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BRANGORE PARISH COUNCIL

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

As the new Parish Council Chairman I am going to begin my first report by thanking all the hard working Parish Councillors and staff for their support and the hours they spend working on your behalf. A special thank you to Sally Owen who, as past Chairperson, worked beyond the call of duty - a hard act to follow!

Our village is special, a wonderful place to live and some of the villagers deserve a pat on the back too:-

- A gentleman who removes rubbish from Claire Lodge Woods.
- The couple from Neacroft who prevented a nasty accident by clearing up a vandalised footpath.
- A gentleman who regularly tidies the rubbish from the playing fields whilst walking his dog.
- An ex Parish councillor who brought his digger down to the playing fields to deter travellers setting up camp.
- The gentleman who cleaned the graffiti from the Village Hall.

Sadly there are those who think its fun to vandalise the Village Hall by smashing windows or by bringing their white Capri to do skid turns on the Hall car park. If you see anything like this going on please contact the police. You may feel that this is a waste of time but I promise you it isn't and each crime is logged.

ANN HICKMAN
Chairman

PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE.

This past year has seen a number of exciting projects for the benefit of the parish. The Village Hall extension was completed, upgrading and improving its facilities, and proving a new Parish Information Office. CCTV was installed. It has already proved worthwhile, both as a deterrent and a record of antisocial behaviour.

Projects currently underway:-

Refurbishment of the original Village Hall, including new floor, ceiling and windows; electrical works; plastering of walls and redecoration. The contract was awarded to Stan Randall & Co. Ltd. This work is due to a very generous grant of £70,000 from New Forest District Council. A very big thank you goes to them for their support on this project. In particular, thanks go to Mr Martin Devine, Assistant Director of Leisure Services, NFDC, for his continued support for this and other Parish Council projects.

Work on the Community Plan is progressing well. Please take the time to complete and return the questionnaire. This will be used to assess and take forward further projects and activities to improve our community. This is your chance to have your say on how you would like to see your community evolve.

Projects in the pipeline:-

New recreational facilities can be funded from Developers Funds held by NFDC. There is about £5,000 available and the Council will be applying to spend this on the Pavilion site, to provide new facilities for cricket, junior football and croquet. A further sum in the region of £10,000 should be forthcoming to further enhance recreational facilities.

Lottery Funding for new play facilities is available through NFDC, and the Parish Council submitted a provisional bid for £70,000 for a skate park and a ball game area (to practice football, basketball, tennis) at the recreation ground. We are hopeful of a substantial grant, but not the full amount. Funding for new play equipment at Thorney Hill may also be available from this scheme.

Existing Play Equipment

The roundabout was refurbished this year. The slide and larger swings are coming to the end of their useful life. Grants are not available for this. The Council has some reserves allocated to this work, and are looking to budget further funding to replace these next year. Many thanks to Mr John Walker, our Hall Warden, for keeping them maintained in the meantime.

If anyone is interested in helping with any projects and/or fund raising please contact the Clerk. All these projects are worthwhile to our community, and the council is actively pursuing funding where available. This is time consuming, and frustratingly slow at times. The Government is continually making new regulations requiring consultation and/or compliance by the Parish Council. These and other matters leave less time for dealing with day to day parish matters. Regrettably, this has led to the office closing on Wednesday mornings.

Current opening hours:- Monday and Friday 11am – 12.30pm, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am – 11am. Phone enquiries for Hall Bookings 10am – 11am weekdays, except Wednesday. Requests for appointments and/or home visits by the Clerk or a Councillor should be made to the Clerk

Alternatively contact:- Mrs S Clarke, Clerk, Village Hall, 116 Burley Road, Bransgore, BH23 8AY; Telephone: 01425 674155 (answer phone when unmanned); e-mail council@bransgore-parish.gov.uk or visit our website Bransgore Parish www.bransgore-parish.gov.uk

BRANSGORE COMMUNITY PLAN

New Forest District Council are funding a Community planning project to support local parishes in producing an action plan for local communities, based on what the residents would like to see improved in their village in the future. The Bransgore Community plan will consider all aspects of community life and identify the local issues and then develop an action plan based on the improvements that have been widely requested. A Bransgore Community Plan Steering Committee has been formed, representative of the community and was elected at a public meeting on 28 March 2006.

The first active "step" in our Community Plan was to ask residents what local issues people "love" and "hate" about Bransgore and what they would like to most see improved about the village. This research was conducted in June in the format of a

short "flyer" asking these questions and it was distributed with the Summer issue of the Bransgore Newsletter.

We have now been able to summarise the input from the "flyers" and it makes interesting reading.

Respondents were very positive about the shopping provision, friendliness of the community, our location, medical services and variety of amenities and activities. A third of all respondents wanted the Police presence improved and a quarter wanted improvements to the local bus service. Respondents listed many complaints about the state of the Village Centre and many wanted more affordable housing and some an indoor sports facility. Among the "dislikes" a third said that what they most disliked about living in Bransgore was "the speeding traffic" and a similar number disliked the vandalism and graffiti. In general varied traffic management and community security issues were the most commonly disliked by all respondents.

From this information a longer Questionnaire has been designed to reflect the "flyer" input. It expands on the topics associated with community safety, traffic management, the environment, transport, leisure, youth and older peoples aspects and housing issues. This Questionnaire is enclosed with this copy of the Autumn Bransgore Newsletter which is sent out to all households in the Parish in early September. From the extensive results of this information priorities can be identified which will form the basis for the construction of our Community Plan which will include an action plan for the future of the village. The Plan will be scheduled for public viewing in the spring next year.

Meanwhile local schoolchildren have been submitting their designs for a "logo" to represent Bransgore Village for our Community Plan submission. The winner was Jasmin Rice with a simple "tree" design incorporating "smiley apples" and she was presented with a useful book voucher at the close of last term.

It is hoped that all Bransgore residents will fully participate in this Community Planning exercise, particularly by completing the enclosed Questionnaire and returning it in the pre-paid envelope. Your support is needed help us to identify a consensus of opinion to help overcome perceived difficulties and improve the quality of life in our village

DOUGLAS J CLARE

ST MARY'S CHURCH BRANSGORE & ALL SAINTS CHURCH THORNEY HILL

Revd. Peter Rickman

E Mail: pizzarev@aol.com

Hello everyone! Welcome to the Church of England Page!

Something very special is happening in Thorney Hill.

Something very special is happening to which all the members of the local community are invited.

