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... coming up in February and March are more social events ...



...do you have concerns about HGV's, you can tell us how you are affected...

... and proposed plans for houses and flats at Squires Garden centre site have your say...



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Chairman's Report

Here we are in 2019, so a Very Happy New Year to you all. Once again as we look at what we have achieved and what we have coming up in the new year we find that we have a problem with the biggest event of the year in our village and that is the Fifield Fun Day. The three people who did the bulk of the organising have resigned from the committee after giving years of support from the very start of the fun day. Louise, Julie and Steve we thank you for your efforts over the past 12 years and for the time and work you have put into make the fun day a success. Now here is the problem. If the fun day is to carry on we need someone to step into the shoes of Louise, Julie and Steve to carry on the good work in making it happen. We have all the information necessary to organise the day, all we need is the bodies to do it. So who is feeling enthusiastic enough to do it. Because if no one comes forward the Fifield fun day will be no more and there will be no more support for our local charities. If we can get two or even 3 or 4 people to volunteer it will lighten the load and make it easier to organise so please contact me and keep this major event in our calendar for 2019 as it has been for the last 12 years.

We have a busy year ahead, as there are major projects being proposed in our area, such as a new site for the Phoenix Gym and a new site for Maidenhead Golf Club. Also sites proposed in the Borough Local Plan and the possible excavation of gravel in the field where the Phoenix Gym is planned to be sited. We are already working on issues concerning the HGVs in Oakley Green Road and consulting on the roundabout at the Fifield cross roads. On the lighter side we are having a Horse Racing Night in the Club House at Braywood Cricket Cub on Friday 15 February at 6.30pm, entrance is by ticket at a cost of £10 which will include a fish and chip supper. I hope you will join us and have an exciting evening. Also there will be another Bingo Night in the village hall on Friday 29 March and hopefully the heating will be fixed by then.

The next meeting of the Association is in the Braywood War Memorial Hall on Thursday 7 February at 7.30pm where I hope you will join us to find out more on the major activities in our area.

Bill Collier

**Please submit Spring Newsletter contributions
by Monday 25 March 2019
via the web site or email to alison.j.brayshaw@gmail.com**

OGAFCA 20th Annual Christmas Walk - 2018

Unlike last year, this time the weather was fine and also not too cold for the walk and so there was a much greater turnout of local residents with their children and a good selection of dogs both large and small.

Everyone set off just after 12 noon having met in the Fifield Inn car park following the same route as last year with route maps provided by Rod Lord.

Having first turned left out of the pub everyone walked down Fifield Road and then went up Coningsby Lane a short way before turning right onto the footpath leading to the fields towards Holyport. The walk then followed the footpaths to the right towards the Windsor Road but this year to avoid walking through too much mud most of the walkers went along the footpath parallel to this road before turning left to go up the footpath which ends up in Stroud Farm Road, Holyport.

The route then took everyone through the small housing estate near to Holyport School and then through the small recreation ground alongside Gays Lane. Everyone then walked down this lane and then turned left into Green Lane and then at the end they turned right in Coningsby Lane. After a short way they took the footpath that goes between Grove House and Ledger Farm which comes out in Ledger Lane and then they followed the footpath to the Fifield Road and then turned left back to the pub.

The walk lasted about 1 hour 15 minutes and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves, especially the dogs that were able to have a good run in the fields.

Many of the walkers then stayed on at The Fifield Inn which was also very busy with other local residents and their children and a good time was had by all.

May I thank Rod and the Fifield Inn for their help and support with the walk. Again the walk served its purpose of helping everyone walk off any over indulgence over Christmas plus being a great way for local residents to get to know each other.

