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BRANGORE PARISH COUNCIL

We held the Annual Assembly in April. We had only one member of the public, a Councillor's husband. He was able to propose that the Newsletter should continue, otherwise it would have stopped, as we have to have a mandate to continue.

It is very disheartening to have so little interest taken in what the Parish Council does and how it spends YOUR money. If you had attended the Council meetings, you would have known that we were writing the Dog By-laws with the assistance of DEFRA. These will be enforced soon, when we have put up the relevant notices. Removal of these will make no difference. The Dog Warden will be employed to assist with this.

Parish Plans have been dropped for the time being. We need your help with these as it is the village where YOU LIVE, not just the Parish Council members. You need to tell us what you want to see happen in the village. We need to have a thriving community, keep our shops and other services. If you have any ideas, let us know. The Old Vicarage site for affordable housing has been put on hold for the time being. Perhaps because it is in the National Park, just. I hope District Councillor Greenfield will help us with this as he is Portfolio Holder for Housing at NFDC. The development behind Meyrick Close is going ahead. This is affordable housing. The New Forest Litter Pick is in August. Those interested in helping with the clean up should meet in the village car park at 2 pm on Saturday, 6th August. The Beavers will be litter picking in the Recreation Ground on before schools break up for the summer on 27th June starting at 5.15 pm.

We hope to start the extension to the village hall shortly. We have started a "Buy a Brick" Scheme to help raise money towards this project.

You in Brangore now have a Club each Wednesday which has started well and been enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all those who have put in much time and effort to this this project off the ground.

The Croquet Club of Burley have asked if we can provide a lawn near the pavilion on the School Site Playing Field. There is room and so in due course one will be provided. I understand there are several people in Brangore who belong to the Club and play in a regular basis. If you are interested, please look out for notices with regard to this.

Footpath walks start on Sunday, 5th June. Notices will be put up to advise anyone who is interested.

The Village Quiz will be held on Wednesday, 7th September – Councillor Mrs Liza Wood will be organising the event again so look out for details at the Parish Office on Oak Tree Parade.

The Village Hall Warden, Mr John Walker, is involved with a local organisation which arranges holidays locally for children from Chernobyl. The scope of the holidays has been extended to include children from Breslan, the scene of the horrendous school massacre. Some of them visited Brangore Playing Field on 30th March and an impromptu football match took place with our youngsters who were

having a kickabout on the football pitches. It didn't matter that the Russian children didn't speak English or ours didn't speak Russian, football is a universal language.

COUNCIL MEETINGS (at 7.30 pm)

Planning - first Tuesday of the month
Amenities - second Tuesday “
Parish Council - third Tuesday “

Sub-Committees meet in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. Full Council Meetings will be in the Main Hall if it is not required.

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the public

Clerk to the Parish Council : Mrs Clarke – Office number 01425 674155

Have a good Summer.

SALLY OWEN
Chairman 672596`

BRANSGORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The last few months have been very eventful for the BSA. We had a great School Disco back in March which was much enjoyed by all. Both the Infant and Junior discos were well attended with approx 170 children dancing their way into the early evening. The disco is one of a number of events that the BSA organises for the benefit of the children – it is not a fund raising activity (although unexpectedly we did make a few pounds on the tuck shop this year!) and is intended purely as a source of fun for the children.

For the male parents and teachers of the school, we also held a social event of a more adult nature – namely a tour of the local Ringwood Brewery. It was a very successful event, everyone had a great time and we all learnt a great deal about the art of brewing!

In April, the Ladies Night was also a tremendous success. The fashion show was very popular and the opportunity to do a bit of shopping and have a great time whilst husbands and partners stayed at home looking after the children was not one to be missed! We were also able to raise over £1200 for school.

Earlier this month we had a great time hosting a Dog Show at the Bransgore Village Fun Day, raising over £150.

More recently, we organized a Forest Treasure Hunt and BBQ. We were very lucky with the weather and as result we had over 100 parents and children trekking through the forest on foot, by bike or in the comfort of a car answering questions and looking for clues with the hope of winning the grand prize. Everyone had a great time.

We are now moving full steam ahead with our plans for the Summer Fete on the 9th July. We hope to have a Walking Carnival in which both children from the school and local children's groups will take part. This will be followed by the Summer Fete at the School which will have a traditional British Summer Fete theme this year – egg and spoon races, coconut shies etc. In the evening there will be a Barn Dance and Supper at the Village Hall featuring a popular local Barn Dance band – the “Woodsiders”.

Our fund-raising plans this year all revolve around improving the out-door play areas of the school – new play equipment, garden areas, fencing, paths etc. Very little of this work would be possible without the funds raised by the BSA.

Please keep an eye on our web site for more details on the above and for leaflets and posters at the school. I hope to see many of you at one of our events this year and thanks for all your support so far.

JASON HINES Chairman

ST. MARY the VIRGIN with ALL SAINTS. BRANSGORE

Greetings in the name of Jesus and welcome to the Church of England's slot in the Bransgore Newsletter.

The Make Poverty History Campaign was launched in January this year. Hundreds of charities and agencies across Britain and around the world are involved in the struggle to reduce world poverty by half by 2015. Many churches too are committed to the cause, a cause at the heart of the Christian Gospel, that cause being the relief of suffering to millions of people in the world today.

We are all being encouraged in our churches to get active, to get involved and to campaign for the root causes of this poverty to be eradicated once and for all.

