishfield 200 Club

Just in case you've been elsewhere, the 200 Club is a small village lottery which pays out a single jackpot prize each month of around £120 (40% of its income) and gives the remaining 60% to charities or local good causes. Anyone over the age of 16 is free to join and can sign up for a minimum of £5 per month, which gives them 5 tickets. The winner in February was Anna Stratton-Brown and the 'good cause' was our village United Reform Church, who will put the money towards a new notice board outside the church. March's winner was (embarrassingly) the promoter, David Robinson, and the remaining money was given to All Saints Church.

If you would like to join in, you will find an application form on the village website, www.braishfield.org or you can contact David Robinson on 368774.

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VILLAGE TENNIS

In the February edition of the BVN I put out an idea of some sort of Village Tennis competition over the summer. The response was not great. However Tony James from Hall Place, Eldon, expressed interest to get involved and offered his court. Gayle Wilde and David Protheroe also replied. It was agreed amongst us one further calling notice should be posted this month and if there was more response, those interested could meet up and take the idea forward. So those of you who might want to get involved please respond to me by e mail preferably or call, following which a meeting could be arranged.

Richard Brazier

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BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

Approaching 20 of you have already expressed an interest so I plan to arrange the first golf day in May/June. If there are others wishing to join in please e- mail me or call. All standards are encouraged to apply -social golf is the plan. 18 holes followed by lunch.

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Red & White Appeal

(See report on Page 12)

Veryan Grant, Director of the Red and White Appeal within the overall Southampton Hospital Charity, wrote to the Chairman and the BVA on 16th February:

“Thank you very much indeed for allowing the Red and White Appeal to be your chosen charity at the recent Murder Mystery Evening at Braishfield Village Hall. It was a great evening and raised an amazing £1,274.95 for the Appeal. This is a fantastic amount and will help to make a huge difference. Please could you pass on our sincere thanks to all your friends and supporters in the Braishfield Village Association”

Easter Hope

Easter is the herald of nature's wonderful, rich time of year, the glory of summer in the offing. And of course, Easter is absolutely central to the Christian faith; the Resurrection of Jesus is the very heart of what we believe and has enormous implications for our lives.

Everything we believe as Christians stands or falls on this one fact. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, Christianity is a deception, a waste of time, and church is pointless! Christianity doesn't claim that Jesus was a good teacher; but it asserts that in the person of Jesus, God broke into his world to carry out his rescue plan for humankind, to deal with the problem of human selfishness and to destroy death.

The Resurrection of Jesus is a fact of history; an event that happened at a place and time in history, attested by all the evidence and which has utmost importance for every person in every generation and in every place. Some people say resurrections can't happen - but the evidence leads us conclusively to the truth that Jesus rose!

The Resurrection of Jesus shows his claims are true; Jesus made his credibility hang on the resurrection. He made amazing claims - "if you've seen me, you've seen the Father; I and the Father are one; I am the way, the truth and the

life'. If he had stayed dead, we would have to conclude that he was at best deluded, at worst a liar and conman. But the resurrection vindicates and validates his claims.

The Resurrection of Jesus means there is hope for the future; how do we know this - a future beyond the grave? Jesus said: "Fear not, I am the first and the last and the living one; I died and behold I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of Death and Hades"

Jesus declares that there is a definite existence beyond the grave; those who put their trust in him need not fear death. The great truth, that death has been defeated, means there is hope beyond the grave; not vague, but a clear expectation based on a solid fact. As someone said, the first Easter was 'the day death died'. This trust isn't just an insurance policy, maturing when you die! The emphasis is on a new quality of life that God gives now, which finds its full expression beyond the grave.

Life is hard. None of us is immune, sometimes disillusioned, disheartened; what's the point? But remember the hope; what's at the end of this life is infinitely worth the struggles. Stick at it, commit yourself to Christ and live for him daily.

Have a great Easter!

Steve Pittis



Christian Aid Week 2012:
13th-19th May

A group of people will be delivering collection envelopes to homes around the village early in the week or immediately before it.

If you could help with delivering, please ring Mrs Jean Gould, 368592, who is the organizer this year on behalf of the village churches. There is no return visit to collect the envelopes as people are asked to drop them off at one of several collecting points, or give directly via text or online.

