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Welcome
to the Village!



The new team at the Dog & Crook. See Chair's Report p.3

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From the Chair

This time of year always feels a little like the calm before the storm. Summer is coming to a close and whilst we are still experiencing warm days, there's a nip in the air first thing and the nights are drawing in, far too rapidly for my liking.

Then before we know it, the Christmas adverts are on the TV, Christmas parties are being organised and there is a buzz in the shops as we all spend far too much ! Christmas is made easy here in Braishfield. Why not come along to the Artisan Market on 18th November and pick up some unique gifts that will be on offer, then pop to the Recreation Ground on 22nd December for a spot of Carol singing and maybe get together with friends and family for a Christmas meal with a difference at the Dog and Crook. Do pop in and say hello to the newcomers.

Bye for now Julie.

The BVA extend a warm welcome to Babbu and Vikram, the new owners of the Dog and Crook. Originally from the Punjab region of north India and Dehli, Babbu, Vikram and their team have managed numerous establishments in and around the Eastleigh area and have now taken on the Dog and Crook as owners.

Their plans are to offer a traditional pub menu with Indian side dishes during the day. Running alongside this in the evening will be an Indian menu devised and prepared by an authentic chef from India. Vegetarians and Vegans will be well catered for.

We look forward to seeing the decorative changes that are in the pipeline including a new 'signature' area beneath the Bed and Breakfast building. The popular quiz nights are set to return in early October so keep a look out for further details.....

EDITORS NOTE:
Please send all items for the BVN by email: **BVNeditor@gmail.com**. All items for publication must show the name, address and contact number of the originator. Topics should be relevant to the village of Braishfield.

Notices

Remembrance Services 2023 at the War Memorial

Saturday 11th November at 10.50am

and

Sunday 12th November at 10.50am

All Saints' Church and United Reformed Church

Refreshments afterwards in the Church Room/ Car Park



Keep up to date

Facebook and twitter are a great way to keep in touch and up to date with your local neighbourhood team. Follow us on:

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FOR
BRAISHFIELD
VILLAGE NEWS
2023
Nov 17 for DEC

2024
Jan 19 for FEB
Mar 22 for APR
May 24 for JUN
July 19 for AUG
Sep 20 for OCT
Nov 22 for DEC

Braishfield Village Voices.....



All are welcome – we meet in the Church Room, usually 4th Monday in each month, from 2 – 4pm, with an all-important break for refreshments and chat part-way through the afternoon.

October 23 / November 27

We look forward to more singing during the next few months!
Please contact Meri 368516 / Wendy 368015 for further details

The
BVA are looking for sponsors
for the forthcoming Residents Guide - due
to be published in 2024. If anyone would like to
donate towards the printing costs of this and have their
business or personal contribution recognised within,
please contact a member of the BVA.

The Braishfield 200 Club

Two more winners: Chris Wyers won the August draw and Stephen Lumb the September one. The Lumb family appear to be serial winners! So much for our random number picking system. We've also made donations to the Hampshire Search and Rescue team and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

Remember if you are raising money for a charity (for example running in a marathon, or going for a Guinness Book of Records boiled egg eating competition) we may be able to support you.

*David Robinson, Tel 01794 368774
email david.robinson1571@gmail.com..*

Village Quiz – Friday 24th Nov

7:30pm Village Hall

Questions for all ages and abilities. Teams of maximum 4 people.

Cost £5 per head.

Please bring your own refreshments

To ensure we can accommodate everyone we would be grateful if you could leave your name and contact number at either The Pantry or by contacting Ian Knights on 368516 by November 17th.

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<https://powertrack.ssen.co.uk/powertrack>

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call SSE on 0800 072 7282294 3259 to register for Priority Services**

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**Community Emergency Co-ordinator
Cllr Jane Bennett 01794 368109 or 07823 320910**

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BRAISHFIELD UKULELE MUSIC SOCIETY

We have had a busy year so far playing at a variety of gigs in the local area, including our monthly Dementia Sing Along sessions that began in January. Our next Sing Along is on 16th October at 2.30 pm in the Church Rooms, All Saints' Church, Braishfield. Everyone is welcome to come along for an enjoyable afternoon of singing, finishing off with refreshments and a chance to chat.

Ukuleles are probably one of the easiest instruments to play; many of us are not great musicians or singers, but we enjoy getting together and playing songs that our audiences remember and can sing along to. Two new members have joined us this year to add to our numbers.

