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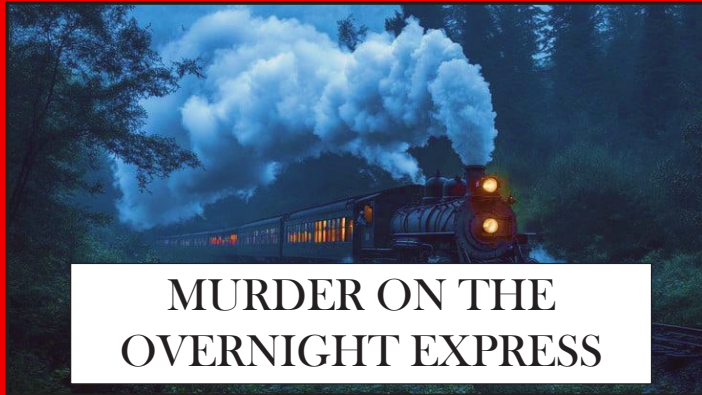
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BMADS PRESENTS....

A Murder Mystery by Patricia Gay



**MURDER ON THE
OVERNIGHT EXPRESS**

Saturday 15th November 2025

7.00pm for 7.30 start - Braishfield Village Hall.

Entrance tickets £10 available from 1st October from

Margaret O'Keeffe 01794 368037 (midday – 9pm) or

mt.okeeffe@icloud.com.

Tables of 6 encouraged - we can help find you a team!

Order a home-baked Picnic Supper (£10pp) from The

Pantry or bring your own food.

There will be a cash bar and raffle.

Braishfield Village Association

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Latest copy date for the next issue is: **Friday 14 November**

Front cover: Natasha Weyers-Gehring

From the Chair

It feels as though the weather has turned and Autumn is just around the corner. Lovely pleasant warm days but there's a definite chill in the air come evening. I am hanging on to those shorts but for how much longer, who knows.....

If you haven't bought tickets for our music quiz on 3rd October , do think about coming along. It's just a bit of fun, nothing to be taken too seriously and we promise not to put anyone on the spot! There are a good assortment of rounds with something for everyone, so come and try your hand. Who knows? you may come away having learnt something new!

*That's all for now,
Julie*

EMAIL NETWORK

A lot of important information is distributed via the village Email Network. If you are not currently signed up for it, please register your interest and stay in the know!

**send an email to:
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2025
Nov 14 for DEC**

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In the event of any changes or amendments, contact CHIP on **chip.esq@gmail.com**

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

If you require special assistance

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

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Police - Phone 101 or 999 if people are injured or there is a threat to life

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

Braishfield Village Voices.....



As seasons and weather change, perhaps it's time to try a new interest, sport or activity.

Village Voices is a very informal singing group for all ages and stages in our local community, sharing a wide variety of songs (no need to read music), through each session.

The group meets in the Church Room, usually on the 4th Monday in the month, from 2 – 4pm, with the all-important break for refreshments and chat, partway through the afternoon.

Planning ahead – October 27, November 24, December 22, January 26 (2026)

**We look forward to seeing you – any further details from
Wendy 368015
or
Meri 07974 957092**

COULD YOU EDIT THE BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE NEWS?

We are looking for someone to take over the Editorship of the News - if you have reasonably good IT skills and would enjoy the challenge of putting together a publication, please contact the Editor - Wendy - on 01794 368119.

Thank you so much to the 200 club for their recent donation to ServeDirect - a really wonderful surprise! We are so grateful to the Braishfield community and really appreciate being able to come home to such a kind friendly village.

Elspeth and Jerry Dugdale

BRAISHFIELD 200 CLUB

Two more winners to declare, from the August and September draws: Shirley Smith and Jane Payne. Both have received a nice cheque, not life changing but not bad either! We were also able to make two charitable donations, to the Romsey Food Bank and the Hampshire Search and Rescue team. We will be doing the next draws in The Pantry at 3.30 pm on October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st. If you're interested come along and witness the process! You may even get the chance to join in! As ever, our generous doors are open to new members to join in these monthly draws, have a chance of winning something and making a donation to a good cause. Contact me and I'll give you the details.