‘Let’s give the Tools to help people in poverty out of poverty’ is the focus of Christian Aid Week this year. Come and find out more at the United Service for Christian Aid in All Saints’ Church on Sunday 20th May at 6pm.

Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

Special Award

Following the Society’s AGM in January, Simone Hughes was presented with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate in recognition of her service to the Society. After 29 years she has decided to step down from the committee although she will still attend the monthly meetings. Simone was one of the original members of Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society when it was formed in 1983. Plans are already being made to celebrate the Society’s 30th Anniversary next year. The renowned NAFAS Demonstrator Michael Bowyer has already agreed to demonstrate at a special Open Evening in November 2013. The Society meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and new members are always welcome.



(See Page 32 for the 2012 Programme)

School News

The major School events to look out for are:

23rd June: The Summer Fayre on 23rd June

13th October: An "Auction of Promises"; no detail yet, but anything from Dog Walking to Holiday Cottages could be 'up for grabs'!

24th November: Christmas Bazaar

The school will also have a variety of in-house events, such as sponsored walks, so keep your ears to the ground and eyes on the Notice boards!

Thames Valley Police

We are aware that an email entitled 'Population Census: a message to all - act now' is being circulated, allegedly in the name of National Statistician, Jil Matheson. It demands individuals provide personal information, supposedly for the Census and threatens fines for non-compliance. It is a scam and has no connection whatsoever with the National Statistician, the 2011 Census or the Office for National Statistics. The links in the email could download malware to any computer. This could put your personal data/ financial information, at risk. Anyone receiving this, or similar emails, should delete them. For more information on how to protect yourself from this type of threat, please see www.getsafeonline.org and report receipt of any such suspicious emails to www.actionfraud.org.uk

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Village Lunch

VILLAGE LUNCH DATES FOR 2012:

Our lunches, also advertised in the BVA News DIARY, are usually held on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August), from 12 noon, in the Church Room. For 2012 they are:

MONDAY 16 APRIL (NB—3rd Monday)

MONDAY 14 MAY

MONDAY 11 JUNE

MONDAY 09 JULY

August - no lunch

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 08 OCTOBER

MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

**MONDAY 10 DECEMBER -
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

We always welcome anyone who wants to join us, whatever age and for new villagers it is a wonderful way to get to know a lot of people quickly. Just come along. You do not need to sign in!

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MURDER ON THE AIR ... IN THE VILLAGE HALL

When David Robinson and the BVA issue you with an invitation you cannot refuse... well, you cannot refuse. So it was on a cold evening in the depths of January that over 100 would-be detectives, armed only with substantial victuals, converged on the Braishfield Village Hall to witness the unfolding drama at Radio Belgarum as top talent Justin Carmichael is horribly murdered by... well, it could have been any one of the seven other ill-assorted miscreants on the station. And that was our challenge: to identify, over the course of the evening, the perpetrator of the unspeakable act.

This was the vivid scenario brought brilliantly to life by the Winchester-based group The Geriactors, who specialize in staging entertainments for charity. The charity in question on this evening, Saturday 28th January, was the Red and White Appeal, which is aiming this year to raise £1.76 million to create a specialist treatment centre at Southampton General Hospital for patients with leukaemia and other blood disorders across Hampshire and beyond. So far the appeal has raised over £1 million, a formidable achievement, but still has further to go to reach its target. Richard Brazier is co-ordinating fund-raising

efforts locally and he briefly introduced the charity at the beginning of the evening. We also heard from Vervan Grant, Director of Southampton Hospital Charity, about the ongoing fund-raising activities that the Red and White Appeal is organising over the coming weeks to help achieve its target.

The entertainment was divided into three Acts and in the intervals, seated at thirteen tables of eight, quantities of supper were consumed whilst participants - aided, or was it hindered, by hints from the actors - attempted to solve the mystery that unfolded onstage before us. It proved a very jovial occasion, and as well as being a great deal of fun was a successful fund-raising event which, including a raffle, generated a total of £1274.95.

Thanks are due to the Geriactors, who put on a very entertaining show, and to David Robinson and the BVA Committee members for all the hard work that goes into planning, organising, marketing and realizing such an enjoyable evening. Our best wishes go to the Red and White Appeal, which continues to rely on our support and help, and about which you can find out more at

www.redandwhiteappeal.org.



And as for ‘who done it’? Well, despite the best efforts of the audience of detectives, including a table of moustachio’d Poirot lookalikes...

one table - dominated by female sleuths - cracked the mystery and won the prize.