In September we were invited to play at the Totton Dementia Care Hub. This proved to be a very rewarding experience for us; the group was only small

but from the start you could tell that it was going to be a fun afternoon. We played an Elvis song; one of the group had been to Graceland, the home of Elvis, and shared his experiences with us. Various Beatles' songs also brought back memories. Another member of the group had played football for Portsmouth, a fact he revealed when we announced that we were going to play "When the Saints go marching in"! All in all, a very enjoyable afternoon with our audience singing along enthusiastically. We hope to return there to play next year.

We do not charge a fee to perform but instead we ask for a donation to our chosen charity which this year is Alfie's Wish, a local charity that supports children with cancer and their families by funding days out to make special memories.

If you know any groups who would like to be entertained by us, please contact:

Jane Dalton on 07751 898172 or email: jhldalton@hotmail.co.uk.

Alan Lord

Andover Crisis and Support Centre, which has been helping local survivors of domestic and sexual abuse move forward with their lives since 1975, has today announced it is changing its name to reflect the broader range of services it now offers.

Finding Freedom From Abuse operates across the entire Test Valley region and provides a range of services and programmes that offer emotional and practical support.

For more information about Finding Freedom From Abuse, please visit www.findingfreedom.org.uk or email enquiries@findingfreedom.org.uk or call 03332 422 055



Letters

Contributions for “Letters to the Editor” must provide the writer’s name and address to the Editor. Maximum word count for letters is 250.

Dear Editor,

We would like to give belated thanks to those who came to our Pudding and Wine evening back in June, at Elm Grove. It was a dream of an evening; sunny, warm, good company, delicious puddings, good wine and good entertainment. Isabelle Knight played beautifully on her clarinet; to play solo is not easy and this was the first time. Since then, she has passed Grade 8 with Merit. Brilliant.

Then of course, Fernhill Folk sang some Folk songs which really suited the occasion. Someone was heard to remark that she felt she was in ‘Midsomer Murders’. But no corpse has been found in the shrubbery!

On top of all that we raised about £1000 which went to the Clock Tower appeal. Big thanks must go to all who gave so generously of everything.
WQ

Braishfield Music and Drama Society

We are pleased to say that Braishfield Music and Drama Society is promoting a concert of part folk and part classical music played using some folk instruments, that we haven’t seen before, to take place on Saturday 28th October at 7.30 in All Saints Church Braishfield SO51 0QH

There will be an accordion, fiddle, a nykleharpa, a violin, hardanger and viola. If you Google the players you will see that they are all amazing musicians and we are very fortunate to have them playing for us. Sophie Renshaw viola and Lucy Russell on violin and hardanger, have performed here before; then there is Gaby Maas who will be playing the fiddle and nyckleharpa and Paul Hutchinson on accordion. Paul is considered one of the top accordionists in the country. The group are going to play

continuously, i.e. no interval, so drinks will be provided as you enter, to take to your seat.

Tickets will be £20 to include refreshments. After expenses have been paid, we will be making donations to various charities.

This is our 12th concert in the last 12 years; they are always relaxed friendly occasions and this one will be a very enjoyable evening. Do come!

If you would like to attend, contact me to book your seat (unreserved):

Wendy Quarendon 01794 368015 or wendy@quarendon.net 07811 190291

Braishfield Parish Council

Our WAR MEMORIAL - is it falling down?

In early 2021 it was noticed (not for the first time) the Memorial had a lean. The Parish Council decided to commission a survey. Readings were taken in March 2021, November 2021, July 2022 and finally in May 2023.

Here are the results:

South elevation March 21 Deflection 242mm May 23 **266mm**

East Elevation March 21 173mm May 23 **193mm**

So it had a lean in 2021 and the lean has increased by 2023:

South **24mm** and East **20mm**.

The Parish Council have decided no action is required at the moment but will carry out further monitoring in 2025 or sooner if necessary.

Richard D Brazier.

Braishfield Parish Council.

PLEASE NOTE: FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

Village Crime

In recent weeks, the Parish Council has been made aware of many incidents of theft in the Village and beyond and much has been said on this subject on the **FACEBOOK** Village Forum.

