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... coming up in November
and December are more
social events ...



... OGAFCA
continue to support
local issues in our
community ...



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Chairperson's Report

My first task as incoming chairperson is to thank Bill Collier for his tireless efforts over the last two years to keep the Association alive and kicking. When Grenville Annetts and Louise Shenston resigned at the AGM in 2016 we remaining few felt a little lost, and we wondered how we would cope without them. But, with Bill's cheerful leadership and a determination from the group to continue the good work that had gone before, we managed to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and start again. So, it is now down to me to take up the reins and follow Bill's excellent lead.

It is fair to say that the work of the Association has changed over the last few years, and, with many people resigning from the different work-groups, for all sorts of reasons, the work has fallen to the committee members alone to fulfil the tasks presented to us. It would be great to be able to welcome more local people into the team to support and enhance the Association's work. It does not need to take up much time as the work-groups, on the whole, only meet every 6-8 weeks unless there is a particular project to be addressed. But, this is a COMMUNITY Association and it would be gratifying if more of the community could get involved. We also need more volunteers to deliver newsletters, particularly towards the end of the Oakley Green Road near the Greene Oak. Please feel free to contact us if you feel you can help in any way.

If you came to the AGM on September 19, you will have heard in the Treasurer's report that we are struggling to raise funds to keep the Association afloat. The funds are necessary to pay for the quarterly newsletter that is delivered, free, to all residents, also for insurance for local events and any monies that may be needed to fight for a local cause. There are two very simple ways to support; firstly, to join the Association. Forms can be obtained from the website or by contacting any of the committee. And secondly, a very simple and enjoyable way to help is to support the local social events arranged by OGAFCA. These not only raise valuable funds for the organisation but also promote the feeling of community and village life that was asked for in our original survey. You will find a list of forthcoming events on the next page. Make a note in your diaries and come along, we guarantee a good time!

Barbara Frame

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by Monday 8 January 2020
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An Autumn of OGAFCA Social events

Christmas Fair at Braywood Memorial Hall

Saturday 2nd November 1 - 4pm

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Bingo Night at Braywood Memorial Hall

Friday 8th November 7pm

Eyes down for a fun evening, meet you're neighbours and raise money for OGAFCA. Licensed Bar and FREE ENTRY!



Race Night and Fish & Chip Supper

Braywood Memorial Hall

Friday 6th December 6.30pm

Choose your favourite and have some fun, raising money for Braywood Memorial Hall. Licensed Bar. Tickets £10



Christmas Gathering on Fifield Village Green

Saturday 21st December
5.30pm

Dress up warm, bring a torch and your voices for our Annual Carols around the Christmas Tree

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Annual Christmas Walk from The Fifield Inn

Friday 27th December 11.45am

Children and 4 legged friends welcome!

Setting off at about Noon - for a leisurely walk of about 75 to 90 minutes along local Footpaths. Wellies advisable!



Fifield Fun Day 2019



What a rollercoaster! At the beginning of the year it looked very likely that the Fun Day would no longer happen. After the resignation of Louise Shenston and Julie Glover there was no one in place to take up the reins.

OGAFCA hosted a volunteers evening in the hope that someone would step forward, but, whilst many of our loyal volunteers were more than happy to help, there was no appetite to take over the organisation.

Following that, at an emergency meeting with David Coppinger, our local councillor, the decision was made that this event was too important to the community and local charities to be allowed to die. A committee was formed, led by the OGAFCA committee, Bill Collier, Barbara Frame, Alison Brayshaw, Paula Grevett and Trish Pottinger, and joined by David Coppinger, Val Lord and Shirley Chamberlain. It was then all hands to the pump to get the wheels back in motion.

Armed with the splendid blueprint provided by Louise and Julie, the marquees and portaloos were ordered, attractions were booked, and the volunteers were contacted and called to arms. It really looked as though the Fun Day was coming together.

The week before the event it was warm and sunny but then, suddenly the weather turned against us and the Met office were issuing warnings of storm conditions and damaging winds. We were advised it would be dangerous to put up the marquees and the fairground rides said they could not operate. We were facing disaster! Another emergency meeting was held and the committee made a bold decision to move the whole event by one day, to the Sunday.

