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BRANGORE PARISH COUNCIL

We have had a very mixed bag of weather this summer – hot, cold and wet spells.

The extension to the Village Hall will start in September. We have had a meeting with Norman Down, the Architectural Consultant who is helping us with this project. These meetings will be on a regular basis to ensure that everything runs smoothly. The Parish Clerk will be the liaison officer with Mr Down and the builders – she is, after all, the Official Officer of the Council. The build time is 21 weeks. Let's hope we have good weather. An Indian summer would be nice!. The cost is in the region of £270,000 for which we have a loan over 15 years sanctioned by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. The Twinning Tree, which is a common sycamore, will be replaced in consultation with the Twinning Association, and perhaps a more suitable species can be put in its place. A native tree would be nice.

Thorney Hill Community Centre is up and running and I am sure we all wish it every success.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, the Village Quiz will be over. Hope you all had a good evening. Monies raised from this will go towards extras for the next extension, e.g. cutler, cups and saucers, etc.

Footpath walks so far have been enjoyed by those who joined in, the latest being on the 25th August.

Clean Sweep on the 6th August had help from two members of the public, Mr and Mrs P Cole from the Community Church, who did sterling work filling two big bags with rubbish. Two members of the Parish Council were also in attendance. It is amazing what you find!

Enjoy what is left of the summer.

COUNCIL MEETINGS (at 7.30 pm) in the Village Hall on 3rd Tuesday in the month

20th September
18th October
15th November

Sub-Committee Meetings (7.30 pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall) :

Planning - first Tuesday of the month
Amenities - second Tuesday “

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the public

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

SALLY OWEN
Chairman 672596

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

People like *you* Link Care

If you or someone you know, have some time and space in your/their life and enjoy the company of children you/they could be a Family Link Carer

Hampshire County Council is looking for new **Family Link Carers**, to offer regular, planned respite for families who have children with disabilities and special or complex needs.

If you have some experience with children – your own or someone else’s, and think this is something you would like to do – give us a ring and find out more about it.

You can be single, married or in a partnership; a parent or grandparent; working, on benefits or retired. All sorts of people are family link carers and most of them say it is one of the most rewarding things they have ever done.

BRANSGORE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Well, where to start! What a tremendous day we all had on Saturday 9th July at the Bransgore School Summer Fete! The day started out with over 200 local children and adults taking part in a spectacular walking carnival with many dressed up in fairy tale fancy dress, led by a giant pirate on stilts and the Christchurch Scout & Guide Band. The last carnival in Bransgore was believed to be over 17 years ago and this summer’s procession was hugely enjoyed by all who took part and by the many who came out of their houses and cars to watch.

The carnival was followed by a traditional English “Summer Fete” with games for all ages in the Arena and many stalls, activities and refreshment points dotted around the school grounds. This year we had over 200 prizes donated by parents and local businesses and organisations for our Raffle and Family Days Out. We also had over 50 volunteer parents, friends and Year 6 children helping out on the stalls and activities. Many who came along to the Summer Fete believed it was the best yet!

There was a great atmosphere with families thoroughly enjoying themselves and everyone having a wonderful time.

In the evening we held a Barn Dance at the Village Hall. We had over 180 parents, children and friends come along for an energetic evening of square dancing, “dozy doe-ing”, eating and drinking. The evening was hugely entertaining for everyone, particularly for the children who were in many cases, far better dancers than their mums and dads!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support the BSA and help us to raise more than £3,000! An even bigger thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and in the weeks/months preceding – all the BSA members, parents, teachers, local children’s groups, local police etc all of whom put in a huge amount of time and effort to make the day a success.

Our next fund raising event is the Ploughman’s Supper and Racing Night at the Village Hall on the 24th September. Always a popular event for parents and friends of the school. And don’t forget our annual Fireworks spectacular on Friday the 4th November at the Three Tuns.

Over the weekend of the 8th/9th October we will be holding our annual Community Days at the School. This is the event where we ask parents, children and local craftsmen to get stuck into a range of DIY tasks at the School including carpentry (fence building, pergola/shelter construction), ground clearance and gardening, painting, decorating etc. The event is held in partnership with JPMorganChase who kindly provide volunteers and funding. If there is anyone out there who is handy with a hammer or a spade please come along, and lend a hand. The event, whilst hard work, is thoroughly enjoyed by all and you get a free bacon “sarnie” thrown into the bargain – what more could you ask for!

Anyway, I hope you are all having a great summer and hope to see you at one of our events in the Autumn.

JASON HINES
Chairman

ST. MARY the VIRGIN with ALL SAINTS. BRANSGORE

Hello everyone! Welcome to the Church of England Page!

“The man from Del Monte, he say yes !”

Remember the Del Monte adverts?

Fruit growers from the developing world would anxiously wait for the westerner in a smart straw hat and white shirt to finish tasting a piece of fruit who would then give a nod of approval. The owner/manager of the fruit farm would then shout with excitement; “The man from Del Monte, he say yes !”. The fruit growers would then erupt in a cry of jubilation and probably relief, mirroring the earlier cry “The man from Del Monte, he say yes !”. Of course the reality is somewhat different. The man from Del Monte usually says no. Del Monte as a company exploits fruit growers all

over the world with many charities and NGO's urging us not to buy their products. But that's another story for another day.

At St Mary's we don't have a man from Del Monte, we have a man from the DAC (Winchester Diocesan Advisory Committee) and he has said "Yes" to our reordering plans. The removal and sale of pews, the carpeting of the church and the introduction of chairs were all recommended by the DAC to be accepted by the Chancellor of the Diocese.

In this regard, in the week beginning 19th September the carpet fitters will arrive, the pews will be removed and collected by those who have agreed to buy one, and the new chairs will be delivered, all ready for worship on Sunday September 25th. I am sure that we will all look forward to our "new" space for worship. My thanks to all those who have supported the venture, offered feedback and those who have worked hard to ensure the project reaches completion.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE A CHAIR IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONE?
OR TO OFFER THANKSGIVING FOR A SPECIAL PERSON OR EVENT?**

The chairs will cost £60 each and the invitation is being extended to everyone in the village to consider donating this sum and purchasing one of the new chairs either in memoriam or to offer thanksgiving for a person or event. Please register your interest in this to me on 672327 or to ask for more information.