The troubling thing about it all for me is the same as when I

have read crime novels:

I can’t remember who the murderer was.!

Richard Groves

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Dugdales in Uganda

'Am sorting out something for the mag today—even if I have to find a pigeon to send it'so ends my slightly panicky email to Mike, knowing I have almost missed the deadline for this edition. Living in Uganda is hilarious, frustrating, amazing and shocking. In many ways, however, the most maddening moments arise when, now almost expecting engineering mishaps across the northern hemisphere, you find the same in a new and optimistic country.

Internet and Shovels: so, for two weeks, I have been trying to send a batch of important emails and the internet connection simply has not been strong enough. News comes that a ship's captain in Mombasa, Kenya, accidentally trawled his anchor over some vital fibre-optic internet cable connecting East Africa to the world. If that wasn't bad enough, yesterday the phone company told us that someone has also stolen or cut through a similar cable in Kampala... how is that possible? In my ignorance I thought all this techno stuff was clever and satellite based - not literally in the ground, dependent on a bloke and a shovel—but here it is. And we have no texts going through. I'm seriously considering baked bin tins and string since fortunately I come from that Blue Peter generation of sticky backed plastic and loo roll creations, so it should be possible to improvise...!

Back to school.....At the secondary school in Wobulenzi, where we work, this first term is near the half way stage, at which point many students are sent home to collect more school fees to pay for the rest of the term. It sounds harsh - but that's how it is, and as outsiders, we often have to accept things we don't like. At £30 - 50 per term, depending on home finances, (includes schooling, lodging+ food), it won't sound much in UK terms. Here it is a sizeable amount for the poorest parents to find. But it is still the cheapest, best quality school for miles around.

Result! In late February, Headmaster Charles texted me the school O'level results the day they came out - this represented a significant step for the school. For the first time ever, some students scored a Division 1 (the highest overall mark for all subjects) and out of a class of 85 none of them failed. Science and Maths are still weak, so the teachers are already considering how to improve these important subjects.

Message of Hope: Many of you will have been aware of the recent media storm over the Kony 2012 campaign. However you may not know that Wobulenzi Town Academy was originally set up by Charles to provide a safe haven for young people whose lives and homes had then

been disrupted and destroyed by the Lord's Resistance Army - the group of rebels led by Kony. Some of the current students have been child soldiers or abducted girls. However what is remarkable is how little they dwell on the terrors and difficulties of the past and how positive they are in their outlook. They are passionate about the value of education and how much they would like to do well in the future. One 17 year old, Hope, summarises her attitude to life like this:

"What I have learned in life. Life is a challenge to be faced. No matter what the problems we go through, we deserve to face them and solve them. It is by God's hand that we stay alive. By God's grace, here at school in Wobulenzi, I feel normal and am



breathing normally. Suffering is not the end of life. Never should anyone be without hope. The struggle continues - never at any point give up in whatever you are doing - with God everything is possible."

Her full story can be found on the website www.servedirect.org,

1) In addition to the main school buildings, there will soon be a community health centre and a school resource centre on the same school site, that we will make available for local primary schools to use - but more of that another time or please do look at the website for photos and chat.

2) We are raising money to buy a mosquito net for each student to keep malaria at bay. Malaria is not simply dangerous—it is life-threatening. Good nets cost about £3.00 each and we need to buy another 200 - if you would like to buy a few, please go to the website again and donate online. If that's a possibility, thank you very much!

Family Info..

Both households are busy and scattered all over. In the Ball camp, Phil and Michèle are juggling work and WTA commitments, Toby is about to take IB exams and finish school in Kampala, Em is about to finish her stint in Rwanda and come back to Uganda for a few months. In the Dugdale camp, Elspeth and Jerry do the Kampala -Wobulenzi commute most days (about 50km each way), Jess is busy at school here (year 12), Grace has a gap year in Mozambique and Jake is at university in Bristol. We plan to meet up in the summer!

Thanks for your interest and for reading about Uganda. Elspeth and Jerry, (Dugdale) Phil and Michèle (Ball)

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New Developments:

Braishfield Village Association Donations

The News is delivered free of charge to all residents of Braishfield and it is not run on a subscription basis. However we obviously incur costs to publish and any support you can give to keep the News viable during 2011 would be most welcome.