Robin Howard



Carols, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies around the Tree

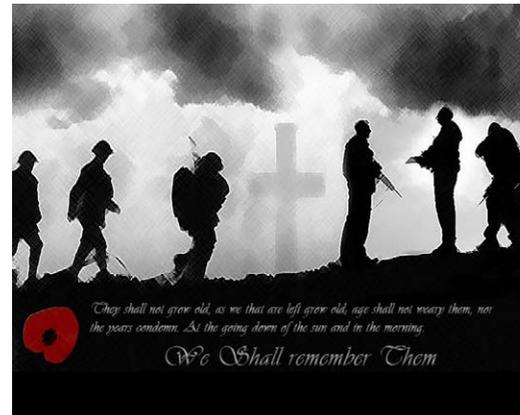
This Christmas our beautiful Christmas trees were again supplied by John Train Nurseries, one at the Fifield and Oakley Green cross roads donated by the Fifield Art Group and the other by OGAFCA on the Green in Fifield.

After emails, letters and personal appeals we finally this year got permission to install an electric point on the Fifield Green to run our Christmas tree lights. Bray Parish Council not only supported this but gave us £225 towards the cost of installation. After a dodgy start we got the lights up and running and the result was magnificent!

Our Christmas Gathering for Carols around the Tree, on the Saturday 22 December, was the best ever, with 60-70 people there including the Vicar, Revd. Ainsley Swift. The gathering started at 5.30pm with mulled wine and mince pies, the weather was mild and dry and the atmosphere very festive. With song sheets and backing music at the ready, there was much fun and laughter as all joined in to sing Carols around the tree by torch light.

It was as always the perfect start to Christmas so if you were not able to make it, do put it in your diary for next Christmas!

Lest we Forget...



This year was particularly poignant being the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918. The service at the Braywood Memorial took place at 3pm and was led by the British Legion. Every year we see a few more residents taking part. There must have been twenty-five people, men, women,

children and dogs, gathered around the memorial to show their respects and give thanks for the sacrifices made for us. There was a two minute silence and ended with the laying of wreaths from the British Legion, Parish Council, OGAFCA and OGFRA.

Braywood Cricket Club

Braywood Cricket Club held their annual AGM on Friday 11 January 2019 and it was at this meeting that our Chairman and Juniors Manager Stuart West stood down from both positions, Stuart; along with his committee started the Juniors section at Braywood 10 years ago

Last season we had a record numbers of Juniors join;75 members, with our U9s winning their division. Congratulations to all those who played in those matches. And we record our thanks to Stuart who has given so much time and effort to develop and support this section of our CC.

Asam Raza(077520173198) who is the 1st X1 Captain will be taking over the role as Juniors Manager for 2019 and in the next couple of weeks the Juniors committee will be looking at which age groups we enter into the Berkshire League for 2019. Please see the Braywood CC web-page for updates.

The Club is looking forward to hosting the Race Night on Friday 15 February from 6.30 pm, the bar will be open and teas and coffee served along with the Fish & Chips supper. Price £10.

The Senior teams will be fielding a 1st X1 and 2nd X1 in the League again this season and playing friendly matches at home on Sundays. These Sunday matches are for the older Juniors to get experience of Senior cricket, any player from our 1st or 2nd X1 team plus any 'occasional' player who fancies a game. Please contact Mo Waheed on 079830330933 if you fancy a game.

Winter nets should be starting shortly at the Windsor Boys' School and full details of matches and games will be available on our web-site as soon as confirmed. <http://braywoodcricketclub.hitscricket.com/>

Eyes down at village Bingo

There was a good turn out for the Bingo Night at Braywood Memorial Hall in November and despite the lack of heating in the Hall and the problems with the Bingo machine the evening was a great success and lots of fun!