September of course is the month when our young people and school staff return to school. We shall remember them in their prayers, particularly those who have changed schools or who are starting at Bransgore school for the first time, staff and students alike.

A new venture begins at St Mary's in the new term: **GODPLAY**. It begins on September 13th at 10am in church and lasts until around 11.30am. It is aimed at parents/carers and their pre-school children. It will involve lots of singing, puppets, story telling, prayers, worship, games, activities, social and refreshment time too. Please support this venture with your prayers and if able with your presence as a helper or a parent with young children. **ALL WELCOME!** Come and join our morning of fun in God's house of prayer!

Have a great late summer and autumn everyone.

With my love, prayers and thanks.

PETER ☺

BRANSGORE & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

This years 'handover,' at the beginning of July, was rather overshadowed by the recent death of Mike Clark, whom had been one of the club's most enthusiastic and charismatic members. Mike was a founder member and past president of Bransgore Rotary Club and had been awarded the converted Paul Harris Fellowship by his peers, especially for his involvement in 'Youth Speaks' public speaking competitions.

Retiring president Michael Phillips has presided over a very eventful year. The Tsunami resulted in nearly all of the available club funds being diverted towards this urgent appeal. Rotary International, the largest service organisation in the world was 'geared up' to quickly react to this disaster. Rotary's network of over one million members in 166 countries was able to ensure that all funds raised went where they were most needed. Despite the Tsunami, Bransgore Rotary has, through it's fund raising efforts, been able to donate an additional £5000 to deserving causes such as: Hope & Homes for Children, the Domino Appeal and Bransgore Village School. Proceeds from the Village's Fun Day will go toward setting up Bransgore's Community Responders (*potential life saving response to Heart Attack.*)

Incoming President Martin Bowles' term of office has already been filled with activities: Club members have enjoyed a Treasure Hunt and a Fishing Evening whilst more than two thousand pounds were raised at the club's annual golf day at Dibden Purlieu. Rotary International is a non-religious; non-political organisation that's ideal is the advancement of international understanding, goodwill & peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. These objectives are as relevant today as they were a century ago when Rotary was founded.

Further details of these and other club activities can be obtained from our Club's President: Martin Bowles on 674086 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.

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.

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

BURTON & BRANSGORE MEDICAL CENTRES

Dr Gamper & Partners

Bransgore Medical Centre
Ringwood Road
Bransgore
Tel. 01425 672857

Burton Medical Centre
123 Salisbury Road
Burton
Tel. 01202 474311

FLU CLINICS – OCTOBER 2005

Clinics for registered patients will be run on Saturdays at both surgeries :

BRANSGORE - SATURDAYS 15th and 29th OCTOBER

BURTON - SATURDAYS 8th and 22nd OCTOBER

To receive a free flu vaccination, you must be aged 65 or over, suffer with a chronic condition, e.g. heart disease, diabetes, or be a carer. If you are unsure if you qualify, ask the Receptionist.

PNEUMOVAX

If you are aged 65 or over, ask at reception about receiving this inoculation against Pneumonia

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, NAOMI HOUSE

Our “**Evening with the Southwark Pearlies**” was a great success but would have been even better if more Villagers could have managed to come. It was well enjoyed by all who were there.

Our next function at the Village Hall is a Revue by “**Opus 8**”, a fantastic group, entitled “**A NIGHT AT THE GAUMONT**” on **SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER**. This will be a ticket only affair and they will go fast! Previous years’ “Opus 8” revues have resulted in 170 guests plus a waiting list. This time we can’t take many

more than 120, so book early or you will be outnumbered by their myriads of fans from other areas! See the Village Notice Board for more information.

The **NAOMI HOUSE** Shop in the Sovereign Centre, Boscombe is well worth a visit. If anyone has items they would like to donate, please let me know and I'll arrange collection. We can take furniture, electrical goods, as well as good clothes and saleable bric-a-brac. We also collect MILK BOTTLE TOPS and USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES, FOREIGN COINS & STAMPS. PLEASE SAVE THEM AND RING ME - 673078.

NAOMI HOUSE Open Days this year are **FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 23rd to 25th SEPTEMBER**. Ring me for further information. Many villagers have already been to the Hospice. You will be very pleasantly surprised at what you see. If there are enough interested parties, I can organise a mini-bus.

SHIRLEY TOBIAS
Bransgore 673078

BRANSGORE METHODIST CHURCH

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

The Autumn season is always a glorious sight in the Forest. May I recommend a drive round the back lanes of Burley, or a trip up the Bolderwood Drive when the beech and oak trees leaves have turned red, yellow and bronze – all set against the remaining evergreens and purple heathers, and the background of blue skies – indeed, all the colours of the rainbow. It's a lovely time for walking – though I do once recall going on a 'guided fungi walk' where we moved all of a hundred yards in an hour and a half – not my idea of walking!

All this we have to wait for until October/November, but the traditional sign of Autumn – the church Harvest Festival – comes at the end of September, when the chapel will be decorated as usual with all the vegetables, fruits and flowers that remind us to praise God for Creation. We welcome everyone to our services on September 25th and 7 pm.

The evening service (being the 4th Sunday in the month) will be another of our United Services with our two other churches in the village, St Mary's and Bransgore Community Church. To be able to share in these services, with my two colleagues, Peter and Phil, has been a great delight, and a real sign of our ecumenical intentions to work and worship together on a regular basis. We three ministers now meet once a quarter to discuss plans and to share fellowship – and this has helped to strengthen and encourage us all. Though we are diverse in our organisational and worship styles, and in our theological and biblical approaches – it is right that we, here in the village, take our part in making up the 'rainbow' of God's covenant with us. Far from becoming a 'monochrome' Church, the ecumenical movement through the last century and into this is helping us all to appreciate the 'coat of many colours' worn by God's people as a whole. And the result of more sharing over recent decades is that,

even within each denomination, there is now a great variety of worship styles and theological ideas. The Spirit of Unity is leading us to ever greater diversity as we become more open and tolerant, and to lose our denominational prejudices. Now that's a harvest of the fruits of the Spirit that's really worth thanking God for!