We had two days to re-book everything. Unfortunately, not everyone could accommodate the change. Thank goodness, the Animal Show and the Dog Show organisers were still available. Mr Chris, the Punch & Judy man rearranged his diary to help us, and Jay Wizbiz, the children's entertainer turned up at a day's notice. Rod Lord did an amazing job adjusting all our banners to show the revised date. The press were fantastic and posted the update online and Radio Berkshire gave us some great publicity.

Sunday arrived, warm and breezy but generally calm. We erected our gazebos, set up our stalls, got all our wonderful volunteers in place and then we all held our breath, crossed our fingers, stroked our lucky charms and then said a few prayers in the hope that people would turn up! AND THEY DID! A record crowd came along and had a thoroughly good day. The atmosphere was terrific with everyone determined to enjoy themselves. The train broke all passenger records and we sold out of burgers and cakes! It was a wonderful day and after all the challenges a great success.

We raised, after all costs, over £5,000 and were able to present cheques of £2,000 each to both of our main charities; The Autism Group and Starfish Swimming Club.



So many people deserve medals for their help and support. This was very much a community event and without the amazing volunteers it would not have been a success and, indeed, it wouldn't have happened at all. We cannot possibly list everyone, but we hope you know who you are!

Next year the Fifield Fun Day will take place on **Sunday 9 August**. Put the date in your diaries – it will be a great day out!

Fifield Fun Day Committee



AGM

The Oakley Green and Fifield Community Association's AGM was held on Thursday 19 September and was attended by 20 local residents who enjoyed a glass of wine while the Chairman, Bill Collier, conducted the meeting. Details of the presentation can be found on the website:

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After 2 years in office, Bill has decided to stand down as Chairman, although he remains a valuable member of the Committee, and asked those present to approve Barbara Frame to succeed him. This was unanimously carried. Grenville Annetts thanked Bill for his excellent work and service to the community for the last two years.

There were two nominations for Directors; completed applications were forwarded to the Chairman in August 2019.

- Alison Jane Brayshaw, nominated by Barbara Frame seconded by Michael Seagrief and unanimously voted in.
- Patricia Ann Pottinger was nominated by Paula Grevett, seconded by Nikki Marsh and again, unanimously voted in.

There was a proposal from the committee that there should be a third way to pay membership subscriptions, currently £3.00 for one year; £5.00 for three years. The proposal was to add the option of paying £10.00 for a five year subscription. This was agreed by all present.

Any other business generated questions about the proposed HGV ban on Oakley Green Road. Grenville stated that he had heard a rumour that the Police were objecting to the proposal on the grounds that by sending lorries along Imperial Road, we were saving one school at the expense of two! As we all know this is not just about the schools, but about horse riders, dog walkers, listed buildings and the lack of footways! Barbara stated that she had received a message from Cllr. David Coppinger to say that the ban was still going ahead.

There was disappointment that a recent letter from Gigaclear, sent to local residents, stated that their installation programme in our area was delayed

until further notice. It was asked whether a representative of the company could attend a future meeting. This needs to be looked into.

After the official business, Bill promoted the upcoming social events:

- 4 October: Race Night at Bray Cricket Club. £10 including fish and chips. Tickets from Bill
- 2 November: Christmas Fair in the Braywood Memorial Hall
- 8 November: Bingo Night in the Braywood Memorial Hall
- 6 December: Race Night to raise funds for the Braywood Memorial Hall
- 10 November: Commemoration service - 3pm at the War Memorial in Oakley Green Road
- 21 December: Carols round the Christmas Tree in Fifield Village

There followed a quick review of this year's Fifield Fun Day which was a great success against all odds! Tricia Kempton from The Autism Group and Andy McCabe from Starfish Swimming Club were both presented with cheques for £2,000.

Simon Ratcliffe addressed the group on the subject of the Braywood Memorial Hall. It has been in operation since the 1920s and has been an important focal point for the community. However, in recent years, costly repairs and the loss of regular bookings has put the Hall into difficulties. He appealed to all to support the Hall whenever possible and asked for volunteers to help on the committee. Anyone interested should contact him or Rod Ball.

Finally, James Brayshaw, gave a fascinating talk on "How changes on Earth are monitored using satellite Imagery".

