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Braishfield Village News



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Topics should be relevant to the village of Braishfield.

DEADLINE DATE for the next Braishfield Village News is Friday 22 January for the February Edition.

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From the chair

When I was a child, Christmas took an age to come around. The year was punctuated by the same events. Pancake Day, Easter Holidays, School Sports Day, endless sunny weeks off school and then toffee apples on Bonfire Night.

December was no longer than any other month, but how that month dragged!

Now, as an adult, I put the Christmas decorations away in January and it feels as though only a few weeks later, I am climbing back up the loft ladder to retrieve them. *A sure sign of getting older!*

It was lovely to see so many new faces at our New Year's Eve get together last year. So much so, that we are doing it all again this year.

If you are at a loose end or fancy a pre party tipple do come along, it's completely free, drinks are on us! See the poster opposite for further details.

If challenging your little grey cells is more your thing, then why not come along to the BVA quiz on Friday 5 February. There are lots of different rounds, so whether you are a history buff, an Eastenders fan or love watching the Cricket there should be something for everyone. So get your teams together and don't miss out!

In this last edition of the year, all that's left for me to say is "Merry Christmas" and all good wishes for 2027.

Bye for now, Julie.

Deadline dates for Braishfield Village News 2027

Friday 22 January	(February Edition)
Friday 19 March	(April Edition)
Friday 21 May	(June Edition)
Friday 23 July	(August Edition)
Friday 24 September	(October Edition)
Friday 26 November	(December Edition)

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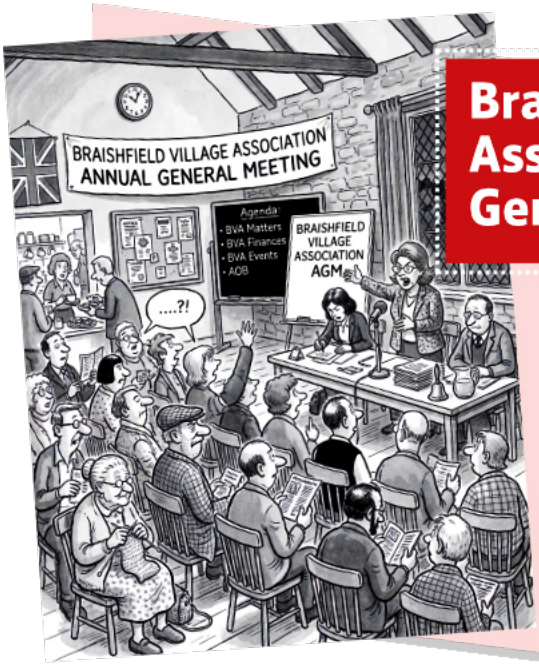

Braishfield Village Association Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is being held on **Monday 18 January 2027 at 7pm** in the Community Room at the Village Hall.

Please do come along to see what we've achieved and what's coming up.

We'd love to see you there.

The Braishfield Village Association invite villagers to pop in and ...

Join us for New Year drinks

New Year's Eve at the Church Rooms from 5pm to 7pm

Report from Cllr Sally Yalden



Test Valley Borough Councillor (TVBC) and Hampshire County Councillor for the Baddesley Division

As another year draws to a close, I thought I'd look back at 2026 and share a few updates. It's certainly been busy, and I suspect 2027 will be no quieter!

Looking Back at 2026

One of the biggest changes for me this year was being elected as Hampshire County Councillor for the Baddesley Division in May, alongside my borough and parish council roles. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know more of the communities I represent. There are so many brilliant volunteers and community groups who do so much to keep our villages thriving.

Planning has dominated much of the year, particularly the Bargate Homes application. I've continued working closely with the Parish Council, asking questions and pressing the local authorities for greater consideration of the impact of development on our roads, services and village character.

Highway matters have also kept me busy, challenging officers, directors and the Conservative/Reform administration over potholes, delayed repairs and how work is prioritised. Progress can be far too slow for my liking, but some issues have been addressed, and I'll keep pushing for improvements.

On a happier note, I was delighted to see the new outdoor gym equipment installed at the Recreation Ground, thanks to the success of the **NextGen** project, which I led. The **young people involved deserve huge credit for their ideas and enthusiasm**.

Local Government Reorganisation - It's Back On (for now...)!

After months of uncertainty, the Government has confirmed that reorganisation is going ahead (again!), although **Hampshire's proposals are being reconsidered**. A decision is expected in early 2027.

The current timetable is for **borough elections in May 2027**, shadow unitary council and mayoral elections in May 2028, and the new councils taking over in April 2029.

Having worked at both borough and county level, I can see the benefits of bringing services together. My hope is that the changes lead to better services (particularly at County level) and better decision making.

Planning - Keeping Local Voices Heard

New planning rules introduced at the end of October mean more applications will be decided by planning officers, with less involvement from elected councillors.

I'm concerned this weakens local democratic scrutiny, particularly in villages

like Braishfield facing significant development pressure. However, I'm continuing to make strong representations in writing for applications to be considered by the full Planning Committee where necessary, rather than decisions resting with officers and the Committee Chair and Vice-Chairs who now have greater influence over which applications receive committee scrutiny. I'll continue to make sure residents' concerns are heard.

Highways and Planning - Looking at the Bigger Picture

I've been one of the few councillors to actively challenge Hampshire Highways over how it assesses the combined impact of new housing developments on our roads.

After reviewing six planning applications myself across the area, I found some worrying inconsistencies. One junction was identified as needing £1.7 million of improvements for one development yet wasn't assessed for another nearby proposal.

I raised this at County Council and subsequently met with the Council Leader and Executive Member for Highways. Officers are now reviewing this, and I'll continue pressing for more consistent assessments.

Common Hill Road - Repairs at Last!

After chasing Hampshire Highways about delayed repairs to Common Hill Road, work is scheduled to begin on 16 November, lasting up to 10 days, weather permitting.

I'm told around 622 square metres have been identified for heavy patching. Hopefully, this will make a noticeable difference.

Finally...

