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Don't say 'cheese', say Jubilee!

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From the Chairman

Wasn't that a great party on the Rec? And weren't we lucky with the weather? All in all, we had a really memorable Jubilee celebration. A very big thank you to the Parish Council for footing the bill and taking the initiative in setting it all up and co-ordinating the efforts of a lot of people, and thanks to all those who turned up on the day and made it such a joyful occasion.

Personally I thought the stars of the show were actually all the scarecrows. Very fitting for the village that itself starred in the Worzel Gummidge series all those years ago!

The BUMS survived the ordeal too. Tim had lost his voice that morning, but his fingers were in the right place, and between us we managed to cover up most of one another's mistakes. Plus, it must be said, Gareth Dayus Jones' accompaniment on the keyboard provided us with a skilful and loud sound blanket, such that one of our most loyal fans said after that we 'weren't too bad'. Heady stuff!

The telephone has been quieter than we expected since then though. We anticipated a lot of attention from Simon Cowell's people, and that other

show too, but they are obviously playing hard to get. The good news, though, is that we are relatively free to accept bookings from any of our readers!

We were really thrilled with your response to the 'Don't tell Pip' campaign - over £1000 raised. Pip was suitably gobsmacked too, and absolutely delighted to receive our cheque.

Special thanks to his sister, who had to tell him a couple of pork-pies to prevent him reading about it in our Village News. And thanks to you all, both for your donations and for keeping him in the dark!

Finally, Viv and I were walking near Kings Somborne recently when we saw a red kite in the air above us. You may know that they are spreading into this area from their successful re-introduction in the Chilterns a few years back.

Has anyone else seen them? And we have not heard the cuckoo this year, whereas we normally get one at our end of the village. Has anyone had better luck? We were away for most of June.

Let's hope the remainder of the summer brings us better weather, and some cheering news from the Olympics!

From the Editor

Dutifully I can put the Chairman's mind at rest; we heard the cuckoo although it was tenuous, far distant and short-lived. Can't boast a red kite though!

Quite a lot inside on Jubilee events as you might imagine, so I won't overdo that here, other than to say that sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men actually work—and they certainly did on 4th June! I think it was also the last time the sun (and moon) turned up in strength!

A full magazine again. Apart from the Jubilee bits, our footprint is spreading

wider as a good vehicle for advertisements, and we also have quite an array of fun and fund-raising events lining up over the next few months. Again, I won't rehearse them here, just pick over them inside!

My thanks for your enduring support and interest, evidence of which lies in the 40 pages ahead!

Summer holiday time; I hope you have (or have had) an excellent break. If you go somewhere unusual, fascinating or simply get swept up in an exciting local event and are happy to share it with us all here in the Village, please contact me and I'd be delighted to include it in the next edition!

The Braishfield 200 Club

In the two months since the last issue of the News we have had three winners: Meri Knights, Robert Devereux and Ted and Sheila Still. Donations have been made to the Braishfield Social Contact Group, which funded a trip to the Lavender Farm and tea, to the All Saints Church Room fund, and July's good cause has still to be decided.

Want to join? Contact David Robinson on 368774. It's easy! Support local good causes and stand a fair chance of being a winner!

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Letters & Notices

BRAISHFIELD SOCIAL CONTACT GROUP

Thanks to the kind generosity of the Braishfield 200 Club, members of the Social Contact Group visited the Lavender Farm at Landford. In the sunshine we chatted and enjoyed tea and cake. A swallow nesting in the Breeze House eaves, entertained us as she happily fed her young, mainly with our crumbs! Idyllic calm!!



If you are interested in joining our Social Contact Group, please do not hesitate to contact me on 368339. I can assure you of a very warm welcome.

Hazel Prince

DIAMOND JUBILEE MUGS

Its not too late to purchase our special Braishfield commemorative Diamond Jubilee mugs - we still have plenty to sell at £4 each - just give us a ring on 368339.

If you are aged under 16 years and have still not received your free commemorative mug - then again please give us a ring on the above number.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Mike & Hazel Prince

BRAISHFIELD GOLF SOCIETY

The Society is now formed with George Elliott as President and Richard Brazier, Lawrence Randall and Iain Coleman as the organising committee.

The inaugural meeting took place on Friday 8 June in very windy and occasionally wet conditions. Of the 34 who have signed up as members, 23 ventured out at the Hampshire Golf Club and all returned, some after more success than others.

