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Wizard of Oz scarecrows  
by Anthony Norton

Wow, what a creative bunch of scarecrow designers we have in Bramley! You came up with everything from animals to heroes, villains to flower pot men. My walk to school took much longer in July as I had to dance with a ballerina, tell Juliet that Romeo was still stuck at the level crossing and say hello to a colourful caterpillar. The walk to church was even more entertaining. I passed a Dementor, the Gruffalo and Darth Vader and when they frightened me too much Florence Nightingale and Harry Potter were on hand to assist. There was music from Nickel Drums and a couple of well turned out ladies to talk to. There seemed to be a scarecrow for every mood. When my "to do" list was too demanding I could sympathise with the scarecrow on page 14 and there were times when I was tempted to join the lady on page 27 for a sleep. When the sun was shining, I fancied joining the group on The Street for a picnic, followed by a game of football with their neighbour.

Frances Lewis has walked the streets taking photos of all these creations and I have tried to include them all in the magazine. If you can't find yours on the centre pages then see if it is hidden among some of the other articles. If your scarecrow has been missed altogether do send me a photo and I will include it in the October magazine. Yes, this is the last magazine until Autumn. We are taking a break now while you enjoy the school holidays and hopefully some well-earned time off work. If you have ever wondered how holidays started then take a look at Michael Luck's article on page 15. If you are staying in Bramley over the summer then don't forget to enter the Bramley Show on 19 August and visit the Art Exhibition on 26 and 27 August. See pages 14 and 17 for details. You are also invited to Cherry Blossom Manor for coffee, as you will see from page 16.

It doesn't seem that long ago that I was standing outside Trent Bridge cricket ground waiting to catch a glimpse of the Queen as she arrived to meet the England and Australian cricket teams as part of her Silver Jubilee celebrations. Believe it or not that was 40 years ago and if you were living in Bramley back then do turn to page 21. I'm sure the memories will come flooding back. (And for cricket enthusiasts this was the match when Geoff Boycott ran out local hero Derek Randall ☺ England also beat Australia by 7 wickets and Ian Botham made his Test debut but Nottinghamshire folk don't remember that!)

Have a lovely Summer.

Best Wishes

Rachel

**Rachel Barclay Smith - Editor**

"Scarecrow: I haven't got a brain... only straw.

Dorothy: How can you talk if you haven't got  
a brain?

Scarecrow: I don't know... But some people  
without brains do an awful lot of talking...  
don't they?

Dorothy: Yes, I guess you're right."

**L. Frank Baum from the Wizard of Oz**

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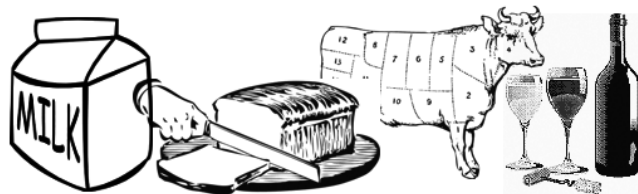
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<b>6th</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>13th</b>	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>20th</b>	<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
<b>27th</b>	<b>11th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>...September...</b>	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>12th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>10th</b>	<b>13th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>17th</b>	<b>14th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
<b>24th</b>	<b>Harvest Sunday</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

**...and into October**

<b>1st</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>8th</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>15th</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

**From Avril Kemp, Jo and all the family**

We would like to thank everybody for their kind words, cards, letters, flowers and cakes but most of all for just being there for us. We are so blessed with good friends and neighbours and for all their help at this sad time.

Special thanks go to John Lenton for all his help and sensitivity before and during the funeral service. The church looked beautiful, many thanks to the flower team and a big thank you to Arthur for the organ music.

Many thanks to all my friends in the WI for making and donating such a special tea; there were many comments about the cakes.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone towards 'Alan's bench' and look forward to all of us enjoying it on Clift Meadow.