Something that often surprises people is that councillors aren't salaried. We receive a small allowance and unlike MPs have no staff to support us. I mention this because I think the work involved is often underestimated. Like many councillors, I do it because I care about the community I call home and want to make a difference. Being in opposition can be frustrating at times, but that won't stop me asking difficult questions, challenging decisions and pushing for answers.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me in 2026, shared concerns or offered encouragement this year. I'm grateful to those who put their faith in me and hope I've shown how seriously I take that responsibility.

And finally, is it too early to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year? With grateful thanks.

Cllr Sally Yalden

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The article from Chilbolton News The Battle for Braishfield", an interview with Sally Yalden, covers the struggles and lessons learned from a planning application in Braishfield, drawing parallels to Chilbolton. Below is the summary and extracted text structure of the piece: The full article can be found on **https://chilbolton.news/analysis/braishfield-planning-application/** and on the Parish Council website **www.braishfield.org.uk/**

The Battle for Braishfield Published: 11 October 2026

1. Braishfield Village Profile

- Braishfield, like Chilbolton, is graded as a Tier 3 village.
- It features a primary school, two pubs, a village hall, and the Braishfield Pantry (a community shop and cafe).
- There are roughly 320 homes and 690 residents, alongside All Saints' Church, a United Reformed Church, and a recreation ground. It sits next to the Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum.

2. TVBC's Draft Local Plan

- In June 2025, Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) announced a draft plan to meet increased government housing targets, proposing 11,210 new homes across the borough.
- Braishfield residents were surprised to see a development allocation of 54 homes in the heart of their village, designated as “SA26 Land West of Braishfield Road, Braishfield” (a 2.5-hectare site opposite the primary school).
- The site was part of a larger portion of land (9.29 hectares / 22.96 acres) both sides of Braishfield Rd included in TVBC's SHELAA process, with a total estimated capacity of 160 dwellings and has been under the same ownership for over 30 years. The owner granted a legally binding OPTION to Bargate HOMES in 2019 giving the developer the right to apply for Planning permission on part or whole of the sites as and when he chose.
- A village meeting in July 2025 (convened by the Parish Council and attended by over 100 residents) led to contacting MP Caroline Nokes.

3. Developer Plans & Community Engagement

- Bargate Homes (a Fair Oak-based developer) indicated intentions to build on the site(s).
- Bargate circulated a consultation leaflet to residents within 500 metres, which the parish council then distributed to all other homes.
- A closed meeting between the Parish Council and Bargate Homes left councillors dissatisfied, describing the developers as arrogant and unlistening - though Bargate cited the meeting as evidence of community engagement.

- Out of 112 responses to the consultation: 101 objected, 10 were neutral, and 1 was supportive. Bargate acknowledged local concerns regarding highways, access, flooding, and drainage.

4. Consultant and Fighting Fund

- Following public meetings, Braishfield Parish Council engaged a planning consultant with an initial budget of £3,000 to write an objection once the application was received.
- They established a community "fighting fund" with an ambitious target of £10,000, calling the Bargate plan for 60 homes (a 19% increase in the village) their "biggest and most imminent threat".

5. Planning Application & Public Reaction

- The formal outline planning application for 60 dwellings covering four horse-grazing paddocks and included a mix of house sizes, including 24 affordable homes.
- The Parish Council mobilised villagers on how to submit individual material planning considerations rather than pro-forma objections.
- The fighting fund grew to £11,120 from residents, plus £3,000 donated by the Braishfield Village Association.
- Public comments criticised the impact on wildlife, increased traffic/parking, flood risks, and the "urbanisation effect" on Braishfield's dispersed settlement layout.
- Despite community opposition, the planning officer recommended approval due to TVBC's lack of a five-year housing supply (which "tilted" the balance in favour of new homes), and because access had already been agreed by Hampshire Highways.
- Councillors expressed frustration—noting their hands were tied—and the application was unanimously approved, met with ironic applause and booing from the public.

6. Next Steps & Fallout

At an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting, locals weighed further actions:

1. Asking MP Caroline Nokes to lobby the Secretary of State to "call in" the planning application for a national ruling. The matter currently rests with the Ministry. Either the Ministry will call it in and EITHER refer it to an Inspector OR refer it back to TVBC and advise them to issue a Decision Notice.
2. Continuing development on the village Neighbourhood Development Plan for Spring 2027.
3. Leafleting every home for a second round of fundraising (£13,000 target) to instruct a barrister to check grounds for a Judicial Review via a Pre-Action Protocol letter to TVBC. Instructing a Lawyer and a Barrister is on hold waiting for the Ministry's response.

The article concludes by noting that under new rules effective October 31 2026, decisions on subsequent applications would rest solely with TVBC planners, removing recourse to a Planning Committee of Borough Councillors

... Continues ↙

The above article gives you an up to date précis of the Bargate Application and its background.

Here is the current situation in respect of other planning matters facing the Village.

1. SANG. Still open for comments and objections.
2. Briarsgate phase 2. (9 dwellings) Still open for comments and objections.
3. Common Hill Rd (Macra) (40 dwellings) We understand a pre app has been applied for following which we expect a Planning Application to be lodged probably later this year.
4. Megana Way (Macra) (5 dwellings) A pre app has been done following which we expect a Planning Application to be lodged probably later this year.
5. Reported activity in the field to the west of Braishfield Rd near the War Memorial.

Braishfield Parish Council

Chairman's missive

On behalf of the Braishfield Parish Council, I would like to thank all our parishioners for the support they have given to the Council during the past year and beyond. Thank you to those who have willingly contributed financially to the Fighting Fund, and those who have given their time to deliver fliers when necessary.



Our thanks also go to our Clerk, Jane Ray, who has carried out her work to very high standard, as well as being very flexible in a year that has been very demanding. We were very pleased to nominate Jane for the Clerk of the year award and delighted when she was awarded Clerk of the Year Runner Up.

This award recognised Jane's professionalism and dedication in supporting good governance, effective administration and service to her community. Hampshire Association of Local Councils presented Jane with flowers and a certificate to recognise her achievements.