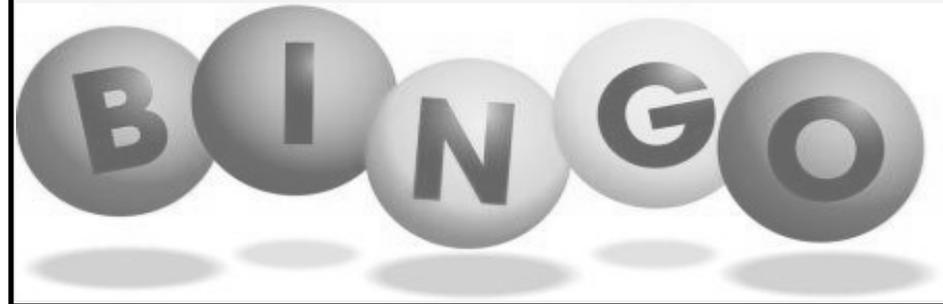
Many players took home winnings and the evening raised a good amount of money for OGAFCA. The faulty machine has now been replaced, hurray, so we are ready to put on another Bingo Night on 29 March so do come along, meet your neighbours and have some fun!

It's Bingo Nite !

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New Art Class

The art class restarted after a break for Christmas on Monday 7 January 2019. We closed 2018 with a Christmas Dinner in the Fifield Inn on December 14 with 30 members attending.

In 2019 we will be attending several workshops throughout the year and we will be going on a painting holiday to North Wales on Wednesday 8 May to the 12 May. This holiday is open to anyone wishing to go and the total cost of the 4 day period is just the cost of the hotel which at the moment is £320.00. Breakfast is included in the price.

Anyone interested should contact me, places are limited so please apply early.

Bill Collier

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Drainage:Wet Spot 4 - the Coningsby Lane shambles



In 1987 or 1988 I was returning from a walk with the dogs when a builder was tipping rubble into a ditch running north from Coningsby Lane with no pipe to let water pass. I had to ask the question and got the reply "it's no problem, this ditch isn't needed anyway - it doesn't do anything."

Nothing I said convinced the builder to reconsider. So the ditch gradually filled with brambles and saplings and has now almost disappeared although it is still possible to detect where it used to be. In October 2000 a LOT of water unable to escape from Coningsby Lane saturated the ground causing inconvenience and flooding. This has been repeated many times since and constant effort has been going on trying to improve a ridiculous situation. A dry and mild autumn and winter have spared us another repeat but there can be no doubt it will happen again ... sooner or later.

Returns from OGAFCA's **SURVEY** (see web site) featured drainage strongly. In the report compiled a short time later the Coningsby Lane shambles cropped up as **Wet Spot 4**. Pictures from recent events can be

seen via the **PHOTO GALLERY** button at www.ogafcap.co.uk. We've been slogging away ever since and Streetcare was helpful with minor successes elsewhere but reluctant to acknowledge there was ever a ditch though it's not difficult to pick out where it was.

A meeting in summer 2016 was attended by Streetcare, Cllrs Dudley and Coppinger, OGAFCA, and a couple of local residents. A budget was allocated and a decision made to proceed with the work to complete by the end of October 2016. When there was no sign of action going into 2017 we could get no replies to our questions but in Autumn 2017 some work began across Coningsby Lane. We cheered - but then they packed up and went away. It was to determine what lay under Coningsby Lane ... a year after work should have been completed.

There was no response to requests for updates. Then in early 2018 a letter to Residents enclosed a technical drawing and a date for closure of the footpath - May 1 till June 15 2018. Needless to say mid summer brought no sign of action.

After years dealing with Streetcare the situation at RBWM changed to outsource work to a commercial organisation called Project Centre. Frequently unanswered email requests to the Highways Officer now responsible for this work meant we once again had to seek help from our Ward Councillor. He managed to arrange another meeting on 26 Oct 2018 at The Town Hall between two Highways Officers and 4 local residents for OGAFCA and Coningsby Lane. We learned that even though a technical drawing and letter had been issued and a date announced it had been premature.

Although the route had been surveyed in 2002 apparently it had to be done again. Yet another Eco survey was required. I presented photos showing that the field through which the route would pass had just been flattened by a large machine and any Greater Crested Newts or Badgers must have long since run for the hills or now finely chopped mince meat. I despair at the money and time squandered by a systematic refusal to apply common sense and interpretation.

Further delay was blamed on no reply from the landowners but RBWM has Land Drainage powers to notify a landowner work will proceed anyway. It was agreed that such a notification would at long last be issued immediately.