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 Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Road, RG21 5TX:  
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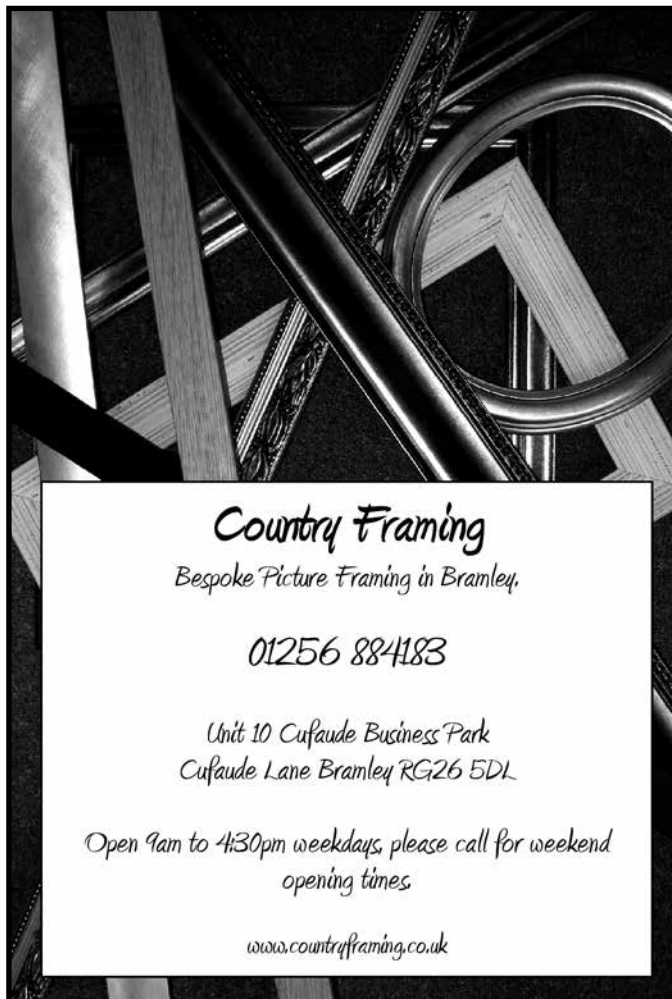
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So there we all are, sitting at the level crossing with the barriers down and the red lights flashing. Some of us leave our engines running all the time in order to keep the air-conditioning blowing, or perhaps because it doesn't occur to us that we might be polluting the air around the bakery.

Some of us turn the ignition off and open the windows, feeling rather virtuous. And we all wait until the xx.14 or the yy.23 crawls into the station and out again. And then we wait a bit more, because there's still the Virgin Cross-Country which needs to zip past, or a long goods train that has to thunder through the crossing. And then at last, the barriers creak upwards and we all stream over (except when the warning signal sounds again before you get to the crossing, in which case this starts all over again).

What you may not realise as you make that last-moment dash to try to get across the rails is that there is Someone watching you. No, on this occasion I'm not talking about God – not yet, anyway; I'm talking about a signaller in the Basingstoke Signalling Centre who's watching a picture of the crossing transmitted by the cameras mounted high above the rails, making sure that we're all safely clear of the crossing before the next train comes belting through. They have to press a button after visually confirming that the crossing is clear, allowing the signal then to be set to green, enabling the train to come through.

My grandson and I recently had the fascinating experience of spending a couple of hours on a Saturday morning in the Network Rail Signalling Centre as the guests of Jeremy, one of the Signallers who works there, and who lives in Bramley. The building which houses the Centre is in the vicinity of Basingstoke Station; the two of us signed in and then Jeremy led us into a long room, quite dimly lit, where three or four people stood, looking at a set of six-foot-high panels that ran the length of the room. Occasionally one of them would step forward and press a series of buttons in order to set points and signals to allow the trains to move. On the panels were lines of lights, running horizontally across the panels; the lights, as we learned, represented trains



Rev'd John Lenton

on their way through the different sectors. If you ever owned (or maybe still own) a model electric train set, then you'll know just what I mean when I say that the whole thing felt like a giant Hornby Dublo layout. Actually, the one thing I missed was actually being able to see the trains themselves running past the signal box: the Centre doesn't look out over the tracks at all – in fact, it doesn't really need windows at all.

But back to the level crossings... On the panels in front of us there were television monitors set at intervals along the lines. They enable the signaller to see what is physically happening at a particular level crossing, to ensure it's clear and then to set the signal to green and let the train through. We enjoyed watching the Bramley crossing, of course, and even thought we recognised some of the people driving through.