As a Council, we recognise that apart from Planning there are other village matters. Our Resilience Plan has been rated by TVBC as 98% good, the work on the Recreation Ground, including the recent Fitness equipment is a success, and now we look forward to the Village Pond being restored, albeit not immediately.

We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cllr Jane Bennett
Chairman

New Outdoor Fitness Equipment

The young people in Braishfield are seeing their ideas become reality following the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment on the Recreation Ground.



Test Valley Borough Council's Community Delivery Fund awarded £6,812.30 towards the project, with additional funding provided by the Parish Council to make the new facilities possible.

The project was developed in response to feedback from local residents and young people, who highlighted the loss of the village's former wooden fitness trail, which had to be removed due to ongoing maintenance costs. Residents have missed having outdoor exercise equipment, particularly younger people who felt there were limited opportunities in the village for them to exercise.

Through the village's NextGen project, young people aged 11 to 16 identified improved outdoor facilities as one of their priorities. They took part in consultation and engagement activities, selected the equipment they wanted to see installed and presented their findings to the Parish Council.

The result is four pieces of outdoor fitness equipment on the Recreation Ground, providing a new opportunity for people to exercise outdoors. It is great to see the equipment already being used so much and we hope the new facilities will be enjoyed by residents of all ages for many years to come.

NextGen For Braishfield

Georgia - *I felt really proud when little kids from the school were running to play on the equipment... I did that!*

Will- it's been great to have a say and have impact on my community

Sophie - *I really appreciate the time and opportunity to get my voice heard, the play equipment is a great asset to the village. I would really like to be involved in further meetings and feel that joint meetings with the parish council would also be beneficial as I feel that both the youth and adult members of the village should work together and understand each other as equals.*

Lucy - *To be involved the Next Gen project allowed me to feel listened to. I especially enjoyed talking to the parish council as I felt like we started to make a difference. I feel like further meetings with more members of the village youth community would be beneficial and help make the youth feel included in decisions of the village.*

Dog walking etiquette

When to use a lead

One of the most common issues are reported to the Test Valley Animal Welfare Officer is when a dog off the lead runs up to a dog that is on the lead and an altercation ensues.

There have recently been several complaints from rural villages that dogs being exercised off the lead are allowed to run amok as if rules don't apply. In the countryside where there are far more environmental stimuli it is important to train and condition your dog to act appropriately.

Dogs can get bitten, people get knocked over, people get bitten, people get furious and ultimately dog owners can find themselves in trouble.

All of this is avoidable.

If you allow your dog to excitedly charge up to other dogs, they will learn that is the way they should meet all dogs. It isn't.

If you see another dog, then place your dog on a lead. You have a powerful training opportunity, so use it to build up muscle memory and learned behaviour in your dog. Place your dog on the lead, approach the other person if you want to and ask them if their dog wants to meet your dog. Let them meet each other or maybe walk them a bit together before they are let off the play (if appropriate). If they become too boisterous, pop them back on the lead.

Dogs have the widest morphological range of any species which is why you have everything from huge mountain dogs to tiny toy dogs.

A large dog can be fifteen times the size of a small dog. In human terms that would be something the size of a fully grown bull galloping towards you and wanting to play rough and tumble. It is understandable why some dogs can be fearful.

A slip lead is the dog walker's best friend and universal training aid. On any walk I expect to slip my lead on and off my dogs several times. Every time I see a cyclist, jogger, horse, farm animal, pedestrian or another dog. My dogs know I am in control and will calmly walk past, sit still or allow me to introduce them to other dogs without being afraid or over enthusiastic.

Remember, every interaction between you and your dog is a training opportunity which you can use to reinforce and reward correct behaviour.



Rod Mason
Senior Animal Welfare Officer.

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Braishfield Village Voices



With very good wishes from everyone in our community 'singing for fun' group.

Our early Christmas sing is Monday 14 December, in the Church Room from 2 to 4pm, with a welcome festive break partway through the afternoon.

We'd love you to join us, and then look forward to seeing many of you in the new year for another early sing on Monday 11 January (same time/place) Further 2027 spring dates tba, on the usual forth Monday of the month.

Please contact ***Wendy*** 01794 368015 or ***Meri*** 07974 957092 for further details.

Singing can be for everyone!

Reminder - Bank holidays in England and Wales 2027

Friday	1 January	New Year's Day
Friday	26 March	Good Friday
Monday	29 March	Easter Monday
Monday	3 May	Early May bank holiday
Monday	31 May	Spring bank holiday
Monday	30 August	Summer bank holiday
Monday	27 December	Christmas Day (substitute day)
Tuesday	28 December	Boxing Day (substitute day)

BRAISHFIELD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Brains, banter & bragging rights: the BVA Fun Quiz Night

Friday 5 February 2027
7pm Braishfield Village Hall



Bonus: Bring some cash for our fantastic raffle! Don't Miss Out!

Get ready to tackle rounds covering:

- General Knowledge
- Local Knowledge
- Music
- Sport
- Films
- Picture Round

Entry: Just £2 per person (teams of up to 6).
Refreshments: Bring your own drinks and nibbles.
Spaces are strictly limited. Secure your team's table by emailing Ian Jeffery at: ianandwendyj@btinternet.com on or after 15 January 2027.

Sheep Matter at Elm Grove

Kate has written the article this time and it gives an insight into the amount of work it takes to be a good shepherd. *She writes:*

Autumn is a busy time of year, weighing and selling lambs and getting the ewes ready for tupping time.

For the first time I have used a teaser ram, which is a ram that has had a vasectomy, so is not fertile. I put him in with the ewes two weeks before the rams went in, to make the ewes interested and ready to accept the ram, meaning that lambing time would be more compact so busier over a shorter period.