We raised the lack of response from RBWM despite our many requests for

information. It demonstrates a failure of the proper functioning of a Local Government department and is also very discourteous. We received an apology and the suggestion that in future we should use the general Highways email address and the person monitoring it would ensure a swift reply.

A month later on 27 Nov 2018 we requested a status update using, as instructed, the Highways address also copied to Officers and Councillors. We got the automated response promising a response within 10 working days. I'm sure no reader will be surprised to hear that no such thing was forthcoming. On working day 24 (7 January 2019) we again asked for a reply, quoting the promises at our meeting. Still no reply so on working day 28 we sent an emphatic message to whoever was monitoring Highways emails and copied Cllr Dudley and the Head of Highways. This achieved a little attention but it was not until **working day 30** that we received an answer to our specific questions.

Since our meeting 3 people in hi-vis jackets have walked the route and concluded that levels are viable - confirmation of what was established in 2002. The Eco survey is still to be carried out and still no reply from the Landowners. For this to take 13 weeks is pathetic so we have requested another meeting.

I am nostalgic for the optimistic "youngster" I was in my early 50s when I first began banging my head against this brick wall which has turned me into a cynical old man. The whole thing would be quite funny if it wasn't such a miserably dismal tale of bureaucratic inertia, ineptitude and sheer incompetence. If we tried to submit it as a script for a radio or TV comedy it would be rejected as too far-fetched and unlikely.

Rod Lord - ex OGAFCA Drainage

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Roads and Transport Update

Last November OGAFCA joined forces with OGFRA (Oakley Green and Fifield Residents Association) at their AGM to talk about traffic issues, in particular the rise in HGV traffic on the Oakley Green Road. There was a very good turnout at the meeting and there was considerable support for a HGV ban on the OGR and we have pledged to work towards this.

Since then we have circulated a comment form to local residents and we have had a very good response, informing us of the problems that the HGV traffic is causing. This includes; houses shaking and damage to drains. We are deeply troubled by the threat to the safety of children attending the Braywood School, who have to arrive at and leave the school with Heavy Lorries trundling past them. Residents are also now fearful of walking on the narrow footways, particularly with small children on the way to the school, and reluctant to ride horses, walk dogs or even cycle along the road. If you have any further comments please contact us on the website (www.ogafcap.co.uk) or by mail to Barbara Frame at Woodlands, Oakley Green Rd.

Other traffic issues affecting our area are the increased levels of general traffic caused by building schemes in the surrounding areas and the threat of even more traffic from proposed new developments. The A308 is also likely to be put under intolerable pressure by increased housing and the M4 Smart Motorway works which will necessitate closing the motorway for short periods, albeit, mostly overnight or at weekends. The Parish Council is very concerned about all of these issues and has formed a sub-group to concentrate on traffic concerns.

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council Traffic Group, the following proposals were recommended for support:

The reduction of speed limit on Forest Green Rd from 50mph to 40mph

- The reduction of speed limit on A308 between Maidenhead and Windsor from 40mph to 30mph between Braywick Roundabout to Monkey Island Lane, and from 60mph to 40mph between Monkey Island Lane to the "Squires" roundabout.
- To pursue the plan for a roundabout at the Fifield crossroads

We will await the response to these proposals and keep you updated with any further developments.

Roads and Transport Work Group

OGAFCA Race Night

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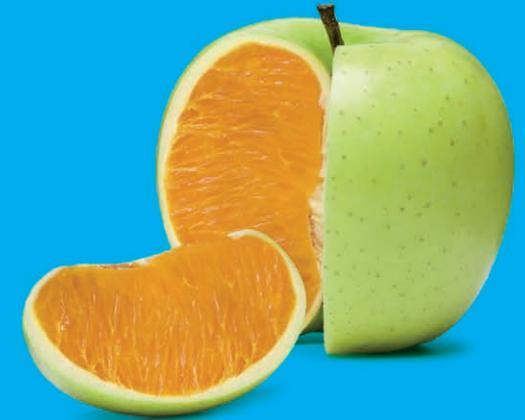