Graham Sell was the overall winner and part of the winning team with Geoff Briggs and John Bevan. Paul Boshier won the 1 - 17 Handicap section and Liz Elliott was the best Lady. Congratulations to all. All enjoyed the day and the Committee have organised the next meeting for Friday 7th September at Romsey Golf Club with tee off times starting at 10.30 am. The cost will be £35 per head to include coffee and bacon roll to start, 18 holes and a 2 course lunch. Anyone in the Village who would like to join the Society please either e mail me or call Home (01794 368414)

Richard Brazier

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Letters & Notices cont.

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Following recent resignations of long standing Committee members (they have done their bit!), we are looking to co-opt new members and would welcome Villagers to apply. We normally meet just 4 times a year. We share jobs between us and try where possible to carry out some maintenance ourselves. Anyone interested please call me for a chat when I can explain more or drop me an email.

Richard Brazier Tel: Home 01794 368414
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CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid charity collection held in the village in May raised the sum of £1,174. 02

My sincere thanks to everybody who gave so generously and to all those involved with the distribution and collection of the envelopes. It was a great result.

Jean Gould.

ARMED FORCES DAY

To acknowledge the service of our Armed Forces past and present, two Union flags were hoisted on the Vllage Hall car park flagstaffs at 1230pm on Sunday 24th June, remaining in place until lowered at 630pm on Saturday 30th June, Armed Forces Day 2012. It is planned to repeat this ceremony annually.

GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR

Once again a minibus will whisk a select group of 16 (1st come/1st served) down to this excellent event near Tarrant Hinton on Thursday 30th August. Leaving the Village Hall car park at 1030, you'll arrive at about 1130; then all day at the Fair, leaving for home at 7.00 pm. The cost (bus £10 and senior entrance £13) is £23. It is a great day out, with "all the fun of the fair", thrashing Victorian and Edwardian steam machinery, vintage cars, ring



events and demonstrations, bands, jazz, folk groups, eclectic food and every imaginable variation of rural and townie drink! And rows of stalls selling everything from the hugely useful to the amusingly pointless!

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I would like to thank the Braishfield Village Association for inviting me to the village Diamond Jubilee celebration, judge the picnic tables and present the prizes. A big thank you to all the residents in and around Braishfield for my retirement gift, all the kind messages and the beautiful flowers for Chris. I will never forget it. I have enjoyed my last 20 years or so delivering mail in Braishfield as everyone has been so friendly to me. I will miss our little chats, but I am sure I will see you around. Thank you again. Best wishes

Pip

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR OIL HEATING BILLS.

Several communities have set up their own bulk-buying arrangements to get a better price on their central heating oil. Usually the scheme, co-ordinated by one or two people, arranges for deliveries three or four times a year, with a bulk order large enough to attract a reduced price from one of the suppliers. If there is sufficient interest in doing this in Braishfield, we will set up a similar scheme here.

Do you use oil? Are you interested in taking part in a scheme? Let Graham Bennett know on 01794 368109, graham.d.bennett@btinternet.com. If we get enough positive responses we will approach some oil suppliers to explore the idea with them.

With the cost of fuel being what it is, any reduction should be welcome!

A Local Planning Alert (see also page 43)

If you keep an eye on the planning applications in the Romsey Advertiser you will see that there is an application in to convert the commercial property in Blackthorn Close into residential use. Presumably the owners cannot find a tenant to replace the clinic which has or is going to move out. The Parish council has objected to this, as have the Village Hall committee, as have the BVA. We all fear that if it became residential, the occupiers would almost certainly start to complain about noise from the Hall whenever it was used for an evening party or dance. This would lead to bad feelings all round, and if their complaints were upheld, would severely curtail the Hall's scope for future lettings. In the long run, one could see the Hall having to close down. They don't make vast profits as it is, and keep going as a result of extra fund raising efforts, like the Variety Show last year. (Rumours are that there may be another one soon!) The closing date to register an objection was 17th July, so by the time you get this it will be too late; some of you may have written in already though. Let's hope our combined efforts will convince TVBC that it's a bad idea.

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Our Jubilee celebration!

The 4th June dawned dry and bright - that made a change this year! I received a phone call at 7.45am to say the marquee that was to be erected at 5am that morning had not arrived; 'good start' I thought, but after a phone call I was assured that they were on their way and it would be in place by 10.30am. The committee then worked throughout the morning to set up the recreation ground for the Celebrations, with the truck placed to provide a stage and the sound equipment being installed.

The village started to assemble from 2pm and the fun tarted, under the guiding hand of Richard Brazier, our Master of Ceremonies, suitably dressed overall in the Union Flag! Gazebo's were erected, as if it dare rain, and picnic tables were decorated for the best table competition to be judged by Pip. Scarecrows arrived and were placed in a line; Worzel Gummidge would have felt at home.