On October 8th All Saints Church Thorney Hill celebrates its 100th birthday. It is a unique church building, constructed and decorated by some of the finest architects and artists that this nation has ever known. It was erected by Lord Manners of Avon Tyrrell in memory of his daughter Mary Christine, who died at an early age in India. Inside the church you will encounter not only great artistic beauty but a number of considerable references to the history of our nation over the past 100 years. You will

also discover something of the beauty and peace of God to whom worship is still offered every week on a Sunday morning at All Saints. The centenary is an occasion for a real celebration. This is an incredible building, with an important role in the heart of a unique and special community. It is only right that we celebrate its birthday.

So the invitation is extended to you to join in these celebrations! There are two main events.

100th BIRTHDAY PARTY

The first will be held on Saturday September 30th at Thorney Hill Community Centre. From 12 noon until 4pm we will be celebrating the 100th birthday of All Saints Church with a BIRTHDAY PARTY to which you are all invited. There will be a BBQ lunch, games, bouncy castle, puppet shows concluding with afternoon tea and a HUGE cake with 100 candles on it to blow out! This is an event for all ages so please do come along. If you have never seen the inside of All Saints Church then there will be an opportunity for you to do so on this day, prepare to be surprised if its your first visit!

CENTENARY WORSHIP

The second event comes the following weekend. On Sunday October 8th at 10am, there will be a special service of Holy Communion with Bishop Michael Scott-Joynt, Lord Bishop of Winchester, to celebrate 100 years of Christian witness, worship and mission in Thorney Hill. Many people who have or have had links with All Saints Church have been invited as well as many others from our local community. YOU are also invited to join in this celebration! On this day there will no services at St Mary's church in recognition of the importance of this occasion and all Anglican Christians will join together for worship at All Saints on this Sunday.

Following this service there will be a 100th Birthday Lunch in the Thorney Hill Community Centre to which all are invited. At this lunch there will be a display of the history of this unique building, along with the launch of a new book detailing this history by former vicar and historian, Canon Patrick Elkins, and Janet Burn,.

I am looking forward to the Centenary Celebrations of All Saints Church! Please do come and celebrate with us at Thorney Hill. I hope to see you there!

With my love, prayers and thanks.

PETER ☺

St Mary's Church, Bransgore, with All Saints Church, Thorney Hill Welcome to your Parish Church!

We would love to see you at any of our Sunday or weekday services and events. You can be assured of a warm and friendly welcome! We are a broad, inclusive and tolerant Christian community celebrating and valuing people of all ages and backgrounds.

We offer a mixture of traditional and informal services and are very child friendly with young church and crèche facilities on offer on a Sunday morning.

St Mary's is open every day as a refuge away from the busy world for prayer and reflection.

You are welcome to come in at any time.

ST MARY'S

Sundays

8am Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer A quiet service in traditional language without music

10am Family Communion Service in modern language with hymns and songs and young church. Our church is full of toys, children's books and activity bags for ALL children to use

Our thriving "Living Stones" Young Church meets every week during the 10am service and is made up of 2 groups: "Pebbles" - babies to reception class age children and "Rocks" - Year 1 upwards. Visiting children are always welcome.

Our All Age Service "Morning Glory" is on the 1st Sunday of each month at 10am. This is a short, informal, child-friendly service with a well resourced children's space for pre-school children....and lots of fun.

Tuesdays

10am GODPLAY - Every Tuesday in term time. Games, activities, singing, dancing, puppets, storytelling, prayers, coffee, refreshments and a time to meet and socialise with friends. For all parents, carers & pre-school children!

Wednesdays

10am Service of Holy Communion. A quiet service in modern language without music. With time for a reflection of the Bible readings for the day and silent meditative prayer.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, THORNEY HILL

9am Sundays - Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer— a service of prayer in traditional language with hymns and music. Holy Communion in the same style is held on the 1st Sunday of every month at 9am.

We also arrange Christenings/Baptisms on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month, Weddings and funerals. We especially seek to reach out and to care for those in any kind of need. Please do not hesitate to speak to the vicar, Peter, if you or another is in any kind of need. We are here to help.

The Parish also holds Bible Study and discussion groups, social events, children's activity days, children's Parties, special services at times like Christmas and Easter and enjoys and celebrates a vibrant partnership with Bransgore Primary School. Look out for our notices in the village and please check out our website

www.stmarysbransgore.co.uk

for up to date notices and details of events.

If you need any more information then please call the Vicar, Peter Rickman on 01425 672327 or find him at

St Mary's Vicarage Ringwood Rd Bransgore BH23 8JH email pizzarev@aol.com

NEW FOREST DISTRICT MODEL ELECTRIC TOURING CAR CLUB

Fancy a go at remote controlled car racing? We are the New Forest District Model Electric Touring Car Club and we meet on Monday evenings at the Bransgore Village Hall, Burley Road. We commence racing at 7.30 pm and everyone of all ages and abilities is very welcome. We race 1/10th scale touring cars and minis and 1/16th scale buggies.

Please feel free to come along, alternatively find out all about us on our website www.freewebs.com/bransgoreracing or contact Gary on 01202 593336 for any further information. We look forward to seeing you.

BRANGSORE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Autumn Update

The Brangsgore Community First Responders team have continued their work. (See Village News June 2006 for more information).

To many, Brangsgore probably seems a sleepy hollow where not much happens. But since we started earlier this year the six responders have attended well over 100 "Category A" (life at risk) emergency calls. The treatment of the casualties, prior to the arrival of the ambulance, included the use of several thousand litres of oxygen, 70+ oxygen face masks, several wound dressings, numerous boxes of medical gloves, and the human element of reassurance, care and lots of TLC. The Responders also managed to fit in their 6 monthly training and re-qualification.

That's why we continue to need help and support by way of donations and sponsorship. We thank Richard Frampton of Harrow Wood Farm and Caravan Park for a generous donation and also PalmAir and Ringwood Brewery who also made donations. All such donations go directly towards our work and therefore benefit the community as a whole.

Now that the group is established we have set ourselves some goals for the future.

These are:-

To enhance our service by

- Having a responder available on-call 24 hours a day.
- Increasing the number of volunteer responders in the group.
- Giving talks to community groups to explain what we do and how we work and attend functions/fetes when invited.

To raise necessary funds by

- Maintaining a high profile in the community by poster displays and leaflets
- Actively seeking sponsorship & support from local companies & individuals.
- Maintaining a website.