In early September there was an attempted burglary at Braishfield Manor involving a car ram-raiding a garage door causing considerable damage. On this occasion nothing was taken however repair costs have been incurred and CCTV installed as a potential deterrent in the future. The vehicle was abandoned on Crookhill and although a police officer was sent to investigate this, no visit was made to The Manor.

In addition, we are aware of at least 5 shed break ins with mowers and other garden machinery together with tools being stolen.

It appears the Police take little interest when the owners report using 101. Notwithstanding that it is important to report the event for insurance purposes too and to the Parish Clerk for information:

clerk@braishfield.org.uk

One of our local Garden Machinery suppliers suggests the following actions:

Photograph:

- ☐ Your sheds inside and out.
- ☐ Each item of Machinery – to include serial numbers and any damage unique to your machine.
- ☐ Consider CCTV, movement lighting, alarm bells, a tracking device.

As a result of the spate of incidents the Parish Council has arranged a visit from the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Terry Norton, who is coming to a meeting in the Village Hall on 23rd October at 5.30pm. We also hope to have a representative from the Police and we have invited our MP.

It would be great to see you there as so many of you have been the victims of crime within the village.

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Cllr Sally Yalden, Borough Councillor

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

In this month's update, I wanted to provide some clarity on the roles of different councils in our village, so that you know who to reach out to for specific issues and concerns.

Firstly, we have the **parish council** which handles local matters such as play areas and play equipment, the war memorial, bus shelters, grants to help local organisations and consultation on neighbourhood planning. We are fortunate to have an excellent Chair, Cllr Jane Bennett, who leads a dedicated team of parish councillors.

Next, we have the **borough council** (Test Valley Borough Council). It is responsible for rubbish collection, recycling, council tax collections, housing and planning applications.

Lastly, we have the **county council** (Hampshire County Council). It is responsible for education, transport and roads (including those pesky potholes!), planning, fire and public safety, social care, libraries, waste management and trading standards. Our County Councillor is Cllr Alan Dowden and is the person to contact for any issues related to these areas. Contact alan.dowden@hants.gov.uk

Recently, I have been addressing concerns from residents regarding persistent dog fouling in our village. I have involved TVBC and the Environmental Team to try to tackle this issue. I also set up a working group and with the help of some residents, Braishfield Primary School has been tasked with asking the children to come up with designing a poster to raise awareness about the problem.

When it comes to planning matters, I encourage you to stay updated by checking the parish council's or TVBC's website for any planning applications. In August, I supported the parish council in objecting to a controversial planning decision and presented at the Southern Area

Planning Committee. I strongly believe in protecting our countryside and green spaces. Having lived in the village for the past 12 years, I have seen large new housing estates surround Braishfield. There is an ongoing debate about the kind of homes that should be built and where they should be located.

I hope this information helps you understand the roles of different councils and our roles better. Feel free to reach out if you have any further questions!

Take care.

Cllr Sally Yalden

cllrsyalden@testvalley.gov.uk

Dates of meetings

October 2023 – April 2024

At a recent meeting, the Councillors decided to reduce the number of Parish Council meetings held. This decision is due to effectively resolving a number of outstanding issues and mindful of the limited action that can be achieved within a monthly timeframe.

The meetings (including Recreation Ground and War Memorial) will therefore no longer be held in February, August, October or December. Meetings for October 2023 – April 2024 will be held in the Village Hall Community Room on:

7 November 2023

2 January 2024

5 March 2024

2 April 2024

If required, Extraordinary meetings and Planning meetings will be arranged. The agendas for all meetings will be placed on the Parish Council Notice Board at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. Agendas will also be published on the Village Network.

Cllr Jane Bennett, Chairman

Braishfield Pantry

PANTRY NEWS



Summer is over, so now we start thinking about Christmas! We're getting ready as we speak, awaiting our first deliveries. The Pantry will be Christmas-ready by the end of October.

If you would like to order a Christmas Hamper, as a gift or for yourself, please pop in and speak to Sharon or a volunteer. Also speak to us about Christmas order details.

We welcome back New Forest Smokery trout pate, and Catch fish cakes, and New Forest Shortbread, and we are pleased to report that we have further supplies of the Pantry Lemon and Lime Drizzle Gin. We also pleased to announce a new supplier of Christmas Liqueurs - the Wiltshire Liqueur Company Ltd. Look out for these on our shelves from mid-October.