From <http://www.makepovertyhistory.org> :

“The gap between the world's rich and poor has never been wider. Malnutrition, AIDS, conflict and illiteracy are a daily reality for millions.

But it isn't chance or bad luck that keeps people trapped in bitter, unrelenting poverty. It's man-made factors like a glaringly unjust global trade system, a debt burden so great that it suffocates any chance of recovery and insufficient and ineffective aid.

Back in 2001 the governments of the eight wealthiest nations on the planet said that they were going to do something about it - in what was seen as a breakthrough, they promised to halve world poverty by 2015. **Four** years later the world is failing dismally to reach those targets.

This year offers a truly exceptional set of opportunities for the UK to take a lead internationally and say that enough is enough.

With the UK hosting the G8 gathering of powerful world leaders in July as well as holding the presidency of the European Union (EU) for the second half of the year, our Government and particularly Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, will be influential players on the world stage - we must make sure they play their part. They have the power and we can make them use it.”

I commend this campaign to you, check out the website, get involved. What else can we do?

On Saturday July 2nd from 10am to 1pm we are holding a “Make Poverty History” Activity Zone at St Mary's church. This is the day of the all important G8 Summit in Edinburgh where the leaders of the eight richest nations of the world will gather to discuss these all important issues of poverty, debt and trade.

On this morning our main aim will be to create and paint a 15 foot high “Make Poverty History” banner and to hang it from the top of the church tower for the weekend. We will also be able to write our own letters of protest, send postcards to those who make the decisions affecting the lives of millions and to stand together in solidarity with the world poorest people to show that we do care and that we want our voices heard by the politicians who can actually make a real difference to the millions of lives that are lost every year through unfair trade, debt and poverty.

During the morning there will be refreshments, games, activities, some stalls, lots of fun in the glorious July sunshine and an opportunity to light a candle and to say a prayer. After we have hung the banner we will stand together in silent protest for several minutes and then conclude with some cheering before enjoying a BBQ lunch together.

If you are concerned about the millions of people who die every year from poverty, unfair trade and crippling debt repayments and want to do something about it then come and support the “Make Poverty History” Activity Zone at St Mary’s church on July 2nd.

It is an opportunity for this parish, this village, this community, for ourselves to stand together, unite, protest and to take action. As Christians we are compelled and called by Jesus to care and to act, as human beings we have a humane duty of care towards those who die needlessly on our planet home.

BRANSGORE & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

100 balloons celebrating the **Centenary of Rotary International** were released at Bransgore’s **Fun Day**. One of the balloons, having travelled 237 miles, has already been recovered in Norwich! Judging by the many happy smiling faces, Fun Day was a great success, with over 40 different stalls and attractions raising thousands of pounds for local charities and especially for Bransgore’s Community Responders (*providing potential life saving response to victims of Heart Attack.*) Bransgore Rotary Club would like to thank all the people who so kindly supported the occasion by organising the various events and, more importantly, for being there on the day! Under the presidency of Mike Phillips, Bransgore Rotary has this year already donated £4000 towards Rotary’s Tsunami Appeal and another £1500 to Hope & Homes for Children. More locally Bransgore School received £1000, the Domino Appeal a further £850 and Thorney Hill Community Centre £500.

Future Club events include the annual Golf Day at Dibden Purlieu on 29th June (contact Allan Alford on 673987) and the ‘Band in the Park Concert’ at Avon Tyrrell where Rotary will be supporting the UK Youth Log Cabin Appeal on Saturday 2nd July. The ‘**Band in the Park Concert**’ features ‘The Taverners Big Band,’ and Mat King as ‘UK’s Elvis.’ The concert begins at 6 pm and ends with a Fireworks Finale by Pains at 11 pm. In addition to the musical entertainment there’ll be a Hog Roast, Bar, Tombola, Raffle, Kid’s Activities, Boating, Climbing, Archery and Ropes course. Advanced Tickets available from Avon Tyrrell Activities Centre: Adults £12, under 16’s with accompanying adult £3, or an extra £2 per head on the night. Special advanced family ticket (2 adults 2 children) £25. Make it a really atmospheric evening by bringing along a picnic, candles, moonlight.....

Further details of these and other club activities can be obtained from our Club's President: Mike Phillips on 674487 or from our PRO: Johnnie Parry on 476930.

NEW FOREST DISABILITY INFORMATION SERVICE

HELPLINE 01425 628750

We are a registered charity providing free, confidential information and advice to those of any age with disabilities, their families, carers, friends and professionals. The charity was set up 7 years ago to address the lack of awareness covering issues such as **Transport, Equipment, Benefit Entitlements, Holidays, Home Adaptations, Access, etc.**

We have accessible offices in **New Milton, Hythe and Ringwood** where our staff and volunteers are specifically trained and have a wide knowledge of disability related issues, often through personal experience. Those in need of the service can make contact themselves or can be referred to us from Social Services, the CAB or via our own Village Links.

The Service also offers a (limited) **Home Visiting Scheme** for the housebound and a **Travelling Service** which takes staff to pre-booked venues such as Libraries and Community Halls, etc. This can benefit the more rural parts of the Forest.

As with all successful charities, we are constantly on the look out for new volunteers to help with the ever increasing workload and to keep standards high. We are particularly in need of new members to join our **Board of Trustees**. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who could bring help and ideas as well as a sense of humour to our monthly meetings. We would also love to hear from volunteers who could help with **collating, filing and reception**, as well as those who could assist our staff with the imparting of **information and advice**.