If you think we have it tough in Bramley, spare a thought for the folk in Poole. If you've ever been there, you may remember that the level crossing there runs through the middle of a shopping centre, so people have to walk across the tracks to get from one big store to another. On a Saturday morning, of course, there were lots of people out doing their shopping, flooding back and forth through the level crossing when the barriers were open. When the alarm sounded and the lights flashed, it was astonishing to see how many people made a dash to try and get across, even including one person pushing a wheelchair with someone in it. It must be tempting for the signallers to yell rude things at the screen when

they see people doing daft things like that... especially on the occasion quite recently when a transit van driver tried to make a last-minute run through the Bramley crossing and the barrier came down on his roof.

It set me thinking about what it must be like for God as He watches us from the Heavenly Signalling Centre and sees us making the most unwise, pointless choices in life, taking foolish risks in order to save a minute or two, thinking that a short cut to our heart's desire is worth taking, even though it might result in shame and disgrace and the loss of everything we hold dear. That extra glass of wine, knowing that we still have to drive home, but thinking it won't matter; that deliberate eye contact, held for a few moments too long, that sets the heart racing and leads on to the shattering of trust and the breakdown of a long marriage; that shading of the truth in an expense claim, that concealment of income from the taxman, that conflict of interest that remains undeclared... How our actions must sadden the One who made us in His own image to be salt and light in His world. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding," says the book of Proverbs. "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight," – or, in this case, open the level crossing when it's safe for us to cross.

A big thank you to Jeremy and to Network Rail for our experience!

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This month's featured neighbour came to Bramley as a schoolgirl, became a fashion designer and has just published her second book. **Shani Jay** tells us why she wants young girls to be more self-confident.

**Bramley Magazine: When did you move to Bramley and why?**

I moved to Bramley in 1999 with my family when I was 9 years old. We decided on Bramley because it wasn't far from our schools and it looked like a lovely, peaceful village with a great heart to it.

**BM: What were your school years here like?**

Like most teenagers, growing up wasn't the easiest of times for me. I majorly struggled with a lack of self-confidence and always felt like I didn't quite fit in. I didn't love myself and I had absolutely no idea how or where to begin. I think it's especially hard for young girls, even more so today, because of the constant pressure they're under to look and act a certain way.

Recently I discovered that a staggering 7 in 10 girls believe that they are not good enough or don't measure up in some way, including their looks, performance in school, and relationships with friends and family members (source: dosomething.org).

I'm painfully aware that schools don't always teach women how to be confident, comfortable with who they are, or to love themselves, so I can only assume this statistic doesn't lower much as we become women.

**BM: How did you grow your own confidence?**

Honestly, it took years of struggling on my own, gradually changing my negative thought patterns into positive ones, and a daily commitment for the past 7 years to becoming the woman I always knew deep down I could be. I cut out all of the toxic people in my life, I started challenging myself to move past my comfort zone, and I did a lot of learning through some great self-help books. Most importantly, I focused on drilling it into my head that nobody's opinions or judgments about me mattered, as long as I was making myself proud.



There was no quick fix - I wish I could tell you there was, but self-love is something you have to practice every day. I still have occasional bad days - like we all do - but I make sure I do everything within my power to pick myself back up and keep on going. I've learned that the way we choose to think about things that happen to us makes all the difference.

**BM: And you've written a book to help other young women?**

Yes! I've written two books - the first one was *Bloom*, and my latest one is called *The Babe Bible*. The book is a heartfelt collection of 'Open When...' love letters written to the reader, arranged into seven sections: Body; Spirit; Confidence; Vulnerability; Love; Hope and Inspiration. It aims to be every woman's BFF (Best Friend Forever) to guide you through some of life's toughest lessons and provide comfort, wisdom and a sparkle of inspiration when you need it most. I think it's a book you can dip in and out of and always refer back to in your times of need.

It's the book I really needed to read when I was younger and my hope is that it reaches and helps as many women as possible.

**BM: What one short piece of advice would you give to your 16 year old self?**

I would tell her this: Always remember you are so much *more* than the number of friends you have, the clothes you

wear and the way that you look. You have so much beauty and brilliance residing within you that you can't even begin to see right now, but trust me - it's there.