We are hoping, piece by piece to "build a bag"; that is to try and buy from donations, enough equipment to create a second responders bag. The items we carry range from a defibrillator at £1600 down to an airway at 0.18p each. The smallest donation will therefore buy something and help us "build a bag". To quote a well known retailer..."every little helps". Also we are hoping to try and run a fund raising week in October when we will be out and about telling people what we do and raising those much needed fund. Watch this space !

If you would like to join us or just find out more ring our Co-ordinator -Adrian Tindall on 07855 331360 or by E Mail on **brangsgore_responders@yahoo.co.uk** .

You may also like to

visit our website at <http://uk.geocities.com/brangsgorecommunityresponders>

MIKE JUKES

BRANGSORE & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

It's that time of year again when local papers often feature pictures of smiling folk handing over chains of office. This is a signal that it's the end of the Rotary year! And what do these people have to smile about? Well, in Brangsgore Rotary Club it's

because they are celebrating another very successful year when they've raised many thousands of pounds for, mostly local, good causes. This has been achieved by providing a variety of enjoyable events and fund raising opportunities such as their Boxing Evening, Fun Day and Golf Day. The Club members are very grateful for all the support they have been given by local people and businesses in their attendance and sponsorship of these functions. In addition to the club's weekly meetings at the Carpenter's Arms members have also enjoyed many social activities together such as Fishing evenings, Theatre & concert trips, Treasure hunts, Barbeques and 'Safari' suppers, proving that service to the community can be fun.

Contact President Rinus Koop 01425 617480 or PRO Johnnie Parry 01425 476930 for more details of Rotary activities and membership.

BRANSGORE YOUTH PROJECT

The Bransgore Youth Club has now been up and running for a full year. It meets from 7-9pm on Wednesday evenings, during school term times, in the Village Hall in the Burley Road. Since the Club's opening on 14 May 2005 it has been an unqualified success, providing a focus for the young people in our village. The growth in attendance numbers has led to the employment of an additional Youth Worker. Kim McMurray our Hampshire Youth Worker has been joined by local Youth Support Worker Isabel George. We welcome Isabel who has already been helping the Youth Club activities with her creative input. We also benefit from the invaluable support of parents among our host of Volunteer Helpers.

Training evenings undertaken by the Hampshire Youth Service regularly help Workers and Volunteers to cope with up to date legislation and the demands in running an active Youth Club for this age range. All Youth Workers, Volunteer Helpers and members of the Management Committee have been recommended and are of course CRB checked. The Management Committee deals with the finance, funding and legislative issues and Youth Club activities are planned by the Project's Operational Group.

Through arranging activities which youngsters like to undertake, our aim is to open up and maintain a regular dialogue with young people in the village which will indirectly lead to the general benefit of the community at large. The range of our indoor activities is increasing; most recently we purchased a portable Basket Ball pole and net set which complements our existing activities of badminton, pool, table tennis and skittles. In addition we organise music, dancing, karaoke and computer games, while face painting, tee-shirt printing and jewellery craft also remain popular.

Further plans for 2006 are to consolidate the progress we made last year and expand the range of activities we can offer. So if you have a youngster who seeks company, or as a Mum or Dad you would like to give your support as a Helper on some of the Youth Club evenings, then come along on a Wednesday evening and see for yourself what we are doing.

DOUGLAS J CLARE
BYP Chairperson - 01425 673958

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, NAOMI HOUSE

See Village Notice Board too

I would like to say a very big **THANK YOU** to Rev Barbara Jeffreys and the 1st Bransgore Methodist Guides for having a **SPONSORED 90 MINUTE CLEAN UP**

in the Village on the evening of Thursday 22nd June. They raised the wonderful total of **£206.50**. Thank you Barbara and Guides and their supporters. Very well done! Our next function at the Village Hall on **SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER** is a Revue entitled **“WHAT’S ON THE BOX?”** by **“Opus 8”** who are a brilliant group. Some of you saw them last year. This will be a ticket only affair and tickets go fast! Previous years “Opus 8” revues have resulted in 170 guests plus a waiting list, and last year we had some very disappointed villagers! Book early or you will be outnumbered by their dozens 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 some furniture, some electrical goods, as well as good clothes and saleable bric-a-brac. We also collect **USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES, FOREIGN COINS & STAMPS**. PLEASE SAVE THEM AND RING ME - 673078. **NAOMI HOUSE** Open Days this year are **FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 22nd to 24th 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

One of our favourite hymns is often sung at this time of year :-

“For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Gracious God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.!”

These words were written at the end of the 19th century – and they now have a wonderful modern setting by the contemporary English composer, John Rutter, whose work is always uplifting. Music and poetry themselves are part of the ‘harvest’ of God’s ‘good gifts around us’.

This year the fruit trees in the garden are abundantly laden, as are also the trees of the Forest – the oaks are full of acorns. But as always, we need to remember those countries where drought and famine, deforestation and war, have destroyed the resources; and the people die of hunger and disease. Because of mankind’s failure to love, the earth is not always a beautiful place.

So please enjoy your harvest, come to our Harvest Services on September 24th at 10.30 am and 7 pm. – and do all you can by prayers, words and actions to make the whole world a ‘fairer’ place.

Social Events

Saturday 21st October at 10.30 am.

Table Top Sale in the Methodist Church Hall. £1 entrance to include coffee and biscuits

To book a table, at a cost of £5, call Jean on 673122. Proceeds for Church Funds.

Friday 17th November at 7.30 pm

Quiz evening in the Methodist Church Hall with Ploughman’s Supper cost £3.50. To book a place call Jean on 673122. Proceeds for Church Funds.

BRANSGORE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Great news!! At long last I am pleased and proud to announce that the Club have been successful in becoming a “Charter Standard Club”.

We have received our Certificate and have been given permission to place the plaque on the wall in the Football/Cricket Pavilion. The plaque will be unveiled in front of the local press by the Hampshire FA who have helped us so much with our application.

This is a fantastic achievement by the Club and all those involved with the Club and has put Bransgore Youth FC firmly on the “Youth Football Map”.

I would like to congratulate everyone associated with the Club, including the Committee, the Players and the Parents/Guardians. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Keith and Lynn Wheeler on behalf of everyone at the Club for their continued hard work and support.

This achievement is on the back of another successful season and very successful tournament. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported us throughout the season and the tournament. Special thanks must again go out to the local businesses as we would struggle to survive without their support and generosity.

We are again looking for support this season and if you are interested in helping in any way then please contact our Secretary, Lynn on 01425 674462.

