

The Braybrooke Gossip

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Neil Gets the Bird!

Neil Adams will fill be able to fill you in on the details BUT

This bird arrived in our garden on a Thursday morning. All of the family, who were and still are working here, saw it on the garden fence. On Saturday teatime I was leaving to pick Geoff up from West Lodge. It was sitting on the top of our gate. Nodding and asking for food. So what could I do? I raided the fridge and fed it 3 slices of ham off the bone (meant for Geoff's sarnies the next day) and left to pick him up. When we returned it was still here so I rang Steve Adams whose son Neil is a qualified falconer.

The bird was still here on Sunday morning and Neil came out with all of his gear. He was so impressive - he swung his lure and called the bird down and lay for two hours on the Jeacock's lawn, in pouring rain, talking to the bird and waiting, waiting and waiting. Eventually the bird had enough confidence to approach him and he CAUGHT IT! NEIL WAS AMAZING. Through his contacts at HOLDENBY HALL, which is a national centre for falconry, he was able to reunite the bird with its owner in Rushton Village. WELL DONE LAD - it was great to be a part of this little bit of Rural Tradition. I think he should come to our next Fete and display his own birds and help to educate the youngsters of the village with his knowledge and care of these beautiful winged feathered servants of man.

Ruth



HELP!

The Computer Bus was such a huge success with the younger residents of the village and proved the fact that there is a requirement for further activities but to enable this to be possible we need volunteers to help out.

In the recent Parish Council Questionnaire 7 people stated that they would be prepared to give time to overlooking children's activities. At the moment the Parish Council is in discussion with Tim Bellamy of Kettering Borough Council who is prepared to help us set up activities within the village for the younger generation. Would those people, please, contact the Parish Council with their names and details to enable us to (a) identify them and (b) talk to them regarding support and help.

CHURCH NEWS

The two churches together in Braybrooke intend to start a home group during February for Bible Study and Prayer. It will be informal, relaxing and open to anyone who is interested. To find out more, please contact Graham and Maureen Wise on 468695.

The two churches welcome everyone to Morning Worship every Sunday at 10am using both buildings alternately. Details can be found on the church notice boards.

THANKS!

RUTH & GEOFF TINEY would like to thank all of the villagers for their Get Well Greetings and Good wishes for the recovery of Geoff after his little trip at West Lodge the week before Christmas. The Medical Profession has been telling him for years that smoking would kill him!! Well, this has not quite happened but falling over a NO ENTRY rope and breaking his thigh bone and laying on frozen ground for over an hour waiting for an ambulance nearly DID. He was only popping out for a ciggy, but true to form SOMETHING HAS SURVIVED and is beginning to emerge.

THIS PHENOMENON IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR VIEWING - IT HAS TO BE FIT UP AND RUNNING BY THE END OF MARCH WHEN HIS SON'S ARE GOING TO TRY AND DROWN HIM ON A FISHING HOLIDAY IN FRANCE, WOULD LOVE TO RECEIVE VISITORS.

CONGRATULATIONS!



New Arrivals

to Julie and Peter Wise
and
a very warm welcome to
the twins!

to Granddad, Barry Royle
on the arrival of his
granddaughter, Daisy

to Great Grandparent Beryl
Hawker, Jo and Matt, on the
arrival of a daughter, Kelsey

to Grandparents Margaret
and Viv Jackson and to
Chris and Laura on the
arrival of their son Josiah

to Grandparents Maureen
and Allan Freeman, Laura
and Simon a son, Dominic
James, welcome new
brother for Sean

! don't miss the big egg hunt !

It is almost a whole year since we enjoyed a couple of hours rambling round the village finding Easter eggs in our Easter Egg Hunt and having fun in the village hall. This year the event will be held on

**Saturday 15th April in the Village Hall
from 10:00am - 12:00 Noon**

The event is in aid of the village hall Restoration Project. Last year we raised £140 and this year we would love to beat that target, so here are some of the activities we will be doing throughout the morning.