The meeting closed at 9pm, many people stayed to chat and have a drink.



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Local History: Braywood Church



All Saints' Church Braywood, in 1959

In the last magazine I gave you some history of New Lodge and the Van De Weyer family. This family built Braywood Church at the top of the hill known as Sparboro (sometimes known as Sparbury) in 1866/67. For those who don't know of Sparboro, it is the footpath that is opposite the entrance to Braywood Cricket Club.

This footpath was originally bordered with hedgerows that were renowned for its abundance of fruits such as blackberries, sloes, crab apples, mushrooms and all varieties of wildlife and bird species.

Braywood Church was a large church with 5 bells and 280 seats and was funded by Mrs. Van De Weyer (as a gift to the villagers) on the death of her husband and dedicated to her late father, Joshua Bates. There was also a vicarage built next to the church and it still exists today as a private home. Many of the Van De Weyer family are buried in the churchyard.

The first vicar at Braywood Church was a Mr. Turner and blacksmith, Bert

(Bertram) Simmonds' grandfather, was the first sexton and verger. Bert's father took over these roles in 1914 when Bert's grandfather died. Bert took over from his father in 1922 at the age of 70.

Every Sunday 3 services were held at Braywood and on important occasions up to 350 people were squeezed into the pews. However, during and after WW2, the numbers could drop to as low as 30.

All employees of the Van De Weyers and their families were expected to attend church every Sunday and walk up the mile long drive, which is now private. The entrance can still be seen on the right hand side of Oakley Green Road, when heading away from Fifield village, between the pair of Lodges with white fences. All the villagers and children were expected to curtsy or bow as the Van De Weyers coach would pass them on the drive.

In 1871 Braywood Church became an Ecclesiastical Parish formed by Queen Victoria on August 22 out of the mother parishes of Bray, Winkfield, Fifield, Oakley Green and Cranbourne .

During WW2 the tower at Braywood Church was a lookout post for the Home Guard for Fire watch and parachutists. The church was also used for a Hammer Film for a scene in 'Curse of the Werewolf' when a local villager's 6 week old baby had a part.

However the church was in an isolated location and when the last Vicar resigned his incumbency in 1958 it was decided that the parish should be returned to its former fold. Villagers still held church services at All Saints Church which is now Braywood School Annexe but still a consecrated church. When the Union of Parishes took place in 1966 the Vicar of Bray reunited the two parishes and decided to demolish Braywood Church as it was considered a financial liability to church funds.

A notice was posted on Braywood Church's bolted door advising that all services were cancelled however it did remain a place of quiet prayer. The church was eventually demolished in the late 1960's. All the stained glass windows were smashed so that the lead could be sold, the bells were sold to a monastery in Devon and the walls of flint were so thick that dynamite was used to complete the demolition.

There are a few villagers who can remember services at Braywood Church and I invite them to send in a story or two about the church and what they can remember about services and vicars etc

Sarah Grace

Volunteers are needed to help on OGAFCA Work Groups, if you would like to get involved, please do contact us through www.ogafcap.co.uk

Calling All Gardeners!!

It is a known fact that many a fence and hedge in our villages hide a magnificent garden from the public gaze. We would like to reveal some of these gardens as a charity fund-raiser for Braywood Memorial Hall.

If you are willing to open your garden for 3 or 4 hours one afternoon in May/ June 2020 please get in touch with us. Or, if your neighbour has a beautiful garden please urge them to volunteer. It does not need to be perfect, we have no Royal Horticultural Society judges, but a peoples' vote will nominate the best garden for a prize. We await your calls.

Once again, the Borough have offered us a stock of Daffodil bulbs to be planted in view of the public around the neighbourhood. If you would like some of these bulbs please contact:

Barbara via the website: www.ogafcap.co.uk,
email: babaraframe@btinternet.com or mobile: 07831 485645

British Legion Christmas Fundraiser on December 7

Our local branch of the Royal British legion are holding their annual fundraiser on Saturday December 7 from 7.30pm at Holyport Memorial Hall.

All Welcome!

Entertainment includes Ollie James, a young local singer/songwriter and West End star, Lynda Styan, a "vintage" singer from the 1920s – 1960s.