We are also in negotiations with The Football Foundation who are very interested in supporting our growing commitment to the football in the village and would like to help us with coaching courses for our new Coaches, next level coaching for our existing Coaches (all of them already hold their Level 1 Certificates) and funding towards new goalposts and pitch improvements. All of these have the backing of the Parish Council and we know we can rely on their support. The Club’s Treasurer, Dickie Dare, and I have had a very successful meeting with the Foundation at the offices of the Hants FA and we are now in correspondence with them with regard to either a three or five year plan. I will keep you updated on our progress.

We now look forward to our next season which will start again in September, but in the meantime most of us are enjoying a well earned rest and that includes the players who put in so much effort throughout the season.

ARF SCAIFE
Press Secretary

BRANSGORE FLOWER CLUB

Reflecting on a wonderful summer, autumn appears to be rearing its head with August hardly over.

Our demonstration for June by Angela Turner – a national demonstrator – entitled “Natural Daydream”, was spectacular.

A perfect day dawned on our August Garden Party at Brook Cottage, the home of Mr and Mrs Terry Case. This summer event was very well supported with members and their friends enjoying a sea of blooms and shady spots in a perfect English country garden.

Congratulations to our trio, Marcia Neil, Carole Norman and Yvonne Shipway, who won a commendation at the New Forest Show for their entry titled “Flight of Fancy”.

Congratulations are also due to Margo Crouch who entered two individual competitions and was awarded second place for her entry “Storm Force” and was Very Highly Commended for her “Scrap Heap Challenge” arrangement.

On September 28th Margaret Marriot will entertain us with her “Metal Mania” demonstration. An “In-house” worship is scheduled for October 26th and Barbara Hudson will reveal her “Christmas” presentation on November 23rd.

Yes, Christmas is on the horizon. On December 14th Pat Clarke, a National Speaker, will give us an entertaining rendition called “Married to N.A.F.A.S.” to be followed by our Christmas tea.

We look forward to welcoming you as a guest or perhaps a new member. We meet on the fourth Thursday each month at 2 pm in the Resource Centre, Ringwood Road, Bransgore. CAROL E. REED Chairman 01202 470139

BRANSGORE CRICKET CLUB - YOUTH

Where to start? What a season!! Here goes... a lot of cricket has gone on in Bransgore this summer.

The Under 9 squad has just finished its season with a hardball fixture which it narrowly lost to Bournemouth. Over the season more than 20 children have represented the club at this age group and nearly 30 have taken part in squad training. The squad includes a number of young ladies.

The Under 10 squad did not progress beyond the second round of the Cup but appears to win matches when the coach isn't present! This squad is also very healthy, numbering over 15 and has shown great promise. They finished their season at an Under 10 tournament which was a great experience for the boys.

The Under 11 squad had, on occasions, to be bolstered by lads from the Under 10 squad and acquitted itself very well. Their season's highlight was the win against Ferndown in the penultimate match, but for a team which included lads who had never played cricket before they performed very well.

The Under 13 side were 'playing up' a year but once they got into their stride played very well as a unit. They played very well in the 11 a side Blackmore Vale Cup and will improve next year when they are playing in their true age group.

The Under 15 squad has had a mixed season, also 'playing up' a year, but have held their own in the league and can only improve next year.

The Under 17 squad have called upon many younger players during the season, which has been the last as 'juniors' for a number of the squad. As last year, the only side to finish above them was Bashley.

I am very grateful to all who help with scoring, catering and transportation in all age groups.

The after school coaching sessions held at Bransgore Junior School were very well attended with over twenty children, with a number of them joining the club's Under 9 squad.

The indoor season now beckons and the club has entered sides at Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13 and Under 15. Matches commence in mid-September and continue until February next year. Indoor nets will be held at The Dorset Cricket Centre in Spring 2007 – details in the next newsletter.

Dates for your diary: -

Skittles evening - 14th October in the Village hall.

“Stars in their eyes” - 26th November in the Village hall.

As ever, if your child would like to play for any of our teams, please contact me on the number below. We would welcome new players of all ages and abilities:

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

BRANSGORE CRICKET CLUB - ADULT

The season has only two weeks to run – time flies.

The first XI has had an excellent season, and to date has won eight and lost five fixtures. They will finish in the top half of their league and their record is a vindication of the Club's decision to make the first XI truly the best XI players in the Club. The youth players who have become part of the team have acquitted themselves very well.

The second XI have won four and lost nine fixtures but hope to remain in their league. They have suffered the loss of two front line bowlers and an opening batsman, but the youngsters drafted in to cover have acquitted themselves admirably.

The mid-week side, a real 'fun' side, has had an excellent season and may well have finished second in their league. All in all, the Club has done very well this year.

As well as the competitive sides, the Club has played a number of friendly fixtures over the season. The Club will once again be entering the New Forest Indoor Leagues over the winter and holding indoor nets at Hurn in the spring. Please contact Richard Jones on 673880 or Dave Lay on 673242 if you would like to play for one of the club's senior sides. We look forward to welcoming you.

If there is anyone in the village with experience of looking after sports pitches or would like to help the club maintain its playing surfaces and could spare an hour or two a week, the club would like to hear from them.

DAVE LAY - Bransgore 673242 or e-mail lay_dj@btopenworld.com

THORNEY HILL & BRANSGORE WI

President: Mrs Vera Murray

We continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.15 pm., but from September we shall have a new venue. We shall be meeting in the Thorney Hill Community Hall as this is able to accommodate our growing numbers. Interesting and varied topics will be covered by our speakers at future meetings as usual.

Following success at the New Forest Show, we shall be looking forward to next year's entries. We shall be visiting The American Museum in Bath in September and planning more trips for next year. Our annual Birthday Lunch will be in November and December will see our usual Christmas Party. Monthly quizzes will commence in September, still being held in the Resource Centre.

Another busy year to look forward to – why not come and join us? You would be made very welcome.

JANET COX
Vice President

ALPHA - An Opportunity to Explore the Meaning of Life

Have you seen the Alpha posters around the village and wondered what they are advertising? Or you may have seen the adverts on buses and at the cinema and wanted to know what they are all about? Bransgore Community Church has the answer - they will be running the Alpha course again this autumn, giving you the opportunity to ask and discuss questions about the Christian faith and spirituality in an open and easy-going way running over 10 evening sessions. The course will commence at 7pm on

Monday 18th September 2006 with a meal and a talk entitled "Christianity Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?" at The Three Tuns. There is no charge for the evening but if you would like to contribute toward the meal you are able to do so. Should you decide to come along for the evening it does not mean you will then be committed for the next 10 weeks. It is intended as an information evening, a chance to make the decision as to whether the course is for you. The 10 week course will be held at Bransgore Community Church, Shackleton Square.

