

The Braybrooke Gossip

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Philomena & Sebastian

would like to say, on behalf of our proud parents, Peter & Julie, a big thank you to everyone who made our Christening such a special occasion. We would like to give a special thanks to the ladies who created the wonderful floral displays in the church. Our mum and dad would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported them through their kind thoughts and actions.



GOAL!



BANK HOLIDAY VICTORY!!

What an enjoyable time we all had on bank holiday Monday - breakfast at the pub, football, (teams and spectators slightly moistened by a medium sized monsoon but it turned out fine again afterwards), and best of all Braybrooke won both the football match and all 4 rounds of the Tug-o-War!!

Congratulations to the brave Braybrooke Warriors!

Check the web site for all the photos - too many to print here and you can see them full size!

Goto www.braybrooke.org.uk and click the "What's on" button

CAR TREASURE HUNT

Over 30 people took part in this year's car treasure hunt, and again the weather was kind to us (especially appreciated by those in their open – topped vehicles!)

The general consensus was that it was a very pleasant and enjoyable way to spend a Sunday afternoon, and for the second year running it was the senior Hiner partnership that excelled. They were closely followed by Jo & Mark, and then Sam & Simon. However, Team Thacker are clearly more adept at cycling as they had biked over 40 miles the previous day raising money for the church. By car though, they were only just ahead of Val and her friend Wendy who valiantly took part but gave up answering the questions and just enjoyed the scenery! Of the remaining teams, the Schofields, assisted by Joe & Emma deserve a mention as they identified the locations of all the picture clues and were exactly on the correct mileage.

Thank you to all who took part which enabled us to add another £150 to the Village Hall Fund.

Jill and David

(and thanks to Jill and David for organising such a fun afternoon - Ed.)

WINTER ART COURSE

Geoff Tiney (who has been a professional Artist/Sculptor for 35 years) wishes to find out if there is sufficient interest for an evening Art Course in the village. It would be based on painting and drawing for pleasure and held in the Village Hall on Thursday evenings 7pm until 9pm. Fee to be decided but approximately £7 a session. The number of places will be strictly limited. So if you are interested please ring through your details before 26th October. Geoff's number is 464386.

Introduction evening and enrolment on Thursday 26th October, Village Hall, 7pm.

Village Hall - UPDATE - Time Capsule Found!!

Rob Jeacock and I vandalised parts of the ceilings in order to gain a proper view into the roof voids. The holes cut will be turned into proper access traps later.

The good news is that all visible parts of the roof are felted under the slates. Perhaps someone can recall when this was done - If I had to guess maybe 30 - 40 years ago?? This means that although due to damage over the years to the rear slope, a partial strip and re-slate to that area will be needed, the rest can be given a thorough overhaul, to include replacements of missing defective slates, provision of proper lead flashings and soakers to upstands to replace defective cement benching, rebedding of ridge tiles and work to the gutters and spouts, including redirecting the one to the right hand end which discharges to the car park.

We have agreed to get a test blast done on the left hand elevation to determine what gently blasting with fine abrasive and water will produce, hopefully in the next week or so, after which we should be able to obtain reasonably firm costings for the rest and for subsequent repointing etc. Jim kindly offered to obtain a report on the trees which also require some attention.

Whilst investigating the roof, we discovered an envelope containing, written in red felt tip on a page from a spiral bound notepad, a note from Fred Blackmore to say the present ceiling was fitted 1-10-82 by the village hall committee! Fluorescent lights and heaters were fitted by Fred with assistance from J Howell and G Downing. The note ends:

At this time in the village the pub was being threatened with closure. The reader of this note will know what happened.

Fred - we do and if you could return for a pint, I think you would be impressed by the 2004 £100,000+ refurb including the new thatched roof.

Nigel

Lottery Application for Village Hall

AT LAST!! The Big Lottery Fund Application forms eventually became available, and ours has been completed and sent off.