The Service also runs a **Village Link Scheme** where reliable volunteers become the local "Link" for their community, passing on our literature to GP surgeries, Village Halls, local groups, etc. entirely at their convenience. Some of our Village Links are also the contact between clients and our Service. We currently have 10 Links volunteering across the Forest.

To date the Service has helped approximately 5,500 people with some 10,200 enquiries and secured in the region of three quarters of a million pounds in state benefits for local people.

Enquiries for the Travelling Service/Village Links, please contact Kate Goldsmith on 07909-868307 or 01425 623485 (admin line).

Calling all budding photographers!

We are planning a 2006 Calendar depicting scenes from the New Forest, its people and its adjacent coastline. Photographs should be sent in on disc or a chance to be

included in the calendar. Entry fee is £1.00. All proceeds will help the charity continue its often complex work, done on behalf of its clients.

BRANSGORE YOUTH PROJECT

On 23rd April we held a successful St George's Day Disco, including a band, with over 100 young people attending. We hope to hold discos regularly in the future. The Disco and Fun Day helped to publicise our opening night on Wednesday, 11th May, attended by 39 young people, taking part in activities such as non-alcoholic cocktail making, dance mat, PS2, PC's jewellery making, outside games, music, etc. The sessions are led by a qualified Youth Worker, assisted by volunteers and will continue every Wednesday, 7- 9 pm, at the Village Hall, excluding school holidays, when we hope to run activities such as Djing and Mcing.

At the moment we seem to be appealing mainly to 11-14 year olds, but the funding is up to 16 year olds, so if any of you older ones fancying organising a band/djing night or have any ideas for activities, please let us know.

Thanks to all who have supported us in setting up the project.

For further information, please phone Stella on 674207.

BRANSGORE METHODIST CHURCH

Minister – Rev. R. Clarke. BA. Telephone: 673304

The May Day Fun Day was again a great village event. This year the Methodist Church decided to show our presence with a stall. With the help of our Brockenhurst Chapel, we sold Fair Trade Goods – provided by the Traid Craft organisation. This was successful and I hope encouraged more people to think about the real problems that developing countries have when faced with unfair trading practices controlled by the Western world. Part of the 'Make Poverty History' campaign which is already making itself known to our politicians, and will be much in evidence at the G8 Summit, is to persuade governments to support Trade Justice. The recent Christian Aid Week reminded us that, for example, in Mozambique the sugar farmers are at last able to compete in their own market places; whereas, until recently, cheap subsidised imports made the price even lower than the locals could produce it for. Now the Mozambique government has taken the bold step of defying the World Bank and the powerful nations by putting controls on imports. It should not be the poor who have to take such steps. The rich economies can and should see to it that trade is fair for all across the world.

Events

Saturday, 2 nd July	Coffee Morning – in the Church Hall
Saturday, 9 th July	At 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea in aid of NCH (booking essential)
Saturday, 6 th August	Coffee Morning at Ellesbury, Brook Lane, Neacroft
Saturday, 3 rd September	Coffee Morning – in the Church Hall

Rev. RICHARD CLARKE

BRANSGORE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Well, yet another successful season for the Boys and Girls of Bransgore Youth as we make way for the cricket season.

We had our Presentation Night on Saturday in the Village Hall which was a great success. I thank everyone one who attended and I would like to thank all the Committee Members and Managers who helped the evening run so smoothly.

Our long suffering Secretary, Lyn Wheeler, was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a small thanks for all her very hard work and commitment this season.

Once again, the three senior players, Matt Parker and Dan and Will Stones, were there to give a hand throughout the evening and each won an award as a mark of gratitude for all the time they have given to the Club this season.

The Club is sorry to be saying farewell to Geoff Palmer, who was the Manager of last season's Under 16's. The players from his team will now be filtering into the Senior Teams. Geoff took over the team three seasons ago when it looked like the it was going to fold and turned the teams fortunes around with the help of Martin Conyard.

There is still so much on our Calendar for the end of the season to include our end of season party and five-a-side tournament, the later of which is on the weekend of 25th and 26th June. We always like to thank each and every business which supports the Club, and as ever we are very grateful to The Carpenter's Arms for allowing us to hold our meetings in their back room. We would also like to thank The Crown who have also been of a great support to us this year. We would like to thank Denisons who have sponsored one of our teams for next season.

We have a new Manager for next season, Richard Wardle, who will be running the Under 7's. If you wish to come down and train with Richard then please contact him on 07769540680. He will be a great addition to the Club.

The Club seems to go from strength to strength and I for one am very proud to be associated with it.

ARF SCAIFE
Press Secretary

Brownie update 2004/05

We have had a very busy year, which started in September with a Barbeque, to celebrate our first Brownie evening in our new hut – Ann's Lodge, Burn House Lane. We have enjoyed various activities including outdoor games, Christmas disco, badge work where the girls have gained 3 badges each already this year, a drama workshop, as well as various arts and crafts projects.

We had a tombola stall at the May Day Fun Day. With the proceeds of last year's stall we went Ten Pin Bowling for our end of year event; this year we will be visiting The Alice in Wonderland Theme Park for an exciting fun packed day.

In June we will be taking part in "The Giant Sleepover 05" which is expected to break the world record by having 100,000 children nationwide sleeping over on the 18th.

We are planning games, a treasure hunt, crafts, including hama beads and scoubidou, a barbeque and campfire for the day/evening.

In July we will attend a District end of year event with all the Bransgore Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers.