**BM: What do you love about Bramley and what would you change if you could?**

I love the warm, genuine and friendly people that have made Bramley feel like a real community rather than just a village. The only thing I'd change would be to build a bridge over the railway station so that I finally stop missing all my trains!

Shani's latest book *The Babe Bible* is available on Amazon now.

Connect with Shani at [www.shanijay.com](http://www.shanijay.com)





### Bramley School fete

Bramley School fete took place on 15 July and there was something for everyone. Stalls, refreshments, races, birds of prey, bouncy castles, horse rides, Bramley's got Talent and much more. Well done to the Bramley School Association and all the volunteers for organising a great day. Here are a few photos taken by Anthony Norton.





## Bramley and Romans Floral Society

On the 22 June several members of the society plus husbands and friends enjoyed a coach journey to Amersham. In the morning we visited Orchard House, where we had tea/coffee and cakes, walked around the very beautiful garden and bought many plants which had to be loaded onto the coach. We then climbed aboard for the short journey to Old Amersham where we split up into groups and found a very good choice of places for lunch. An hour later we went on to Hollydyke House. We thoroughly enjoyed walking around the very natural surroundings and once again we enjoyed tea and home made cakes and bought more plants. Mervyn from Mervyn Coaches drove home the scenic route, giving us all the details of the landmarks. A really enjoyable day and blessed with the great weather!

On 6 July, we welcomed Mrs Jennifer Thompson to our meeting. She called her demonstration "Greek Delight" and her arrangements were all memories of a Greek island where she spent holidays. I think we all felt that we were on the island as the weather was so warm and the sky cloudless. As usual, after her first three arrangements, we took a break for tea and homemade cake, which was particularly welcome on such a hot afternoon.

Orchard House and garden



Lunch in Old Amersham

Garden and tea at Hollydyke House

Then there were two more arrangements and we ended the afternoon with our normal raffle.

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**View from our Borough Councillor Venetia Rowland**

**Antisocial Behaviour in Bramley**

Who is fed up with this? I know I am and I am sure most residents in Bramley are becoming frustrated with the behaviour of some of the youths that we have in our community.

On the 22nd June I had the pleasure of taking Mel Barrett, the Chief Executive of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, on a "tour" of my ward – which is Bramley and also Sherfield on Loddon.

During the tour I took Mel to areas of the village which have been identified as "hotspots" by residents and the Bramley Parish Council for antisocial behaviour. I have been assured that Bramley is a current priority patrol area for the Community Safety Patrol Officers (CSPOs) in an attempt to deter antisocial behaviour, reassure the community and identify individuals. The CSPOs are liaising with the police (who are also carrying out regular patrols), Safer North Hampshire and the Housing Associations in relation to options going forward. It is the experience of the team that residents in a range of locations are suffering

with antisocial behaviour and damage and resources are having to be directed across the area accordingly.

As a result of the work carried out to date, a number of individuals have been identified and referred to Safer North Hampshire to progress through the antisocial behaviour process. Officers are continuing to encourage residents to report incidents to 101 as some people who have been experiencing issues have not been calling.

Additionally, the Council's Head of Environmental Services, Colin Rowland, has been in contact with Bramley Parish Council, explaining the multi-agency working between the council, police and housing associations which is seeking to address these issues.

Bramley Parish Council has been advised that there are other meetings scheduled over the next week with the housing associations and police, which will review the outcome of actions to date and assess what further measures might be feasible to address these incidents of antisocial behaviour in



Bramley. Officers will feed back to Bramley Parish Council, myself and Councillor Nick Robinson on agreed actions following these meetings.

In the meantime, I would encourage you to report any antisocial behaviour to the police on 101. The police have advised you may take photos of any youths involved and provide these to the authorities, but please do not post on any social media sites.

If you want to see what I am up to then please visit my Facebook page for regular updates and news - <https://www.facebook.com/BramleyandSherfield/> or contact me via email [cllr.venetia.rowland@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.venetia.rowland@basingstoke.gov.uk)





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We are looking forward to welcoming back those children who are staying with us in September and meeting our new starters. Our theme will be "all about me", helping us all get to know each other and building the children's sense of self, which is part of their personal, social and emotional development. September is also when we start thinking about autumn and the changes we see in the environment around us. The children enjoy leaf rubbing and printing and collecting items from nature for us to talk about.