£50 million will be available from the BLF over a 3 year period for rural and urban community halls. That may sound a lot, but in reality there are hundreds of communities throughout the country applying for capital grants of up to half million pounds. Action with Communities in Rural England are extremely active in putting pressure on various Government Departments to recognise the needs of rural communities such as ours and ACRE has given us personal advice and support. However, they "believe that the programme will be heavily subscribed" and have stated that "£50 million is not enough and a large number of applicants will be disappointed." Despite such statements we remain hopeful that we will hear in January that our Stage One Application has been successful and we can progress to the more complex Stage Two.

So, keep your fingers crossed; and in the meantime, any support you are able to give to the Village Hall Committee is much appreciated. Whatever the outcome of our Lottery bid, plans are continuing to effectively use the £25,000 grant from WREN for the environmental issues and continue to seek funds so that our Village Hall is brought into the 21st century to comply with legislation and make it a more pleasant building for all who use it.

Jill

Braybrooke Village Fete

The following funds from the 2006 Summer Fete have now been distributed as detailed below:

All Saints Church	£436	Baptist Chapel	£436
Village Hall	£436	WI	£145
Cricket Club	£145	Bear Cubs	£145

Thank you again to everybody who took part in the fete, I know the money raised is much needed by the village groups so thank you for your support.

Sarah Hiner - Treasurer, Braybrooke Village Fete

A welcome return visit of the DESTINATION ANYWHERE COMPUTER BUS

Saturday, November 11th
11.00am – 2.00pm

All 8 – 18 year olds welcome.

Just come along to the bus which will be parked in Griffin Road, near the Village Hall & join in the fun of interactive computer games.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
Fancy dress and games & treats
In the Village Hall

Further details will be delivered throughout the village in the near future.

BY POPULAR REQUEST!

**RETURN OF THE
BRAYBROOKE
VILLAGE HALL LUNCH
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH**
From 12.00 noon

**COME ALONG AND SAVOUR A DELICIOUS
3 COURSE LUNCH FOR ONLY £6.00**

Charity Pub Quiz at the Swan

SUNDAY EVENINGS 7:30
1st, 8th & 15th October
(more if successful, so please support!)
entry includes food!

Next Gossip Deadline 20th November

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

Cricket Club Report

Braybrooke v Arthingworth

Braybrooke wrestled back the Supaseal trophy from neighbours Arthingworth after a super match, played in glorious sunshine. Glyn Panter, 31 and Ben Stanley, 83 produced a solid platform, in an opening partnership worth 119, Mike Ward, 47 helped push the total to 209 for 6 declared. James Handy, 32 for 3, Peter Nixon 35 for 2. Arthingworth made a spirited effort to overhaul the total but were all out for 194. In a tense finish, Ben Stanley took two fine catches on the boundary to dismiss Arthingworth's two potential match winners James Handy and Peter Dixon. For Arthingworth, Peter Dixon 84, Charles Handy 55, James Handy 25. For Braybrooke, Rory Jeacock 27 for 3, Mike ward 50 for 3, Dave Winter 56 for 3. The Vice Presidents Day was extremely well attended by Braybrooke and Arthingworth people who enjoyed the bar, BBQ and cream teas, rounders match and bouncy castle. The sunny weather really made the day. Match won.

Husbands Bosworth v Braybrooke

Batting first, Braybrooke made 169 for 9, Ben Stanley 22 for 5, Chris Franceskou 48 for 2. Braybrooke closed on 133 all out. Charles Handy 35, Mike Ward 27, Braybrooke had 10 men but youngsters Kieron Smith and Jake Underwood came within 9 balls of producing a superb match winning draw. - Match lost.

Old v Braybrooke

A very strong Old team posted 276 for 4, declared. Dan Knott 23 for 3. Braybrooke were 12 for 4, when rain brought a premature end to the proceedings. Paul Clarke 48no, Dave Winter 22no. Match drawn.

Braybrooke v Lubenham

Braybrooke comprehensively beat a side they hadn't defeated for some years. 9 men had only managed 57 all out. Hugh Hackett 4 for 2, Dan Knott 7 for 2, Tom Young, 10 for 2, Dave Winter 16 for 2. Braybrooke knocked off the runs for the loss of two wickets. Charles Handy 18no, Paul Clarke 14, Nick Chudley 13, Richard King 12no. Match won.