Everyne is welcome on an Alpha course and people attend for a variety of reasons. Some want to investigate whether God exists and if there is any point to life; others are concerned about what happens after death. Still others may have attended church on and off all their lives but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. People come from many different backgrounds, holding many different view points - but all come with the same objective: to establish whether Jesus Christ has any real relevance to their lives. There are no questions that cannot be asked.

Some of the topics covered over the weekly sessions are Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? Who is the Holy Spirit? Does God heal today? An evening consists of: 7pm Supper 7.45pm Talk and Coffee 8.30pm Discussion 9.15pm End.

One person who attended alpha said "At the end of the evening, I was astonished at how much I had enjoyed myself. As the weeks went by, I found myself looking forward to Alpha - not so much because of the religious aspect but because of the stimulating debates about subjects which, in our busy lives, few of us take time to address."

Come and find out more it's a great opportunity to meet new people, have a meal and enjoy stimulating discussion.

To reserve your place on the Monday 18th September please contact Karen Iles on 01425673767.

NOTE: If this Newsletter does not reach you before 18th September, you can come still come along on the following Monday. You will be most welcome.

BRANSGORE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club ended with a garden party at 2 Wiltshire Gardens before the summer break in August. In spite of a very hot day, about 40 members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon sitting in the shade of Margaret and Derek King's garden. The committee members provided the refreshments of sandwiches, cakes and scones.

All the meetings are well attended. Thank you to you all for coming and a special "thank you" to all the drivers who bring along friends. We have room for a few more members so we would make you very welcome. Just come along at 2 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The meetings finish at 4 pm so you can get home in the daylight in the Winter months.

On September 26th we will be looking back on the past 32 years of the Club's history. There are many scrapbooks and photos. If you have been a member for many years and have memories and photos it would be appreciated if you can bring them along on that day to share with us.

The following meeting will be the 32nd birthday when the committee will be asking members to help with the catering.

November 14th is the Bring and Buy. This is not a jumble sale – any items not sold must be taken home again.

October 17th will be a mystery coach outing with a pub lunch. November 21st is the last coach outing of the year when we get a change to do some Christmas shopping. Our Christmas lunch is at the Avonmouth Hotel on December 5th. And our Christmas Party will be on December 12th.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

ESTHER HARRIS
Secretary 01425 673589

THE BRANSGORE CROQUET CLUB

The Bransgore Croquet Club was constituted on the 1st January 2006, and membership presently stands at 37 with several in the pipe-line

The Club President is James Mays of Burley; Chairman is Miles Rich of Winkton; Secretary is Michael Oliver and Treasurer is Chris Wood, both of Bransgore. Other members of the Committee are Ken Smith, Trainer/Coach of Bransgore, Match Secretary June Robb of Burley and Mary Windsor of Thorney Hill who looks after logistics at the Pavilion – when they become fully available.

Ground for two full-size lawns was found adjacent to the Cricket Pavilion after discussions with the Parish Council.

After six months of considerable effort and expense to the Club, 2 playable lawns have been available and the first games were played on the 15th May.

Although we can play on these lawns, they are not yet in a fit state where, unlike the Cricketers and Footballers, we can invite other Clubs to proper matches. That will have to wait until at least next year..

Our main concern is to obtain a large sit-upon cylinder mower, as well-kept croquet lawns approach the standard of a Bowling Green. To reach this standard we have to look after the mowing of the lawns ourselves, and in doing this we make little or no financial demand on Parish Council resources.

We can mark out either 2 full-size lawns or 3 half-size lawns. The third half-size lawn is not yet mature enough for play.

Over 40 applications for Membership have been processed and the first series of Training/Coaching sessions were held on the 18th, 19th and 20th of May. Each applicant is being offered three coaching sessions prior to deciding to become members or not.

The game offers a challenging sporting and also a social occasion for the senior citizen in Bransgore. There is nothing like it within reasonable distance. Mark you, the current World Champion has yet to enter his 30's – so I'm told

If you are interested in a sport that is steadily growing in popularity (in spite of some amusing, out of date, and totally inaccurate old-wives tales – putting your foot on the ball was outlawed over 100 years ago!), then please contact the Secretary, Michael Oliver at “Lerryn”, West Rd, Bransgore, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 8BE; Telephone 01425 672965 or email pennymike@thelmaoliver7.wanadoo.co.uk

MIKE OLIVER

BRANGORE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their summer holidays and survived the heat waves. No doubt many of you have taken flights from Hurn Airport and there is no question that it is such an easy and trouble-free experience. However there is always the issue of noise from planes flying over the village. We have had a meeting with the directors at the airport which proved most worthwhile. There are various projects in the pipeline which will allow greater control of flight paths and hopefully steer aircraft away from the village. We have also requested a place on the Airport Consultative Committee for the Residents Association. This will keep us abreast of any changes going on as there are considerable plans for roads and infrastructure around the area.

We have no news at present with regard to The Carpenters Arms since the appeal was dismissed at Bristol. Obviously we will keep you informed of any movement. We are in contact with NFDC with regard to the status of Brangore as **URBAN**. This has been an ongoing argument and one which we feel should never have happened. We need Brangore to re-gain its **RURAL** status and will continue to lobby NFDC in this respect. If any residents feel able to write their own letters, then please send them to **Mr C Elliott, NFDC, Appletree Court, Lyndhurst, SO43 7PA**. Every letter will help.

Another issue of great concern is that the majority of Brangore has been left out of the new National Park, whereas in the original plan the whole of Brangore was included. We now have the name of the director and will write to see if anything can be done in this respect thus enabling us to be included in the National Park.

Please keep an eye on the notice board and remember membership will always be worthwhile. JUNE RICHARDS Chairman 01425 672183

PROJECT RUSOVA

As many of you will be aware, the above project is the name of the ministry that is run by the Community Church in Shackleton Square to help Romanian village children gain an education.

The connection with Romania, which started just months after the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu fell, has now been going for 16 years. Trips to Romania have been made by members of the church every year with the exception of one, now they take place two or three times every year.

These are normally overland trips but just occasionally, when there are special needs, the luxury of flying has its uses. This has been one such year.