The ewes are split into two groups; the pedigree flock and the flock I cross with a Texal ram. The first of November was the day to remove the teaser ram from the ewes and put in the tups. Unfortunately, I could only put the ram in with the pedigree flock, as Bramble the lovely Texal ram wasn't well and wouldn't come to feed. This was very concerning; he had been absolutely fine the previous day. After keeping an eye on him all morning and speaking to my vet, it was decided he should come out and give the ram a check over. By the time the vet arrived Bramble was already looking a lot better. Various medicines were prescribed, to be administered every 3 hours throughout the evening. In the morning, he was back to full health again and went out with the ewes.



It seems that the teaser ram experiment has hopefully worked as the rams have tupped all the ewes in the first 17 days. I know this as the rams are covered in yellow raddle paint on their brisket and when they serve the ewe they leave a yellow mark to show this. Today I have changed the raddle paint to green and hope that the ewes don't start turning green on their hind quarters as this would mean that they hadn't been served first time.

Well, there we are; it looks like Kate is going to have busy lambing time at the end of March!

Wendy Quarendon and Kate Knight

BMADS

Braishfield Music & Drama Society

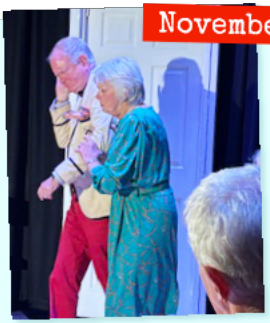
Around 160 amateur sleuths packed the village hall on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 November for BMADS' third annual murder mystery evening, featuring Ian McCutcheon's play "Dying for a Drink."



Supported by the BVA running the bar and raffle, Julie Kemp managing the box office, and the Revd Tom Benson serving as Master of Ceremonies, the production delivered a fantastic evening of suspense. After watching the initial murder scenario unfold, audience members tucked into their suppers while carefully weighing the evidence. The evening culminated in a lively session of suspect interrogations and final accusations, keeping the room buzzing with theories, debate, and the occasional friendly argument before the killer was finally unmasked.

Behind the scenes

Delighted by the fantastic community response to these evenings, the BMADS team wanted to share a behind-the-scenes look at how it all comes together. Here then is A Year in the Life of ... BMADS.



November: Show Night Panic

Cast Member #1: "I'm terrified. The hall is packed, I've forgotten every word, and I need wine."

Cast Member #2: "Think of the adoration! You won't get through Waitrose without being asked for a selfie."

Director & Prompt (muttering): "Please let them remember their bl**dy words."

Producer: "Do we have enough chairs? Why do we do this?"

lets start at the beginning

February: The Afterglow

Chairman: "Great success! Who's up for doing it all over again?"

The Cast: "Absolutely! Rehearsals were so much fun. Let's do another murder mystery and try and recruit some fresh blood (pardon the pun!)."

March: Script Hunting

Chairman: "We need a script. Something short – audience attention spans aren't what they used to be – and no explicit language. Also think of our members – with the best will in the world, there's no point trying to cast something where everyone is supposed to be in their mid-20's! Who wants to direct?"

First-Time Director: "I've never done it, but I'll give it a go!"

Chairman: "Perfect. None of us had the faintest idea what we were doing when we joined!"

May: Censorship & Casting

Cast Member: "I found a script about a murder in a nudist colony..."

Chairman: "NOPE."

Cast Member: "How about this one – a dispute over an alcoholic widow's will?"

Chairman: "Perfect. The character ages are 'fluid' so in the right lighting, we can pull it off!"



June: The Crew Assembles

Chairman: "Parts are allocated, and a big welcome to our new face, Mark! Now we just need backstage crew, prompts, props, lights, box office, publicity, and a bar. Will Tom the Vicar MC again?"

August–November: Rehearsal Chaos

Cast (constantly): "Hahahahaha!"

Director: "Learn your lines, project to the back, and please close the stage door–it's a crime scene!"

Cast Member: "Do I need to act like more of a prat?"

Cast Member: "I can never remember stage right from stage left."

Director: "I'm pretty sure vicars wear trousers under their cassocks..."

Cast Member: "Am I being too drunk?"

Cast Member: "Please can this prop bottle have real wine in it on the night?"



November: Full Circle

Cast Member #1: "I'm so nervous. Why on earth did I agree to this? Where is the wine?"

Director (muttering): "I hope they remember to close the s*dding door."

Producer: "I hope the sound effects work. Why do we do this...?"

Bar staff # 1: "They're quite thirsty tonight, aren't they?"

Join us

Fancy joining us next year? We need fresh faces on and off stage - get in touch with Chairman Mike Allen at **ovstores@gmail.com** The BVA is also looking for volunteers to help organise village events. Keen to get stuck in? Contact Chair Julie Kemp at **julieakemp@googlemail.com** for a chat.

Genuine reviews of BMADS/BVA production of Dying for a Drink

"Thank you for a BRILLIANT evening! Great performances from the cast and superb organisation from the moment we entered the hall. We were impressed especially with the attention to detail. A great atmosphere – we were royally entertained!"

From cast member # 1: "It's been great fun. Especially the laughs at rehearsals. Thank you everyone for your company!"

"I just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the murder mystery. I was particularly impressed by the seamless flow of the evening – it was great!"

From cast member # 2: "Thanks for letting me be part of it. And to see so much community engagement as a result of all our efforts is worth so much"

"A fabulous performance"

Braishfield Ukulele Musical Society

Sing Along hosted by Braishfield Ukulele Musical Society had a well supported November meet with some new members attending for the first time. This is open to anyone on the third Monday of each month except July and August. Start time is 2.30am and we aim to finish by 4pm and includes refreshments and biscuits. There is no charge for you to come along, you can make a donation if you are able. Our next get together will be on the 21 December where we will encourage you to sing along to some Christmas Favourites and enjoy some festive nibbles.

To join these sessions you don't need to be able to sing. We also have percussion instruments to play or you can just listen to the music. We are a friendly group and hope that you will be encouraged to come along and join us.