We always welcome new volunteers to the Pantry. If you are interested, or know anyone else who might be, please pop in and ask for details.

Just a reminder there is a meeting for volunteers on Tuesday 24 October at 5.30pm in the Wheatsheaf.



Thank you to those who have filled in the Neighbourhood Plan Survey

The Steering committee are now analysing the results and when this is done will organise an open meeting to which all villagers are welcome to discuss the results.

Braishfield Primary School

Greetings from Braishfield Primary School!

July

Sports Day is one of my favourite days of the academic year, for many reasons.



Firstly, it gives children who love sport and who are physically able a real chance to shine. The primary curriculum is all about allowing children to grow across a range of subject disciplines and PE is an important part of this. For some of our learners, this is the chance to show what they can do, especially if they find other more academic areas of learning more challenging. Well done to Farley House for their emphatic win.

Secondly, it gives everyone the chance to demonstrate our Learning and Citizenship Values. I watched collaborative team events, independent efforts, resilience in the face of challenges and inquisitiveness through

children trying new sports and activities. I saw kindness on display, honesty in counting up points scored and placings in races and respect for each other. Thank you, children, for demonstrating the Values we hold dear at Braishfield.

Moments like our end of year play, The Lion King, are obvious demonstrations of the learners that we nurture at Braishfield. We watched children demonstrating confidence, courage and creativity in solo and collaborative efforts. What an AMAZING performance it was! I was absolutely blown-away by some beautiful cameos, including some truly amazing singing.

It was also time to say 'goodbye and good luck' to our wonderful Year 6 cohort. They have been a truly amazing bunch, as they have 'grown from Little Acorns to Great Oaks' in their time with us. We will miss you very much but wish you all the best in the next step in your journey.

Jim Cascarini, Headteacher



GARDENING - JOBS FOR THIS MONTH



COTTAGE STYLE GARDENS

Cottage style gardens are like going into a sweet shop and choosing pick and mix! You can have it all with this type of garden – well nearly all!

Typically, Cottage Style Gardens are quintessentially part of a cottage style house where house and garden are so entwined that one can't live without the other. There may be brick paths, an arch, white picket fences, a fruit tree, herbs sometimes even vegetables can be seen growing amongst in the plants. There is always masses of colour with self-seeding perennials popping up in random places, jostling for space and feeling natural. It oozes charm, colour, and scent. Plants tumble and fall over walls and paths, there are roses, and climbers, hollyhocks and foxgloves, verbenas, nasturtiums, and everything fits.



This type of garden looks like it might be hard work but it is the easiest because everything belongs and looks right. The high density of plants means that there are hardly any weeds and most of the work involved is about editing out rather than planting in. Sure, you can deadhead if you want to and spray and feed too but ideally you are encouraging the birds and bees and all the other pollinators to do what they

need to keep the plants healthy.

Cottage gardens are mostly planted for full sun situations – this means

where there is sun for at least 6 hours in the day. The plants will more likely grow strong, upright and with less disease like mildew. There are some plants that will grow in the shadier situations like astrantias, phlox, sedums and so on and there are a few roses that don't mind a bit of shade too.

We can tame this type of garden to suit our needs, making it less random and more rhythmic. This is a style choice because you may prefer the essence of a Cottage Style but with a bit more glamour. To achieve a bit more control, you could try restricting the colour palette keeping it to pinks, blues and whites. There are so many plants that will still fulfil the ethos some that are early to flower alongside the roses, some later that flower with the second flush of roses and others that come inbetween.



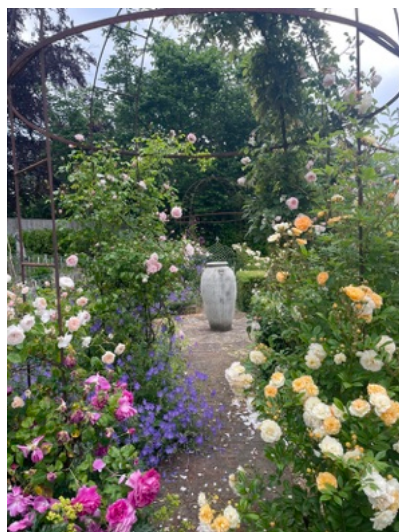
We can further tame the garden to include rhythm where groups of plants are repeated throughout the scheme. This can create a restful garden that can also be seen as contemporary, particularly if there is a lot of white.