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On the Roads - As the leaves fall and the evenings draw in it is more important than ever to be visible as a pedestrian, cyclist, or horse rider. Lighting is very limited in semi rural areas and footways for pedestrians are non existent or narrow. So please ensure you are visible and safe by wearing high visibility clothing and using front and back lights on bicycles. Also if footways are difficult to use due to over grown hedges please report this to the council on the RBWM website.

Art Club expands

The Fifield Art Group has had a big influx of new students thanks to the Fifield Fun Day. Lots of people visited the exhibition of art and many were interested in joining the group, in fact I now have an extra 12 student in my classes, the majority of whom have little or no experience of painting. I have already moved all four classes from the Jubilee room into the main hall now which means I will have ample room to expand further should anyone else wish to join us.

This year we have visited painting workshops run by professional artist Mathew Palmer and we have painted outdoors by the Thames in Old Windsor and also by Holyport pond.

The classes are held on an informal basis and complimentary tea and coffee are on offer with sometimes a piece of cake or a biscuit. I have all the materials to paint either watercolours, oils or acrylics and the cost is just £6.00 for a two hour session. So if you would like to join us then please contact me.

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England won the cricket World Cup in the most exciting, tense, finish we could ever imagine, with the stand out hero, Ben Stokes, securing his place in cricket history. It reminded us that cricket is not just a game that can take 5 days and end in a draw or old men waiting to eat cucumber sandwiches. The World Cup grabbed the imagination by the arm, and didn't let go until the last ball of the super over was bowled. Then we moved onto the greatest sporting battle of all time, the Ashes. So much pride and passion goes into winning a 2 inch terra-cotta urn that, for 6 weeks in August and September, the cricket world seemed to go in slow motion. Ben Stokes was at it again, scoring one of the best Ashes 100's of all time. Like Botham's Ashes in 1981, the younger generation now have their own cricket summer to talk about. Where were you when Ben Stokes scored that match winning 100? Unfortunately we didn't win the Ashes, but we will take the drawn series and look forward to going to Australia in 2021 to do battle for the famous Ashes.

For Braywood Cricket Club, we didn't have our own Ben Stokes moment, or win any Cups, but we did have a successful season. Both Saturday league teams finished in very respectable positions, maintaining our places in the top division for next season.

The Sunday team played with spirit, fun, and passion, encouraging our Juniors to get involved in adult cricket, which resulted in Rayan Waheed, aged 10, taking the adult Sunday bowling trophy with 27 wickets. Maybe he will grow up to be the next hero like Ben Stokes!

The junior section continues to flourish, with more juniors playing cricket than we have ever had. This is not only a great thing for Braywood Cricket Club, but shows the future of cricket is in good hands.

Next year, Braywood Cricket Club will celebrate our 100th anniversary. This is an exciting time for the club, and the villages of Fifield and Oakley Green. I wonder if the local residents of 100 years ago could have imagined the club would still be going strong 100 years later. We will be celebrating in style, and invite the whole community to come and celebrate the success of the club. We look forward to sharing our party plans with you after Christmas, wish you all a healthy winter and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

**Brett Carter - Chairman
Braywood Cricket Club**

Race Night at the Cricket Club

On Friday 4 October OGAFCA and Braywood Cricket Club jointly hosted another Race Night in the Pavilion at the cricket ground in Oakley Green.

Once race goers had arrived and settled down at their tables with a drink and a race programme, it was time to start the first race. The race programme only listed the horses names and numbers so it was just a matter of choosing the name you liked! After all selections had been made (only £1 per horse) the odds were then announced followed by jockeys colours and a brief and often entertaining description of the form of each runner. Then it was all eyes on the big screen to watch the race and cheer on the runners and hopefully collect some winnings!

With an excellent Fish and Chip supper, raffle prizes to win, and a game of heads and tails it was a fun packed social evening and raised over £200! So don't miss our next Race Night in December at Braywood Memorial Hall.

Superfast Berkshire Broadband programme update

Gigaclear are working with local authorities across Berkshire and the Superfast Berkshire Broadband programme to build the ultrafast, full fibre infrastructure for Berkshire. This is a major engineering project which when complete, will enable residents to access the fastest broadband speeds in the country. However, Gigaclear have recently notified residents in the area of a delay to the completion date of their build programme.