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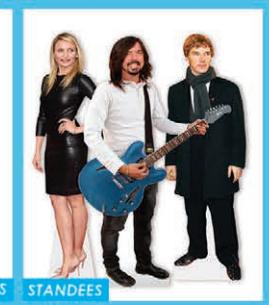
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CONCERNS ABOUT HGV's ON OAKLEY GREEN ROAD

Since the 7.5 T weight restriction was implemented in December 2015 on A330 through Holyport there has been a dramatic increase in the number of HGV's on the Oakley Green Road , Fifield Lane and Drift Road now the Primary Route from Maidenhead to Ascot and Bracknell see link for details: https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200217/roads_and_pavements/238/weight_limits

We believe this is unacceptable for many reasons.

The Oakley Green Road is a semi-rural B road, through a quiet village in Green Belt land, with narrow footways and blind bends, not designed to take large volumes of lorries which should be using the designated A road.



As a B road through a village, designated to carry lower volumes of traffic, the Oakley Green Road is used extensively by pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, dog walkers and farm traffic, and has many roadside residential properties some of which are listed.

Also on this road is Braywood Cricket Club, the parking for which can cause congestion throughout the summer and most importantly there is the school. Braywood Cof E First School which is over 150 years old is attended by over 140 young children under 9 years old. Parents walk or drive to school and the school does not have a parents car park. The increase in the volume of lorries has further exacerbated the ongoing issues with traffic congestion, road safety and air pollution.



This restriction also forces heavy vehicles to use Fifield Lane and turn right onto Oakley Green Road at the Fifield crossroads, which has already been identified as a hazardous junction requiring improvement. Both Fifield Lane and Drift Road are unclassified roads and as such are not designed for the usage which is now being imposed on them and damage due to this, is evident.

The problems we have are extremely concerning and we need the Highways Department to acknowledge the serious issues that this ban has caused and to stop lorries from using these unsuitable routes through Oakley Green, Fifield Lane and the Drift Road in order to improve road safety, prevent damage to buildings and roads , protect the character and attractiveness of our area and reduce traffic congestion.



In order to do that, we need evidence of:

- road damage (eg broken drains, collapsed kerbs)
- damage to property and vehicles
- incidents with other road users (near misses, frightened horses etc)

Please show your support by completing the form below (available on our website www.ogafcap.co.uk to view and print) and tell us how you have been affected.

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Address _____

Email /Tel No. _____

Please give details of damage, incidents traffic congestion and safety concerns:

Signature _____ Date _____

Please email completed forms to Barbara Frame at : Barbaraframe@btinternet.com or post to

OGAFCA, Woodlands, Oakley Green Road, Oakley Green, Windsor. SL4 4PZ

Proposed development of Squires Garden Centre site

A Planning Application was submitted on Christmas Eve by Bewley Homes and Square Bay (No 5) LLP for the development of the Squires Garden Centre site. This is for 39 dwellings, including two blocks of 2.5/3 storey flats, and the density and scale of the proposed housing is considered wholly inappropriate. The full application can be found in the Planning section of the RBWM website <https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk>; under 'Find a Planning Application' search for Application No. 18/03754/FULL.

There is also a wider concern among local residents of the precedent that development of the Squires site could set for the rest of HA11. The current submission version of the Borough Local Plan could yet be rejected by the Inspector, or as a minimum require significant modification, and it is by no means certain that HA11 will remain in the final form of the BLP at such time as a Plan is eventually approved. As such this application is considered premature; the Squires site remains Green Belt and it is not considered that the 'very special circumstances' exist that could justify development.

It is also understood that Bray Parish Council's position is that no development should be approved along the A308 until the planned A308 survey has been undertaken. There is considerable concern with the totality of existing and potential development along the A308 'corridor', and work on this survey is expected to start shortly.