David Robinson 01794 368774
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Acts of Remembrance 2025

Acts of Remembrance will be held at the Braishfield War Memorial.

Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November at 10.50am

The United Service of Remembrance (arranged by All Saints' Church and the United Reformed Church) and will take place at the War Memorial and last for approximately 40 minutes. This service will include the Laying of Wreaths. There will also be an opportunity to donate to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We hope to have an amplification system in place so those attending can gather and hear the service in the area of the War Memorial whilst leaving all roads clear.

Hot drinks will be served afterwards in the Church Room.

Armistice Day Service on Tuesday 11th November at 10.50am

There will be a short Act of Remembrance (arranged by Braishfield Parish Council) at the War Memorial when a wreath will be laid by the Braishfield Village Association.

House of Opportunity Shoe boxes 2025

We are doing House of Opportunity Shoe boxes at St John's Farley Chamberlayne this year to help babies, children and adults who have so little and we are very happy to accept donations of shoe boxes and fillers like soft toys, balls, Skipping ropes, cars and school pencils, crayons and exercise books, Toiletries for babies, children and adults, hairbrushes, soap and toothbrushes, toothpaste, sweets, Warm nightwear and pants, socks, gloves, hats and scarves for children and adults. Torches, sewing kit etc and £4 (2024) to cover the transport. Shoeboxes etc could be left in a box at the back of St John's Church at Farley wrap them at home ready to pack.

House of Opportunity say NO Food (except sweets) books, seeds, talc, aerosols, medicine, battery operated toys, homemade items (except hats, gloves and scarves) broken or dirty items. The boxes are checked and these things taken out in their Salisbury HQ.

Check if in doubt at christmas@houseofopportunity.org or suggestions.christmasbox.org

I will be having 5 Wrapping and Packing events at Oakfield, Farley Chamberlayne if anyone would like to help on

Monday	13th Oct	2pm - 6pm	with tea and cake
Wednesday	15th Oct	10am - 1pm	with Coffee and cake
Thursday	30th Oct	11am - 3pm	with coffee and sandwich lunch
Tuesday	4th Nov	10am - 1pm	with Coffee and cake
Saturday	8th Nov	11am - 3pm	with coffee and sandwich lunch

Many thanks
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Chris Chisholm

BRAISHFIELD FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY
OPEN EVENING



The Colours of Christmas

Lucy Ellis

Floral Designer and NAFAS National Demonstrator

Thursday 27th November 2025

Braishfield Village Hall

7.30pm (Doors Open 6.45pm)

Tickets – Members £10.00 Visitors £14.00
To include coffee and mince pie – Raffle & Sales Table

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

braishfieldflowerclub.tickets@gmail.com

01794 368339



Romsey Country Market Steps into the Spotlight at the
Braishfield Christmas Bazaar

As winter approaches, Romsey Country Market is poised to bring a wealth of local flavour, craft and community spirit to the Braishfield Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday 29th November 2025**, 10 am–5 pm. Joining forces with Braishfield Village Pantry, the Bazaar will take place with free entry and parking – an event not only for gift-seekers, but for everyone who values what local makers do best.

For those who may not know, Romsey Country Market is part of Country Markets UK, a cooperative established to preserve and promote **home-cooked, home-grown and handcrafted** produce. Country Markets Producers include bakers, preserve-makers, crafters and growers, all working to supply wholesome goods directly to the community. The Markets have long been more than just trading spaces: they're meeting places where people connect over baking, crafts, gardens.

Where Else to Find Them

Romsey Country Market operates regularly throughout the month, giving many opportunities to see their work:

- Romsey Town Hall — 2nd & 4th Friday, 10.30am to 12.30pm
- The Romsey Market — 1st Saturday of each month, 8.30am to 3pm
- Braishfield Village Hall — last Saturday of each month, 10.30am to 12.30pm

These regular markets are places where the community comes together, local producers display their current harvests, crafts and baked goods, and customers can place orders or purchase for immediate use.