If you are 7+ and would like to become a Brownie and take part in activities such as these, then why not contact Brown Owl – Kate Diment - on 01425 6747

JENNY CARR District Commissioner 673490

BRANSGORE ART CLUB

It was a sad ending to our year as our President, founder member and senior member of our Club, Nora Hayden, died. Nora had been the backbone of the club for many years and will be sadly missed.

The Club continues in its own quiet way. We all do our own particular thing and enjoy ourselves, which is the most important aspect of the Club.

We could do with more members. If you are a painter, would like to be a painter or wonder if you could possibly be a painter, then get in touch with John Gerwat, 673723, David Cox, 674995 or Alasdair Murray, 274686. You would be amongst friends and I am sure you would enjoy yourself.

ALASDAIR MURRAY
Secretary

BRANSGORE CRICKET CLUB - YOUTH

Indoor nets have finished and the May rains have arrived which can only mean that this summer's cricket season has started.

The club A.G.M took place on 18th March in the back room of "The Carpenters' Arms" to whom we are grateful for their continuing hospitality. Attendance was 'patchy' to say the least, but a decision to merge the youth and adult clubs was agreed in principle.

Although we have only just started our fixtures, results have been very encouraging even if the matches are taking place in cold and/or wet conditions. All squads have started with the exception of the Under 10's whose first game was on May 22nd. Very encouraging numbers have turned up for training and as many children as possible will be given the opportunity to play for this team.

This summer we are running the following youth teams: -

<u>Squad</u>		<u>Play on</u>
Under 10	-	Sunday mornings
Under 11	-	Saturday mornings
Under 13	-	Saturday mornings
Under 15/16	-	Monday evenings
Under 17	-	Thursday evenings
Colts	-	Saturday afternoons

In addition, a side has been entered into the Wimborne evening league to play on Wednesday evenings to give a chance for lads too old for the youth squads to

experience competitive cricket. I am indebted to all parents and players who help to train and run the teams.

The colts are again playing on Saturday afternoons in the Hampshire League and will also be combining with the adults to play a number of Sunday afternoon friendly matches.

The quiz evening held on May 13th was a very successful – thanks are due to Mike Page (quizmaster extraordinaire) and SPAR and ‘The Crown’ for their donations towards the raffle.

If your child would like to play for any of our teams, please contact me - Dave Lay - Bransgore 673242 or e-mail lay_dj@btopenworld.com

BRANSGORE CRICKET CLUB – ADULT

The village has begun to echo to the thwack of leather on willow and the creak of bones being roused from the winter’s inactivity. Yes, to the accompaniment of rain and wind and cold, the cricket season has started.

The club won its traditional pre-season friendly versus British Aerospace and the annual May Bank Holiday match was, for the first time, won by the colts – perhaps a portent of things to come?

The adults are playing on Saturday afternoons in the Hampshire League, Division South West III and will also be playing a number of Sunday afternoon friendlies. The first league match versus Burley Second XI was won convincingly with another 5 wicket haul for Mark Shutler. Let’s hope the form continues throughout the season. If you have just come into the village or used to play and would like to play cricket again please feel free to contact Richard Jones on 673880 or Dave Lay on 673242. We look forward to welcoming you.

“WE’LL MEET AGAIN”

And over 100 of us did at the Resource Centre on the evening of the 14th May to celebrate the 60th anniversary of VE Day. Thanks to the Vicar and his many helpers we were treated to an evening reminiscent of the street parties at which many of us were present in 1945. We were greeted by a hall decorated with Union Jacks, red, white and blue bunting, tables laid for supper (sausages and mash followed by apple pie and custard, not forgetting the bread pudding!), song sheets and streamers. We were able to view the film specially produced for the celebration and joined in the community singing led by Ann and Maisie. There were quizzes set by Rachel to tax our memories and prizes for the best of those who had dressed in war-time clothing. Raffle prizes includes packs of rations for a family for a week or month – very frugal!

After singing “We’ll meet again” and “There’ll always be an England”, dozens of balloons released from the ceiling ended a memorable evening.

BRANSGORE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The spring meetings of the Club have been varied with always a good attendance come rain or shine. Thank you to all our car drivers who so kindly collect members each meeting.

There have been some old favourites back to entertain us. The Tee Gees with a variety concert; Rev Timbrell with his so amusing and interesting talks. A new face

was Mr Woodward who gave a talk on the history of the London Palladium, bringing along some beautiful posters. Another new face was Gloria Henderson. An interesting talk on collectables and antiques, giving the members the value of their treasures, with 60 members that afternoon, was a very popular event.

Ann Pitt, our Outings Secretary, gave us a slide show of the very beautiful and natural scenery of the National Parks in the USA, which she toured by coach. As it was a tour my husband and I had done it was of special interest, bringing back some happy memories.

Our first outing of the year was well attended, with a mystery tour through Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset, with Barry, the chatty driver for Solent, giving out plenty of information along the way.

One of our new members is very keen to get the concert party going again. So if you enjoy singing and would like to join in, have a word with Janet Redgrave at the meeting. It would be great to get this going again – the last concert was Jubilee year. So don't be a shrinking violet – you are among friends – come and have a go.

Events for the summer

June 28 th	Book Sale and Quiz
July 12 th	John Combes – A – Z of the New Forest
July 26 th	Garden Party
September 13 th	Starlite Singers
September 27 th	Alan Wilson – Dorset Heritage Slides

The Club meets at the Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (except August) at 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm. All over 50's welcome. £1.50 per meeting; six month membership £6.00.