Christmas Sing Along

Monday 21 December to be held at
All Saints' Braishfield, Church Rooms SO51 0QH.
A chance to sing together Christmas
Songs accompanied by Ukuleles.
All welcome to join in from 2.30pm to 4pm.
Christmas refreshments to finish.
Hosted by Braishfield
Ukulele Musical Society
Donations welcomed for our chosen charities:
Open Gate Stroke Club and
Romsey Young Carers



BUMS





Romsey Health Walks

Romsey Health Walks held their Countryfile ramble for Children in Need in October walking from Braishfield and raised £300 which was sent off to the BBC.

If you would like to get involved with the Health Walks, we hold a walk the second and fifth Mondays of the month from Braishfield at 10am, otherwise on the first and third Mondays the walks start from the Leisure Centre in Romsey.

On the fourth Monday we walk from a variety of places around the area to add to the variety of walks. Also you have the opportunity of walking each week on a Tuesday from Braishfield again starting at 10. Both these groups are very friendly and will welcome you to come along for more details contact **healthwalks@testvalley.gov.uk**

Dear Villagers,

We would like to thank everyone in Braishfield who sponsored us on the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust (HIHCT) Ride&Stride Day on 12 September.

We visited 23 churches between Romsey and Andover raising £230 for All Saints Church and £245 for the United Reformed Church. A great result from both churches. Half the money raised is returned to the nominated church for their own use.

There are nearly 400 churches in Hampshire and the Islands, many of which have historic and architectural significance, that are open on the day with some offering refreshments.

The money raised for the Trust, including gift aid, is given out in grants for the restoration of a church's fabric or to provide new facilities (toilet/kitchenette etc. .) to make churches fit for the community in the 21st century. These buildings are a part of our community for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as offering a warm welcome at all times. It is vital that the community continues to support our built heritage.

All Saints benefited in 2024 from a grant of £5,000 to restore the tower clock, the clock faces and the weathervane.

Chris & Meryl Balchin

Social Contact Group

On a lovely Autumn day in September, we made a return visit to Gilbert's Dahlia Nursery. Although the dry summer meant the dahlias were not as tall as normal, their colours were just as spectacular. Again we were very well looked after and the warm scones with coffee were thoroughly enjoyed. As we were leaving, a member of staff said *"you will be back next year won't you"* and I guess we will!



At the end of October we had a delicious lunch of soup and warm savoury scones in The Pantry. We are extremely grateful to Debbie, who, knowing she would be on holiday made the choice of two delicious soups and all the savoury scones in advance. We are also very appreciative and extend our thanks again to Meri, Carolyn and Angela who served us and made us feel so welcome. Before leaving we all had a cuppa which gave everyone the chance to extend their lunch and stay on to chat.

It doesn't seem possible that our next outing is to Steff's Kitchen for our Christmas Lunch which will bring our get togethers to a close for 2026 but plans are already in place for 2027.

Finally, all our Members would like to wish all the readers of the Braishfield Village News a very Happy Christmas and sincere good wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Hazel Prince
Chairman



Don't forget Carols on the Rec,
Friday 18 December.
See page 28 for more details ...



Braishfield 200 Club

This year we have made a cash contribution to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and the Braishfield and Farley based section of what is a national charity. Organised by Chris Chisholm and with a small army of volunteers they will be sending over a hundred shoeboxes via the national organisation to be given to children and adults in southeast Europe. In particular, they will reach those affected by the war in Ukraine, both within the country and those who have fled their homes and are living as refugees in neighbouring countries.

As the photographs show it's quite a business! Local people have donated clothing, toys, toiletries and treats of all sorts, to fit the twelve categories of children and adults (male and female and age ranges of children) specified by the charity. And the shoeboxes too of course! All are gift wrapped by our volunteers and eventually shipped off to the countries for distribution to the eventual recipients.

As well as presents, cash has to be raised as well, to cover the costs of delivery and distribution in Ukraine, Romania, Poland and Bulgaria. Our cheque will go some way to meeting these needs. It's a particularly heart-warming activity to think of the pleasure these Christmas presents will bring to children and adults living in such difficult circumstances.

Our other donation (for October's draw) went to the Naomi House and Jack's Place Children's Hospice, a charity close to the heart of at least one of our regular club members. And the lucky winners of the October and November draws have been Nicky Ayres and Diana Wyers. We plan to give the December donation to the Romsey Food Bank.

David Robinson
If you're tempted to join us call Tel 01794 368774 or email **david.robinson1571@gmail.com**

Ricky Reflects ...

Following on from the October issue:

LOCAL HISTORY

I headed off with Reg Elkins down to the Dog & Crook where the fire had taken a major hold. It was a sorry sight as you can imagine, smoke flames and falling thatch.

The fire brigade arrive with ladders, soon on the thatched roof with hoses trying to reduce the fire. By now many friends and villagers had arrived and were moving anything possible by hand, to include curtains, tables and chairs, into the car park area.

Although I didn't know them, I felt so sorry for Mr & Mrs Monger, the landlord and landlady, watching the fire destroy their pub. The chief fire officer gave a clear warning that everyone should move into the car park area, I am sure those on the roof were relieved. Somehow, I do not think that Health & Safety and Risk Assessments were an issue in those days!

As I returned to the farm with Reg he told me how the Hursley Hunt would meet at the Dog & Crook along with villagers from the Wheatsheaf, Newport Inn and The Club, these were all social points in the village of which I hoped to visit in time!



Hursley Hunt outside Dog and Crook at Braishfield
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Fortunately, we can still see photos taken at the time, these are now hanging in the Dog & Crook. This will remind us of the wonderful building it was, how times have changed with modern rebuild, sadly the history behind it has gone forever.

My work load at the farm was all and more than I could ever wish for, on 5th March 1957 Britain's first naturally polled Guernsey calves were born at Crookhill Farm. This was a 5 year project by Peter Baker that was agreed by the Ministry of Agriculture.

That's all for now!

Ricky
(Richard Dorlay)
Crookhill Farm



Braishfield Garden Club

The Garden Club ended the year with a talk in October by Gillian Taylor on Perfect Plants for People and for Pollinators. Gillian is very interesting and always keen to give advice on garden tools, what to buy for yourself or as presents for family and friends as well as plants for all round colour. This talk was all about plants for pollinators.