What to Expect at the Bazaar

At the Braishfield Christmas Bazaar itself, Romsey Country Market producers will bring an assortment of homemade baking, chutneys, preserves and curds that can be sampled, some of which will be gluten free, dairy free, etc. Many items can be bought on the spot; others can be ordered ahead for Christmas pick-up. Alongside the food, there'll be activity stalls, card-making; bracelet and earring workshops; painting a gingerbread man ornament. Local crafts and artisan creators will be there too, with items that will satisfy nearly all your Christmas buying.

Entertainment will come from local musicians and choirs, adding festive atmosphere. Attending stalls won't just be about buying: local charities and community groups will be present, making the day as much about community spirit as commerce.

Why It Matters

In an era where high street chains dominate, Country Markets offer something different. They preserve tradition—of making things by hand, of growing food in small plots, of sharing skills—and they anchor communities. By attending the Braishfield Bazaar, people are supporting local livelihoods, keeping local food traditions alive, and strengthening the civic fabric of the village.

Meet the BMADS Cast of the upcoming Murder Mystery

Hopefully, you will have seen the advertising for BMADS' next production – a murder mystery “Murder on the Overnight Express” on Saturday 15th November. Tickets are on sale from 1st October (see details elsewhere in the News). In the meantime, we thought you might like to meet the cast! So, in order of appearance, BMADS presents....



Richard Groves

I'm Richard Groves and have been involved with BMADS in some capacity or other most years since moving to Braishfield in 1990. Acting, directing, prompting, writing, serving drinks..... I am still looking forward to being cast as the villain!

Malcolm Ayres

I'm Malcolm Ayres. I first performed on the stage in 1984 in BMADS' Old Time Music Hall doing the Sand Dance, a classic humorous dance from that era. For the past 20 years I have focussed on the technical side of theatre, staging the lighting and sound for numerous productions. I look forward to treading the boards again in our murder mystery.



Richard Clifton

I'm Richard Clifton. I thought my acting career had peaked at the age of 12 when on Brockenhurst Station with Sophia Loren. But no.....since 1999 I have enjoyed many a part with BMADS even playing romantic leads – I wish! However, I believe I have probably been hen-pecked by Kate before!

Kate Marshall

I'm Kate Marshall and I've been involved in BMADS since the 1980s when I first trod the boards in Toad of Toad Hall and The Wizard of Oz. Since then, I've been involved in many productions, been married to several men in the village (some more than once!) and am really enjoying hen-pecking Richard again in Murder on the Overnight Express!

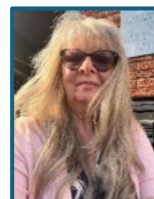


Elizabeth Templeman

I'm Elizabeth Templeman and I live in King's Somborne. I joined BMADS in 1991 and have crossed the border many times over the years! I've played maids, downtrodden characters, mistresses and floozies. Never the glam roles! I love being back to rehearsals for our murder mystery – it's such fun!

Mark Tomlin

I'm Mark Tomlin – you've probably seen me trundling my wheelbarrow between the allotments and Newport Lane! I've been involved with BMADS since 2002, when my wife volunteered me for “Seasons Greetings”. Rehearsing where everyone is fluffing their lines (not just me!) is most amusing! I have played a soldier and a few police officers. After a rest I returned for last year's murder mystery as the Inspector.



Sheila Holloway

I'm Sheila Holloway. I've lived in Braishfield for 3 years with my husband Colin. This will be my first production with BMADS – in fact I've never acted before, although I have been on stage as a dancer. It was on my bucket list of things to do so, encouraged by my family, I'm giving it a go and am absolutely loving it and terrified in equal measure!

Melanie Legg

I am Melanie Legg and I live at Farley. I was 17 years old when I played my first role in 2014. I aged rapidly, next appearing in 2016 as an 85 year old. The clock is going back a little, thankfully, for the Murder Mystery where I can be more comfortable as “my own age” playing an ageing bad actress. Some might suggest it is perfect casting.