In April an overland trip took place with the van loaded with computer equipment destined for a village junior school where over half the children were from the local gypsy population. Though a relatively modern building, the school had very few facilities. Now they have a computer room with a bank of units all networked together complete with printers and scanner. In another room we installed a photocopier donated by Century 21 in Ringwood. We installed the system during their Easter holiday but word got round & before we knew it we were working among 2 dozen children all eager to 'have a go' and were pleading for the teachers to cancel their holidays and come in to start school early! (This did not go down too well with the teachers!)

We returned from this trip just in time to set up stall at the Fun Day where we raised £108 for the project. 10 days later it was back again, via Budapest (courtesy of

Easi Jet). This time it was to attend the graduation of our very first student. Andy, who graduated in Philosophy, was initially helped with transportation costs to get to High School every day. School was about a ½ hour drive away but without transport or money it was a very long walk, especially in the winter with temperatures down to -20 degrees. From this initial help for Andy the sponsorship scheme emerged and has grown each year. At present we have 17 children on the scheme. In September we will have 15 children at various stages of education in the high school system, one starting at university studying to become a dental nurse and Andy who will commence a Masters Degree in Public Politics & Advocacy. With Romania coming into the EU next year it is felt this is a good subject which will help him obtain a good job in a few years time.

So from small beginnings, we have been enabled to help one young man get a start in life which would otherwise not have been possible because his parents are peasant workers with no income to speak of. It is our hope and dream that he will be the first of many.

Contact Brian & Christine Mitchell - Bransgore 672495 for further info or to book a talk at your club or group.

BRANSGORE CHILDREN'S ART CLUB

Due to a growing waiting list, we have a second Art Class starting September 2006 at Bransgore Community Church, for years 2 to 6.

Does your child enjoy learning how to paint and sketch? If so, come and join us on a Tuesday or Wednesday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

We are Ruth and Liz (qualified mums and teachers!!) aiming to provide a fun and creative Art Club.

Places are allocated on a first-come-first-served-basis at a cost of £4 per session.

For further information and to book a place, please contact : Ruth Davies 01425 673147 or Liz Emecz 01425 674231

Bransgore Children's Art Club Christmas Workshops

At Bransgore Community Church, Shackleton Square

Friday, 22nd December 2006

10 am – 12 noon or 2 pm – 4 pm

(for Years 1-6)

Activities will include making Christmas cards, gifts and decorations. Drink and biscuits provided. Please bring an apron or wear old clothes.

BRANSGORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The last few months have been quite a busy time for us, especially the first week in August when we held our second Children's Summer Club. Over the four days we had 43 children and about 15 helpers. A great time was had by all and was rounded off by an All-Age Family Service on the Sunday. But it's not just at special events that we are seeing so many children as we are having more and more each Sunday with their families. Because of this, from September, we are changing our children's work on Sunday mornings. For the first 15 minutes we will all join together in the main church for All-Age worship and then the children and young people will go to their separate groups. We will be running a crèche for the growing number of babies and a separate toddlers' group for the pre-schoolers. This means that all our primary school aged children will meet in our bigger room for a children's 'service' which will break down into age related groups for discussions and activities. The teenagers will continue to meet off site with our Youth Worker and team. We are in the process of applying for planning permission to build an extension to the church so that we will have enough

space for everyone. During August our Youth Group and leaders went camping for a week at Soul Survivor (Shepton Mallet) where they had a wonderful time learning about and experiencing God. From September we will be restarting our Crusaders group (11-14s) on a Tuesday evening rather than Wednesdays as before. This means that we won't clash with the village youth group and it still allows our Youth Worker, Dima, to carry on helping out there.

As we gear up for the autumn there will be a whole variety of activities for all ages. We will also be running the popular Alpha Course again which you will see advertised elsewhere in this newsletter. In order to help you get involved I have listed all our regular activities below together with contact details if you would like more information or to book a place.

The church also provides a local base for adult and children's art clubs and weekly aerobics. If you would like to find out more about the church, please contact me on 01425 673245 or email on phil.bcc@btinternet.com or find us on www.bransgorecommunitychurch.com

Have a wonderful autumn PHIL COLE

BRANSGORE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Summer Show July 29th (kindly sponsored by Denisons Estate Agents)

Holiday makers have had a wonderful year, dry weather – even bone dry weather – for weeks on end, fantastic for them but what chance for gardens to bloom? Also there was a guilty conscience awaiting any gardener bold enough to fill up a watering can to give the poor plants a drink, so we were expecting a pretty poor turn out for the Summer Show, but somehow they managed to confound us prophets of doom and provide even more exhibits than for a few years. There were over 390 including a super contributions from the juniors of over 60 quality exhibits of their own.

It was one of those village events when everything seemed to go well – lovely weather, a good variety of exhibits, art photography, flowers, vegetables, floral art, handicraft, cooking (including 8 cakes cooked by the men) and, as previously mentioned, an excellent spread of entries from the juniors. The tea room too was full of chatting neighbours and friends. Wonderful! Thank you all for a really great day – we hope you enjoyed it too. Don't worry if you didn't get a "First" – just try again next Spring.

Trophies were awarded as follows :-

Knott Cup to Mike Reed; Norris Cup to Shirley Tobias; President's Trophy to Gaynor Baker;

St Catherine's Cup, Banksian Medal and the Dalton Cup to Helen Snelling; Bert Sprackland Memorial Trophy to Gret Skeggs; Rumens Cup to Pauline Temple; Golden Jubilee Cup and the James Ellis Cup to Malcolm Waller; Hoare Cup to Wally King; Jean Menary Cup and the Conservative Cup to Doug Patterson; Bransgore Flower Club Trophy, Cheale Cup, Dalton Vases, Silver Jubilee Cup to Margo Crouch; Sargent Cup and James Ellis Cup (shared) to Myra Poole; Russell Cup to Nora Waygood; Society Challenge Cup to Valerie Reed

The Junior Cup to Frances Smith; The Merit Cup to Andrew Lloyd; Poole Cup to Natalie Linford; Troke Cup to Charlotte Lee.

Other Events During June/July

The lecture "Wildlife in the Garden" produced a few surprises :-

- (1) Our lecturer, Wilf Simcox, was unable to attend but supplied us with an excellent stand in, Kelvin Mason, also from Sparsholt College.
- (2) We were advised to stop spraying with insecticides and let natural predators take over. It's better for the environment.
- (3) (95% of garden bugs are OK and we're killing them all off. A ladybird eats around 5000 aphids in its lifetime, a hoverfly 50 per day and wasps are a good predator and don't often sting you (they make eating a jam sandwich a bit of a challenge though!).