Wishing you all a relaxing and sunny summer.

ESTHER HARRIS

Secretary 01425 673589

BRANSGORE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Bill Bowling, Secretary, 672875 Mike Burrige, Treasurer, 672900

Your Association's Committee had one of its most hectic months during April. We hosted no less than three public meetings on successive Mondays.

The Story of Bransgore, was the theme of Doug Patterson. There was a good attendance with about 70 people present. We couldn't help suspecting that Doug had chivvied up his fan club to attend! The presentation was excellent and the questions and contributions from the attendees were stimulating. Drinks and biscuits were served afterwards and most people stayed to chat with each other.

Meet the Candidates - Hampshire County Council, was much less well attended, perhaps proving the observation once made to me by our sitting MP: "People are not interested in local government. They are only interested in what happens at Westminster", has a lot of truth in it, unfortunately.

Meet the Candidates - National Elections. This was a good session. All the five candidates - Conservative, Labour, Lib Dems., Green and UKIP - were present to form a panel. Each gave a 5-minute presentation and then faced questions from the floor.

After having run ourselves ragged for three weeks, distributing invites, posters; organising meetings, serving drinks, etc., etc. we were all glad to get back to normal.

A grateful thanks to all those who cooperated in this effort and to all those who attended.

17 new members signed up during these events. Welcome aboard, and all other Bransgorians and neighbours are welcome to join us.

BILL COTTON Chairman 673261

BRANSGORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Why does Bransgore Community Church exist? Great question! Some people may well think that the following illustration sums us up.

Once upon a time some visitors took a tour of an oil refinery. The tour guide showed them all the intricacies of the refining process. The vast catalyst chambers, the pipes, the heating vats - everything that went into the refining of oil. As the tour ended, one of the visitors asked the tour guide a simple question. "Sir, you showed us everything except the shipping department. This size oil refinery processes a huge amount of petroleum, turning it into gasoline and lubricants. But you haven't showed us where it's all put into containers and shipped out to the world."

"Well, you see," said the tour guide, "we don't have a shipping department.

Everything that is produced in this refinery is used up as energy to keep the refinery going."

We don't want to be like that; all gas, hot air and energetic running around but producing nothing useful! In September 2003 we changed our name from Bransgore Christian Centre to Bransgore Community Church to reflect our hope to be good news for the community. This good news has two aspects; the physical and the spiritual. We recognise that none of us connected with BCC are perfect, but as the car bumper sticker says, "Be patient - God's not finished with me yet!" Our hope is that as we get to know Jesus more and more each one of us at BCC will become more like him, and his unconditional love and servant heart will permeate through our lives and be obvious to all we come in contact with. We also want people in Bransgore increasingly to use and benefit from using our building in Shackleton Square. Over the last 18 months growing numbers have started using it and we have come to the position where we feel we would like to extend the premises in order that this facility may be improved. Hopefully by the time you have read this letter I will have spoken to the Parish Council Planning Committee in order to explain what we would like to do and to hear their comments.

We also want to be good news spiritually for Bransgore. We believe that God wants to have a loving relationship with each person in Bransgore and for this reason we pray regularly for the people living here. We would like everyone in this village to have the security and joy of knowing God as their friend, but we recognise that it has to be a person's individual's choice. We won't be trying to force our beliefs on you, but, if you would like discuss spiritual things I'm always open to have a coffee and chat.

If you are ever around Shackleton Square on a Sunday morning around 10.30am please pop in and join us. Or if you like, join us on our 'Journeys' course on Friday evenings in June, where there will be opportunities to discuss the more meaningful things of life after a meal and short video presentation. The evenings are free but please ring to book a place for catering purposes (01425) 673245.

PHIL COLE
Church Leader

BRANGORE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Previous Quarters Events

We certainly had a full Spring programme this year –it was as though we couldn't wait to get away from the Winter blues and into the new gardening year. We had the lecture in March – “Preparing for the Flower Show” – by Peter Collett. This was followed in April by “Roses” by Tom McKinley and then the Spring Show, followed by the Plant Sale in May. We do hope you enjoyed these activities and that they have helped to set you up for the Summer which is now upon us.

The SPRING SHOW April 9th provided a good start to the gardening season with a good number of excellent exhibits which taxed the skill of the judges and provided us all with a jolly good afternoon's pleasure examining them for ourselves in company with friends and neighbours. Our hearty congratulations to all exhibitors who gained an award and 'better luck next time' for those of us who didn't. Thank you all, exhibitors and visitors, for making the day so successful. See you at the Summer Show!

Trophies were awarded as follows :

Dove Shield	- Gwynne Davies	Loader Cup	- Douglas Patterson
Faborge Cup	- Gret Skeggs	Homecraft Vase	- Myra Poole
Frampton Cup	- Mrs Baines	Manley Cup	-
Rosemary Wallis			
Jennifer Reed Shield	- Frances Smith	Centenary Cup	- Rachael Smith

The Plant Sale May 6th and 7th proved to be as popular as ever and provided the Society with the funds to ensure a full programme for the coming months. It was also, of course, a good opportunity to pick up some very good plants at bargain prices. We hope they give you months or even years of pleasure. Thank you all for your support.

FUTURE EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 13 th	Day trip to Bramdean Gardens, Arlesford and Losely Park Gardens, Guildford
July 30th	Summer Show at the Village Hall. Staging 8.30 – 10.30 am. Open from 2 pm. Over 80 classes, something for everyone. Come along and have a try or just come along and browse, have a cup of tea and try your luck in the raffle!!
September 1 st	Lecture, “Primulas and Auriculas” by Alan Edmondson, 7.30 pm at the Resource Centre, St Mary's Church, Ringwood Road.

