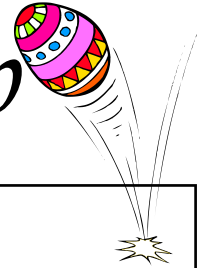




The Braybrooke Gossip

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"Help Save Eva" - Update

Some updates for you, we've had a second clinic, and once again a great turnout..., whilst there is news of a possible match in the USA, nothing is certain, so we have a another one booked for Wed 4th April at Welland Park College, Market Harborough, 4-8pm again 18-40 & healthy please. We also have a Fundraising event on the evening of 13th April at Kibworth Rugby Club, Market Harborough, free admission, donations on the door. There will be live music & an auction. All proceeds go towards laboratory kit for the Anthony Nolan trust to help speed up the process for checking blood samples for marrow donor matches. Local TV celeb John Guilding will be supporting the auction. You can also buy a prize draw ticket from Waterstones, The Angel and Harborough Mail.

The details are on the website www.helpsaveeva.co.uk and there is link to Eva's blog.

(A blog is a web diary - Ed.)

EASTER

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

This will be the 3rd year for this EGGcellent event and so far nearly £300 has been raised in aid of the Village Hall Restoration Fund. Hopefully this year can be another great fundraiser and great fun for the kids (and adults) too!

Saturday 7th April
At the Village Hall

10am—12 noon.

Activities will include:

The Legendary Easter Egg Hunt around the village

(Adults must accompany children at all times).

Making Easter cards

Pin the tail on the Easter Bunny

Easter colouring competition

Decorate an egg

Easter biscuit making

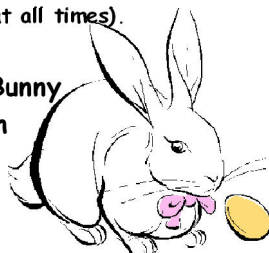
Raffle

Refreshments and cakes will be served on the day

Every child will receive a prize.

If anyone would like to donate Easter eggs, a raffle prize or make biscuits or small cakes they would be very greatly appreciated.

Tracy



Village Hall Update

VILLAGE HALL

A.G.M.

Tuesday 24th April 2007

7:30pm

Please come along to hear how progress is being made. Support from every villager is most welcome Remember the village hall belongs to us all!

Braybrooke Village Fete - Saturday 19th June 2007

There will be a Village Fete meeting on Tuesday 17th April from 7.30pm - 8.00pm at the Village Hall to briefly discuss this year's village fete.

If your village organisation would like to benefit from 2007 fete funds please make sure you send a representative or let me know of any apologies in advance of the meeting.

If you would like to get involved in the fete in any way please let me know as any offers of help will be appreciated. We really need more volunteers this year so if you are able to help, however small you may feel your contribution would be, please let me know.

Finally having organised the fete for the last 4 or 5 years it is now time for someone else to take over this responsibility so we will discuss this at the meeting.

Jacqui

Planning

Go to www.kettering.gov.uk to see latest plans, including the proposals for School Lane amongst others, drawings can usually be downloaded to your PC, saving the trip to the planning office!

THANK YOU!

To Patrick for his hard work keeping our countryside clean.



Brookside

Our January coffee morning was well attended. I was unable to be there but the three volunteers did a marvellous job with the raffle which raised £49.

In February, once again we had a full house everyone enjoying chatting together. The raffle realised £40 which will finish off our wheelchairs. So now we are awaiting delivery of our two wheelchairs, one is being dedicated to John Preen and the other to Brookside Residential Home. Hopefully we won't have long to wait now.

Annie Stagg

We were saddened to hear that 'Dolly' (Annie Stagg) had recently passed away. Dolly was a wonderful 93 years old blind lady and was a resident with Linda and John for 6 years. She was very content to sit in her room and listen to her tapes, but was always able to join everyone for her meals. We all went in to see her one by one, as too much noise was confusing for her and she was able to recognise our voices! She loved to tell you about her early days in London, she was a genuine 'cockney' lady and had some very hard times in the war when her husband was away. We asked everyone for a donation for the Guide Dogs for the Blind and collected £33 which we sent off in memory of Dolly. Thanks to everyone

Joan

Bett Giles

I am sad to report the passing of Mrs Bett Giles. I've known Bett since 1949, her sister Gwen was the first friend I made when I came to the village. Bett was 92 and had been living in Thornton House a care home in Kettering for three years. Bett came to the village at the age of four and the family of three sisters and two brothers lived in the cottage at the village hall. When she married Douglas they moved to No.9 School Lane and when he died, she moved to Kettering to be near her daughter Sandra and her family.