(4) You will have to live with a threshold level of pests as predators won't eat them all and you have to let them build up a bit at first to encourage the predators in. Quite a challenging change of tactic for most of us, but good for us all in the end. John and Helen Snelling's coffee morning in July enabled us to achieve the £75 needed to

Contribute towards horticultural training in Ethiopia. Well done everybody.

JIM DUDLEY
Publicity Officer 673202

6th CHRISTCHURCH (BRANSGORE) SCOUT GROUP **BEAVERS**

We have been to the Electricity Museum, which the boys loved. We had Barney Bay who taught them circus skills, which was different. We have been litter picking at the recreation ground. We entered the District Sports day and came 4th – well done boys. We have been to Steamer Point for a nature walk and talk; a walk at Burbush and, to finish the term off, Water Games which the Beavers always love.

Lesley Manley 01425672914

CUBS

As usual we have had a very busy time with lots of outings and District events. The camping season started at Harry's Island, Burley with a Commonwealth Games theme, which the boys really enjoyed. We are now looking forward to our Summer Camp at Harry's Island in August with a very rustic theme.

We entered the District Sports Day which we won for the third year running, so well done to all the boys who took part. As part of the Cub programme, we have just completed the Outdoor Challenge, which included compass reading, tracking, backwoods cooking and orienteering. We had a visit from the Forestry Commission who talked to us about bats, and also brought some, which the boys found fascinating. We also learnt circus skills, visited Christchurch Police Station and finished the term with ski-bobbing and ringoing. We would like to thank the rest of the team for their continued help and support.

Ginny Hebden "Akela" 01425 674721 Trudi Butcher "Chil" 01425 672830

SCOUTS

We have made rockets and let them off which the boys all enjoyed; also it is part of their craft badge. In the middle of May the boys were checking all tentage ready to go to camp at the end of that month. Two thirds of the boys took part and all gained their Outdoor Challenge. We took part in the Sports Day and finished third. All boys who took part, gained their Athletes Badge. We entered two patrols in the Emlyn Trophy. Although we did not win, the boys all enjoyed taking part.

In the last month we have done orienteering, backwoods cooking (cooking fish in newspaper), a large wide game at Castle Hill (England versus Portugal) and finished down on the beach for swimming and a barbeque. We start back in September with forty boys, so Scouts is still proving very popular!

Mike Manley 01425 672667

ENQUIRIES:

Beavers:	Lesley Manley	01425 672667
Cubs :	Ginny Hebden	01425 674721
Scouts :	Mike Manley	01425 672667
Scout HQ and Ann's Lodge hire:	Liz Holroyd	01425 673398
GRAHAM PEDDER	Group Scout Leader	01425 672914

THORNEY HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

THE HALL IS OPEN FOR BOOKINGS

New Heritage Area building in pleasant National Park setting with

- large Function Hall
- seating for 100
- plus office and store
- ample kitchen facilities
- large car park
- very reasonable rates

Enquiries: Violet Doe – 01425 673554

BRANSGORE THEATRE GROUP

The year is proving to be one of great success for our Group with an average number attending the various productions standing at a little over 50, which is ideal to ensure cost efficiency and smooth administration.

We have provided an eclectic mix of theatre as evidenced by the following :-

February “Marrying the Mistress” by Joanne Trollope which starred Caroline Langrish,

Adrian Luker, Jeremy Clyde and :Polly Adams

March “Giselle”

April “School for Scandal” by Sheridan

May “Touch of the Sun” by N C Hunter

May Simply Ballroom

We are now looking forward to the Autumn programme which will begin in September with a visit to Poole for a production of Alan Bennett’s “Habeas Corpus”.

This will be followed by

“Thatcher The Musical” in October. Whoever thought anyone would have had the temerity to choose such a subject in her lifetime! In November the Playhouse, Salisbury will present “A Woman of No Importance”. (We assure you that the schedule has no hidden agenda!). Finally, also in November, we hope to enjoy “No Place Like a Home” which should appeal to the bulk of our members. This last offering will include Dora Bryan, Gordon Kay and a host of other well known actors and actresses.

At this point the pantomime season takes over, and we shall look forward to the Spring. LESLIE SEWELL Hon. Secretary 01425 674026.

BRANSGORE PROBUS CLUB

Our July meeting was our Ladies Lunch. This is a very pleasant luncheon when we all meet together and recall old times.

Our speaker was Anne King who took us all around the Jurassic Coast. The cliffs from Old Harry Rocks right along to Exmouth are full of fossils and stunningly beautiful natural ranges. We are very lucky to be so close to such a lovely area.

The August meeting was about the Austin 7. In 1907 there had been only 32,000 car owners in Britain. By 1930 the A.A. had admitted its millionth member and by the end of the decade car ownership had reached 2 million. The manufacturers met on the battleground of affordability. First blood went to the Austin 7 which had been launched in 1922 but stayed as a best seller until 1939. The main design

specifications for the “7” by Sir Herbert Austin were that it should seat four people whilst occupying no more road space than a motor cycle and sidecar. PROBITY II

BRANSGORE LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club starts the new season at the beginning of September after its summer break with an E.G.M. to discuss the decline in volunteer helpers and members. The lack of both groups is jeopardising the future of the Lunch Club to which so many people have contributed, and which so many members have enjoyed over a number of years. It would be sad indeed if after so much effort has been made, and benefit derived for so long that the Lunch Club went into decline.

We **URGENTLY** need both new members, helpers and drivers to join the teams who produce meals for the 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 to 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 tremendously rewarding. We also need additional help with the teams of drivers who transport the members to and from their homes and with cake-makers. If you cannot spare the time to help on a regular basis but would like to assist, why not volunteer for occasional duties as an emergency helper, driver or cook?

If you feel you could spare the time to assist, but are intimidated by the thought of cooking for slightly larger numbers than you are used to, please come along one lunch time and see for yourself what goes on. You may be surprised at how relaxed and friendly the sessions are. If you feel you could help PLEASE contact Shirley Tobias – telephone number 01425 673078 or Pat Newman – telephone number 01425 673678. We hope to hear from you.

The Lunch Club Coffee Morning that was held prior to the summer break was perhaps not as well attended as usual but did raise the funds required for Lunch Club Christmas lunch. Thanks go to everyone who helped make the occasion a success. This year our lunch will be held on Wednesday 13th December and we look forward to welcoming both members and helpers on that day.

Finally, grateful thanks go to everyone who continues to support the Lunch Club – your help is much valued and appreciated.