Whilst the football and cricket clubs held competitions, and Scarecrows, children's Crowns and Best- Dressed tables were judged, the afternoon passed in a haze of BBQ smoke and cheerful laughter, accompanied throughout by a wide variety of local musical talent taking it in turns on the stage.

The local Police came during the afternoon to ensure all was well and left with a promise to return later that evening. The Barn dance commenced at 7.30pm with a break at 8.30pm for

an excellent Hog Roast. The Police arrived in perfect time (!) to join us for a Hog Roast and as they had not left when the dancing re-started, they joined us in the first dance.

The evening ended with a rousing chorus of the National Anthem heard across the village and then, after all the clearing up, Lucas and Max Marshall settled down to sleep in the marquee to act as security that night. Our thanks to them.

I would also like to offer my thanks to all the committee for their hard work over the past twelve months, to Jonathan Williams for the loan of the truck for the stage, the New Life Church for the sound equipment and the Social Club for the bar, and providing the venue for our planning meetings. My grateful thanks also go to Malcolm Ayres and Chris Balchin who undertook the task of installing the electrics for the event.

The weather was certainly kind to us and helped to make the celebrations a day to remember. It was wonderful to see so many folk from the village with their families enjoying themselves to make it a memorable day in the history of our village.

Mike Prince
Committee Chairman



The Scene is set



Scarecrows on Parade



Pip receives his cheque



One of many fine tables



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Jeremy North



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If you require higher definition copies of the photographs for printing please send your request to webeditor@braishfield.org

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN DAY

Sunday 2nd September 2012

Gardens Open between 2.00pm - 7.00pm

Enjoy this opportunity to visit the following gardens:

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Coombe Willow - Braishfield Road
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Orchard Rise- Braishfield Road
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The Farley Walk - 2012

As ever at the end of May and the beginning of June, a group of battle hardened warriors set off to conquer yet another part of the realm. On this occasion it was a little different. Instead of the large (usually yellow) coach transporting us to our destination we flew from Southampton to Belfast. Yes, Northern Ireland was our goal, this means that the Farley walk has visited almost every part of the kingdom with perhaps the exception of much of the Principality, more of that later.

For some walkers this was their first visit to Northern Ireland, and asked if they were to be issued with tin hats and flak jackets. It was however explained to them that the natives at least for the moment were peaceable. A coach collected us from the airport and drove us to Mount Stewart, a stately home with extensive gardens, owned by the Marquis of Londonderry but run by the National Trust.

We spent a very pleasant time there before transferring to our hotel at Portaferry at the end of the Ards peninsula. Stunning views of the sunset over Strangford Lough and great hospitality.

The next day walking started in earnest and with clement weather most of the party had a splendid walk across the bottom of the Mountains of Mourne, passing through woodlands and open country. In the evening there was a lecture on seals and their conservation, given by a cousin of one of the walkers.

Sunday 27th May was a cloudless day in which boys became men, a truly wonderful walk across the Mourne. Our leader had encouraged only those with a degree of insanity and a penchant for self destruction to take part. We climbed three or four of the Mourne 21 peaks followed by a staggering descent to the reservoir at the bottom of the valley. Mallory and Irvine had it easy

Those who opted for a less arduous day began by going to the Protestant church in Portaferry where the Whitsunday service was conducted by a splendid canon aged 92. Then a boat trip around Strangford Lough where we saw seals basking on the rocks and a variety of sea birds. In the afternoon there was a chance to visit another National Trust property, Castle Ward, overlooking the Lough, built by the Marquis of Bangor in 1760.

Monday 28th dawned sunny and bright and we left Portaferry to travel northwards. The journey took some time and we were given an interesting and detailed talk from Chris Amery on the history of Southern and Northern Ireland. We were all fascinated by aspects of that island's past. Thank you Chris,

We explored the Antrim coast and had a wonderful clifftop walk, passing fields of blue orchids before we arrived at the dramatic Giant's Causeway. We then drove to Ballygally, a small seaside town where we were to stay for the next four nights.

Tuesday 29th, another fine day and we all took a boat to Rathlin Island half an

hours trip from the Antrim coast. Truly beautiful and only one road effectively on the island. We were able to wander around freely and look at the plethora of birds and so many seals it seemed as if the rocks were moving.

Some of us were also lucky to see the elusive rare golden hare. In the evening we all went to a pub called Mattie's Meeting House where we had supper and were entertained by three Irish musicians who played and sang with gusto refreshing themselves by many pints of Guinness.