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Harvest Supper

Saturday, September 24th at 7 pm. Adults £5.50, Children £3.50

Church Social and Supper

Friday, October 21st at 7.30 pm. Adults £4.50 Children £2.50

Board Games Evening and Supper of Hot Dogs

Friday, November 4th at 7.30 pm. Adults £3.00 Children £2.00

Note Tickets must be bought in advance for all of the above events for catering purposes, from

Jean Pearson (Tel: 673122)

Christmas Tree Festival

December 9th, 10th and 11th Friday 9th and Saturday 10th – 11.30 a.m. to 7 pm,
Sunday 11th – 12 noon to 5 pm. Entrance £1.00 Refreshments will be available.

Rev. RICHARD CLARKE

BRANSGORE FLOWER CLUB

Looking back over our meetings leading up to the August break :-

In June demonstrator, Ann Syrad, took us through “Changing Times”. Each of her six beautiful arrangements were different, ending with the more contemporary look of today's flower arranging.

It was a perfect afternoon for our July Garden Party held at the home of our President, Pauline Temple, at Mill House, Hurn. Members were able to relax in the tranquil setting and enjoy a strawberry cream tea. The competition – “An arrangement in a flower pot” – was won by Maggie Webb. There was also a quiz to keep everyone on their toes. A most enjoyable Summer afternoon.

Also in July a team of three, Marcia Neil, Carol Norman and myself, entered the Club Class entitled “Nature's Harvest” at the New Forest Show. We were thrilled when we were awarded second place.

Now we have our Autumn programme to look forward to. Our first meeting on September 22nd is a welcome return visit from demonstrator Dodie Stevens with “Great Expectations”. On October 21st Susan Cailles is taking a Christmas Workshop and on November 24th Tamaris Ryan is giving a demonstration entitled

“Getting Ready for Christmas”. This leads up to our Christmas Luncheon, which is followed by musical entertainment, on December 8th.

You are most welcome to come and join us at one of our meetings as a guest or, hopefully, as a new member. We meet on the fourth Thursday in the month at 2.00 pm at the Resource Centre, Ringwood Road, Bransgore. Friendship through Flowers is the N.A.F.A.S. motto.

MARGO CROUCH
Chairman 01425 672612

COFFEE BEANS” - FAIR TRADE CAFÉ - BETSY LANE

On Friday, September 2nd. we celebrate the beginning of our **ninth** year of successful trading as a Fair Trade Café. We hope many of you reading this will join us in giving thanks for all that has been achieved.

You can help us by making this flourishing project known to even more people. Pay us a visit, bring a friend and enjoy good company over “elevenses” or a light meal. ***Look out this Autumn for a promotional free coffee or tea.*** Join us in saying a big “thank-you” to our helpers (all volunteers), and in remembering a few founding members, now passed on, who in those early years of tentative beginnings passionately believed in the project against a rising tide of doubt!

This Millennium Project was founded with Christian Faith principles at its centre and supported by Christians from all the main Christian groups in our village - Church of England, Methodists, Community Church and Catholics. **However, at the outset, all of us recognised that this should be an *inclusive* activity so that people of all faiths or none could feel comfortable working together for our sisters and brothers across the world crying out for our help. We have maintained this ethos throughout.**

We provide meals and snacks, coffee, tea and soft drinks at modest prices. We sell “Traidcraft” products to stock your store-cupboard. We trade under the strict rules in place for health and hygiene and are subject to routine and unannounced “spot checks”. We have received a number of commendations by the NFDC inspector particularly recently during a “spot check” when not only were conditions of work commended but also the welcoming atmosphere of the shop. Well done - all our volunteers!

The work of our Café has no official connection or sponsorship (financial or otherwise) from any church authority, though our work is supported by the various churches. The Bishop of Winchester visited in our early days and warmly commended all that we were doing. All financial support and volunteer work has come from people sympathetic to the project’s aims. It has all been done by individuals giving “time, talents and treasure” generously for a good cause which the founders believe is in line with Christ’s teachings.

We have also been successful in providing placements for official schools’ “work experience” programmes in conjunction with advisers and placement co-ordinators.

We have also been able to provide sheltered placements for the differently-abled which is also part of our outreach to the community.

This year 2005 is “the Year of the Volunteer”! *And we still need volunteer help!* However short a time you could offer -e.g. a single shift each week - ring Helen Griffiss (01425 -612644) or contact Dorothy Adam (shop - 01425 -672066 during opening hours). You will find a friendly and welcoming group of people to be with and the work itself interesting, rewarding and satisfying.

Well - we thought it might last a year or two! God has surprised us ,as so often happens, by giving us “good measure, pressed down and overflowing”. Thank you all for your support.

Our fulfilled aims and objectives

1. The Café is the focus of concern for the relief for third world debt (originally “JUBILEE 2000”) and the promotion of the principle of fairly traded goods – retail and café sales.

We are now also an outlet for FAIR TRADE products for the village and the Church of England Deanery of Christchurch. This area covers the SW New Forest from Fordingbridge south to Ringwood and Christchurch and east to New Milton with the associated hinterland. In fact the whole diocese of Winchester (Hampshire & East Dorset) is striving to embrace the Fair Trade ethic.

Earlier this year the Revd. Helen Griffiss went on the “MAKE POVERTY HISTORY” march to Downing Street with actress Dawn French (the “Vicar of Dibley”) - and you cannot but have noticed the promotion of this campaign locally at St.Mary’s!

2. Any profits after business costs go to charitable projects in line with our main aims. Our main charity is “Wells for India” whose founders (Dr.Nicholas and Prof.Mary Grey) have become close friends and with whom the Revd.Helen Griffiss (our founder) has made two extended trips to Rajasthan to see the projects we have financed .Her privately printed book “Spill the Beans” about this really is a “good read”! Her recent four week visit to work in Sri Lanka following the tsunami disaster will also be the subject of more reflections and insights when she has time to write it!
3. The shop is a collection point for donations for special donations sponsored by Christian Aid or other similar projects - e.g. disaster relief.
4. The shop is a place where people meet to promote these aims and discuss new projects and ideas. Short informal acts of worship and study groups are held from time to time.
5. The shop is a place where anyone can come for companionship and social gathering in a relaxed atmosphere. Look out for our motto (Hebrews 13:2) above the serving area –

**“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it”.**

Project Origins

This Millennium Project was the brainchild of our Parish Reader, Helen Griffiss, (now a full-time Anglican Priest serving at St. Peter's, Ashley, New Milton) who was at that time working for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Her visits to Africa and India had intensified her interest in third world debt relief and the promotion of fairly traded goods - giving the actual producers a fairer share of the fruits of their labours.