Pytchley v Braybrooke

Again Braybrooke beat a side they hadn't got the better of for some years. Pytchley made 116 all out, Dave Winter 38 for 4, Hugh Hackett 38 for 3, . Braybrooke lost 2 wickets overhauling Pytchley's total. Mike ward 54no, Paul Clarke 21, Hugh Hackett 20no, Richard King 15. Match won.

Braybrooke v Harborough South

Braybrooke haven't beaten their near rivals for some years - this situation did not change! HS made 211 for 8. Hugh Hackett 28 for 2, George Stanley 64 for 2. Braybrooke produced a woeful batting display and were dismissed for a paltry 93! James handy 20, Chris Franceskou 16no, Match lost.

Islip v Braybrooke

In this new fixture, 10 men Braybrooke were overwhelming winners, Islip made 60 all out. Hugh Hackett 12 for 5, Chris Franceskou 20 for 2. Stand-in keeper Dave Winter held three catches at the wicket. Braybrooke lost 2 wickets to make 61. Nick Chudley 15, Paul Clarke 14, Mike Ward 14no. Match won.

Xmas Draw - 3 books of raffle tickets will be posted through village doors in November, please do your best to support the Club's major fund raiser

Annual Dinner & Presentation Evening - To be held at the Swan in the next few months

AGM - will be in January 2007, **Winter Nets** start Feb 2007 at Welland Park College, Market Harborough

Glyn Panter - Braybrooke CC

All Saints Church

We will be celebrating Harvest this year on 8th October. The service will start at 11.30am and will once again be followed by a Harvest Lunch. No charge will be made but if you would like to make a donation it will be gratefully received. In order to help us with the catering if you could let Ann Underwood, Viv Jackson, Jacqui Noble or either Pat or Alex Corderey know if you plan to join us as it will help us with numbers.

200 Club

<u>July</u>			<u>August</u>	
64	A Hull	£25.20	96	M Jackson
14	P Hull	£12.60	75	R Tiney
41	M Hakewill	£6.30	19	D Epsley
94	P Runchman	£6.30	116	V Mickley
58	M Freeman	£6.30	63	A Stead

Church Services

1 Oct	10.00	Chapel
8 Oct	11.30	Harvest Festival, All Saints
15 Oct	10.00	Holy Communion, All Saints
22 Oct	10.00	Chapel
29 Oct	10.00	United Service, St Giles
5 Nov	10.00	Morning Prayer, All Saints

Parish Council - Next meeting Tuesday 21st November

Brookside

July - Once again the wonderful weather allowed us to sit outside. Lyn and John excelled themselves with a great lunch of "Chicken 'n' Chips" followed by strawberries, fresh cream and good old fashioned red jelly!! Which brought back a lot of childhood memories, such as Sunday Tea with your best clothes at Grandma's and you had to eat all your bread and butter!!

Recently one of our regular friends passed away, Arthur Tallet from Little Bowden. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Jean and hope she will continue to join us again soon.

The raffle realised a great £56 which brings our ongoing total for the Wheelchair Fund for Kettering hospital to £200!!

August - Back to our usual time ten-o'clock until twelve, we had a really "full house". With the raffle our Wheelchair Fund has grown to £250.

Recently two gentlemen from the village passed away. David Sharland and John Preen. They were not always able to join us but were often generous with a donation to our various charities. We extend our sincere condolences to both families. John's funeral was a very memorable occasion with every seat taken in All Saints. Relatives and friends were in their very striking Ghanaan dress and his brother raised a few chuckles with tales from his childhood. I am sure he would have enjoyed the uplifting sounds of the favourite hymns Essie had chosen.

Rest in peace David and John, two characters who will be sadly missed.

Joan

John Preen

Essie and family called at Latymer Close to ask me to put a note in the Gossip to say a heartfelt thank you for all the kindness and support shown in the village on John's passing.