By Wednesday 30th May the weather was less good, however there was an enjoyable walk in the glens of Antrim, but the highlight of the day was the discovery of the venue for the last night dinner.

No less than the Members' Dining Room at Stormont Castle. We were treated

to an extremely interesting tour of Stormont Castle only built in 1932 and opened by Prince of Wales, later King Edward V111. A magnificent building and a superb dinner. Our last day before flying home involved a short walk before we left Ballygally for Belfast and a trip to the new Titanic museum. Most of us were overwhelmed by the scale of the exhibition which included the history of shipbuilding as well as the story of the Titanic. We then flew home by various ways.

The Farley walk has now covered the majority of this sceptered isle, but with only a brief encounter with the land of our Fathers. Iain we must go to Wales, you can't deny this to us any longer!

John Edwards

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The Alpha course has become very well known across the country, and indeed internationally, as a way for people to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening environment. The course is ideal for those who may not be regular churchgoers but who are interested in discovering what Christianity is about, and also for those who would like a refresher on some of the central beliefs of the Christian faith. It's also good for those who have been Christians for some time who would like to feel more confident in their faith and in expressing what they believe to others.

Each session begins with a meal, then a talk looking at a different aspect of the Christian faith every week. This is followed by a time of discussion in groups when guests can ask questions and contribute their opinions. No questions are off limits, all opinions are respected and no-one is put on the spot! Alpha is stimulating, informative, inspiring and fun!! There is no charge to attend the Alpha course.

The experience of those who have been on previous Alpha courses is that good friendships are formed through the discussion groups and many people find that they take significant steps forward in their own journey of faith.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to this Autumn Alpha ... and to come yourself!

When and Where:

The course will run on Wednesdays for 8 weeks:

12, 19, 26, September, 3, 10, 17, 31 October, 7 November

Each evening will commence at 7.30pm prompt with the meal and will end by 9.30pm. The venue is Poppies, Choice Plants, Stockbridge Road, Timsbury.

Plus: a day of teaching on the person and work of the Holy Spirit
Saturday 20 October 2012, 10am - 3.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Invitation cards and further publicity will be available in the next few weeks.

For further details or if you would like to take part, please contact:

THE ALPHA ADMINISTRATOR

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We have so far won seven and lost seven. The Jubilee weekend saw us welcome Alderney to Braishfield for the first time and we enjoyed a Friday evening game and a Sunday game against them. We lost both games (they do play ICC regulated International Cricket against small nations!) but, more importantly they were a great bunch and we hope to welcome them back next year.

Gary Vincent has, almost single handedly, carried our batting this year

AUGUST

5 Sunday HYDE Away 14:30
12 Sunday WINCHESTER COLLEGE STAFF Home 14:30
15 Wednesday LECKFORD ESTATE Home 18:00
19 Sunday PRIMARY CLUB Home 13:30
26 Sunday WILLOW Away 14:00

SEPTEMBER

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23 Sunday GENTS Home 13:30

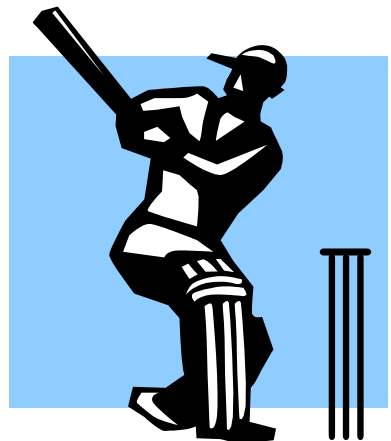
with some excellent innings but the season's high score so far is Geoff Briggs with a lifetime best of 67 not out against Compton Chamberlayne.

The club is running a grand raffle with the top prize being a framed England Cricket shirt signed by the eleven players who played in the Ashes winning side in Australia 2010/11, with some other great prizes.

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The annual general meeting of BMADS was held in the church room on 26th June last. It was decided that we should continue with a spring production for next year 2013 and Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March 2013 have been chosen as the dates for this production. After this we will review the situation and see if it would be better to return to an autumn production.

Our last production of four plays by Chekov was well received but financially we only broke even so a small rise in ticket price was agreed. If anyone would like to see a copy of our accounts please telephone me on 368465. The choice of play has yet to be decided but there has been several suggestions and there will be play readings during the autumn so if anybody would be interested in attending please let me know.

As always we are very keen to recruit new people who are either interested in performing or helping with the myriad of back stage tasks.