JIM DUDLEY
Publicity Officer 673202

6th CHRISTCHURCH (BRANSGORE) SCOUT GROUP

Beavers

LESLEY MANLEY Beaver Leader 672667

Cubs

Ginny Hebden

(Akela) 01425 674721

Trudi Butcher

(Chil) 01425 672830

Scouts

MIKE MANLEY Scout Leader 672667

Scout Hut and Ann's Lodge Hire

Both our halls are proving to be popular venues for all the community to hold events. For enquiries and to make a booking please contact Liz Holroyd on 01425 673398

And finally a message from our Group Scout Leader

GRAHAM PEDDER Group Scout Leader 01425 672914

ALL SAINTS, THORNEY HILL

On Saturday, 16th July, we invite you to join us for one of our popular concerts at All Saints. This time we will be welcoming "Airs and Graces", a singing ensemble who will be including songs from Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and favourite classics in their programme. The concert starts at 7 pm. It will be followed by supper at the new Thorney Hill Community Hall. Tickets for the concert only are £8 with a combined ticket for the concert and supper (to include wine) is £15. These can be obtained from Anne Strang (telephone 672247).

The Chapel will also be featured in National Heritage Week when it will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on both Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th September. This event has particular significance for us this year as the NMS (National Museums of Scotland) Enterprises Ltd. has recently co-published a book with the author, Dr. Elizabeth Cumming, the subject of which is Phoebe Anna Traquair, who painted the famous mural at All Saints. Phoebe occupies a unique position within British art. She was Scotland's first significant woman artist of the modern age and a valued contributor to the British Arts and Crafts Movement. All Saints is referred to in the book and we hope to have copies of it on sale during the open days. If you are interested in reserving a copy, please get in touch with Anne Strang on 672247. Avon Tyrrell House, which is also an example of the Arts and Craft Movement, will also offer conducted tours the same weekend to complement the Chapel's open days.

SCAD (Sopley Camp Anti-Development) COMMITTEE

Residents have been very concerned over the very noticeable refurbishment of the Units at the East end of the Camp. The SCAD Committee has contacted the NFDC to elaborate on these concerns, and a Mr. Frampton of the NFDC is currently investigating this matter, along with other complaints about the site.

We are delighted that the NFDC has visited the Site, and their brief was to establish the use of every single building on the site. They NFDC has also provide a contact number, should residents have a comment about a use of a particular Unit [02380] 285309.

There have also been concerns over the removal of asbestos. The SCAD Committee contacted Mr. Jeremy Stout {Environmental Health Office, NFDC, who subsequently

advised that 'all the metal is being recycled and the asbestos is being removed to a covered skip which is removed from site to a licensed tip. The remaining inert material arising from the refurbishment is being temporarily stored on site. We examined the only pile of waste material on site (the one in your photo) and there were no signs of any material containing asbestos. The white material in your photo is plasterboard manufactured by British Gypsum'.

The SCAD Committee is very grateful for the continuing support of residents.

D. STODDART

Secretary"

BRANSGORE THEATRE GROUP

The Daily Telegraph review of "The Invention of Love" referred to Tom Stoppard's intimidating, unabashed erudition which can make one feel like a slow-on-the-uptake interloper at High Table. I am sure that many of our members who attended this play at the Salisbury Playhouse shared this opinion and were left wondering "what was it all about?" The pity was that we were unable to read the programme notes prior to the performance which would have helped us better to understand. Nevertheless we do endeavour to provide an eclectic mix of theatre to suit all tastes, and in this sense we achieved our aim.

On the other hand, "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Poole was a riot of hilarious good humour and slapstick driven along at a brisk pace by an excellent cast which was without a weak link. One of our members recently remarked 'a most entertaining Saturday evening'. It starred Angela Thorne, Brigit Forsythe and Sylvester McCoy. Our final outing of the Spring Season is again at Poole to enjoy the major annual production of P & P Musicals who are staging HOT MIKADO. This is a 1940s-style updating of the perennial Gilbert and Sullivan classic with music transmuted into blues, swing, hot gospel, and "Three Little Maids" turned into an Andrew Sisters' show-stopper.

Thoughts will soon turn to September when we will go to a production of "To Kill a Mockingbird", which was first a book and then a film starring Gregory Peck. And in October we have reserved seats for "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at the Mayflower. Enjoy the summer.

LESLIE SEWELL

Hon. Secretary 01425 674026.

BRANSGORE PROBUS CLUB

For good friendship, interesting talks and a pleasant luncheon, join the Bransgore Probus. There are several vacancies at the moment. If you are interested, phone Donald McPhie on 673194.

Our March speaker was John Hansey – his subject "Mechanical Music". He brought with him many of his collection of musical boxes, harpsichords and types of organ. The reproduction of the tunes was great and a great time was had by all trying to recognise the tunes and sing along with them.

Michael Lees came to us in April, and gave a very interesting talk on Bucklers Hard, which is a curious little place consisting of two ranges of red-brick cottages with a grass sward between them. In the 1750s it thrived as a shipbuilding yard. The most

famous ship was the Agamemnon of 1781 which was commanded for several years by Nelson and took part in the battles of both Copenhagen and Trafalgar.