Braybrooke W.I.

Dorothy Runchman, President of Braybrooke W.I., welcomed 27 members, 1 guest and 3 new members to the September meeting and presented four birthday posies. She reported on the recent trip to Tolthorpe Hall to see Midsummer Night's dream, enjoyed by six members and described the Margaret Aspinall bursary, which is available for Denman College in 2007

The Secretary Marilyn Knibb read out a letter from W.I. headquarters in response to the criticism about the packaging of the magazine "WI Life" to be distributed to all WI members in February 2007. Members were reassured that 80% of the packaging is recyclable. Members also had access to the report from the Kelmarsh Harrington and Arthingworth W.I. member who recently attended the Annual meeting in Cardiff.

Various items were highlighted from the newsletter including an Olde Tyme music Hall, guided walks, a Christmas craft and coffee morning, an update on resolutions, a skittles evening, gala concert by W.I. Choir and a new page on the web site - indicating some of the interests and activities within the W.I.

The Flower of the Month competition was won by Alex Corderoy, second Margaret Mansfield and third Pat Corderoy. Delicious refreshments were served by Maggie Hartog, Chris Crowther and Andrea Greenaway. Joan Wilford was the winner of the raffle prize donated by Marilyn Knibb and Aldris Steed.

The speaker for the evening was Viv Jozsa from the House of Colour who demonstrated the seasonal colours that would best suit skin tones and gave a demonstration of accessorizing. Her volunteer model for the evening was Alex Corderoy who bravely faced members in the choice of colours.

The next meeting on 9th October will be the Annual one, when the new committee members are elected. Nominations should be given to the Secretary. Visitors are warmly welcomed to the meetings

Maureen Freemam.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Due to the lack of a co-ordinator and sufficient number of volunteers, the opportunity to carry out a further speed watch campaign in the village had to be rejected. There is a waiting list of villages wishing to join the scheme and if Braybrooke wishes to be considered for participation next year, it is essential that a co-ordinator and more volunteers come forward. Please contact a member of the Parish Council if you are interested in assisting so that the project can continue next year.

COAST TO COAST

I am sure all the village would like to join in with the Gossip and congratulate our intrepid heroes on this fantastic walk and the wonderful sum raised. Here is their story...

Gary and I would like to thank everyone who sponsored us on our 190-mile walk for Primary Biliary Cirrosis St Bees Head in Cumbria to Robin Hoods Bay in North Yorkshire, also special thanks to Jonathan, Joan and Wally - Jonathan for taking us to St Bees on July 15th, Joan for chauffeuring me round the village collecting sponsors (she knows everyone) and Wally for picking us up from Robin Hoods Bay on the 29th when we had finished the walk.

So on Sunday July 16th we started the walk. First we walked to the beach to dip our boots in the Irish Sea (the tide was out) to pickup a pebble, which we were to carry with us on the journey. Off we set climbing to the top of St Bees Head, to Ennerdale Bridge 14 miles to our B&B, the temperatures soared, little did we know that they would reach 91° + and would stay that way all through the walk (it was hot!). The walk round the coast was lovely and we saw many different sea birds, on passed the lighthouse, we left the coast walked over fields down a lane to Sandwith and a well earned drink at the Dog & Partridge, on through Cleator over the fields to our 1st really big climb Dent 1250ft and what a climb! (Who's idea was this anyway?) We got to our hotel had a pint and a meal, then a shower and after attending to our blisters off to bed ready for the next day.

Ennerdale Bridge to Rosthwaite 14 miles and another climb of 2000ft almost straight up then over and down, we passed by Haystacks on this walk where A J Wainwrights ashes are scattered. Had I had the energy I would have stomped all over it. As you may know or not, AJ was a hill walker and that is exactly what he did on this walk, it would not have entered his head to go round a hill or a mountain, no, straight over the top. But we did have some wonderful views.

That night we stayed in Stonythwaite another lovely B&B. Knotts View a hill that we were to climb the next day to Grasmere 18 miles and another 2000 ft up and down into Grasmere. Very nice but full of tourists and expensive, we stayed in a hotel there, a room at the top and 2 small windows, not to be recommended in a heat-wave!! But we survived.