**Easter Egg hunt around the village
(remember to take an adult with you
at all times.**

Making Easter cards

Chocolate Easter Nests

Pin the tail on the Easter Bunny!

Easter colouring competition

Decorate an Egg

Egg & Spoon Race

**Squash/tea/coffee and cakes available
to purchase on the day**

Raffle

EVERY CHILD will receive a prize

If anyone would like to donate Easter eggs of any type or make a cake or a raffle prize for the event then everything will be very welcome.

Please contact Adrea or Kevin Greenaway at 3 Church Close 01858 410 324

Look out for the reply slips coming through your door nearer the time.



Diary Dates

February

Sat 4th Village Hall Lunch

Tue 7th - Acoustic Evening at the Swan

Tue 14th Valentines Day!!

26th - 9th Apr Cricket Nets

March

Sat 4th Village Hall Lunch

Tue 7th - Acoustic Evening at the Swan

Mon 20th **GOSSIP DEADLINE!**

Tue 21st Parish Council -

Mayor of Kettering attending

26th Mothering Sunday!

April

Sat 1st Village Hall Lunch

Sat 15th Easter Egg Hunt

Eggstraordinaire!

May

TBA Car Treasure Hunt

Tue 16th Parish Council

June

Sat 17th Village Fete

July

Tue 18th Parish Council

Sept

Thu 21st Parish Council

October

Fri 27th Hallow'een Fun

Nov

Tue 21st Parish Council

Check for up-dates and further info on

www.braybrooke.org.uk

Brookside

We were very sorry to hear that Dora, one of Linda & John's "extended family has sadly passed away. Although Dora suffered badly from deafness, she was always a happy lady.

Once again a successful coffee morning raised £35.50 which we are sending to the Air Ambulance.

On 22nd December, our final get together of the year was a wonderful buffet provided by Linda and John, complete with mulled wine, fresh salmon etc. (It was mentioned to me that John was seen with a rod and line sitting by the river Jordan...!) No comment necessary. Santa was there and a lovely angel complete with wings arrived plus several regulars wore fancy hats, a real party atmosphere.

Grateful thanks for the many raffle prizes given, which raised a further £92.50 for the air ambulance. Thanks again to Linda & John, we hope you enjoy your Sunday lunch out

Carol Service and Christingle

Thank you to everybody that took part In the Christmas Carol Service this year. With so little time for the children to practice, they all performed beautifully and it was especially nice to hear Natasha Ayton play her clarinet and Lauren Morrison sing a solo. Well done everyone for making the service so enjoyable. Thank you also to the ladies who provided the refreshments and mince pies. If anyone accidentally took home a knife with serrated edges from this service to wash, could they please return to Pat Corderey or Jacqui Noble.

The Christingle this year was taken by David Bosworth and organised by Marilyn Knibb. This was the perfect start to the Christmas festivities - thank you for a lovely service. £178.70 was raised from the service which will be donated to the Church of England Children's Society.

Thanks again go to Robert and Jobe Jeacock for setting up the church lights, the church looks delightful at this time of year. Thank you also to the ladies on the cleaning and flower rota for decorating the church.

Finally congratulations to Viv and Margaret Jackson on becoming proud grandparents to Josiah Kai Jackson. We look forward to welcoming him to Braybrooke.

Braybrooke W.I.

December

Members exchanges gifts at their December meeting and enjoyed the Christmas buffet. They were also well entertained by Jayne Osborn and Ted Harrison who read their humorous poetry. Ann Underwood proposed the vote of thanks.

Chris Crowther and Maggy Hartog provided a bumper raffle, which 17 members won! Andrea Greenaway won the best decorated parcel competition.

The programme for 2006 was distributed, which will include the history of masks, gladiators, candle making and a pub meal. Members also received a briefing sheet on proposed resolutions, which will be discussed at the January meeting.