Report from Cllr Sally Yalden, Borough Councillor

I hope everyone has had a good summer and is keeping well. Here is my update as your local borough councillor.

Revised Local Plan

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch or copied me into your excellent responses to Test Valley Borough Council's consultation. The consultation closed on 5 September.

The planning policy team will now spend the next few months or so reviewing all the feedback before the plan moves on to the next stage which is **Regulation 19**. This is the final version the council intends to submit to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Unfortunately, this doesn't prevent speculative housing applications from coming forward in the meantime, so we need to stay alert. We're seeing the floodgates open for applications, and it's vital that Test Valley Borough Council stands firm and resists pressure from developers.

A Planning Inspector is independent and will only consider whether a local plan is legally compliant and sound and not whether people "like" or "dislike" it. Residents, groups, parish councils etc. will be able to make formal representations at Reg 19, and I'll share guidance if the site goes to that stage.

Local government reorganisation

Also simmering in the background, there are ongoing discussions about local government reorganisation. All 12 district councils in Hampshire including TVBC have opted for a potential combined authority with Winchester, Test Valley, East Hampshire and the New Forest. Unfortunately, Hampshire County Council has proposed an alternative of a 'mega-council'. With the recent government reshuffle bringing a new local government minister and a new Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Secretary of State, we're waiting to see if this will change the direction of plans on reorganisation and devolution. I'll continue to keep you updated.

Braishfield youth event

I recently had the pleasure of hosting the first council youth event in Braishfield facilitated by Louisa Rice who is one of TVBC's community

engagement managers.

Braishfield is leading the way and showing others what's possible. TVBC hopes to replicate this event in other villages. It was wonderful to meet such an inspiring group of young people and the next generation of Braishfield. Thank you to everyone who took part! We'll be sharing our findings with the parish council soon.

Autumn Litter Pick

The BEANS group (Braishfield Eco Action Network for Sustainability...) is holding a Community Litter Pick on Saturday 1st of November from 10am onwards. We'll meet at the Rec before heading out. Spare litter pickers and bags will be provided, so just bring yourself (and a friend if you like!). It's a simple way to make a bit of a difference, keep our village looking tidy, and enjoy some friendly company along the way. We'd love to see you there!

Cllr Sally Yalden

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/cllrsyalden

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Proposed 54 (now 60) dwellings by Bargate on land south of Hill View Rd.

For readers not on the Village e mail network the following was posted on the e mail network on 3 September 2025.

The Parish Council (PC) has been offered and accepted a CLOSED meeting with Bargate on Monday 13 October.

Bargate in conjunction with their Planning Consultants, Master Land and Planning, are going to carry out a Community Consultation by leaflet dropping to all houses within 500m of the site. This is planned for on or around 11 September with a return date of 28 September.

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The PC, on 11 September or soon after, will also deliver a copy of the leaflet to all Parishioners so they can also take part in the Survey.

We encourage all to complete the survey by the due date and advertise this to neighbours who will receive a leaflet but may not be on the Network. It is copied here for Parishioners who are not on the network e mail list.

By the time you will read this the developer’s survey will have been completed and we understand the results will be shared with the PC on 13 October.

Your Council will report via the Network and FaceBook the result of the meeting with Bargate with a view to holding another Villagers meeting later in October.



Braishfield Parish Council

The Village Pond

If you’ve walked past the pond recently, you will have noticed it’s looking a bit low and in need of some attention. For many years, the pond has been topped up by using a mains water tap. When a leak was discovered in 2024, Southern Water disconnected the supply.

Although the tap provided a convenient way to add water, it has now been recognised that this was not an ideal solution. Mains water is chlorinated, and while safe for human use, it is not suitable for maintaining a healthy wildlife pond. Regular additions of chlorinated water can disturb the natural balance of the pond and potentially have long-term effects on plants, insects, and other pond life.

The Parish Council is now exploring better, wildlife-friendly ways of caring for the pond. We are in discussion with local contractors as to the best way forward with the aim to restore the pond as a thriving home for wildlife.