John Edwards

Wine Tasting by the Naked Grape

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Mike Lawson -- a tribute

Perhaps I should begin by saying

that I feel completely inadequate to write about Mike Lawson, but I will do my best to do him justice and give a brief outline of Mike's life in Braishfield.

Furthermore, it is very much a personal reflection - I know that many others could write more informatively from a family, business and, indeed, a Newport or Wheatsheaf perspective!

Mike could certainly have been described as a colourful character.. but perhaps multicoloured or multifaceted and full of surprises would be a better description.

About 15 years ago, Mike first walked into our house and our lives, when he came to an 'Alpha' discussion group with a group of 10 other people. For about 3 months, we met together weekly for dinner and discussion on the validity of Christianity - with a glass or two of wine... perhaps a supper party with a heated discussion, might best describe it.

I was far more terrified at the prospect of hosting a cordon bleu trained cook, such as Mike, rather than the fact that he wanted to come and argue the case against faith - which indeed he did.

At the end of the 3 months, the course ended, but Mike had decided that

there might be something in the faith question - and this became a defining part of his life from that point.

Around that time he was also first diagnosed with cancer - and at times was extremely ill.

However he would often use a hospital stay or outpatient appointment to talk to and comfort others in a similar situation, often going to great lengths to demystify the 'unknowns' and the fears, bringing humour and reassurance into dark moments.

But he was not defined by his condition, not by any means - and on several occasions confounded the doctors and specialists, by recovering and bouncing back into daily life. Despite being in great pain at times, he would often ignore it and just get on with the day with impressive energy.

Passionate about his garden, Mike worked endlessly to create beautiful areas of colour and felt very much at home there he would enthuse about each season and the associated changes, saying he always felt closer to God in a garden.

At one stage, when we as a family were totally caught up with a complicated family crisis abroad, Mike offered to take on the care of our own garden, often despairing of our benign neglect and lack of time.

Mike loved to cook, loved food and even loved to discuss recipes and food. He had a talent for appearing at

the house in time for food or with a sixth sense that the kettle was on - but would equally offer to cook or take food to us or to someone else to help them out.



Anonymous bunches of highly perfumed sweet peas or roses were another indication that he had come to call. He was always ready for a chat and a cup of tea - or a glass of red wine.

He could often be seen walking or cycling round Braishfield with Golden Retriever Spike, and then with beloved Harry amiably trotting at his side.

In fact he was so frequently around and about the lanes that he is even caught on camera on Google Street.

Mike had so many interests - rugby, sailing, fishing, business... and had travelled the world widely through being in the Marines as a young man. Having left school relatively early, he had studied later as a more mature student and consequently was genuinely knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects.

He read widely and had a crazy and eclectic mix of music on his iPod, from Corinne Bailey Rae to Mozart - most of which he played at high volume, whether in the car or at home. Most of all he was passionate about and adored his children and leaves a great legacy of character and spirit within them. Our thoughts are with them all.

Occasionally, Mike would make quiet reference to a troubled childhood and upbringing, but he demonstrated real resilience and fortitude.

His last text to me, shortly before he died, - all in Mike's unique "textspeak", says that if God loved such an 'obstinate sinner' as him, then grace and forgiveness was there for any of us. That was his basis for his quiet, strong faith and hop

Mike is greatly missed - and even writing this from afar, I am aware that Braishfield is different because he is no longer there.

However, I know that we and many others learnt from him and benefited from his friendship and care - and many more lives were also greatly enriched from knowing him.

Elsbeth Dugdale

Braishfield Horticultural Society

Despite all the drenching gloom, our annual visits to gardens in the area went ahead without a hitch. The first visit was to Terstan at Longstock where we were made very welcome by our hosts, Alexander and Penny Burnfield.

The garden was much as described in the Yellow Book with a wide variety of flowers and shrubs surrounding a lovely old country cottage with open views across a meadow towards the River Test. Later we moved on to the White Hart Inn where we enjoyed a good meal and lots of chatter.

The next trip took us a little further afield to White Barn at Crow Hill, near Ringwood. We were made very welcome by Marilyn and Barrie Knight who accompanied us throughout the evenings visit.

Again, we enjoyed a pretty garden with plenty of flowers and shrubs, all set in a lovely location. Our gathering at the Fish Inn later that evening was enjoyed by everyone, sixteen in total. A good watering hole with good food and above all, excellent company.

Our final visit for this year found us at The Stable Family Home Trust Gardens at Bisterne, Near Ringwood. This was a totally different kind of venue to the norm in that over a hundred adults with learning difficulties are helped, on a daily basis, to learn skills that can enhance their standard of living.