The Project idea was put to the four local Christian ministers in December 1996 and received from them a ringing endorsement. A well- thought out business plan was drawn up the following spring and, with suitable premises available, the conversion of the shop to a restaurant was completed by August 1997.

As you can imagine a great deal of work by a lot of professional and volunteer helpers went into this project for which we were more than grateful. Gifts and loans from well-wishers enabled a successful launch in a short period of time. The sponsors were generous and encouraged a policy of loan repayment alongside other allocations of our modest profits. In this way the benefits of the Project were seen very quickly. All is based on voluntary work which remains integral to our aims and enhances our “giving potential”.

PATRICK ELKINS

BRANSGORE CRICKET CLUB - YOUTH

It hardly seems possible, but the summer season is all but over. The five youth squads have all tasted success in varying degrees.

The Under 10's, practically all of whom were playing hard ball cricket for the first time, had an excellent season. The boys soon got the hang of the game and won half their games with many excellent individual performances being recorded.

The Under 11's really got their act together this season, coming at least third in their league and finishing runners-up in the cup after an excellent semi-final win over a very strong Bournemouth side containing many county players.

The Under 13's have also come on as a squad winning a number of their fixtures and travelling as far afield as Swanage. The Under 15's had a more difficult task, often playing against older lads as the league is now for players up to 16 years of age, but they will play again as a side next season.

The Under 17 side continued their success of last year, finishing runners-up in their league. We hope that the New Forest continue the Under 17 league next season as most of the lads are still 16 and have another season to come at this age group.

The mid week evening league side finished third in their league. The sides mainly consisted of junior players, but they were aided and abetted by a few invited 'veterans'.

Finally, the Colts / Saturday Second XI have lost only one match all year and will hopefully have secured their league title by the time this item goes to press. A big thank you to all who help coach, umpire, transport teams and make teas for all the teams – your help is greatly appreciated.

All in all, it has been an excellent season for all the junior sides and this can only bode well for the future of Bransgore Cricket Club.

The Youth presentation night will have taken place at the pavilion on Friday 2nd September from 7.00 p.m. when it is hoped that all players and their parents attended. There was a barbecue and bar and hopefully fine weather.

The club has entered sides at Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 in the Indoor Cricket Leagues at the Dorset Cricket Centre – fixtures will start in mid September. All current players will be advised when the fixtures are available.

Winter nets will be booked for next spring, and the dates will be in the November edition of this newsletter. If your child would like to play for any of our teams, please contact me on the number below.

Dave Lay - Bransgore 673242 or e-mail lay_dj@btopenworld.com

BRANSGORE CRICKET CLUB – ADULT

Already the season draws to a close. The adult XI have lost three fixtures, won eight and lost four to the weather. Unfortunately, few bonus points were gained in the lost matches, which leaves the club with only an outside chance of promotion. A few new faces have helped the club, but it has mainly been the old stagers performing. We hope that next year some of the illustrious youth side will come and show us how it's done.

The club's traditional season finale against Richard Frampton's XI for 'The Bransgore Ashes' took place on Monday 29th August and we also played in a Twenty Twenty tournament with British Aerospace and Mudeford on Saturday 3rd September. The adult presentation night takes place on Saturday 24th September in 'The Carpenters Arms' where we look forward to enjoying a good meal and great company.

Once again, the club will be playing in the New Forest Indoor League on Sundays at Pennington school this winter and indoor nets will take place next spring at the Dorset Cricket Centre – watch the next edition of the newsletter for details.

If you have just come into the village or used to play or have been inspired by 'The Ashes' series and would like to play cricket in the village please feel free to contact

Richard Jones on 673880 or Dave Lay on 673242. We look forward to welcoming you.

THORNEY HILL & BRANSGORE WI

President: Mrs Mavis Bennett

It was with sadness that the Institute heard of the deaths of former members Nora Hayden and Joyce Reed. Their contributions to the Institute and the community were remembered and their passing marked with a minute's silence.

The competition for the Lady Denman Trophy has been announced. It challenges members to write a poem on the theme of "women". Time for the literary members to get to work.

May is the month when the Women's Institutes, the largest women's organisation in the country, exercises its influence as a pressure group in spheres of national importance. The 53 members present at the meeting voted on two issues. The first was to reduce waste in their homes and communities, the second to raise awareness of the risk to our milk supply due to the present low return for the farmer. On 8th June the Albert Hall was full with over 6000 members when the issues were debated and carried with a huge majority. The result of this ballot will now be presented to the appropriate Government Ministers.

Members have been reminded of the many wide ranging activities and interests which can be enjoyed over the year, including courses on food handling and hygiene, orienteering or learning how to speak with confidence in public, to name but a few.

Members have listened to Mrs Hilary Warner, a lady of experience as producer of radio and television programmes including Dr Who and live coverage of Royal and State occasions. Her wide experience gave her lots of material to draw on, interesting and very amusing details which kept members enthralled.

Dr Derek Browne paid a welcome return visit as guest speaker. On this occasion his subject was nutrition. The content and his presentation of the subject held his audience and gave them much to think about.

Congratulations are in order to our team for winning the Women's Institute Group quiz on 10th June. The next round will be in October at Bishops Waltham. We wish them the best of luck in that round. Plenty of practice is the thing for hopeful quiz contestants; we hope that our team will be in good form at the Village Quiz on 7th September.

Crow Hill Women's Institute invited two members to attend their social meeting. Margaret Hopkins and Barbara Malone attended. The welcome and weather was warm and both enjoyed an afternoon "meeting the neighbours" at Crow Hill.

The July meeting is traditionally the Institute's celebration of summer with a garden party. This year the weather did not interfere with the arrangements as the event was

not held in a glorious garden but in the somewhat less glamorous venue of St Mary's Resource Centre.