To complete the build of the network they require access to a bridge owned by Network Rail and need to apply for permission to do so. Unfortunately, this is taking much longer than anticipated and is causing a delay. At this point, Gigaclear say they cannot provide an accurate date for when our network build will be complete though we have spoken to them and been advised that the network build to our area is scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2020 subject to the necessary permissions being granted. Gigaclear anticipate that service will be available in the first quarter of 2021 on the basis that the proposed network build date is not rescheduled and no further delays occur.

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BLP and Squires Garden Centre development

Borough Local Plan - RBWM responded to the Inspector on 26 July setting out a review of progress on the BLP during the 'pause period' (the period since the Stage 1 Hearings into the submitted BLP held in June 2018). The Inspector had asked RBWM, for the second time, whether continuing with the examination of the submitted Plan was the most prudent course of action. In its response RBWM sets out its intention to continue with the Plan. A report will be submitted to the Full Council on 23 October 2019 setting out proposed changes to the Plan. If these are approved the Council would then consult for 6 weeks in November through to mid-December 2019. Changes include a review of site allocations.

The proposed changes consultation would be similar to the Regulation 19 consultation, allowing interested persons to make representations on the proposed changes to the Plan. The Council would consider the responses received and make a submission of proposed changes to the Inspector (earliest January 2020). If the Inspector is minded to take these changes forward (and following Stage 2 Hearings) the Inspector could recommend Main Modifications to the Plan, to make the Plan sound and legally compliant. Further public consultation would be required on any Main Modifications.

At the time of writing a response from the Inspector to RBWM's letter of 26 July is expected which could support this course of action, or take a different view.

Squires Garden Centre - As advised in the last Newsletter revised plans had been submitted by Bewley Homes and Square Bay (No 5) LLP for the development of the Squires Garden Centre, providing for a reduction from 39 to 37 dwellings with minor changes to layout/building design, and a single access point on the old Maidenhead Road. The applicant has continued to submit further reports/minor revisions – all documents can be seen on the RBW website under Application No. 19/01755/FULL (search at www3.rbwm.gov.uk under 'Planning').

There remains strong local opposition to these revised plans and the application is due to be heard at the Windsor Area Development Management Panel on 6 November 2019 at York House in Windsor. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

This article has been provided by the Oakley Green & Fifield Residents Association (www.ogfra.org)

Roads and Transport Update

Many of you have been asking when the lorry ban on the Oakley Green Road will come into force. In the last newsletter I informed you that the due processes were taking place and that, if there were no objections, the ban would come into force in September. Unfortunately, there were objections. However, in spite of this, we have been assured that the ban will still go ahead. These problems have, of course, delayed progress but I am sure once it is done it will have been worth waiting for.

Similarly, the speed limit reduction has been delayed by budgetary constraints, but, once again, we have been assured that all is in order and we will soon see the new signs going up. It is then important that we, as residents, respect that change and do all we can to keep our roads safe.

Please remember that if you see any potential problems, such as damaged drain covers or potholes, you should report this to RBWM either by telephone or the website:

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Road and Transport Work Group

New Leader and Cabinet for RBWM

Following the unexpected departure of Simon Dudley a new leader has been elected and a new Cabinet formed. This Cabinet builds on the strengths of individuals and also provides focus on emerging areas of concern to us all. The members of Cabinet and their responsibilities are:-

- **Andrew Johnson** Leader and Business, Economic Development and Property
- **Samantha Rayner** Deputy Leader. HR, IT, Legal Services and Windsor.
- **David Coppinger** Planning and Maidenhead.
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- **David Hilton** Finance and Ascot.
- **Gerry Clark** Transport and Infrastructure.
- **Donna Stimson** Climate Change, Environmental Services, Sustainability and Culture
- **David Cannon** Public Protection and Parking

Wet Spot 4 - a final update

The project to try and do something about the Coningsby Lane shambles is now finally complete. It has taken around 17 years to achieve - the last 10 years of that as OGAFCA Environment (drainage). The deep brick pattern indentation on my forehead can now finally begin to fade !