Under the supervision of skilled staff, they not only are trained in horticultural matters, but taught carpentry, pottery and dance drama, to mention but some of the things they

do. As David Mowinski, Manager of the Trust says, hopefully they can fulfil their dreams.

The pottery they produce is quite remarkable and considering the weather we have endured lately, their vegetables looked excellent, possibly due to the fact that they have raised beds and light soil. It was a visit well worth the effort. Again the Fish Inn proved to be a good way to end the day.

Then we were busy setting up for the Flower Show in the Village Hall. The weather had improved a little and we went home with fingers crossed for a beautiful day.

Well, we all know what happened on Saturday; it poured all day. The outdoor gang on the Recreation Ground played cat and mouse with heavy downpours, erecting the gazebos for the stalls.

In the Village Hall, the Judges were busy, and the Tea Room was prepared for what is usually a busy afternoon. The exhibits in the Hall were a sight to behold.

Despite our recent weather the show of beautiful flowers was the best we have seen in recent years. The number of entries by the Flower Arrangement Society had increased considerably and the creations, with the Jubilee as their theme, were absolutely superb.

All the other flowers entered in the various flower sections of the show were also spectacular. The children's section was well supported by the Braishfield Primary School with The

Olympics as their theme. Vegetables have been badly affected by the weather, but for all that, entries were higher than expected.

Finally we had the usual number of entries in the culinary and handicraft sections. Needless to say, the Tea Room was very popular again. Those who braved the elements, I do believe, enjoyed the afternoon immensely.

Soon it was time for the prize giving and this year we had our own Maggie Batchelor to make the presentations. Ron Watts was again to the fore, winning the Watkins Cup, the Atlee Cup and the King Cup.

Hazel Prince won the Bacon Cup, the Braishfield Horticultural Society Fuchsia Cup, The Braishfield Parish Council Cup, The Hebblethwaite Cup and the Certificate for best entry in the Culinary Section; quite a haul!

The Bartlam Cup was won by Dorothy Ross. The Braishfield Horticultural Society Ladies Rose Cup and the Dawkins Cup were awarded to Denise Bright.

The Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Rose Bowl for best entry by a novice was won by Jenny Randall. The Vine Cup was awarded to our Presenter, Maggie Batchelor.

In the Handicraft Section, the Certificate for highest points gained was awarded jointly to Maggie Batchelor and Meryl Balchin. The Cottle Trophy for the best entry in Handicraft was awarded to Meryl Balchin.

Our Chairman, Steve Renvoize, won both the Certificate for the Men's Special Rum & Orange Cake and the Presidents Challenge Salver. In the

Children's Section, the Chairman's Prize was won by Emily Simmonds. The Braishfield Womens Institute Cup was shared by Amelie Gibbs and Charlotte Roberts.

Abbey Warren, Izaak Alen and Gracie Cain shared the Hobcraft Cup and Katherine Maxwell won the Vine Trophy.

Finally, the Girlie Old Cup was won jointly by Mike and Hazel Prince with Emma Talbot coming second and Maggie Batchelor and Ron Watts sharing third place.

Maggie, who then thanked everyone for their support, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Congratulations, not only to all these winners, but also to all who took part, without whom there would be no Show.

In August there will be no meeting, but do remember to come to the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th September; our Speaker will be John Wood, Head Gardener at Hinton Ampner, followed on October 9th by Phill Cribb, former head of orchid research at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Bob Thomson,
BHS Secretary & Scribe.

A String Quartet Concert: Church Room Saturday October 6th

Christoph Götting, the violin maker (who was featured in an earlier Newsletter) has been able to secure The Castalian Quartet, for an evening in Braishfield. This group, a well established and award winning string quartet based in London will perform for us in the intimate setting of the church room, works by Haydn, Mendelssohn and Beethoven.

The members of the quartet formed in 2010 were Sadie Fields, Daniel Roberts, Charlotte Bonneton and Rebecca Herman.(photo). However Sadie has had to leave, but will be replaced by Daniel Piuro, a young violin teacher who may well be playing a new Götting violin on the night. They are all multi-award winning graduates of the Royal Northern College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music and the Eastman School of Music in the USA. These talented musicians are rapidly gaining a reputation at festivals and concert halls in the UK and abroad for their “phenomenal impact on audiences”, and are the Leverhulme Chamber Music Fellows at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Take a look at their website <http://www.castalianquartet.com> and you will see that we are very lucky to have them come to play for us in Braishfield.

This recital is a “first” but hopefully a sequence of other concerts will be arranged in the future.