New Security Gate at the Recreation Ground

You may have spotted the new security gate at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. This was installed following the recent illegal encampment and has been jointly funded by the Parish Council and the Village Hall. The gate provides extra protection for this much-loved space, ensuring it remains safe and available for everyone in the community to enjoy.

Dog Fouling

Sadly, there is still a problem in the village with dogs being allowed to foul and owners not clearing up after them. If a person in charge of a dog allows it to foul and does not immediately clean up after the dog, that person is guilty of an offence and may receive a fixed penalty spot fine or be summoned to appear in court. The maximum fine for this offence is £1,000.00.

You can help to ensure that the village is a cleaner and safer place for you, your family and friends by reporting any offence to the animal welfare officer at:

rmason@testvalley.gov.uk

If you are a dog owner, please ensure you are always aware of what your dog is doing, and if your dog does foul, you clean up after it immediately.

VJ Day Commemoration

On Friday 15th August, All Saints Church and the BVA joined forces once again. This time we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VJ Day – the end of the Second World War.

Following a cream tea in the Church Rooms, there was another wonderful and reflective service held in the church with hymns and readings. Many interesting details were provided giving us an insight into events of the time. We must never forget the sacrifice so many gave so we may lead the lives we have today.

We would like to extend our thanks to all those who came along to join us and help commemorate such an important date in our history.

Ian Jeffery



Braishfield Pantry

It's been a few weeks since the installation of our solar panels, and we're delighted to report that they're working beautifully. The panels have already helped cut our energy bills significantly, allowing us to reinvest in more energy-efficient equipment. Not only are we saving money, but we're also furthering our commitment to a more sustainable future.



The Pantry continues to be a favourite stop for all sorts of groups. Whether it's cyclists refuelling with a sausage roll, walkers celebrating a circular route with tea and cake, or old friends catching up over a cosy lunch—we love seeing our space filled with community spirit. Planning a meet-up or small gathering? We're always happy to chat about your group's needs, and we offer discounts for group bookings too!

After a long, dry summer—where New Forest ice creams were in hot demand—we're finally feeling the shift into autumn. With the cooler weather comes the return of our **warming homemade soups**, served with our popular **cheese scones** (or available for takeaway).

We've also been busy in the kitchen whipping up new **homemade cakes**, which have been flying off the counter. In fact, they've become so popular that we've been taking custom orders, including birthday cakes—and even a wedding cake!

In our continued effort to support local producers, we've started stocking sparkling wine from **Goodworth Clatford Vineyard**—a charming family-run business nestled near the River Anton. Currently, we offer three varieties: Classic Blend Brut, Rosé, Chardonnay Brut. These elegant wines have already been a hit, with fantastic feedback and returning customers. Alongside this, we continue to stock a range of local products—so come in and discover something new and delicious!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday 15th November**, when BMADS will host a **Murder Mystery Evening** at the village hall. Braishfield Pantry is excited to

provide **picnic hampers** for the occasion, brimming with savoury and sweet treats from our shop. Pre-orders will open in the Pantry from **1st October**, so don't miss out! And remember, if you're organising a village event, we'd love to help with your **catering needs**—just pop in for a chat.

It may feel early, but preparations are already in full swing for the festive season. Our orders have gone in for **Christmas goodies**, and we're thrilled to announce a special **Christmas Shopping Event** on **Saturday 29th November**.

In partnership with Romsey Country Market, this all-day event will feature:

- Tastings from our fantastic suppliers
- Unique handmade gifts, bakes, and produce
- Local group performances throughout the day
- Plenty of festive food and drink

It's the perfect opportunity to start your Christmas shopping locally and soak up the seasonal cheer.

Last but by no means least, a warm Pantry welcome to **John, Isabella, and Hazel**, who have recently joined our team of volunteers. They've completed training and are already making a big difference in keeping the Pantry running smoothly. If you're interested in becoming part of our incredible volunteer team, we'd love to hear from you. Pop in for a chat and find out how you can get involved.