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David Robinson - Chairman

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These rugged volcanic Islands, situated in the South Pacific, embrace coral atolls and white sandy beaches, and yet each of the 15 individual islands spread over more than 2 million sq. kilometers its own unique magic. Discovered by Captain Cook in 1773 the Islands were declared a British Protectorate in 1888 and came under New Zealand control in 1891 and were given their independence in 1965. However, the Cook Islanders are proud to retain their New Zealand citizenship.

As visitors to two of the Islands, Rarotonga, the largest of the islands and Aitutaki, an hours flight away, we discovered a wonderful climate, beautiful landscape and a friendly, generous people.

Traditional culture passes down through the generations by way of song and dance. The islanders are famous for their fast frenzied dancing where the musicians keep their rhythm on hollowed-out slit drums (pate). The dancers wear costumes of natural fibres including bark cloth, flowers, pandanus leaves, sea and coconut shells and feathers. Whilst there is television in Rarotonga, there is none in Aitutaki and the islanders therefore create their own entertainment

The bus service in Rarotonga consists of two small buses circulating

frequently around the 32km coast road so travelling was easy. On Aitutaki however, there is no bus service, and very few cars, so we followed the locals' example and hired a scooter to explore a little more of the interior of the island where the mountain peaks soar skywards and the coral reef encircles a beautiful lagoon of clear calm turquoise water.

In February 2010 the Cook Islands and Aitutaki in particular were badly hit by Cyclone Pat. Winds of 115 mph ripped through the island for three hours and 90 % of the homes were lost. For the next two weeks the New Zealand army and air force were deployed to assist with re-building and provide essential emergency aid. Just as the Islanders thought the worst was over a high risk fire warning was issued because the land, now stripped of vegetation, was dry and barren. To compound their problems further the islanders were warned of another approaching cyclone; they prepared but luckily the storm petered out, delivering only torrential rain. Final repairs and building works were completed in October 2011 thanks to financial assistance from the New Zealand government. The gentleness of these people may well be due to their strong Religious belief. In Aitutaki the population is approximately 1800 and yet the island supports 28 Churches and 18 different religions. Sunday is a day spent attending Church associated activities only and the

streets are very quiet. We decided to attend the oldest Church; the Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC) built in 1828 by the London Missionary Society. Restored after cyclone damage, the rich history of this Church coupled with excellent acoustics and the backdrop of the quintessential Pacific Island views just added further dimensions to a very moving Morning Service. We were greeted by the wonderful gospel singing of a young lady and during the service others simply stood up and sang solos, followed by the men who picked up the refrain. This gospel singing was a spine-tingling experience. The service was mostly in Maori but the Vicar translated some of it into English for our benefit.

Of all our experiences in both New Zealand and Rarotonga, it is this lasting memory of the Church Service in Aitutaki that will stay with us for a long time. No wonder the Islanders always smile when they



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Newport Inn Cricket Club

Much to be done as the Summer approaches. The new pavilion is due to be erected at the end of March and then we can begin to fit it out with furniture and our new memorabilia gathered from last year - an Ashes Urn containing some remains of our old building and the pictures and newspaper cuttings of our fund raising efforts last year.

Our season starts on 15th April, away to IBM Hursley, and the first home game will be on 22nd April to Knights Valley. We plan to hold a small opening ceremony before the start of the game and any interested villagers are more than welcome to come down, say hello and see what all the fuss was about!

Mike Ransom has done a fabulous job once again to give us a full fixture list going all the way from mid-April to the end of September, with many midweek games too. We plan to hold a 6-a-side cricket tournament on Sunday 1st July - if any local groups or businesses would like to enter a team, please contact me. The day will be fun for all ages and abilities, with a barbecue throughout the day.

We would love to see more playing members, especially from the village - so any budding Freddie Flintoffs, or indeed anyone wanting to dust off their whites and come out of cricketing retirement, please contact me.

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Braishfield Football Club

Our major success since the last edition was a very successful event held in the in the Social Club in early February which raised £3800 for the Pavilion Fund. Laurie McMenemy and Mike Osman put on a great double act. Interviewing Laurie on his early football career, Mike brought a huge amount of comedy into the evening. Supper was followed by an auction of fine sports memorabilia, and one lot (2 VIP tickets to Manchester United vs Liverpool, including a tour of the stadium, a chance to sit in Sir Alex Fergusons seat, a champagne reception and a luxurious five course meal) alone raised £595.