Diary Date: Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Lunch

BRANSGORE EVENING TOWNSWOMEN’S GUILD

We are on our summer break at the moment but since my last report we have been quite busy! On June 16th we had our ‘Midsummer Madness’ garden party at Mount Stewart where members, families and friends joined together for a Pimms on a lovely summer evening. There was a competition for the worst hat bought at a charity shop, and all monies raised will go to our charity fund. August 6th found 7 members going off to Warwick Castle for the day – the weather was good to us and we had a very interesting day. At the beginning of September it is our annual BBQ at Anderwood, which will start with a walk, and later in the month members will be visiting Titsee House in Surrey.

We have had some interesting talks over the last three months including 'The Women's Refuge' and 'Life with a police Dog' when were visited by two policemen with their dogs who went through their paces for us!!

We return from our summer break on Monday September 25th when Paul Hibberd, one of the New Forest Rangers, will be talking to us about fungi – we will be following this us with a walk on Sunday October 1st.

Townswomen's Guild is held on the 4th Monday of the month at the Resource Centre, Ringwood Road with a social get together and speaker. New members are always welcome. If you are interested please give Melissa Sheppard (our Chairperson) a ring on 674065 or just come along.

BRANGSORE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

'Those Hazy, Lazy, Crazy Days of Summer'

In putting producing my latest contribution this year to our very popular Newsletter, I am aware that we now have to look ahead to longer nights creeping in once again, but nevertheless we are especially able this year to contemplate on a memorable and exciting year of Twinning and a truly splendid summer.

I am delighted to report that our annual get together at the summer Bar-B-Q held at the Scout Hut at lunchtime on Sunday 16th July 2006 was once again a great success. Seventy adults and youngsters sat down under the welcome shade of trees, which provided ample protection from glorious sunshine, to enjoy the culinary expertise of Spike and Jim (call him Spud!), together with delicious home prepared salads. This was followed by a magnificent choice of sumptuous desserts generously contributed by committee and other lady members along with cool drinks of both the alcoholic and non alcoholic variety. There then followed the usual 'English' version of boules and the winners were each rewarded with a bottle of wine. The youngsters received an edible acknowledgement of their prowess at badminton and other games.

It is very good news and most essential for the continued success of the Twinning Association that Judith Allebon, Chair of the Twinning Association has confirmed that several French families at Saint Georges Montcocq are hoping to link in the future with Brangsgore families .

We are particularly pleased therefore to be able to welcome two new families who have recently joined Brangsgore Twinning Association this year.

It is to be hoped that existing families will continue to encourage their friends and neighbours, particularly those with youngsters, to become members of Brangsgore Twinning Association. This will enable them to be linked with available French families.

Future Events

An opportunity to 'Take your partner' for a traditional Barn Dance and delicious Ploughman's to be held at Thorney Hill Community Hall on Saturday 11th November 2006 starting at 7.30 p.m. Invite your family and friends for what will be great get together! (BYOB)

Detailed information and photographs of our recent activities are available on our excellent web site produced by Richard Evans. Find us at www.brangsgoretwinning.org.uk for all Brangsgore residents who are interested in our latest news of past and future events

P.S.

I am sure that all members will be pleased to join me in extending our hearty congratulations to our President and his wife, Jeff and Peggy Green, who recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Well done to you both, a truly fantastic milestone!

DAPHNE M. CRISP

SOPLEY WI

We are an evening group which meets at 7.00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Scout Hut in Burnt House Lane. Other activities include a walk followed by a pub lunch on the first Wednesday of each month. New members will be warmly welcomed.

For further information contact Sally Hickling, President, on 01202 476939.

NEWS FROM AVON TYRRELL ACTIVITY & RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

Here are the details of the events we are holding in October to coincide with the celebrations to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the building of All Saints Church at Thorney Hill, which is the Manners family chapel.

Fundraising Weekend

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

7pm – 11pm

Evening Supper & Race Night

Adults £7.50 each

8 races plus chance to own a horse

Bar

Sausage & Chips (vegetarian available)

Raffle

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

7pm – 11pm

Elvis is back - 1 night only!

Matt King as Elvis

60s, 70s Disco

***Come along as Elvis himself
or dressed in your 60's / 70's gear !***

Adults £10.00 each

Bar

Raffle

Discounts Available if you Book Both Nights
B&B Accommodation Available from £15 pppn

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER

House Tours

- 2pm – 5pm

£3.50 per person

Tour of the Grade 1
Listed house
History of Avon Tyrrell
Cream Teas
Grounds Open

Limited Tickets Available Advance Tickets from:
AVON TYRRELL ACTIVITY CENTRE IN THE NEW FOREST
BRANGSORE, HAMPSHIRE, BH23 8EE
T: 01425 672347 E:info@avontyrrell.org.uk
W: www.avontyrrell.org.uk

Don't forget that The Friends of Avon Tyrrell will be holding their annual Carols for Christmas (with a three-course supper as usual) on Friday, 15th December. Have you booked your tickets

R.L.BONNEY
Centre Director

BRANGSORE & RINGWOOD TOY LIBRARY

The Committee Room, Village Hall, 116 Burley Road,
Brangsgore, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 8AY

Sessions are run from Brangsgore on the first and third Fridays of the month, 10.00 – 11.00 am in the Committee Room at the side of Brangsgore Village Hall. We have a wide variety and selection of toys including Special Needs and are in the process of expanding by buying Game boy Playstation games. Membership is £4.00 per year and you may rent the toys for a month at a time - rental prices vary from 30p - £5 depending on the cost of the toy.

You may also come for a coffee and a chat while the children play and you need not feel obliged to take out a toy at every visit. We are open to everyone - Mums, Dads, Carers, Grandparents, Childminders and Playgroups etc.

We are a registered Charity and are members of the National Association of Toy and Leisure Libraries.

For more information contact Julie Clark 01425 674520

SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – SUMMER FETE 2006

Well, what a simply wonderful day we all had. The sun shone, the people came (perhaps one of best attended fete days?) and we hope everyone enjoyed the day. The arena events were great fun and some of us are still recovering from having a bird of prey land on our head!

Once again, we are grateful to have this opportunity to thank all in Brangsgore Parish who supported this event, came along and spent money! A fantastic sum has been raised to go towards the outdoors learning environments for our children, including finishing off the lovely new log cabin.

A date for your 2007 diary – Saturday 23 June 2007 at 1.00pm and we hope to see you all there!

ANNE COLLINS 2006 Fete Co-ordinator