I visited Bett every few weeks taking her the Church magazine and the Gossip. She loved to tell me about her childhood when they would play 'whips and tops' and hopscotch on the roadside. No traffic to worry about just a few cows ambling along to the fields after milking and the young ladies from the Old Rectory in their pony and trap. Local farmers plodding by with horse and carts at hay time and Harvest. She could remember Jim Robinson on his big grey horse trotting by, this was stabled at the rear of Pipewell Cottage! On Sundays families would take their Sunday joints to be roasted at the Underwood's Old Bakehouse oven, and they would pick it up on their way home from Church! The cost was about twopence.

Bett's mother was widowed in the First World War and her brother Jim was one of the only two Braybrooke young men to be killed in the last war. He was with the Pathfinders Regiment in a Lancaster Bomber. Jim died not knowing that his wife Jo had given birth to a little boy called Peter. Another blow to the family was when brother Ray lost his leg in a tank battle. They certainly didn't have much luck. Perhaps we should all write down our childhood memories before they are lost forever.

Bett had decided she wouldn't really like to come back to live in the village as it had changed so much. However, Sandra decided to put her ashes in the Churchyard with the rest of her family.

Bett died just after ten-o'clock on Boxing day and her granddaughter Bernadette and husband Shaun became the proud parents of baby Noah four hours later at two in the morning!! Bett was looking forward to Noah's birth, but they were never destined to meet.

Rest in peace Bett,
Joan

200 Club

January

16 V Jackson
153 W Wadsworth
76 P Clarke
2 M. Knibb
41 M. Hakewill

February

9 C Corderey
151 S Hull
129 D Illiffe
7 N Corderey
66 L Wheeler

Thanks to all supporters,
more numbers available!!

All Saints Church

The Annual General Meeting of All Saints Parochial Church Council will be held on 25th April at 19:30 hrs in the Church. Everyone welcome.

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped at the 'Big Breakfast' over £300 was raised which is a great achievement.

1ST April, PALM SUNDAY, 10am: Holy Communion. & Easter Praise. Bring garden flowers to decorate the cross during the service. If you have no flowers, come anyway – there will be enough to go round!

6th April, GOOD FRIDAY, 10am: Hot Cross Buns at the Church, then the children build an Easter Garden – very informal service for all ages, including preparing a cross for the service on Easter Sunday.

5th April, MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6pm: Passover meal

8th April. EASTER SUNDAY, 10am: Family Communion

Braybrooke Neighbourhood Watch Crime Stats 2005 – 2006

The 12 month period Jan. 2006 to Dec. 2006 shows a 48% drop in crime compared to 2005. This is encouraging news for most of us although if you were one of the unfortunate probably no consolation. However it is a low rate of crime and may the trend continue. Further analysis of these figures show crime was only committed in 4 categories and if you take out "Theft/Handling" only 8 crimes were committed.

Of the other crimes, "Burglaries other" (5) I would suggest opportunist and probably could have been prevented with due care and attention and I can only emphasise the need to take precautions.

At this point I am announcing my intention to stand down as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator having done the job for over ten years. It is not a particularly arduous job but I feel it is time someone else took it on. I am happy to continue until the end of June and support any volunteer for a short while after that. Failing a volunteer coming forward there will be no Neighbourhood Watch in Braybrooke. If interested please contact me on 01858 464428.

	2005	2006	change	% change
Burglary Dwelling	2	0	-2	-100%
Burglary Other	7	5	-2	-28.57%
Criminal Damage	5	1	-4	-80%
Theft from m/v	1	2	+1	+100%
Theft/Handling	5	5	-	0%
Theft of m/v	3	0	-3	-100%
Violence Offences	2	0	-2	-100%
Total	25	13	-12	-48%

Viv Jackson

Drivers

Several residents have expressed concern about a number of sightings of poor or reckless driving in the village, including one on horseback driven into a hedge on Griffin Road which is single track, not race track. Please take care and watch out for others, especially the horses and toddlers who don't understand the dangers.

Last year: 3,221 real people killed, over 300,000 injured on the roads in Britain alone, let's not add to it

The SCOPE Colorado Ski Challenge 2007

As one of your new neighbours, I am very keen to tell you all about a Charity Ski Challenge which I have just completed for SCOPE, the Cerebral Palsy focused charity.

I have recently returned from successfully participating in my second "SCOPE Colorado Ski Challenge" - for which I had to ski solidly for 6 days, in 6 different resorts, in Colorado. The goal was to ski down at least 150,000 vertical feet (that's > 5 x Everest, top to bottom!) AND raise at least £3,000. I was given my flights by Thomsons and paid for my own accommodation costs - so all of the £3,600 sponsorship which I raised went 100% to SCOPE - and did NOT subsidise my trip in any way.