Apple Competition - unfortunately there was only one entry this year. The lack of entries was put down to the weather, frost and wind early in the year followed by the very hot and dry summer.

The AGM was held on November 10 with a good attendance. The chairman summarised the events of the past year and updated the members with upcoming events for 2027.

Within that update, the chairman informed the members that, due to the retirement of Viv Robinson from the committee, only four members remained. This is insufficient to keep the club running in its present form. Consequently, unless more volunteers are willing to help by joining the committee, decisions on its future would have to be made.

The Club had two successful garden visits, one to Fern Lodge, Hordle where members enjoyed a cream tea. Our second visit was to Sparsholt College hosted by one of our regular speakers, Chris Bird.

Visit **e-voice.org.uk/braishfieldgardenclub** for more information.

Programme 2027

Tuesday 12 January
Ray Broughton – Common Pests and Diseases.

Tuesday 9 February
Phil Broomfield - Thomas Hardy's Gardens.

Tuesday 9 March
Souren Ala - Wildflower Meadows, Old and New.

Tuesday 13 April
Chris Bird – Our warming Climate.

Tuesday 11 May
Dan Pulling Alpine Gardening.

Tuesday 1 June
Visit to RHS Wisley – more information to follow.

Saturday 17 July
Summer Show - Photo Competition 'Reflections'.

Tuesday 14 September
Pip Bensley, Climbers – Clematis, Roses, Honeysuckle, Wisteria.

Tuesday 12 October
Amanda Gomersall Five Meadows.

Tuesday 9 November
AGM Wine and nibbles.

Braishfield Village Pantry

With summer now firmly behind us and a definite wintery feel in the air, it's lovely to welcome back some of our favourite winter warmers at the Pantry!

Our homemade soup is back on the menu, served with a savoury scone or a fresh roll – just the thing for a warming lunch. We also have plenty of delicious warm sausage rolls and vegetarian pastries, perfect for a light bite, along with our usual tempting selection of cakes. Do pop in and treat yourself!

We were delighted to host the Social Contact Group for their recent Soup and Scones gathering. Unfortunately, I was away, but our wonderful volunteers stepped in and did a fantastic job, making sure everyone was looked after and served. A huge thank you to them! We are also very pleased to welcome some new volunteers to the Pantry team, so if you see some new faces, please make them feel welcome.

Looking ahead to Christmas, we have lots to get excited about, with some lovely Christmas gifts and festive food arriving in the Pantry.

We are once again taking orders for free-range turkeys and chickens from Noah's Ark Farm in New Milton, as well as sausage meat and trout. Order forms need to be returned by Monday 30 November, with turkey deliveries taking place on Wednesday 23 December. So don't leave it too late to get your Christmas order in!

Make sure you also put Saturday 28 November in your diary for our Christmas Bazaar. Romsey Country Market will be joining us with a wonderful selection of homemade and unique gifts, and there will be an opportunity to sample some of the delicious local foods and drinks available from the Pantry. We will also be holding a festive raffle, giving you the chance to win a hamper filled with lovely Pantry produce – a real treat for the lucky winner! It's a lovely opportunity to pick up a few Christmas presents, enjoy some local treats and support local producers at the same time.

We will also be keeping the Pantry open for Carols on the Rec on Friday 18 December, with food and drinks available. Do come in and warm up with us while enjoying the festive celebrations.

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent survey about the proposed expansion of the Pantry. Your thoughts and feedback are really appreciated. We are hopeful that we will have some news about plans in the New Year, so watch this space to find out what comes next!

Finally, as another year draws to a close, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported Braishfield Pantry throughout the year – our wonderful volunteers, loyal customers and fantastic suppliers. It really is a special part of village life, and we couldn't do it without you.

We look forward to seeing you all over the festive season. Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!

Debbie **www.braishfieldpantry.com**

Hants and W.Berks

Jumbulance Group Update

Keeping connected is so important so our next event is Christmas lunch at Ampfield Golf Club on Sunday 13 December. Our 3 times a year Reunion lunches with a meeting with coffee in the morning, are popular days out for our disabled VIPs and their volunteer carers, nurses and local retired GPs who travel with us. We will announce the 2027 holidays at the lunch so people can plan ahead.

Yesterday, we had a Big Coffee Morning with various stalls at St Nicholas Church Hall in central Newbury for our W.Berks VIP volunteers and the public, was opened by the Mayor of Newbury, Jo Day who is a keen supporter. We raised £400+ towards next year's trips.

Thank you for the continued support of the Pantry and Community Shop, the Dog and Crook and the Wheatsheaf in Braishfield and the White Horse in Ampfield where we have Collection boxes. We really appreciate this very local support.

For more information contact me Chris Chisholm 0788 774 8224. Email **cookchrisr@aol.com** or the Jumbulance Trust for nationally run holidays and Ski trips in Europe **www.jumbulance.org.uk**

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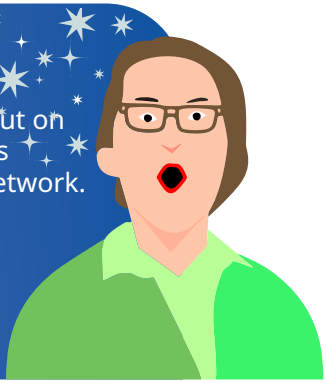

MEET THE BRAISHFIELD PANTRY TEAM



Viv - I have really enjoyed working on the shop since its opening. So good to have happy customers.

Rosie - The Pantry is a great community asset, much appreciated by regular customers and new visitors alike.

It's good to be able to help it thrive, while also having the opportunity to learn new skills eg how to operate an EPOS system!

Debbie - I have lived in Braishfield for over 20 years where I brought up my two girls. I worked at Timsbury Preschool until it closed in 2024, when I took up the Pantry Supervisor role.

I enjoy baking and cooking, so this job is ideal for me. I am so lucky to work with a team of amazing volunteers.