It is appreciated that there is a lot for residents to review and OGFRA has prepared some 'Guidance Notes' to assist residents in formulating their responses to this application; this is available on the OGFRA [and OGAFCA] websites. The deadline for responses to be submitted to RBWM is 31 January 2019 and it is important that residents let their views be known.

This article has been provided by

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Church Matters and a Day on Mindfulness

Dear Friends,

I have had a wonderful first Christmas and New Year in the Parish and thank you to all who passed on seasons greeting. Attendance at St Michael's over Christmas was great, and we were very happy to host Braywood First School and Holyport Primary School Christmas services and concerts. The annual Carol Service was a wonderful experience and singing carols at the Crown Pub in Bray Village a new experience for me.

Looking forward to the year ahead I am very keen to encourage anyone who would like to come along to St Michael's on a Sunday to give it a try. We have a great choir and are always hoping for new members, if you can sing and would like to come and have a look please do! We also have a wonderful bell ringing team, again, if you would be interested please come and find out more.

Our services each Sunday take place at 8.00am with a quiet and reflective 30-minute service of Holy Communion using the traditional Prayer Book service. At 10.00am we have a more contemporary service, with choir, sermon (talk) and Sunday School for younger ones, approximately one hour. On the first Sunday of the month we try to gear the service to include all ages and specially the children. At 5.30pm we have a traditional Evensong service with hymns and sermon, the service lasts about 45 minutes. You are welcome at any of these services, we would love to welcome you if you have not been along before or if you would like to just give us a try!

One of my desires for the church is that we can be as inclusive as possible in our welcome and membership; you don't have to be an experienced church goer to come along!

I am very keen to promote everyone's spirituality and wellbeing, to that end we are holding a day on Mindfulness. Mindfulness is a meditative practise which seeks to ground us in the present moment, to encourage us to stop mulling over the past or worrying about the future. It is a simple practise which anyone can try. On **Saturday 9 March** at Bray Church Hall the Mindfulness teacher, Tim Stead, will lead a day course on Mindfulness practise and how it can help us to develop our spirituality. Here is a little more information about the day:

MINDFULNESS AND CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY QUIET DAY

Course leader

Tim Stead is an accredited mindfulness teacher and associate of the Oxford Mindfulness Centre. Tim was a Church of England vicar for 23 years and now operates as a freelance mindfulness teacher, teaching eight-week courses, leading retreats and quiet days. His books, *Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality* and *See, Love, Be – mindfulness and the spiritual life* are published by SPCK. He has also published a Grove Booklet: *Mindfulness and prayer*. www.timsteadmindfulness.org

Intentions for the day

The intentions of this day are fourfold:

- Give a basic experiential introduction to what mindfulness is
- Explore how mindfulness practice can engage with and support Christian spirituality
- Serve as a quiet day where participants go away feeling they have had space with God
- Share ways that mindfulness could be taken forward for those who choose to

If you would like to book or make further enquires please leave a message on the Bray Parish Office voicemail and we will get back to you: 01628 633113.

Ainsley

The Revd Ainsley Swift - Vicar of Bray with Braywood.

Christmas Fair

Last November we held a Christmas Fair after a gap of a few years. In spite of having heavy competition from other local fairs we had a good footfall and some very interesting stalls. I think everyone enjoyed it and snapped up some original and interesting Christmas gifts. As it was such a success, we intend to hold another one next year on 2 November. Get the date in your diaries now, and look forward to starting your Christmas shopping by supporting a local event and some local traders.

Barbara Frame

How long should you keep records for HMRC?

The end of winter is in sight and with spring on its way you may be thinking of a spring clean soon! But what should you keep and what can you throw away?