Injecting some structure in the planting can further change it from the randomness of the traditional to a bit more modern in style. Think of adding some topiary in the way of clipped cones or evergreen lollipops. These green patches will illuminate the colour and of course bring some interest for the winter months.

If it all seems too much and you just need a bit of help then why don't you contact Susanne Boswell Garden Designs?

07900 312120

www.susanneboswellgardens.com



Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

On Thursday 27th July 32 members of Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society came together to celebrate 40 years since the club's formation. The evening started off with glasses of fizz followed by a delicious 2 course dinner prepared by TASTE Dining Company of Hythe.



The table arrangements, made by Maggie Batchelor, were quite stunning with the flowers reflecting the 'Ruby' Anniversary theme. There was lively chatter as founder members shared memories of those early days. Initially there were 36 members who paid an annual subscription of £6, and refreshments were served at a charge of 10p! Today the club has over 40 members and the annual subscription is now £30 – inflation has caught up!

The guest of honour was Pip Bensley, chairman of Wessex and Jersey Area of NAFAS. Pip recalled her first visit to Braishfield over 30 years ago when she took part in the flower arranging section of the Braishfield Horticultural Flower Show, winning first prize. This was her first experience of flower arranging. Pip has since gone on to become not only a well-known flower

designer, National demonstrator and speaker but also a National Judge for both the RHS and NAFAS. We feel very honoured that Pip started her floral career in Braishfield.

The Anniversary Cake was cut by the present chairman Francis Henderson and one of the founder members Maggie Batchelor.

Everyone agreed what a splendid occasion it had been. Braishfield Flower Arrangement Society meets on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Church Rooms at All Saints Church. Details of our programme can be found on the village website at Braishfield.org under Flower Arrangement Society. We are a small and friendly club that enjoy all things flowers and are always very pleased to welcome new guests and members. There is no need to have experience of flower arranging just an interest in flowers and sharing the fun and friendship that brings.



Braishfield Horticultural Society

September 12th saw Members gather for the first meeting since April to listen to an excellent talk by Ben Cross entitled British Flowers Rock. Ben now runs a nursery just south of Chichester in Sidlesham, specialising in Alstromerias. The nursery was started by his grandfather who had been allocated land by the Land Settlement Association when it was set up in 1934. This was a scheme to allocate parcels of land for agricultural purposes to offset the unemployment of so many people, particularly in the



North East. The smallholdings were used for food production which was sold through the LSA in a communities market, and came with a cottage and a “starter” pack of livestock.

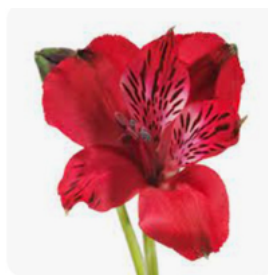
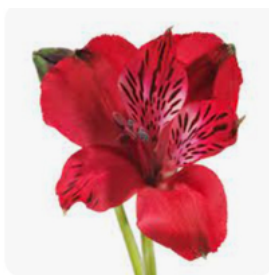
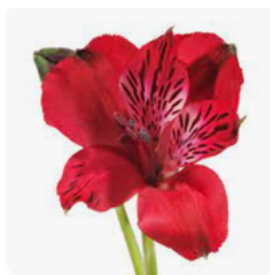
Ben’s grandfather found that growing flowers brightened people’s lives between the wars. After discovering the versatility of Alstromeria he decided to concentrate on them after the LSA was abolished in 1937. He could plant them in August and harvest the flowers by March! The flowers are picked, not cut so as not to leave stems which would rot and cause the rest of the plant to die. The lower leaves are stripped off and composted and the stems put into water. This is now done by machine but years ago it was done by hand. The stems are then cut again and put into bundles in fresh water ready for distribution. From March to Christmas Ben cuts stems every day but during the winter months it is reduced to 3 times a week.

Alstromerias do not like clay or sandy soil. Ben has a plethora of glasshouses used to grow the plants. Heating is restricted to pipes on the ground running around the beds as is the watering.

Covering the soil with woodchip to retain heat is a big no no.

Ben went on to explain that there are few flower growers in the UK. The flowers for sale in supermarkets have to be labelled with country of origin and many of them come from places like Kenya and Colombia. So next time you buy flowers from the supermarket, do have a look at the label to find their origin!