Peter Rodriguez, Saints' Captain when they won the FA cup in 1976, joined Mike and Laurie, and plenty of reminiscing ensued! A great evening was had by all, ending with Desi Whitelock and I presenting Mike and Lawrie with a gift to thank them for their time.

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Braishfield Social Club

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Wednesday Nights - Zumba 6.30pm

Saturday Nights - Meat Draw

Sunday Nights - Bingo

We also have Pigeon Club, Dart and Crib teams always looking for new members.

Snooker Room Available

Up and Coming Events

- Quiz Nights are now fortnightly on Friday Nights
- Sat 7th April - Easter Egg Draw
- Sun 8th April - Children's Easter Egg Hunt 12 noon
- Sat 21st April - Race Night - An evening at the races (tickets available)
- Tue 17th April - **Annual General Meeting**
- Golden Jubilee - See notice board for further details
- 15th-17th June - Coatesfest- mini music festival including TravCats, Pronghorn, Cash Converted, DRM, Sticky Rhythms, Press Gang and many others. Please contact us for further details.

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Braishfield's Diamond Jubilee Party



Calling all Children - Get your thinking crowns on!

As part of the village Diamond Jubilee celebration on Monday 4th June, we will be holding a "Design a Crown" competition. The competition is open to all children aged 16 and under, and will be judged in 3 classes:

Pre-school - school year 2

School years 3 - 6

School year 7 and above.

Your design brief is simple - to design and construct a crown that represents the Queen. It could feature anything from corgis to Windsor Castle - let your imagination run riot! Just make it a crown fit for a Queen!

Your entries should be brought along to the rec. for our Jubilee celebration where they will be displayed and judged. In order to enter, please complete the form below and return to :

**Kate Marshall, Worsley Lodge, Common Hill Road by
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Saturday



Please enter me for the Diamond Jubilee "Design a Crown Competition" :

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Braishfield Horticultural Society

In February Marcus Dancer came along as promised, bringing with him a multitude of Clematis plants, not only to support his talk, but also to sell. It was very educational. Pruning was one part of the agenda which somewhat differed from my past efforts when I found the hedge trimmer quite effective, but crude! Ah well, must remember Marcus in future. It was another good evening, well spent and as usual, with good company.

Much effort and expense goes into arranging for the best Speakers we can afford. But after the Members March meeting you could conclude that we have all the talent right here in Braishfield.

Sheila Still opened with a talk about her garden entitled 'Morning to Evening'; beautiful photographs taken throughout the year, wonderful flowers and plants, the occasional horse saying hello over the hedge and Great Crested Newts in the pond. And the lovely tree which she grew from seed about twenty five years ago and which she refers to as her pride and joy. Well done Sheila.

Viv Robinson then took us to the Scilly Isles, talking about the founding of the Tresco Gardens by Augustus Smith in 1830. He was fascinated with plants from around

the world and had travelled far and wide to collect specimens from countries such as South Africa and Chile. Tresco Gardens' position is such that a plantation of trees give shelter from the prevailing winds making it possible for the many tropical plants to survive. Again wonderful photographs accompanied her talk. Our thanks to Viv.

Then Derrick Sapsford stepped up with his visit to Madeira. Lakes, hot springs, and hydrangeas in abundance in the wonderfully fertile soil. The odd twig dropped would easily take root. In some areas, the heat in the soil is such that people could wrap food in foil, bury it and then retrieve it, cooked and ready to eat. Yet another interesting talk, enjoyed by all, thanks to Derrick.

Next David Robinson gave an account of the trip he and Viv took to New Zealand in 2011. David's talk covered a highly volcanic area with two now defunct volcanoes. They clambered up to about 1800 metres, passing the 'White' and then 'Red' Craters where the rock is an amazing red colour. His photographs showed what a barren area it is, not a plant in sight. Then the downward trek really highlighted not only the extraordinary rock formation, but also that the climb was not for the faint hearted. Only on the lower reaches did some signs of growth appear, and finally the odd flower or two. David's contribu-

tion was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Jean Lowe then took us initially to Borneo. Here the object of her attention was a large plant, with no root or stem, known as a corpse plant because that apparently is what it smells like. However boiling the buds and drinking the fluid is an aid to recovery from childbirth! Swooping swiftly back to Braishfield for some beautiful photographs of spiders' webs, taken in her garden, we then moved on to Thailand, where again spiders webs featured, but this time spiders producing webs of a golden thread; a photo of a beautiful gown that had been woven from these threads. It took 1.2 million spiders to produce the thread with which to make the gown and eight years to complete. Jean's contribution to the evening, supported by some excellent photography was really appreciated. Thank you Jean.