Mark - My relationship with the Pantry started during the pandemic, when I volunteered to help deliver groceries to customers in those strange times. Since then, I've been very lucky to get to understand how important this facility is to the community (Volunteer/Director).

Helena - a welcome to one of our newest volunteers.

Sharon - Having been made redundant after 33 years, I decided to retire early. I saw an advert in the local paper for volunteers and thought it would be a nice way to meet new people which I am thoroughly enjoying.

Anne - Braishfield Pantry is a special village asset. Volunteering is a great way to meet people. The Pantry crew has lots of giggles along the way - do come and join us!



BRAISHFIELD PANTRY
Community Shop & Cafe



Andy - I joined the Pantry team 3 years ago when I retired and was able to become more involved with the village. I love meeting our customers and serving our fresh cafe produce. As well as serving behind the counter, I spend time looking towards the future through activities such as replacing old equipment and introducing new technology / the EPOS system allows us to really understand what our customers are buying.

Gillie - I've been volunteering at the shop for a long time and it's still like playing shops! I really enjoy working with my fellow volunteers - I've met so many villagers and other customers from much further afield.

It's been great to see the Pantry grow and become a real asset to Braishfield.

Mike - another long term Pantry volunteer.



Ron - I enjoy the banter with all the various groups who support the Pantry.

Meri - Both as a volunteer and director, I enjoy being part of the Pantry team, contributing to the long term development and success of this brilliant resource.

I love busy mornings and meeting so many different people - there's always space for new volunteers!



Be part of a community team

If you love The Pantry and want to see it stay open for years to come, our Supervisor Debbie, would love to hear from you.

Jean - The Pantry is a lovely place to visit. It doesn't matter if you're there as a customer or a volunteer, it's a welcoming, happy place.

Fleur - As a new volunteer to the Pantry, I love my 1/2 day shift during the week. It's great to chat to other volunteers or regular and new customers.

We come from all walks of life and the variety of meeting new people with new hobbies, is something I really enjoy.

Every day is different and can range from a busy morning with lots of cycling or walking groups, to a quiet afternoon where we have more time to chat with customers.

Christmas Services at All Saints' Church





Sunday 20 December

5.30pm

Candle-lit Carol Service

Stay for a seasonal hot drink and warm mince pies afterwards!



Christmas Eve

4pm

Christingle Service

Sing carols and receive a lighted Christingle.

Cash donations for the Children's Society welcomed.



Christmas Day Service

10am

A service of celebration for everyone!

We wish everyone a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

All Saints Church Braishfield invite you to ...





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From Rev Tom ...



Dear Friends,

December is always a special time of year in our villages. The lights begin to twinkle in windows, Christmas trees appear in homes, and there is a familiar sense of excitement and anticipation in the air.

There is something rather wonderful about Christmas in the countryside. The familiar lanes, perhaps muddy underfoot, the sound of church bells, carol singing and the sight of candlelight shining through the church windows all remind us of the traditions that have been part of village life for generations.

Yet, amidst all the busyness of Christmas preparations, it is worth remembering what we are actually celebrating. The Christmas story is a remarkably simple one. A child is born in humble surroundings, in a stable in Bethlehem. There is no great ceremony, no grand palace and no royal procession. Instead, God comes among us quietly, bringing a message of love, hope and peace.

That message is just as important today as it was over two thousand years ago. For some, Christmas will be a happy time spent with family and friends. For others, it may be a difficult season, particularly those who are lonely, grieving or facing uncertainty. The message of Christmas reminds us that nobody is forgotten and that God's love is there for everyone.

As we gather for our Christmas services, carol services and celebrations, I hope you will find time to come and join us. Whether you come to church regularly or only at Christmas, you will be most welcome. There is something special about singing familiar carols together and hearing once again the story that lies at the heart of Christmas. It is a story that never gets old and for many of us gets better for the retelling!

On behalf of the whole ministry team, I want to thank you all for the effort and care for each other that makes these communities such a privilege to be a part of.

So, as the year draws to a close, may I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. May the light of Christ bring warmth to our homes, hope to our communities and peace to our troubled world. So do have a very Happy Christmas and let's look forward to a new year together.

God bless,
Tom

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Christmas at St John's Church, Farley Chamberlayne

You are most welcome to join us

Sunday 20 December

Carol Service at 4pm led by Revd Tom Benson – the Christmas story through familiar bible readings and well known carols - followed (weather permitting) by seasonal refreshments around fire pits kindly provided by Iain and Chris Chisholm and Alex Graham.

A torch may be useful to help you find your car afterwards!

Wednesday 23 December

Crib Service for families at 4pm led by Revd Tom Benson. During this 45 minute service as we hear the story of the events leading to Christ's birth, the figures will be placed in the crib. Children are welcome to come dressed as Nativity characters, if they wish. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Knitted figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey (which have been 'travelling' around Braishfield and Farley since 1December, staying with families) will arrive at St John's.

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day

Holy Communion from 11.15am led by Revd Tom Benson. The worship is from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (but made accessible for families) with carols. Refreshments will be provided afterwards for those who can stay.

Braishfield United Reformed Church

News from Braishfield URC



It seems hardly any time since we were wishing everyone at Braishfield a Happy 2026 and it is now time to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

We are always appreciative of those who make the church look so lovely for the festive season which includes everything from collecting and decorating the tree to arranging the candles for our seasonal services. *Talking of which...*





We would love to welcome everyone to our Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday, 20 December 2026, starting at 3pm. This will be led by Reverend Sarah Hall. Tea, coffee, mince pies and biscuits follow.

It is a light service with plenty of singing. The draw for our Christmas Raffle takes place during this too. Our Raffle is raising money for our charity project, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. We hope to have someone from them come to us early in 2027 to collect our cheque.

We continue to collect Jars of Coins for them. It is amazing how much money can be raised by putting loose change aside like this. We'll be bringing the jars back into church on 13 December. It will take our treasurer some time to do the counting!