Ben can be found at Crosslands Flower Nursery on Facebook.



Braishfield United Reformed Church

NEWS FROM BRAISHFIELD URC

As ever, it was lovely to see the church so beautifully decorated for our Harvest Festival service of thanksgiving which was held on Sunday, 24th September. Donations went to the Romsey Food Bank and we must say thank you to everyone for their generosity.



Many thanks also to those who helped decorate the church and then undecorated it again. Your efforts here are appreciated. Incidentally, we do collect food (tinned and dried) for the Romsey Food Bank regularly. We encourage people to bring these items in on the third Sunday of each month. Contributions are always welcome.

Also just to remind people there will be no service in Braishfield URC itself on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November. We will meet, with All Saints Parish Church and the village, at the War Memorial at 10.50 for the Service of Remembrance. This will include the Two Minutes Silence at 11.00 am.



For more details please contact:-

The Minister:	The Reverend Mike Perrott, MA - 01794 512163
Church Secretary/Elder:	Shirley Smith - 01794 368447
Elder:	Allison Symes – 02380 262803

All Saints' Church

Dates for your diary

Sunday 29th October 3pm Remembering Service followed by tea/coffee and cake in the Church Room

Sunday 5th November 11am All Saints Day celebration

Sunday 12th November 10.50am Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial followed by hot/cold drinks in the Church Room

Saturday 18th November 9.30am Churchyard Working Party with refreshments

Sunday 3rd December 11am Thanksgiving, dedication and celebration for the Clock Tower followed by refreshments in the Church Room

16th December – 30th December Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 17th December 5.30pm Carol Service

Friday 22nd December Carols on the Rec 6.30-7.15pm (Fish and Chips from 5pm)

Sunday 24th December 4pm Christingle Service

Monday 25th December 10am Christmas Day Service

We do hope you can join us!

More information: www.asbchurch.org or contact Jane Bennett on 01794 368109



From Rev Tom.....

Dear Friends,

The nights are drawing in with a vengeance now and the appeal of a hot drink in a warm sitting room becomes stronger.

At the moment we are thinking more about the season of Harvest, a time of thanksgiving, when we come together to thank God for the gifts that he has given us. However, it seems to me that giving thanks is something that does not need to be confined to special times. There is a lot to be said for being spontaneous with our gratitude, both to God and each other. We don't always have to wait for anniversaries or birthdays to say thank you to the people that mean so much to us, any time will do. One of the things that has really struck me in my time amongst you all is that way in which people care for each other, very often anonymously and without a fuss. Things just seem to 'get done'. And that in a way is a harvest in itself. Because we all tend to reap what we sow when we look after each other - an act of kindness is never wasted even if it not always seen.

On the 27th, 28th and 29th of October we will be holding services of Remembering in our churches. These are a time where we invite you to come, remember and give thanks for the life of loved ones that have passed away. When we lose someone that we dearly love the world can seem to carry on without us, we can feel under a lot of pressure to 'move on' and it is very often a lonely time. These services aim to be a space to acknowledge our loss, give thanks for the lives of our loved ones and pay our respects. There is no time limit for grief so everyone is welcome whether your loss is recent or not.

The times of the services are :

27th October	Awbridge 7pm Timsbury 7pm
28th October	Michelemersh 3pm Farley Chamberlayne 3pm
29th October	Braishfield 3pm

We will be reading out the names of our loved ones in the service. If you would like the name of your loved one read out in the service please let me know on 01794 368335 or email the Benefice Office on braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com.

If you would like any more details please contact me on 01794 368335.

God Bless, Tom

Time flies ... & time to fly..



September! The start of the new school year, new beginnings, new resolutions to work harder (for some!), new pencils, new uniforms, new teachers ...

September in Uganda is also the busiest school season. It marks the start of the third & final term, when students sit national exams, thus making it the most significant term of the year.

During our lovely Braishfield summer, we spent time acquiring a vast collection of board books, storybooks & phonics readers for a new Mobile Library project in Uganda. Thanks to Braishfield Primary School, the wonderful bookstall at the School Fayre in June and many kind individuals, (not to mention many Romsey charity shops), we have over 100kg of books to take out as library stock!

Mobile Libraries are ingenious mini book-cupboards which ServeDirect* loans to primary schools in northern Uganda. These enable children to access books & increase literacy, in under-resourced schools where there are rarely any children's books. It's a simple & effective solution and proving to be really popular.