Members just used their imaginations and dear St Mary's came up trumps, kept the members dry and provided enough seating and space for a delicious strawberry tea. A great afternoon was had by all thanks to those who worked so hard to provide it. We said a sad farewell to Vera Reid who is leaving the village to return to live in Middlesex. Vera joined the W.I. in 1954 and this was her last meeting with us. Finally, The New Forest Show, believed to be the biggest rural show in England, and the W.I. just have to be there. The tent was very well attended, the atmosphere friendly and the exhibits interesting. Visitors' reactions to the entries for the Committees Cup this year, which was 2as decorated bra" introduced a big helping of fun into the proceedings. The theme for the co-operative entry was "At the Movies" – quite a challenge. Our team choice was the successful film "Ladies in Lavender"; the imagination and skill exhibited in this entry had a good response from visitors. The third group "An after show supper for two" was, if anything, an even greater challenge. Health and hygiene restrictions and the hot weather made this a difficult category for all entrants. Entries of individual members did well with some receiving awards.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday in the month starting at 2.15 pm at the Resource Centre. You would be very welcome to come and join us.
Date for your Diary - 14th September, Quiz at 7.15 pm at St Mary's Resource Centre.

BARBARA MALONE
Bransgore 672795

BRANSGORE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2005 has been a very successful year for the Club with the meetings well attended. Thank you to all the members who support the Club so regularly. There has been a varied programme of entertainment with some excellent talks and singing from the Concord Choir who pay us a visit each year.

The annual Strawberry Tea took place in June along with the Rose Show. The cup was won by Molly Pidgely. July 26th was the last meeting before the summer break and this was the garden party. August is a welcome break for everyone who works so hard for the Club. THANK You to you all.

September 13th is the first date for the autumn session with the Starlite Singers. This will be followed on October 11th by the Club's 31st Birthday when there will be a party with a tea dance.

October 25th is the AGM when unfortunately we have to look for a replacement treasurer as Grace Sales is being forced to resign due to health problems. Thank you, Grace, for all you have done for the Club. If you can spare a little time to help us keep the finances in order, we would be most grateful.

The next coach outing will be on October 19th – a Mystery tour with a pub lunch. In November we are making plans to revive the Club's own show after a 5 year gap, so that is good news as it's always been a tradition with the Club each year.

Our Christmas Lunch will be on December 13th at the WHITE BUCK – transport will be provided by the Club free. There will be a morning tour, with coffee, arriving at the White Buck for 12.30 pm.

The Club meets at the Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (except August) at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. All over 50s welcome. £1.50 per meeting; or six months' membership £6.00.

Look forward to meeting you all again in the Autumn.

ESTHER HARRIS
Secretary 01425 673589

BRANSGORE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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

2nd Red Alert!

The Carpenters Arms under Siege!

**The Developers have put in another application
to put six houses and a flat on the car park.**

**Many people of Bransgore use this pub;
many institutions both in and beyond Bransgore use it;
associations for the elderly, the infirm, and the disabled use it.
It offers restaurant service of high quality at reasonable prices.**

**We need your voice, your presence and your help in conserving
this priceless village amenity.**

Watch the Board outside the Post Office for details.

**Fliers will be posted around the village, hopefully to every house,
during the next fortnight.**

**Ring me, Bill Cotton, chairman of the Bransgore & District Residents'
Association, for fuller details as to how you can help - 01425 673261.**

Fight for our village. Don't let developers turn it into an asphalt jungle

BILL COTTON
Chairman 673261

BRANSGORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our service time is 10.30 am every Sunday, and everyone is welcome to join us. Just recently I've been thinking about the subject of encouragement.

One definition of encouragement is "the act of giving courage, or confidence of success." I like the part about encouragement being the act of giving confidence of success, because whenever we encourage people we instil a confidence within those individuals to go for 'gold', and never to accept defeat. Most of us have difficulties in life from time to time but all too often we are never encouraged - or even worse, we are on the receiving end of criticism.

The Bible is full of words encouraging us to encourage others:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for building others up. (Ephesians 4:29)

Encourage one another daily. (Hebrews 3:13)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

The need to encourage will never force itself on us as there will be always more pressing things to do. People and tasks will clamber for our time and attention but sending someone a card, making a telephone call or sending a text to say – “Well done”, “Thank you”, “You can do it” or “I’m behind you” will never be missed because it was never asked for. But it is one of the most important things we will ever do.

Physician George Adams found encouragement so vital to a person's existence that he called it “oxygen to the soul.”

We, at BCC, have been encouraged in the last few weeks by the news that Dima Lutsenko will be joining us as our Youth Worker. Dima and his wife Olga are moving to Bransgore from Exeter where they have been working in a lively church for the last two years. They are originally from the Ukraine where Dima was involved in finance and Olga was a teacher. They are twenty five years old and we feel they are going to be a blessing to both the church and the village.

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith we will be starting a ten week Alpha course on the 23rd September at the church in Shackleton Square. The evening starts with a free meal and will be followed by a presentation and informal discussions. Anyone is welcome to join us but please contact me on 01425 673245 if you would like to come as we need to know how many to cater for.

Diary dates

18th September – Harvest Festival service (10.30am)

23rd September – Start of the Alpha Course (Christian discovery course)

11th December – Nativity service (10.30am)

18th December – Carol Service (6.00pm)

25th December – All Age Christmas Day service

PHIL COLE
Church Leader

BRANSGORE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Open Gardens Weekend (July 2nd/3rd)

Hundreds of visitors from near and far came to Bransgore's Open Gardens Weekend, making it our best attended event of the year by far and raising £2,000 to be shared by the local charities, The Children's Hospice Naomi House and New Forest Disabled Driving. It was certainly a total village event; our local shops advertised the event and gave out programmes, a number of villagers displayed notices and invited friends along, nineteen gardeners were brave enough to open their gardens and give up their weekend to be hosts to all the visitors, some sold plants, some tea and biscuits, one even ran a train! Radio Solent visited and gave us a spot on their Top Soil programme. The Christchurch Advertiser gave us a mention, the weather was kind to us and, best of all, you turned out by the hundreds to give your support. THANK YOU ALL!!