It is always nice to have one of our own members talk to us. In May it was John Gerwat and the subject "Humphrey Davy". It is often said that Davy's finest discovery was Michael Faraday whom he took on as his assistant. But this is unfair to Davy who had several achievements in chemistry as well as inventing the safety lamp, that bears his name, for use in mines.

PROBITY II

JACK AND JILL PRE-SCHOOL

Bransgore Village Hall, Burley Road, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 8AY

Tel:01425 673903

Registered Charity No. 1028854

Jack and Jill Pre-School is a community based, committee-run group, which has now been successfully operating for 30 years! The group caters for all children from 2.9 years to school entry and is registered with Ofsted as well as being a member of the Pre-School Learning Alliance. We receive Government funding for three and four year olds .

We had a very positive Ofsted report earlier in 2004, which made particular reference to the strong partnerships between the group and its committee, staff and parents.

Due to a continuing increase in numbers, our sessions are now:

Monday to Friday 9.00am-11.30am (with optional lunch club 11.30am-12.30pm)

We are now open for 3 afternoon sessions as well:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12.30pm-3.00pm

The afternoon sessions are for our children who will be starting school in the following September. We take the opportunity of visiting Bransgore Primary School in the Spring and Summer terms to ease the transition into mainstream school for both child and parent. We also have visits from the Foundation teachers from Bransgore Primary this term to help them and the children get to know each other.

Your child can be offered a safe, secure and stimulating environment, with a full curriculum leading to the Early Learning Goals. We have a high adult to child ratio including parental involvement. In the warmer, dry days we also have outside play. Wherever possible, we invite visitors to the group from the local community to talk about their work or local projects and we also have regular visits from a Ringwood Librarian. We also organize trips out, the last one being to Blashford Lakes in May, which was enjoyed by everyone.

We would like to thank everyone who supports Jack and Jill Pre-school during the year.

You are welcome to visit us any morning, or contact our Registration Secretary, Elaine Waters, on 672719.

Dates for your diary:

Sports Day and End of term

Friday 15th July

Autumn term begins

Monday 12th September

BRANSGORE LUNCH CLUB

As we approach the halfway mark for 2005, the Bransgore Lunch Club continues to be well supported by existing members. We have been pleased to welcome some new faces over the last few months. Our current diners continue to enjoy and appreciate the lunches provided in a friendly and social atmosphere. We do still have one or two

vacancies, so if you are interested in joining us, please contact either Shirley Tobias on telephone number 01425 673078 or Pat Newman on telephone number 01425 673678.

The Lunch Club AGM took place on Monday, 9th May. Shirley Tobias continues as Chairman, Mary Carlow as Treasurer and Pat Newman as Secretary. Thoughts are now turning to our Annual Coffee Morning. This is scheduled for Monday, 4th July at 10.30 am at Ann's Lodge (formerly the Boys' Brigade Hut). As usual there will be a variety of stalls and activities including tombola, a bric-a-brac stall, a cake and produce stall, a plant stall and a raffle. The entrance fee of 50 pence includes coffee and biscuits. Any contributions to the stalls would be gratefully received. Both members and non-members are cordially invited to the coffee morning, and we look forward to welcoming you all.

We still need helpers, drivers and cake makers to keep the Lunch Club running smoothly. If you feel you could spare between **2 and 3 hours ONCE A MONTH** to assist in any way whatsoever, please ring Shirley (673078) or Pat (673678). We would be delighted to hear from you.

As ever, our grateful thanks go to everyone who continues to support and contribute to the Lunch Club.

BRANSGORE EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild held their AGM on March 21st at the Resource Centre when a cheque for £650 was presented to Dr Geoff Pitts, a representative from the First Opportunities Playgroup in New Milton, which was our chosen charity for the year. Guild members were then introduced to Revd. Peter Rickman, the new Vicar of St Mary's Parish Church who gave a brief resume of his life up till now and answered questions. He is to join us again at our meeting on May 23rd when after showing a video is to lead a discussion on 'Euthanasia'.

We had quite a busy year this year starting with a very successful Fashion Show in aid of Oakhaven Hospice where second hand clothes were paraded by some of their supporters after which members were able to snap up bargains. A healthy profit was made both for the Hospice and our charity and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Our next big event was a Cheese and Wine evening which was held at Mount Stuart, Chapel Lane at which Tim Lowndes from McPenney's gave an interesting talk - we have our Chair Lady to thank for the lovely venue. This was a well-supported event once again for our charity.

September found twenty of our members at Avon Tyrrell taking a tour and finding out the history of this beautiful old house. October was our annual skittles evening, and members also visited The Mayflower to see 'High Society' and 'Rebecca'.

As well as running our own events we supported Comic Relief by running a cake stall in the village and the Village Fun Day by running a Bric-a Brac stall.

As a Guild we meet on the fourth Monday of every month at the Resource Centre, Ringwood Road for a social get-together with a guest speaker - this year these have included 'A diplomat's lot', Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, 'My travels with Sooty' and a yoga demonstration.

Details of our forthcoming meetings are listed in the Diary of Events. New members are always welcome - if you are interested please come along or give Melissa (674065) or Gill (673224) a call for further details.

GILL GREEN
Secretary

BRANSGORE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

I would like to start these notes by expressing our gratitude to Jane Safe for all her hard work during her occupation of the Chair of the Twinning Association. We are all delighted that , although she has relinquished the helm, she is staying on as a valued member of the committee. Many of the activities which she has initiated are now continuing in our calendar of events

We now welcome Judith Allebon who is maintaining her support of the Association as our new Chair having previously served as Publicity Officer, not forgetting the continued support of all members of our active committee..