The date is Saturday the 6th of October at 7.30 pm in the Church Room, Church Lane Braishfield, SO51 0QH

Tickets will be £17 and are available from Wendy and Peter Quarendon

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- Quiz Nights are now fortnightly on Friday Nights
- Golden Jubilee – See notice board for further details
- Sat 22nd Sept– Casino Night

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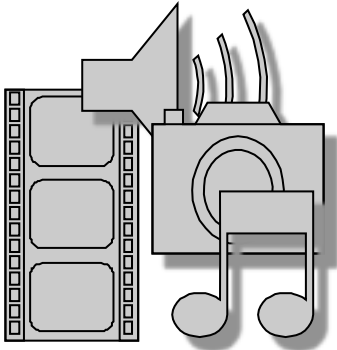
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3rd Romsey Scout Group Summer Tea Party

Thank you to all the Scouts, Cubs and Parents who made the Summer Tea Party for our local senior citizens such a success on Thursday, 14 June 2012 in the Jubilee Hall, Timsbury. Over a cup of tea or a glass of Pimms our 16 guests from Braishfield, Michelmersh & Timsbury chatted with the Scouts & Cubs and heard about their recent activities. After a fanfare from the brass section the entertainment started; a very varied programme of performances ranging from a quiz to a judo demonstration and many different musical performances. The talent and confidence within the Group is amazing.

It was a fun and very happy evening, enjoyed by everyone who was there. The Scouts and Cubs were exceptionally well behaved. Thanks must go to our Exec and all the parents who helped make the evening - from being taxi drivers to making the food and clearing up afterwards, it is really appreciated!



3rd Romsey Scout Group Enjoy a Puzzling Evening at The Dr Peter Centre

The Quiz Meister, Nick Grout Chairman 3rd Romsey Scouts Executive, challenged guests with a barrage of questions at a Group fund raising quiz recently. Guests formed table teams and competed for a special silver trophy with losers receiving the scouting wooden spoon.

Champions "Kate's Pack" including Katie and Michael Brown, Peter Garland, Rosa Naismith, Louise and Simon Roberts and Hannah and David Reid; they toasted their triumph with champagne. Nine other tables included parents, friends and many senior dignitaries from the Scout District



A silent auction followed for a chance to win a family day out at the new Tree Runners 'high ropes' Centre in Harewood Forest and a romantic dinner for two at the White Horse Brasserie. Many local businesses had contributed generously to the bumper prize raffle; including Bradbeers, Kids'n'Stuff, Kit and Caboodle, Cycle World, Judy Webb, Home of Hardware, Heaton Wines, Kutz and many more! Scout Leader Sarah Beaman, and Cub Akela Katie Brown, extended their

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The School Association - the BSA - is organising an **Auction of Promises** on **Saturday 13th October at 7.30** in the Village Hall in aid of school funds. An auction of promises is when people promise to donate their time or a skill, in return for the highest bid. We would like to invite all members of the community both to attend the auction and to offer lots. For example, are you or someone you know:

- An artist who might donate a commission for a picture?
- A cook who might bake a special cake?
- A car/bike enthusiast who would offer a ride in, or on, their precious machine (insurance issues considered)?
- A horse owner, who might offer an hour's ride?
- A lucky holiday home owner who could offer a weekend away?
- A gardener who would offer a few hours gardening/pruning/lawn mowing etc?
- A golfer/guitarist/pianist/tennis player/trout fisher/singer in fact absolutely anyone talented at anything who could offer a lesson?
- A flower arranger who could provide an arrangement of flowers?
- A cleaner who could offer one or two hours Spring cleaning?

The BSA is a registered charity, and money raised by BSA funds activities goes towards activities and equipment for the children to enhance their education and experience at Braishfield School. For example, we have recently started work on extending the climbing frame in the playground - a cause very dear to the children's hearts. We also help to fund school trips, meaning that it is possible to organise many more off-site activities than might normally be available, and help to provide extra funds for teachers to spend on additional classroom equipment and resources.

Please put the date in your diary, and if you have something you may be prepared to offer for auction, please e-mail kate.marshall@quarendon.net (or tel. 367932) or julieakemp@googlemail.com.



VILLAGE LUNCH DATES FOR 2012:

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MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
MONDAY 08 OCTOBER
MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER
MONDAY 10 DECEMBER -
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Flower Arrangement Society

Programme for 2012



Sept 27th 'Mystery Tour' Beryl Eady
Oct 25th 'The Way to Santiago' Eileen King
Nov 22nd 'Evening of Christmas Festivity' Katy Baxter
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Parish Council

This report on the Parish Council covers the Council's meeting held in June 12th, so with just one meeting on which to report, coupled with that meeting being unusually short, this piece might seem rather brief. Latest planning details are included in the table opposite.