Savings, investments and pensions - You should keep all:

- bank/building society statements and passbooks
- statements of interest and income from other savings and investments
- tax deduction certificates from your bank
- dividend vouchers received from UK companies and unit trusts
- documents that show the profits you've made from life insurance policies (called 'chargeable event certificates')
- details of income from a trust
- details of any out-of-the ordinary income you've received, such as from an inheritance
- form P160 (Part 1A) which you got when your pension started
- form P60 which your pension provider sends you every year
- any other details of a pension (including State Pension) and any tax deducted from it

Rental income - You should keep details of:

- the dates when you let out your property
- all rent received
- any income from services you give to tenants (for example: if you charge for maintenance or repairs)
- rent books, receipts, invoices and bank statements
- allowable expenses you pay to run your property (for example: services you pay for such as cleaning/gardening, repairs, insurance, letting fees)

Overseas income - You should keep:

- evidence of income you've earned from overseas, such as payslips, bank statements or payment confirmations
- receipts for any overseas expenses you want to claim
- dividend certificates from overseas companies
- certificates or other proof of the tax you've already paid - either in the UK or overseas

Penalties - You should keep your records for at least

- 22 months after the end of the tax year a tax return is for and
- 15 months after you send a tax return

A penalty of up to £3,000 may be charged for each failure to keep or to preserve adequate records in support of a tax return.

Where record keeping failures come to light during the course of HMRC enquiries, they are likely to be a factor to be taken into consideration in determining the extent to which any penalties are to be abated in respect of other offences. A penalty will normally be sought only in serious cases, for example, where there has been a history of record-keeping failures or records have been destroyed deliberately to obstruct an enquiry. The amount of any penalty will depend on the nature of the offence.

The taxpayer has the right of appeal against the determination of any such penalty.

HMRC will investigate further back the more serious they think a case could be. If they suspect deliberate tax evasion, they can investigate as far back as **20 years**. More commonly, investigations into careless tax returns can go back **6 years** and investigations into innocent errors can go back up to **4 years**.

So although there is no requirement to keep records longer, it is advisable to keep your paperwork for at least 4 years.

Gift Aid donations - Keep records if you:

- pay higher rate tax
- claim tax credits
- get a higher Personal Allowance because of your age
- get Married Couple's Allowance

If you're claiming tax back through your Self-Assessment tax return or by asking HMRC to amend your tax code, keep records showing the date, the amount and which charities you've donated to.

Land, buildings and shares - For sales/donations of land, property or shares, you need to keep:

- legal documents showing the sale or transfer
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Gifts are not counted towards the value of your estate after 7 years. You should keep a list of relevant gifts made, with your will. Well, we hope this helps, and happy organising!

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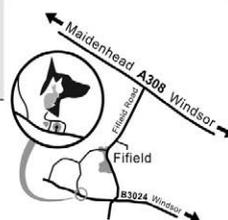
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"Twas the night before Christmas, and all round the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..."

John the dog opened one eye. He slipped from his bed and tip-toed into the hall. Propped against the front door were three stockings, for the three grand-children, awaiting collection. Inside each one a selection of toys, a tangerine, and a bag of chocolate coins in their golden wrappers.

John popped his nose into the first stocking, quickly located the chocolate coins, and scurried back to his bed with his treasure. Those of you, and I'm sure that's most of you, who have enjoyed these sweets, will know how fiendishly difficult they are to unwrap. You have to get a fingernail under one edge and then prize the edges up until you can remove the top layer. Even then, they are reluctant to come out of the bottom wrapper and have to be flipped up with the edge of a finger. John set to work. With a clever combination of claws and teeth he managed to cleanly extract every delicious chocolate from its foil casing.

Triumphant in his mastery of the first robbery, John returned to the hall. All was still quiet. He slipped a nose into the second stocking and removed the bag of coins. He quickly darted back to his bed, left them on the cushion, and returned for the third and final bag. One last nose-dive and he had it. He then settled down to make a leisurely feast of the rest of the chocolates.



As the sun began to rise, John popped his head around the hall door to view the scene. The stockings were still propped against the door. Satisfied that no-one would suspect his infamy he settled down on his bed for a blissful sleep.

Sadly, he did not think to dispose of the shiny foil wrappers glinting ominously around the edge of his bed and his sneaky theft was discovered. You will be pleased to hear that he suffered no ill effects from his chocolate feast and had a very happy Christmas.

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