Other Events during June/July

The lecture by Ann Martin 'The Fascination of Herbs' which was scheduled for June had, unfortunately, to be cancelled as Ann was unwell, but, at very short notice, our own Bob Sawyer agreed to step in and speak to us on hanging baskets etc., which turned what could have been a disappointing evening into a very enjoyable one. Thanks Bob!"

Our three day visit to the Gardens of Kent went off without hitch, thanks to Dennis Swallow's superb organisation, and was enjoyed by all. If you were unable to make the trip, make a point of attending the AGM in November as Douglas Patterson will be talking us through the high spots of the visit with the help of some beautiful coloured slides of the gardens.

The visit to Bramdean Gardens and Losely Park Gardens was very popular with every seat in the coach full. The sun shone all day and every inch of shade in the gardens was soon host to an over warm Bransgorite (the weather is never exactly right for the English). A good day out and a chance to top up one's tan.

Last but by no means least, our Summer Show (kindly supported by Denisons Estate Agents) again provided us with the opportunity to enjoy the company of like minded friends and neighbours and marvel at the many skills of the residents of our little village. Beautiful flowers plucked and tied from rain swept gardens, some excellent paintings and photographs – and what about those fantastic floral art exhibits and the tasty looking vegetables that so few of us grow any more. Then there were the yummy foodstuffs, preserves, cakes and pies, and the handicraft section displaying the skills almost neglected in today's buy cheap and throw away before worn out society. Keep up the good work you cooks and DIYers – just in case you have to re-education us all one day. The best news of the Show, though, was that there were so many jolly good exhibits entered in the j8junior classes – congratulations to you all (who said TV and computer games have de-motivated our children?). Thanks to all exhibitors for your hard work and enthusiasm and thanks to every one who came along and made the day so enjoyable.

Trophies were awarded as follows :-

Norris, Golden Jubilee and Jane Ellis Cups
and RHS Banksian Medal
Knott and Sargent Cups

Valerie Cleaver
Mike Reed

St Catherine's and Hoare Cups
Conservative, Jean Menary, Cheale
and Dalton Cups
Bert Sprackland Memorial Trophy
President's Trophy
Bransgore Flower Club Trophy and Silver Jubilee Cup
Dalton Vases
Rumens Cup
Society Challenge Cup
Russell Cup
Junior Cup
Merit Cup
Poole Cup
Troke Cup

Helen Snelling
Douglas Patterson
David Lyttle
Dr. Jean Menzies
Wendy King
Pauline Temple
Margo Crouch
Ann Long
Brian Long
Andrew Lloyd
Rory Kennedy
Matthew Holley
Katie Lloyd

Future Events and Dates for your diary

October 6th Lecture, "Growing and Enjoying Camellias" by Jennifer Trehane
November 3rd AGM and talk with slides of Kent Trip by Douglas Patterson
December 1st Christmas Party plus competition for Christmas decoration to
go on a shelf

All the above meetings 7.30 pm. The Resource Centre, St Mary's Church, Ringwood
Road

JIM DUDLEY
Publicity Officer 673202

6th CHRISTCHURCH (BRANSGORE) SCOUT GROUP

All three sections have had a very exciting and active year. Regrettably we have not been able to accept all the young people who wish to join our movement, because we are now over subscribed in all sections.

The **Beavers** came second in the District sports day, and had a very interesting evening at the Reptilareum, where they saw adders, slow worms and grass snakes, sand lizards and various toads. They have taken part in a marathon walk in aid of Leukaemia, took part in a litter pick and ended the term with their favourite -water games. No one remained dry, particularly the leaders!

The **Cubs** completed their Creative Zone training programme and came first in the District Sports Day for the second year running. They had their summer camp in Burley where the theme was around the circus. They have learnt many of the circus skills including juggling, diablo and plate spinning. Well, it beats washing them up! They ended their term with a visit the Christchurch Ski centre for Ringo and Ski bobbing.

The **Scouts** had their spring camp at Braggers with 20 boys enjoying a very full weekend of activities. Thanks to Phil Akred and Adam Huxley who jointly organised

the event. The troop came second at the sports day and third in the Emlyn camping competition. They have undertaken backwood cooking and built rockets which they enjoy firing into the air. Some managed to go over 200 feet into the air! Some of the troop have been taking part in their Orienteering badge, which means they have to not only learn about the sport but take part in a number of events. Finally the troop ended their term which a night of fun and games on the beach followed by a Barbeque.

We have a thriving Scout group which provides a challenging and exciting programme of activities for the young boys of the village. A great deal of effort is put in by all the leaders and helpers to make this possible. All the leaders and helpers are volunteers. However we need more help, even just 2 hours a week or once a month would be welcome, either with the committee, looking after the finances and infrastructure of the group, or with the individual sections. If you would be interested, or like more information, please give me a call.

Enquiries:

Beavers:	Lesley Manley	01425 672667
Cubs :	Ginny Hebden	01425 674721
Scouts :	Mike Manley	01425 672667
Marquee Hire:	Sue and Dennis Hughes	01425 672019
Scout HQ and Ann's Lodge hire:	Liz Holroyd	01425 673398

GRAHAM PEDDER
Group Scout Leader 01425 672914

THORNEY HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The new THORNEY HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE was opened on 16 July by the Hon Willie Manners and Canon Patrick Elkins (retired) ably assisted by our local MP Desmond Swayne TD

THE HALL IS NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

**New Heritage Area building in pleasant National Park setting
with
Large Function Hall
Seating for 100
Office and store
Ample kitchen facilities
Large car park
Very reasonable rates**

**Enquiries: Violet Doe – 01425 673554
(or Violet at Moss the Chemist)**

SCAD (Sopley Camp Anti-Development) COMMITTEE

The SCAD Committee continues to meet regularly, with the introduction of new members widening our contact base.

We have received a letter from the New Forest District Council [NFDC] advising that they have granted Planning permission for the 'Installation of 3 underground gas tanks'

We have also written to the NFDC, noting the obvious refurbishment of certain Units situated on the Derritt Lane side of the Camp.