There were 38 participants - all a bit mad, like me (!) - and we skied in 4 separate groups, all of which managed to exceed the 150,000 vertical feet of descent.. The weather was kind to us - with 4/6 days being sunny.... and the snow conditions were good, too. Overall, the group had raised £115,000 for SCOPE - but this will creep up gradually as post-event sponsorship is collected.

I am delighted to report that, having now completed FOUR such Challenges, I have just taken my aggregate personal fund-raising total for SCOPE to over £13,000.... which is absolutely fantastic. So - a VERY big "Thank you" from me to those of you who kindly sponsored me! Anyone who may like to sponsor me, post event, can of course still do so but you may prefer instead to support my next SCOPE venture?! I am sure that it will surprise none of my previous sponsors - or anyone who knows me well - to hear that I have already committed to a fifth SCOPE Challenge?! Next year, the skiing moves to Utah - but the underlying challenge remains the same - namely to breach that 150,000 vertical feet threshold and to raise a minimum of £3,000..... again, skiing 6 resorts over 6 days. As usual, I'll be self-funding, so all £'s raised will go 100% to SCOPE, as usual.

So, whilst it is likely that you are currently being asked to support participants in The London Marathon at the moment, I shall not bang on about next winter's challenge too much, just yet (!) but I do have a new web page, the link to which I have included below. Perhaps I could persuade many of you to sponsor my 2008 Challenge? A donation to SCOPE across my web page, or a cheque [Payee; "SCOPE", please] handed to me or left at my home address would be very much appreciated.

Thanks & best wishes - Mark Glasscock - The Old Coach house, 54, Griffin Road.

Donations : <http://www.justgiving.com/markscopeski2008> Challenge details <http://www.scope.org.uk/adventures/utah08.shtml>

After reading this, I challenged Mark to organise a village event, so that people can meet new neighbours and support SCOPE at the same time. Having spoken briefly with Simon at The Swan already, Mark is hoping to stage a village fund-raising event later in the year - date / format etc still to be decided, so please look out for further details over the coming months. - Ed.

Braybrooke W.I.

Starfish Puppets gave a presentation to the Braybrooke W.I. at the March meeting, and were thanked by Chris Crowther. The meeting was attended by 25 members and 2 guests. The President was also pleased to welcome a new member. She distributed 3 birthday posies, made by Freda Goodman who has lovingly produced these for nearly twenty years and has offered to continue to do so despite her inability to now attend the evening meetings.

Dorothy Runchamn, the President, thanked those responsible for arranging the meal in February, which members had thoroughly enjoyed. She gave notice of the County Quiz to be held on 2 April, to which two teams will go from Braybrooke. It was noted that a member from East Farndon will represent the Group in the Annual General Meeting in London in June 2007.

The secretary, Marilyn Knibb, referred to an invitation from Desborough W.I. inviting members to share some activities as had been done in the past. Members also discussed ideas for the 50th celebration of Braybrooke W.I. in July of this year, also for the County Challenge trophy.

The flower of the month competition was won by Pat Corderey, second Dorothy Runchman and third Dot Tyers. Essie Preen won the raffle prize donated by Dot Tyers and Betty Stanton. Refreshments were contributed by Val Bass, Jay Cave, Maureen Freeman, Marjory Myers and Dorothy Runchman.

Visitors are always welcome to attend the meetings on the second Monday of the month but please note that in order to avoid a clash with Easter Monday the meeting will be held on the third Monday, i.e. 16 April, when John Cronin will speak on Travels with the BBC.

Maureen Freeman – 01858 431893

Cricket Club Report

At the time of writing it is certainly not cricket weather, it's snowing outside!!

Indoor winter cricket nets

These have been very well attended, the final indoor net, at Welland Park College is on Sunday April 1st 14:00-16:00, weather permitting, an outdoor practice session, at the Castle ground is planned for Sunday April 15th.

Season Start

Again weather permitting, Sunday April 22nd, v Barton Seagrave, at the Castle ground, starting at 14:40.

Pre-season get together

At Zizzi's High Street, Market Harborough, on Saturday, April 14th, 20:00. Social members, Players, and partners are very welcome to attend, contact captain Paul Clarke for details 01858 575 170.

Gt. Yarmouth Tour

If enough interest, planned for the late spring bank holiday in May, contact Glyn for details.

Here's to a glorious summer!

Glyn Panter - Braybrooke CC - 01858 466874

Local Groups

A suggestion has been made that I include a list of local groups and their phone contact details, some are included by virtue of their reports, any others?

Next Gossip Deadline 22nd May 2007

Contributions, preferably by e-mail to
gossip@braybrooke.org.uk
or to 3 Latymer Close
- Thanks, Nigel.

THANKS

To Glyn Panter, proprietor of
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Glyn says all types of
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