As always, thank you for supporting Braishfield Pantry—your community hub, shop, and café. Here's to a cosy, cake-filled autumn ahead!

Debbie

Hants and W.Berks Jumbulance Group November 2025

Affiliated to the Jumbulance Trust: registered charity No. 1090731

We have nearly finished our Jumbulance travelling year and have had two 8 day supported holidays to Bournemouth, Dorset in July and are at Windemere, Cumbria as I write. Unfortunately we have not had good weather in Cumbria but that is out of our hands. The hotel is also the most expensive we have used but there are few options in accessible hotels. When the sun comes out is a stunning area. We have taken local people and several of the group are new VIPs and volunteers which is very healthy for us all.

In August we had a special Summer lunch reunion when over 55 people joined us at Oakfield and helped to celebrate Gill Alison's 90th birthday. Chris Thompson played the keyboard in the garden before lunch and later at teatime. Last year's mayor Ian Jeffrey and his wife Maura joined us and we are in receipt of money he has raised for us as part of the Mayor's Charity. This will be a great help knowing we can continue for another year. Our back up fund is being eaten away by the increased cost of the hotels etc Sadly we may have to reduce what we offer in future unless people pay the true costs.

Swings and Smiles Children's Centre in Thatcham, W.Berkshire look after and offer day respite to disabled children. We offered them a day out to Bournemouth, after getting funding to cover it. 40 people, some in cars with their healthy children and the disabled children travelling in the jumbulance with the Centre's carers went to Bournemouth for the day and based themselves at the Marsham Court hotel making use of the CHANGING PLACES facility with special bubble wheeled wheelchairs for the beach and also a sensory room when they became over excited. It was such a special day.

Chris Chisholm

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Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

Of course, the main topic of conversation has been the weather. Quite what the sheep found to eat during the summer I do not know. Kate was having to supplement their diet which is not good news this early in the feeding calendar. She went to Salisbury market with a couple of trailers of the sheep that were going to be going in October anyway, so that she would have fewer sheep to feed. At the market they went for store lambs, i.e. they were sold to someone who would fatten them up and sell them on later. They sold for far less than normal, when Kate would do the fattening up. It is a tough old world out there.



After all that dry, hot weather when we felt it would never rain again nature came up trumps and the rain it rain-eth and the grass it green-eth. The sheep are loving it. There won't be enough grass for a second cut but it cheers the soul to see green fields!

Meanwhile, Kate is busy preparing her lovely Lleyn ewes for going in with the ram which will happen in the next couple of months. The ram is looking well, being fed extra special rations so he will be in prime condition. Then the whole cycle starts again!

She has grazing up at Eldon, so Kate goes up and down Eldon Lane frequently and often has to reverse her trailer containing sheep when she meets someone who doesn't like reversing in a car. Rather her than me....

The sheep seem to have been sorted into different fields; this year's lambs will be kept separate from the main flock, to be used for breeding next year, and those going with the ram this year are separated into Lleyn and other. She has something like 80 breeding ewes so, there will be a lot of lambs next May.

Wendy Quarendon

Braishfield United Reformed Church

News From Braishfield URC

Am glad to report our August Favourite Hymns Service was excellent and we were in fine voice. Braishfield has set a personal best here. This time, we managed to sing ten, yes ten, hymns, another hymn was recited (literally last minute addition), we had notices, prayers, the collection, readings and we finished two minutes early! Well done, everyone. Our thanks go to Sharon Whitfield for leading us here and to Adrian and Daniel Symes for sorting out the music. There wasn't a note out of place, which is an achievement by itself for ten sung hymns!



Many thanks to all who helped in any way with the decorating and undecorating of the church for Harvest Festival. The Reverend Sarah led the service on Sunday 28th September and tinned and packet foods were donated to the Romsey Food Bank.

We will be holding our second church meeting on Sunday, 19th October following a short service led by the Reverend Mike. All are welcome to attend the church meeting and tea and coffee will be served.