D. STODDART
Secretary"

BRANSGORE THEATRE GROUP

September saw the start of our new season and dates for your diaries are as follows:-

September 12	“To Kill a Mockingbird”	– Salisbury
October 13	“Thoroughly Modern Millie”	– Mayflower
November 10	“A Man for All Seasons”	– Mayflower
January 1	Viennese Gala (B.S.O.)	– Poole
February 6	“Arms and the Man”	- Salisbury

At the time of writing we have no plans for December since Christmas comes earlier every year and the pantomime takes over. We will however try to fill the gap if possible.

Our Group continues to flourish but this in itself creates its own problems. Present numbers ensure that we can fill one 53-seater coach, and for major events come close to a coach and a minibus. This allows us to “break even” financially but has obliged us to set up a waiting list which will be reviewed in the New Year to see whether we can extend our membership.

As time passes we are becoming concerned that our willing band of representatives along with your Honorary Secretary are not getting anyy9ounger and we have an urgent need for fresh faces to assist us in the smooth running of our Group. We would welcome a response from anyone who is prepared to give a little time to this very popular and worthwhile village activity, so please give us a call.

LESLIE SEWELL
Hon. Secretary 01425 674026.

BRANSGORE EVENING ART SOCIETY

For those who want to forget their workday stresses, and for those who have retired and find their evenings uneventful, the Bransgore Evening Art Society provides some effective remedies. Once involved in the creative process there is no room in the mind for worries. Virtually anyone can join, provided you can wield paper and pencil and really want to have a go.

We have been enjoying drawing and painting (in several media) for about 8 years, with some original members still with us, passing a couple of hours on the first three Mondays of the month from 7.45 to 9.45 pm at St. Mary's Resource Centre. We do not teach anyone to paint but help budding artists to teach themselves or progress further, with books, magazines, tapes and constructive advice and comments. Sometimes we do joint projects but mostly we do what we want to do individually.

Phone 01425 274446 for further details. There are currently vacancies for membership.

BRANSGORE PROBUS CLUB

Eric Cockain gave us a most interesting lecture at our June meeting on the subject of Christchurch Priory. The Church dates from Saxon Times and has been described as one of finest below Cathedral rank in the country. It became the parish church of Christchurch when the priory was dissolved by Henry VIII.

Our ladies joined us for our July meeting and lunch – a very happy occasion. The speaker was Caroline Stride who gave us an excellent talk about the Commoners of the New Forest.

David Hawkes produced a most interesting talk on the Crimean War and the famous Charge of the Light Brigade. This must have been the most bungled attack ever seen in any war when only a “thin red line” of red-coated Scottish infantrymen repelled the Prussians.

PROBITY II

BRANSGORE LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club Coffee Morning that was held prior to the summer break was, as usual, well attended and enjoyable. Thanks go to everyone who helped make the occasion a success. Our special thanks to John Baker who has so generously provided us with a lovely selection of plants over the years. Just under £300.00 was raised at the event, which will go towards the Christmas Lunch for members. This year our lunch will be held on Wednesday, 14th December and we look forward to welcoming both members and helpers on that day.

The Lunch Club re-convenes at the beginning of September after its summer break when we will be happy to welcome back all our members. There are still a few places available for new members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact either Shirley Tobias – telephone 01425 673078, or Pat Newman – telephone 01425 673678. Transport to and from Ann's Lodge for lunches can be provided.

We are currently looking for helpers and drivers to join the teams who produce meals for Lunch Club members. Each team is in action once a month, on a specific day (a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday). Teams usually consist of three helpers who cook for between 12 and 18 people. Plain home-style meals are the order of the day – no cordon bleu cooking required! The enthusiasm and enjoyment with which the meals are received by our members is esday 14th December - Christmas Lunch

BRANGORE EVENING TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

We are delighted to be holding another Fashion Show in conjunction with Oakhaven Hospice. It will take place at the Resource Centre on 10th November. Please do make a note of the date in your diaries. This really is a great evening and you are sure to get some bargains!

Tickets will be available from the Post Office.

This year our charity will be "Wheelchairs for the Red Cross" – a very worthy cause which could benefit any one of us!

Our speakers for this session are :

26th September – Eric Watson – "Views from the Saddle"

24th October - Nick Thomas - My Life as a Free Lance Comedy Writer

28th November – Sue Reveley – "Create a Card with Sue"

If any of these titles intrigue you, why not come along and join us at the Resource Centre. We'd be delighted to see you. New members are always welcome. If you are interested please give Melissa (674065) or Gill (673224) a call for further details.

GILL GREEN

Secretary

BRANGORE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Sunday 29th May

UOur French friends from St Georges Montcocq were sadly unable to return to Brangore this year to enable the two communities to celebrate the twentieth year of our association as they were required to register their vote in the recent European referendum. It was therefore decided to hold a BBQ on Sunday, 29th May, at the Scout Hut and some 40 members and friends enjoyed a meal of sizzling sausages, 'crispy' chicken and cool coleslaw followed by a variety of scrumptious weight-increasing desserts and copious wine. The weather was kind, the food was great, due to our hard working committee members and the role of volunteer BBQ chefs. We all joined in a boisterous game of boules.

On behalf of everyone, I should like to record our grateful thanks to the Scout Association for allowing us once again to enjoy the use of their excellent facility.

Friday, 10th June

Congratulations to Judith Allebon and Spike and Judith Laugher, who were the winners of a Scout Quiz held on 10th June. Well done!

Sunday, 17th July

Thank you to everyone who attended the afternoon picnic at Wilverley. Unfortunately Jim and I were not able to join in the fun due to my indisposition, but I have heard that the 40 or so members and friends had a great time and the afternoon was a resounding success.

DAPHNE M. CRISP

Publicity Secretary 01425 673684

NEWS FROM AVON TYRRELL ACTIVITY & RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

“The Princess Royal, Patron, UK Youth, opened new facilities at Avon Tyrrell Residential Centre, Bransgore”.

That was the entry in the Court Circular for Thursday, 23rd June. What it doesn't say is that it was a fantastic afternoon. There were representatives from UK Youth (our charity), including the President, Nigel Mansell, Trustees, sponsors, friends, staff and wall to wall sunshine. But what helped to make it so memorable were the children from Horley and New Milton Primary Schools who were staying at the House and enjoying the Avon Tyrrell experience. In fact it was some of them who showed the Princess round the new lodges which have taken the place of the old caravans on the camping site and demonstrated some of the activities available to all our visitors. The Princess met many of our supporters including local residents. We were also very pleased to have members of the Warminster Royal Engineer Support Troup with us on this occasion who voluntarily gave such great help in coming to our rescue when it looked as if we were going to lose our lake!