And if anyone has any picture books, phonics readers or board books looking for a new home, we can reuse them in a very wonderful way! Do message us if you can help. Thankyou so much and Happy September to all.

Elsbeth & Jerry (Dugdale)

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(*ServeDirect is a Braishfield based charity working in educational & health support in central & northern Uganda)





Romsey Jumbulance Group

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We are nearly at the end of another Jumbulance travelling year with our last holiday starting tomorrow to beautiful Buckfast Abbey in Devon – 22 of us who were part of our Lourdes pilgrimage group and are looking forward to a lovely week in the Northgate House Hotel with several accessible bedrooms. We have a local retired GP, 2 nurses and amongst the helpers 3 more retired nurses and a physio so feel confident our several new VIPs will be very well supported. It's good to have some new VIPs and helpers on board and we have some great day trips planned as well as a Quiet day at Buckfast Abbey.

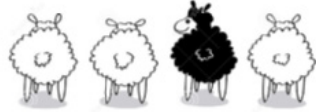
In July we went to the Manor House Hotel on Dartmoor - a well known Sports, Spa and Craft centre with 12 accessible rooms. We visited Plymouth and the National Maritime Aquarium and a boat trip, World of Country Life and Buckfast Abbey. Sadly our driver became ill so we had an extra day at the hotel doing Crafts like Resin Art, Pottery Painting, Linocut, Silver, Jewellery making – lovely things to bring home and accessible swimming, Bowling, Archery and Riffle shooting plus evening entertainment and a free Cinema. So much choice.

In August a 75th birthday Hog Roast and dancing in our barn with a live band "Reissue" raised £1,500 instead of presents, for our funds. Two weeks later we had our Summer Lunch Reunion and tea party at Oakfield. A glorious day with Prosecco in the garden followed by a catered lunch in the barn (so this time more relaxing for all our wonderful volunteers too) and then cake and tea in the garden afterwards with an update on various plans.

For more info contact Chris Chisholm - cookchrisr@aol.com 0788 774 8224

Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

Here we are again, that period when the next stage will be putting the rams in with the ewes. Next year Kate will have to



purchase another Lleyr ram in order to build up her flock; she has two at the moment. Lists are being drawn up of which ram can go in with which shearlings (young sheep that haven't had lambs yet), as Hank, Kate's first Lleyr ram is not allowed to go with his daughters and will have to be in a separate field with the ones he can go with. Goodness me it is complicated; all in aid of building up a pure-bred flock.

There is plenty of grass at the moment which is a good thing and the sheep are really enjoying it, although Kate is now saying the grass is too long, as sheep prefer short grass. I reminded her that farmers are never satisfied; too wet, too dry, too much grass, too little grass. Hey Ho!

The main problem that Kate has to deal with at the moment is worms; dosing periodically and keeping a watchful eye on the animals will help. Also, there are a lot of flies around at the moment, so regular inspection is required to check for fly strike; maggots can cause harm and distress to the animals. All about good shepherding really.

Kate has taken two lots of sheep to market, sold to people who want breed from them or to fatten them up to sell on further. At the Romsey Show, she and Lucy showed 3 sheep; Lucy, in the young handler class, did very well, 3rd out of 7 entrants. Very exciting! Kate was up against sheep several months older than the one she took to the Show, and a bigger breed so was at a disadvantage; however, the judge was very complimentary and suggested to her that the Lleyr lamb she took to show would probably do well next year, in a class for shearlings, which are young ewes that haven't bred yet.

Wendy Quarendon

Social Contact Group



With summer nearly over and autumn approaching we started our outings again with a return visit to Gilbert's Dahlia Nursery at Sherfield English. We were thoroughly spoilt with warm scones just out of the oven, toasted teacakes & plenty of cakes to choose from! The dahlias were ablaze with colour and some members wandered through the fields whilst the rest were more than happy to just sit & chat!

Our next trip in October is to Dobbies Garden Centre, an opportunity to buy spring flowering bulbs, after we've all had coffee and cake!

Christmas lunch is already booked and plans for outings for next year are already in place. Please don't be at home feeling lonely and needing company, join our very friendly and happy group, you will be made to feel very welcome.

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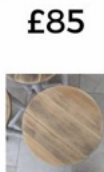


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