News has come through that RFSF Recycling has won its' appeal against the refusal to continue and expand its operation in Bunny Lane beyond 2015. However, there was much argument at the appeal about noise levels which resulted in a tight condition being imposed on the planning approval. Some people have argued that this noise condition will be very difficult for RFSF Recycling to achieve. The condition is that the sound level at Cranford Farm and at the Tileworks development in Timsbury should not exceed 40db(A) at any time. Admittedly information on the internet is not always correct, but searches suggest that this noise level is equivalent to a quiet library.

It sometimes pays to shop around for insurance and the Council has achieved a significant reduction by changing from Allianz to Zurich. The Council pays £1063 for insurance covering public liability and assets which include the playground and War Memorial.

The Council has been concerned about the lack of emptying of certain waste bins located on public land in the village, such as those in front of the School and by the telephone box. The provision of these, and therefore ownership, is lost in the mists of time. TVBC empty these as long as they are near to the road, which is not the case

with one on the Recreation Ground. The Council is addressing this problem.

It would be helpful if someone could ask the trees on the Recreation Ground to stop growing. The ones along the side of Braishfield Road, which were planted to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935, were crown lifted a few years ago. However, the growth this year has resulted in some of the lower branches almost touching the ground. All of the trees are due to be inspected and doubtless the Council will take some action in due course. However, as the land is within a Conservation Area, TVBC has to be notified of any work which the Council intends to do.

Some progress is being made by the Football Club with the new pavilion in as much as plans have been drawn up in preparation for a planning permission submission. The intention at the moment is that the FC will own the pavilion but pay a peppercorn ground rent to the Recreation Ground Charity, of which the Parish Council is the Trustee. However, the Council still needs to provide a Charities Act Section 36 surveyor's report to the Charity Commission on the 'disposal' of the land. The Council has agreed to make the application, rather than the Club. The advantage to everyone is that planning fees for Parish Councils are half the normal fee.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on 4th September.

Results of the following planning applications were given to the meetings:

PLANNING

a) Applications pending or recent outcome

10/01572/RESS	Abbotswood, Braishfield Road	Recreation areas	
12/01146/ FULLS	Hall Place, Eldon Lane	Repair works	Nobj
12/00869/ LBWS	Red Cottage, Paynes Hay Road	Removal of T&G cladding	Nobj permission
12/01146/ FULLS	14, Hill View	Additional dwelling	Nobj
12/00827/ FULLS	Iignus, Kiln Lane	Replacement garage	Nobj permission

PC original response - Sup supported, Obj objected, Nobj no objection

b) New Planning Applications

The Council considered new planning applications as follows:

12/01269/ FULLS	Blackthorn House, Blackthorn Close	Change of use to residential with conservatory	Objection
12/01347/ FULLS	Hawkes Farm, Dores Lane	Agricultural barn	No objection
12/01424/ TREES	Boares Garden, Braishfield Road	Tree work	No objection

John Rhodes

Information on planning applications in Braishfield and copies of Parish Council Minutes etc can be found on www.braishfield.org.uk

Braishfield Village Diary

August

15th	Wednesday	1.15 – 1.45	Mobile Library – Village Hall Car Park Use it or Lose it !
18th	Saturday	2.30	BURC Jubilee Tea, Bill and Margery at Paddock View

September

1st	Saturday	3.00	Open Garden/Tea Party at Oakfield, Farley Chamberlayne, in aid of the Jumbulance Trust
3rd	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship - Church Room Dementia: what can we do, how can we help? - Nick Virgo
4th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Parish Council
10th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
11th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society John Wood, Head Gardener at Hinton Ampner
12th	Wednesday	1.15 – 1.45	Mobile Library – Village Hall Car Park Use it or Lose it !
27th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Beryl Eady - Mystery Tour

October

1st	Monday	7.30	Five Alive Fellowship - Church Room Marion Fowler - Antartica
2nd	Tuesday	7.00	Braishfield Parish Council
6th	Saturday	7.30	Castalian Quartet Recital – see News for details
8th	Monday	12.00	Village Lunch in Church Room – All welcome
9th	Tuesday	7.30	Braishfield Horticultural Society - Phil Cribb, former head Orchid Research at The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
13th	Saturday	7.30	School Auction of Promises
17th	Wednesday	1.15 – 1.45	Mobile Library – Village Hall Car Park Use it or Lose it !
25th	Thursday	7.30	Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society Eileen King - The way to Santiago

Weekly

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

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