Our Christmas Day service is a short one, starting at 9.30am. It is lovely to give Christmas greetings to each other on the day itself. We are hoping some folk from our sister church at Romsey URC will join us for this one and would love to welcome you too.

For more details please contact:

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Rangers

1st Braishfield Rangers
Hampshire West

Guides

1st Braishfield Guides
Hampshire West

We've had lots of fun this term and enjoyed playing Cluedo in the dark on the recreation ground, trying to remember where all the cards had been hidden was particularly challenging! Our Rangers ran an evening for the Guides and donated cakes that they had made so that the Guides could design and decorate them around a friendship theme.

We also enjoyed a visit to St John's Church at Farley in connection with the Historian badge. We loved looking around and finding out more about the Church and the local parishioners. Many thanks to Hannah Boothman for arranging this visit for us.





We also took part in the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial and several Guides shared their wartime family history research at our meeting on 11 November.



We are always looking for help to run our unit, if you are able to offer an hour or so here and there, we would love to hear from you. We meet fortnightly during term time on a Wednesday evening at the Village Hall and are a very friendly group. There are lots of exciting activities and opportunities to meet up with other local guide groups for camps etc. If you are aged between 10 to 17 years and would like to come and have a look at what we get up to, please email Jill Briggs at **guides.braishfield@gmail.com**



Rainbows

We've had a great start back after half term. We played skittles in the dark and made our own Bayeux tapestry.



We were joined by another Rainbow Brownie unit and had a bonfire themed evening. We all made edible bonfires, which proved to be very popular and extremely sticky, followed by a campfire singalong.

We attended the Remembrance parade in the village with our Guides helping the younger girls lay their wreath.

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Brownies

News from Braishfield Primary School

It has been a busy and enjoyable time at Braishfield Primary School, with plenty of opportunities for the children to learn, explore and get involved in school and village life.



This term, all of our children have enjoyed swimming lessons, developing their water confidence and skills. Our Oaks class also had a fantastic residential visit to Stubbington, where they experienced time away from home, took part in new activities and enjoyed making memories together. These experiences are such an important part of school life, helping children to develop independence, resilience and friendships.



We have also been enjoying opportunities to connect with our local community. As part of our Remembrance Day celebrations, pupils visited the village memorial to lay homemade wreaths alongside members of the community. It was a particularly special moment for the children to reflect on the importance of remembrance and to play their own part in this important village tradition.

I have really enjoyed meeting different members of our local community recently and finding out more about the people, stories and history that make Braishfield such a special place. This is particularly exciting as we look ahead to next year, when we will be celebrating 150 years of Braishfield Primary School!

We would love this milestone to be a celebration involving the whole community. If you have memories of the school to share, old photographs, stories or would like to be involved in our celebrations, please do get in touch. Many thanks to those who have already contacted us – it has been lovely to hear from you, and I look forward to welcoming more members of our community into school as we begin planning.

Our school has been at the heart of the village for 150 years, and it would be wonderful to bring together past and present generations to celebrate its place in Braishfield.

Natalie Alldred
Headteacher, Braishfield Primary School
headteacher@braishfield.hants.sch.uk

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Can you imagine a primary school with no storybooks or picture books, not even a board book? Jerry & I are now back in central Uganda, the location of 'our other village', where the lack of books is widespread, due to complex reasons. Through the work of our small organisation, ServeDirect, we have been rolling out a simple solution for several years: mini mobile libraries placing books into local schools. Each mobile library is a small, metal cupboard, containing 400 books. They are highly effective, very affordable & extremely popular with children and teachers.

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Do look out for our Big Give posts on social media. Thank you for your interest and support this year. May you have a peaceful, book-loving Christmas too!
Elspeth & Jerry (Dugdale)

Excess waste

During the Christmas and New Year period you often have more rubbish than usual, so you can place excess waste in a bag beside your black bin on your household waste collection day. Collection teams will only empty one black bin per property unless you have previously authorised extra bin capacity for your household.

Excess recyclables

Recyclable materials in cardboard boxes left beside your brown bin on recycling weeks can be collected throughout the year. Please try to keep it as dry as possible.

Do not put gift wrap in the brown recycling bin. Most gift wrap is plastic film, foil or heavily over-printed, low grade paper. Used gift wrap is also often scrunched up and covered with sticky tape. Overall, it's not great for recycling, so please pop it in your black bin instead.

Recycling your real Christmas tree

You can pop your real Christmas trees out for collection with your garden waste if you've signed up to the Garden Waste Collection Service (cut it in half if it's over 6ft).

Local Christmas tree disposal sites

Hillier Garden Centre Braishfield, Jermyns Lane, Braishfield.

Alma Road Car Park (near Waitrose) Romsey.

These sites are provided for real Christmas trees only and will be in operation from Saturday 27 December 2025 to Monday 12 January 2026. Please follow the site instructions and place your tree in the area provided.

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This means that your black household waste wheelie bin and your kerbside food caddy will be emptied one week + your *green garden waste wheelie bin (sack) service if you have subscribed.

... and your brown recycling wheelie bin and your kerbside food caddy will be emptied the following week.

Recycling information can be found at:
www.testvalley.gov.uk/recycling

Your bin(s) must be placed at the edge of your property by 7am on your collection day. Your bin(s) must be returned onto your property as soon as possible following your collection.

You can check up *"when are my bins collected"* at:
www.testvalley.gov.uk/bins

Household Waste Recycling Centre

Open seven days a week all year round, excluding 25 and 26 December and 1 January. The opening times vary according to the time of year.

Bunny Lane (Casbrook) local tip booking
www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres

For advice on the Christmas and New Year period excess waste disposal, see page 34.

*Garden waste collections will not take place between Monday 21 December 2026 and Friday 1 January 2027

Recycle waste + food waste



December 4, 18
January 2, 15, 29

Household waste + food waste + garden waste



December 11, 24*
January 8, 22

December

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Glass and textile recycling can be found to the rear of The Wheatsheaf pub car park

recycle

To find your local recycling centre and what can be recycled visit:
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