The contractors did a fine job and carried it out with good-humoured courtesy and without having to close the footpath to the very many residents who regularly use this route heading north from Coningsby Lane. There are one or two individuals who were instrumental in achieving this outcome and they deserve thanks.

Our local Ward Borough Councillor, David Coppinger, has managed on several occasions over the years to obtain a response from Council Officers when several months of repeatedly asking for information and answers to questions achieved absolutely nothing. He was also extremely helpful over the years in setting up meetings with both Council Officers and Councillors which were crucial to long term progress.

The person who must receive the most credit was a young man called Michael Llewelyn - an RBWM employee who became project manager. Once Michael picked up the reins things suddenly kicked into gear and responses that once either took months to obtain or never came at all now arrived in a day or two. Thank you Michael !

We are currently waiting to hear about the possibility of installing a couple of lockable vehicle barrier posts in the entrance to the route northward because it is now probably more attractive to Travellers than it was before. But the status for this particular "wet spot" has now been changed to GREEN after being RED for very many years.

"Wet Spot" 2 by the speed hump just south of Longlea Nursing Home on the Fifield Road has caused much trouble in the past. The adjacent landowner refused to accept any responsibility for maintaining the roadside ditch and eventually Streetcare managed to organise some funding and cleared the whole length of ditches and pipes northwards on the West side of the road. That was some time ago and unfortunately it has not been maintained since then. Another wet season will see problems arising again.

There are of course still several other "wet spots" with RED status which need to be dealt with. More details of all this information and much more can be found at www.ogafcap.co.uk.

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- **Saturday November 2** - OGAFCA Christmas Fair at Braywood Memorial Hall 1- 4pm
- **Friday November 8** - OGAFCA Bingo Night at Braywood Memorial Hall 7pm
- **Sunday November 10** - Remembrance Service, Braywood Memorial, Oakley Green Road 3pm
- **Saturday November 23** - Braywood Memorial Hall Centenary Celebration Party
- **Friday December 6** - Race Night at Braywood Memorial Hall (proceeds to the Village Hall) 6.30pm Tickets £10
- **Saturday December 7** - British Legion Christmas Fundraiser at Holyport Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- **Saturday December 21** - OGAFCA Christmas Gathering 5.30pm Fifield Village Green
- **Friday December 27** - OGAFCA Christmas Walk from The Fifield Inn - 11.45am meet
- **Monday January 8** - Editor's Deadline
- **Thursday February 6** - OGAFCA General Meeting ALL WELCOME at Braywood Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- **Sunday August 9** - Fifield Fun Day 2020

A SNIP OF THE TONGUE!

“Bought ground, Joe”, he announced proudly while dexterously wielding the scissors.

“Oh, really?” Replied a bemused Joe, looking at his barber in the mirror while he worked. Joe had been a regular customer for many years and enjoyed many a lively conversation, made all the more interesting as the language barrier between a Scot and a Cockney caused countless misunderstandings.

“This is a bit sudden, isn’t it?” he asked, “Nah!” replied Keith, “‘Bin thinkin’ ‘bout it for ages”

“Then, well done! Where is it?”

“Ireland” Joe turned his head in astonishment, “Ireland?”

Keith placed a hand on each side of his head and turned him back towards the mirror.

“Yeah, that’s right”

“Why Ireland?”

“Best place, Joe. Lots of choice.”

“That must have cost a pretty penny?” Joe was still puzzled by this course of action.

“Yeah. So, I’ve gone into partnership with my bruvver, Ant’ney”

“I see. So, how often will you go out there?”

“No need, Joe. Gotta bloke out there to look a’ter it.”

“So, you don’t go over there?”

“Nah. No point.”

“I don’t understand. Why would you buy something you never see?”

“Oh, I’ll still see it, Joe”

“How”

“When the bloke brings it over for a race”

Joe sat silent for a moment while he digested this, and then, suddenly, the light went on.

“Oh, a Greyhound!”

“Yeah, of course, Joe. What the hell did ya think I meant?”



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Slow cooked haunch of Dorset roe deer, creamed Brussels sprouts, bacon, roasted carrots, juniper gravy
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Salt baked cauliflower, truffled woodland mushrooms, Bosworth Ash goat’s cheese

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