Grasmere to Patterdale 9 miles and another 2000ft. Gary actually cooled of under a water-fall one of many we saw, I think the tarns were really too cold even in the heat we were experiencing - any way too risky. The next morning we actually had a shower of rain as we set off for Shap 16 miles but it didn't last, a climb of 2500ft and down again over Kidsty Pike where I'd hoped to see an eagle but I never did! We did see the great whale back of High Street what a sight and walked the length of Haweswater; pass by Shap Abbey, into Shap.

The next day Shap to Kirkby Stephen 21 miles this looked like an easy walk on paper. We crossed over the M6 went through Orton a lovely little village where we had a pint at the local inn, all very nice but - you guessed it - there was a hill of 1250 ft just before the end!

Continued...

Then from Kirkby Stephen to Keld 13 miles and the halfway point of the walk. We climbed another 2250 ft over Nine Standards Rigg then 6 miles on we phoned Steady Eddies Taxi to take us back to Kikby Stephen where we stayed another night, to be collected in the morning and taken back to Keld to continue the walk to Reeth. 11 miles and two shorter hills of 1800 ft down into Reeth where our hotel over looked the beautiful village green and market place. Reeth to Richmond 11 miles the easiest walk so far but a very long road walk to our B&B and the blisters are not getting any easier!

The next day 23 miles to Ingelby Cross mostly road walking - that's all we needed at this time with very sore feet and on the whole a very boring walk! Ingelby Cross to Clay BankTop, five peaks one of 1000 ft and three straight after one another of 1500 ft and when we got to Gt Broughton where we were staying all three pubs and the shop were closed typical! We did get a pot of tea and homemade scones from the lovely old couple who ran the B&B, they were both in their 80s. I must say all the B&Bs we stayed at got 10 out of 10 as far as we were concerned, they were all lovely people.

Next day over the moors from Clay Bank Top to Glaisdale 19 miles, also a fair bit of climbing, we stayed in a 17th century farm-house outside the village at the top of a hill. That afternoon we caught a train to Grosmont to have a look at the steam railway where Wally, Geoff myself and the dogs spent a week, two weeks ago on holiday. A very pleasant afternoon/ evening, we got the train back to Glaisdale had a meal in the pub and the landlord then provided us with a taxi back to the farm-house free of charge (there are still some very kind people around).

The last day Glaisdale to Robin Hoods Bay 20 miles. A lovely walk through East Arnecliff wood after passing by Beggars Bridge onto Grosmont where we knew we had a climb of 1000ft over two miles on the road to Slights Moor. Then down to Little Beck through another wood where we saw the Falling Foss Water Fall almost minus the water (lack of rain), on through Hawsker then onto the coast path the last 4 miles to Robin Hoods Bay. We reached our B&B about 5 o'clock left our rucksacks there before going down to the beach. The tide was in we dipped our boots in the North Sea dropped our pebbles and said WE HAVE DONE IT! Then it went a bit flat so we had a pint in Wainwrights Bar we felt we had earned it, signed the book, made our comments and collected our certificates.

We climbed the hill back to our B&B had a shower and a meal and to bed well pleased with what we had accomplished. The next day July 29th Wally arrived with the dogs just as we had finished breakfast so after Wally had had his breakfast at the B&B we set off for home.

I would like to give extra special thanks to my son Gary, because without his company and encouragement I am sure I would have given up, he was the best walking companion anyone could have wished for, he also carried both rucksacks most of the way.

Also we have raised about £700 when I get it all in, for Primary Biliary Cirrosis a progressive liver disease that, as yet has no known cause or cure, which I have suffered with for the past 7 years. We would like to thank everyone who collected and sponsored us THANK-YOU.

Valerie & Gary Panter

A walk well worth doing for the views and magnificent scenery, may-be I should have done it a few years ago!! But having done it I feel I really have achieved something and we all need to do that at least once in our lifetime!

Valerie