January

Twenty-four members and one visitor were intrigued by the title of Liz ward's talk at the first meeting of the New Year, which was "What my Mother-in-Law didn't tell me". They were not disappointed but enjoyed a humorous and very interesting presentation. Denise Middleton was the hostess for the evening and Pat Corderey proposed the vote of thanks.

Three birthday presents were given out and after items from the newsletter had been announced, members considered and voted on the Northamptonshire resolutions shortlist. The items included HIV/AIDS prevention and gender inequality, renewable energy, health risks of hydrogenated fats, sport for a healthy population, NHS community midwifery model, secret ballots and the provision of public conveniences. Some members also signed a petition asking their government to re-introduce cooking and nutrition to the National Curriculum in the year 2006/7 and ban advertising of unhealthy foods to children.

Dot Tyers won the raffle prize donated by Jo Butterworth and Barbara Lynch. She also won the flowers of the month competition. Marilyn Knibb and Meg Hakewill, Pat Wilson and Margaret Mansfield provided refreshments. Next month members plan to have a meal together at the Swan in Braybrooke. Visitors will be welcome to the meeting on the 13th March when Andrea Greenaway will demonstrate ceramic plate decorating.

Maureen Freeman

Cricket Club Report

Annual Dinner & Presentation Evening

Around 40 people were well fed and watered on Friday November 25th 2005 by The Swan at Braybrooke

Captain Paul Clarke told those present that Braybrooke CC's season was like the summer weather - mixed!

Awards

Batting - Mike Ward
Bowling - Hugh Hackett
Fielding - Rory Jeacock
Merit - Dave Winter
Most Improved Player - George Stanley
Catch of the Season - Joe Hiner
Player's Player of the Season - Mike ward
Duck Trophy - Jamie Twigger

Christmas Draw 2005

A very well attended evening, super refreshments provided by Val Panter and her team. Wally excelled as the bingo caller!

The £100 first prize was won by Enid Haynes, a relation of James Handy, from Arthingworth. James is Braybrooke CC's opening bowler, I think Enid is his mother-in-law!

AGM

To be held at The Swan, on Monday, January 30th, 2006, starting at 20:00, everyone most welcome. I'll buy them a beer, if we accommodate a non-cricketer!

Winter - indoor nets

These will be held at Welland Park College from Sunday Feb 26th, through to Sunday April 9th 2006, 14:00 - 16:00. If you want to make the Sunday team, please come along.

Tour 2006

It is still Braybrooke CC's intention to tour, Nottingham, late May Bank Holiday, dependent on response.

Season Start

Braybrooke CC's season starts on Sunday April 23rd 2006, when the mighty Stamford visit The Castle Ground for a 14:30 start.

Glyn Panter
Secretary BCC

Village Hall

Thanks to everyone who came to the lunch £423 raised for VH fund.

Cards with VH picture still available - if each house in the village bought one more pack we would raise another £500! Contact Barbara or Gill 467125/431501

The new windows have been ordered - being installed in February.

200 Club

now due

please

£12 per year.

Church Services

5th Feb 10am All Saints, Holy Communion
12th Feb 10am Chapel
19th Feb 10am All Saints, Family Service
26th Feb 10am Chapel
1st March 7.30pm All Saints Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion
5th March All Saints, Holy Communion
12th March 10am Chapel
19th March 10am Chapel
19th March 10am All Saints,
Mothering Sunday Family Service

The Gossip

Your new editor is very pleased to be able to produce this latest edition with the support of all the contributors without which it would certainly cease.

I am sure the village joins me in thanking the "old"(sorry) production and delivery teams for all their efforts in rain and shine to produce 35 issues.

Contributions are very welcome, articles about the village history for example for us newbies and other items of interest.

Please e-mail if you can - it saves typing - mine!
Otherwise, paper or floppy disk contributions and digital or ordinary photos can be dropped in at 3 Latymer Close.

By 20th March please.

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