Then Tony Lowe came forward. He talked about changes to our environment before moving on to the Galapagos Islands where you are never far from the sea, so the many plants there must have a salt tolerance. We saw cacti, iguanas that love prickly pears and, although not really native to that part of the world, sea lions; the males very aggressive and when they fight it often leads to the cubs being killed in the skirmish. Hosts of sea birds to be seen including the Albatross, and all kinds of reptiles and porpoise. Finally a picture of a very

large tortoise known as Lonesome George; apparently the last of his line and when he passes on, there will be no more. The photography was second to none.

In conclusion we have to thank Tony, not only for his contribution to the evening's entertainment, but also for setting up the programme which ran without a hitch.

Next month Lorna Turner comes to talk about Delphiniums and during the same evening, of course, we have the Spring Show. Please do your best to support it. Moving on into May, John Negus will talk about Shrubs of Distinction for our last meeting before the summer break.

At the March Meeting, the Committee suggested that this year we have an open day, possibly in August, when a few members might open their gardens for other members to visit. This would be instead of repeating the Apple Day, which would be too soon and best arranged again for next year. This was approved and some have already expressed their willingness to take part. We could possibly link the idea with support for a charity. If anyone is willing to open their garden for a day, please speak to any member of the Committee.

I will now take my leave as I believe there's a bottle somewhere very much in need of attention!
Bob Thomson, BHS Secretary & Scribe.

Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

The ewes have all been scanned and Kate is very pleased to report that she has her highest percentage yet, 195%. She is busy at the moment getting ready for lambing, which will happen in mid April; the ewes will be brought back here soon and will lamb here. We have had a quiet time of late with only the 'pet sheep' to talk to us; Minty is very insistent every morning that she wants her barley!

Two of the rams have died in the last few months, one of them as a result of injuries from fighting with another of the rams. They really are belligerent animals especially

when they are in with the ewes.

The grass has benefited from being rested in the last few months but undoubtedly it will soon disappear when all the ewes come back. It has been wonderful for Ian to be able to keep topping up the hay in the feeders from our own stock of big bales; hopefully there won't be too many left.

Long may the apparent peace and quiet continue. Let us all hope for a good lambing period and that it is free of the Schmallenberg virus that has been in the news of late.

Wendy Quarendon

Rubbish News

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

Recycle weeks beginning: 9th & 23rd April, 7th & 21st May

Household weeks beginning: 2nd, 16th & 30th April, 14th & 28th May

Garden waste green bags are collected the same week as household waste, every other Friday morning.

Collections will be a day later than usual for Bank Holiday weeks beginning 9th April & 7th May. Good Friday collections as normal

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Flower Arrangement Society: 2012 Programme



April 26th

‘Surprise’ Denise Bright

May 24th

“What the Judge is looking for” Pippa Bensley

June 28th

‘Natures Contrast’ Gretchen White

July 26th

Summer Party in the Church Rooms

Sept 27th

‘Mystery Tour’ Beryl Eady

Oct 25th

‘The Way to Santiago’ Eileen King

Nov 22nd

‘Evening of Christmas Festivity’ Katy Baxter

OPEN EVENING – all welcome

Dec 11th

Christmas Workshop with Lunch

Church Rooms, 10.30pm – 3.30am

All meetings are held in Braishfield Village Hall at 7.30pm

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A reminder - The object of the game is to score points by passing the Frisbee to your team player in the opposing end zone, similar to an end zone in rugby. Players may not run with the disc, and may only move one foot (pivot) while holding the disc. All ages from 16 to 60 play. Tuition given and rules are simple.

A great work out and network opportunity (i.e. Newport for an ale afterwards). Email malcolm.baker@virgin.net or call 368579 for more info.

Cycling

A few Braishfield guys cycle Sundays at 9am (around 30-50 miles) and Tuesday nights at 6pm (around 25 miles), 6.30 starts later in the summer depending on light. Road bikes, Mountain Bikes if wet.