Braishfield's charity for the year is the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, a very worthy cause. Braishfield has already started raising money for this but, as ever, more fundraising events would be welcome. If you would like to hold an event to raise funds, please do let Shirley know so it can go in the church diary.

For more details please contact:-

The Ministers:

Church Secretary/Elder:

Elders:

The Reverend Mike Perrott, MA - 01794 512163
The Reverend Doctor Sarah Hall - 02380 768004
Shirley Smith - 01794 368447
Allison Symes – 02380 262803
Sharon Whitfield – 01794 521937

All Saints' Church

Dates for your diary

Everyone is welcome

Saturday 4th October

12 - 5.00pm Classic Motor Bike Festival at the Social Club

6.00 - 8.30pm Harvest Supper - Church Room.
Please bring your own drinks! Contact Sarah Boothman 01794 368143 seboothman@aol.com to book a place by Mon 29th Sept if you would like to come.

No charge in advance - please make a donation on the evening.

Sunday 2nd November 3.00pm Remembering Service

followed by tea and cakes in the Church Room

Sunday 9th November 10.50am Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

Followed by refreshments in the Church Room

Saturday 22nd November

9.30am Churchyard Working Party

with refreshments. Please bring your tools.

Friday 19th December Carols on the Rec

We do hope you can join us!

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



From Rev Tom...

Dear Friends,

After our long, hot Summer with its hose pipe bans and wasps moves into Autumn with rain and cooler, darker evenings we can see the grass turn green once again and the shrubs begin pick up. All of this might give us something of a sigh of relief and it serves to remind us that humankind doesn't have everything sewn up neatly, that the world and its seasons continue onwards. I often find a comfort in that sense that there is a flow, a pattern to the world that we can sometimes lose sight of – especially in such turbulent times as these. Once again, we have our Harvest services, our Remembrance services all which give us time to reflect on events before we start the hectic Christmas preparations.

On the 31st of October, the 1st of November and the 2nd of November 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 :

3 1st October Awbridge 7pm

Timsbury 7pm

1st November Michelmersh 3pm

Farley Chamberlayne 3pm

2nd November Braishfield 3pm

King's Somborne 3pm

I do hope that you have a joyful and settled Autumn and see you soon.

God Bless, Tom

Social Contact Group

With the start of Autumn fast approaching it was time for our annual visit to Gilbert's Dahlia Nursery in Sherfield English. It was a day of sunshine and heavy showers but several of our Members picked the right moment to wander through the dahlia fields without getting

wet. Once again, Helen & her team spoilt us with warm freshly made scones to have with our coffee and as usual we were so well looked after and made to feel so welcome.

It's hard to believe but we have already booked our Christmas Lunch, however we still have other trips planned beforehand.



If you would like to join our friendly group, please don't feel lonely, just give me a call on 01794 368339

Hazel Prince

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NOVEMBER 11 th AGM followed by Wine and nibbles

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Thanks for your reading, for your interest and support.

Elsbeth & Jerry Dugdale

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RUBBISH NEWS

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



Recycle rubbish on:
FRIDAY 10, 24 Oct & 7, 21 November

Household waste rubbish on:
FRIDAY 3, 17, 31 Oct & 14, 28 November

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

Recycling Is Easy!

In Test Valley, we collect 5 types of recyclable materials from Rubbish News brown bin, and we have a network of more than 100 Local Recycling Centres to collect even more items! At home, you can put the following items in your brown recycling bin:

«Paper «Cardboard «Plastic bottles «Tins and cans «Aerosol cans

and you can take the following items to your Local Recycling Centre:

«Glass bottles and jars «Textiles «Aluminium foil

«Cartons «Books and media

To find your nearest or most convenient Local Recycling Centre and to see what you can recycle there, use Recycle Now's Recycling Locator:

www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling

Brown Bin Recycling Tips

« Ensure your recyclable items are clean and dry.
« Don't bag your items – keep them loose or they won't be recycled!
« Don't put other plastics (pots, tubs, trays) in your bin – we can only recycle plastic bottles.

« If in doubt, have a look at the recycling guide:

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