Our recent AGM was followed by supper and a further excellent slide presentation by Janet Burn of Victorian and Edwardian scenes of our area.

Our friends from St George's Montcocq were due to visit us this year to join with us in celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the formation of our Association, but unfortunately the French Authorities have decided to call for a Referendum on the EU Constitution and arrangements have now been agreed for our friends to visit us next year.

The Twinning Association has been preparing for this event enthusiastically during the past year; new members have been welcomed into the Association and plans were underway to bake a cake and hold a soiree and we had planned to paint the Village red, white and blue in recognition of the visit of our friends from France.

We decided to celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of our successful Twinning by means of a barbecue in an informal setting on Sunday 29th May at The Scout Hut, Burnt House Lane. We are also planning to include in our Summer Social Events a Family Picnic in a Forest glade during July.

The Village was represented at the recent New Forest Twinners meeting in Lyndhurst and we are continuing to forge links with other Village Associations by playing boules and competing in Quiz Nights.

DAPHNE M. CRISP
Publicity Secretary
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NEWS FROM AVON TYRRELL ACTIVITY & RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

We're well into the busy season with hundreds of young people visiting the centre, from all over the country to take part in a wide variety of activities.

We are replacing our 6 older mobile homes with modern Norwegian wooden lodges for the visitors to use. The first lodges have just been finished but our charity still needs to fundraise a lot more money for the next 3 we need. Please do get in contact if you can help in any way with this project, or if you are interested in buying one of our remaining older mobile homes at the end of the year.

Our 'Friends' group managed to raise over £900 from the Christmas Carol Concert & Supper and we will be putting the money towards buying new wheelchairs for visiting groups to use. They also organised a 6-course Victorian Supper night last February as a fundraiser for the centre. The proceeds are going to buy new furniture for the main house.

We've been continuing to do a number of organised 'history' tours around our Arts and Crafts Grade I listed mansion house and surrounding listed grounds, which have proved very popular. We can arrange this for any organised groups, so if you are interested in finding out more about the fascinating history of the site; the family that had it built and lived here, the army occupation and its current charitable use, please do contact us for more details. Tours will take place on the weekend of 10th/11th

September to complement the open days at All Saints Church to be held as part of the Heritage Week events.

If you want to catch up with other news, events and jobs available, take a look at our website at www.avontyrrell.org.uk, and please do call us on 672347 if you would like a brochure or want to have a look around the site. Remember also to contact us if you want to be put on the mailing list for school holiday fundays.

R.L.BONNEY
Centre Director

SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Appointment of new Headteacher for September 2005-05-20

You may already be aware that Mrs Jackie Groves has been promoted and will sadly be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Jackie has put a great deal into Sopley School during her eight years as Headteacher and she will be missed very much. We congratulate her on her appointment and wish her every success and enjoyment in her new school.

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Martin Sheret as Headteacher from September 2005. Mr Sheret comes to us highly recommended from St Luke's Primary School in Sway – he brings the qualities, skills, experience and outlook necessary to maintain the existing strengths of Sopley School and to lead our ongoing commitment to further improvements.

Mr Sheret will visit and be in contact with school over the coming months to get to know the school better and to ensure a smooth handover between Mrs Groves and himself.

LINDA MAIL
Chair of Governors

DIARY OF EVENTS

Note Please enter events in diary in Post Office and check other entries to try and avoid class of dates

JULY

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| 2 nd | St Mary's Church – "Make Poverty History" Activity Zone
Methodist Church – Coffee morning |
| | Bransgore Rotary Club and Avon Tyrrell – Band in the Park Concert |
| 2 nd /3 rd | Horticultural Society – Gardens Open Weekend |
| 4 th | Bransgore Lunch Club – Coffee Morning |
| 5 th | Parish Council – Planning |
| 9 th | Methodist Church – Afternoon Tea
Bransgore School Association Fete, Barn Dance and Supper |
| 12 th | Friendship Club – John Combes – A-Z of the New Forest
Parish Council - Amenities |
| 13 th
Gardens | Horticultural Society – Trip to Bramdean Gardens and Losely Park |

- 15th Jack and Jill – Sports Day and End of Term
 16th All Saints, Thorney Hill – Concert followed by Supper
 17th Garden open – Forest Road
 18th Brockenhurst Music Society Concert
 Parish Council meeting
 25th July Townswomen’s Guild – Continuing the story of a wartime lady brewer
 8 pm
 26th Friendship Club – Garden Party
 30th Horticultural Society – Summer Show

AUGUST

- 6th Methodist Church – Coffee morning
 New Forest Litter Pick – Parish Council
 8th Brockenhurst Music Society Concert
 20th **Last Day for contributions to Autumn Newsletter**
 26th Townswomen’s Guild – “Views from the Saddle”

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Horticultural Society - Lecture
 3rd Methodist Church – Coffee morning
 5th Brockenhurst Music Society Concert
 6th Parish Council - Planning
 7th Village Quiz – see Parish Council entry
 10th/11th All Saints Church, Thorney Hill – Heritage Open Days
 Avon Tyrrell – Tours and House and Grounds
 12th Jack and Jill – Autumn term begins
 13th Friendship Club – Starlite Singers
 Parish Council – Amenities
 20th Parish Council meeting
 27th Friendship Club – Alan Wilson – Dorset Heritage Slides