This was the first visit to Avon Tyrrell by the Princess since taking over the role of Patron of UK Youth in succession to her late grandmother, the Queen Mother. We hope it won't be her last. Her last view of the centre as her helicopter took off would have been of hordes of young children rushing down the field to wave goodbye. After the euphoria following her visit, we now have to work hard to achieve our next objective to provide a new learning centre, the plans for which were unveiled by the Princess.

Then we had the Band in the Park Concert on July 2nd. Unfortunately we weren't blessed with the best weather, but those who came were treated to a great evening of music by the Taverners Big Band and superb entertainment from Europe's Champion Elvis Impersonator. The fireworks were possibly the best we have ever had. We are so grateful to all who made the evening so successful.

Unfortunately the Fund Raising Committee was not able to organise tours of the house and grounds in conjunction with National Heritage Weekend in September to complement the opening of All Saints Chapel. The reason for the cancellation was that the House was full that weekend and it would not have been possible to view the interior – obviously the very necessary component of the tours – with some 120 youngsters in residence.

But the Carols for Christmas with supper will definitely take place on Friday, 16th December. This annual event is very popular and a real “curtain raiser” for the festive season. Once again members of the Ringwood Salvation Army Band will be present to lead us in the carol singing and there will be a three course supper with mince pies and coffee to end the evening. Tickets are limited, so telephone 672019, 672640 or 673208 to reserve yours as early as possible. It really is a good evening – the House looks at its best with lots of holly and decorations and log fires.

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

FRIENDS OF SOPLEY SCHOOL

Summer Fete 2005 – Saturday 25 June – “Thank you”

Well what a fantastic 30th fete it was. The editor of this very newsletter, Jane Safe, along with past Head teacher, Mrs Mary Burch, performed a super fete opening ceremony ably assisted by M.C. John Sier – the gang from 1976 were back together! The fete just continued to get better and better after that. I think the “30th Year Memory Board” was, among many others, a particular highlight and, at the time of writing this, copies of photos put up on the board are being made and distributed to those who asked for them. The Maypole dancing, dog training display, judo performed by local children as well as Ivo the Clown all contributed towards a very happy day. The music throughout the day from The Plonkers, was as last year, really “traditional”. And it didn’t rain!

On behalf of the Friends of Sopley School, may I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all Bransgore parishioners who supported this event. The fete makes a great difference to the school as all the money raised goes towards providing improved facilities for the children. Funds raised this year are ear-marked to improve the computers that pupils use daily.

The overall comments were “What a lovely traditional school fete” and with that in mind we will do little to change the format for 2006 – make a note to come along on Saturday 24 June. More details in future parish newsletters.

ANNE COLLINS
2005 Fete Co-ordinator (674204)

DIARY OF EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER

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| 12 th | Theatre Group outing |
| 13 th | St Mary’s - GODPLAY |
| 13 ^t | Parish Council – Amenities Sub-Committee |
| 14 th | WI Quiz |
| 18 th | Bransgore Community Church – Harvest Festival Service |
| 20 th | Parish Council meeting |
| 22 nd | Bransgore Flower Club – Demonstration |
| 23 rd | Bransgore Community Church – Start of Alpha Course |
| 23 rd /25 th | Naomi House Open Days |
| 24 th | Bransgore Cricket Club – Adult Presentation evening |
| | Bransgore School Association – Racing Night with Ploughman’s Supper |
| | Methodist Church – Harvest Supper |
| 25 th | Methodist Church – Harvest Festival and United Service |
| 26 th | Bransgore Evening Townswomen’s Guild meeting |
| 27 th | Friendship Club – Alan Wilson – How Dorset changed the world |

OCTOBER

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| 4 th | Parish Council – Planning Sub-Committee |
| 6 th | Horticultural Society – Lecture |
| 8 th /9 th | Bransgore School Association – Community Day |

- 8th Burton & Bransgore Medical Centres – Flu Clinic at Burton
 11th Friendship Club – Birthday Party
 Parish Council – Amenities Sub-Committee
 13th Theatre Group Outing
 15th Burton & Bransgore Medical Centres – Flu Clinic at Bransgore
 18th Friendship Club – Mystery Tour and Pub Lunch
 Parish Council meeting
 21st Methodist Church – Social and Supper
 22nd Burton & Bransgore Medical Centres – Flu Clinic at Burton
 24th Bransgore Evening Townswomen’s Guild meeting
 25th Friendship Club – AGM
 27th Bransgore Flower Club – Christmas Workshop
 29th Burton & Bransgore Medical Centres – Flu Clinic at Bransgore

NOVEMBER

- 1st Parish Council – Planning Sub-Committee
 3rd Horticultural Society – AGM and Talk
 4th Bransgore School Association – Fireworks Spectacular
 Methodist Church – Board Games Evening with Supper
 8th Friendship Club - Rev. Richard Clark – Musical Afternoon
 Parish Council – Amenities Sub-Committee
 10th Theatre Group Outing
 12th Naomi House – Revue by “Opus 8”
 15th Friendship Club – Outing – Christmas Shopping
 Parish Council Meeting
 19th RNLI – Sale of Christmas goods at Resource Centre
 22nd Friendship Club – Bring and Buy
 24th Bransgore Flower Club – Demonstration
 28th Bransgore Evening Townswomen’s Guild meeting

DECEMBER

- 1st Horticultural Society – Christmas Party and competition
 8th Bransgore Flower Club – Christmas Luncheon and entertainment
 9th/10th/11th Methodist Church – Christmas Tree Festival
 11th Bransgore Community Church – Nativity Service
 13th Friendship Club – Christmas Lunch
 14th Bransgore Lunch Club – Christmas Lunch
 16th Avon Tyrrell – Carols at Christmas Supper
 18th Bransgore Community Church – Carol Service
 20th Friendship Club – Carols and Mince Pies
 25th Bransgore Community Chjurch – All Age Christmas Day Service

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JANUARY

- 1st Theatre Group Outing

FEBRUARY

- 6th Theatre Group Outing