If you have a half decent bike and relish that 'Lycra feeling' get in touch and join in, normally a crowd of 6 -10 of us, a great way to get to know the area and work off some stress. Tuesdays we have a debrief at the Newport afterwards.

For both the activities above, please contact me:

Malcolm Baker

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JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE MUGS

Every child in the Village up to 16 years old will receive a commemorative mug, and these will also be available to purchase on the 4th June.

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See pages 26 & 27 for more on the Jubilee celebrations

Baddesley Division County Councillors Annual Report

The need to reduce the national and local debt inherited by this government has cast a long financial shadow. Hampshire CC's budget to provide its services, excluding schools, is £663 million. Hampshire lost 14.3% of its Government grant last year and will lose a further 10.4% during the next financial year.

The human cost of £100 million saving has been the loss of 1400 staff with a further 228 due. But the year brings pride and pleasure as well, in both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games. I hope that these events will provide a powerful stimulus to restore business and employment.

Avoiding a further burden on the public in this financial downturn, all parties in the Council agreed to freeze Council Tax again this year, thus qualifying for the government's £13.2 million incentive grant. Thus Band (D) Council Tax will remain for the third year running at £1037. 88p.

As the opposition Adult Social Care Spokesperson I lobbied for an extra £1 million to address the unfairness revealed within the new home care charges. Those with assets above the threshold of £23,250 and who need the help of two carers saw their charges nearly doubling. The Leader, Ken Thornber, agreed that this was tantamount to a tax on disability.

The opposition Liberal Democrats argued that £19 million of the allocated £44 million of contingency funds should be utilised to reverse the cuts to Children's Centres, Youth Services, Libraries and Rural Bus Services. This amendment included an additional

£10 million allocated to the Adult Social Care Services budget in order to manage the significant programme of change and deal with continuing pressure arising from the complexity and demographic changes.

The County Council will provide an extra £30 million for school places for children, £4 million to extend Broadband and £45 million to support Extra Care housing for elderly people. This should also lever in significant additional private sector investments; in total some £600 million over 3 years in the fabric of our great County. Not only does such investment reduce future costs, it will make Hampshire fit for purpose in the future, assisting small and medium sized businesses, maintenance and construction contractors, suppliers and a number of national partners, all helping to create jobs, wealth and opportunities.

The authority are introducing increased apprenticeships and the Leader introduced an initiative to give jobs to Care Leavers who would otherwise not find employment; this has proved to be a great success. This will be followed by a scheme of employment for people with Learning Difficulties.

My Community Grant allowance last year was allocated to various organisations, amongst them *Relate*, *Eastleigh & Romsey Mencap*, *The North Baddesley Health Centre Patient Participation Group*, *Grant aid for Knightwood Youth Club*, *St Francis Football Club*, *The Newport Inn Braishfield Cricket Club* and *North Baddesley over 60's Club*.

HCC Cllr. Alan Dowden

REVISED BUS TIMETABLE

Placed opposite is the new Bus Timetable for Braishfield. Whilst the trip into Romsey and back will take a more roundabout route than before, they have provided an extra bus! We have also received an apology from Hampshire County Council Transport Dept for their failure to let us know that the bus timetables had changed and that residents were left waiting for a bus which failed to appear! If you have any problems with this new service, please let me know.

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Botley Road Winchester Road	-	0922 1021 1208 1321	
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Braishfield Village Diary

April

2nd	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship in Church Room Oberammergau – Hannah Boothman, Meriel Fiddes
3rd	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council
10th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society Lorna Turner - Delphiniums
16th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
18th	Wednesday	1.15 – 1.45	Mobile Library – Village Hall Car Park Use it or Lose it !
19th	Thursday	7.30	Village Hall AGM
26th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Denise Bright - Surprise

May

1st	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council followed by Annual Parish Meeting
8th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society John Negus – Shrubs of Distinction
14th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
14th	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship in Church Room Street Pastor – Barbara Parker
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24th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Pippa Bensley – What the Judge is looking for !

Weekly

Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00	Braishfield Toddler Group, Tel. 367710
Thursday	10.00 – 12.00	Braishfield Art Group

All functions take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated
Please refer to Braishfield.org or your Residents Guide for contact telephone nbrs
Please send details to the BVA News Editor or Web Editor if you would like dates of forthcoming events to be published