Please contact us on [manager@littleapples.org](mailto:manager@littleapples.org) if you have any questions about our pre-school. We are also allocating spaces for next academic year now, so please register your pre-school child now to avoid disappointment.

Information on help with childcare can be found at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> Some families now qualify for 30 hours per week paid childcare, so it might be worth a check.

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This is a real opportunity for everyone to learn the history of the Police & Fire Service in Hampshire and to understand how much we rely on them in our everyday lives. Outside is a collection of police vehicles used over the past years; I am sure that they have all pulled me over at some time or other.

The museum itself is amazing, housing some truly epic aircraft, starting with a Spitfire. Southampton is regarded as the 'City of the Spitfire' having produced over 22,000 in 33 variants. The largest exhibit is a Short Sandringham Flying Boat recalling the days when Empire Airways flew from Southampton Water around the world, a service that came to an end in 1958. There is also the record breaking Schneider Trophy racer; the Supermarine S6A.

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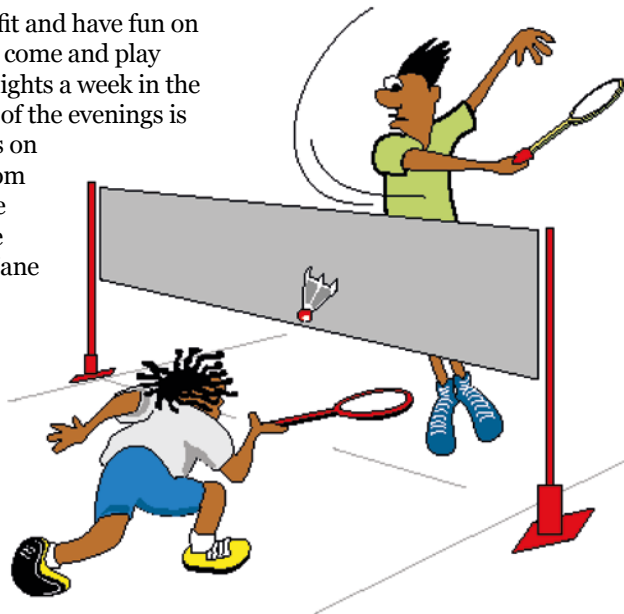
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Bramley Badminton has finished for the summer but will start again at the beginning of September.

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## We all love taking a break but the concept of a holiday has changed over the years as Michael Luck explains

We are in the middle of a glorious summer (as I write this in July) and many people's thoughts are turning to holidays. These days, what we call a holiday can be virtually anything, at any time of the year: skiing, safari, surfing, sailing or maybe just the traditional seaside. Most of us have never had so much choice about what we do with the many days of holiday that we get. But it was not always like this: so let's take a brief trip through history and look at how the concept of a holiday has changed.

My dictionary defines a holiday firstly as 'originally a religious festival'. The book of Exodus says 'Remember to keep the Sabbath Day holy... that day you shall not do any work'. So, even back in the time of Moses there was an idea that life was more than just work. The dictionary then goes on to say that it is 'a day or a season of rest and recreation'. These two ideas can still be seen in our modern holidays, which are still greatly influenced by the Christian calendar. Many people will take a week or ten days off at Christmas. The Easter holiday is still very important and is the other big break in the academic year outside of the summer holiday.

We think of summer holidays in terms of the weather, but actually in times gone by it was the harvest that determined the summer holiday period. Farming families needed every pair of hands they could muster for the harvest, so children would be expected to help out while the weather was good. So schools based their year around the two big Christian festivals and the need for harvesting in the summer.

In the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the Grand Tour became fashionable among the rich of several European countries. It was the equivalent of the modern gap year – young men (and ladies if they had a chaperone) would travel through France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany taking in art and music as they went. Although this seems strange to us, in the time before museums and galleries became commonplace, and long before recorded music was available, this was the main way to acquire a taste of the arts.

### Servicing Hampshire – Balancing the Budget Consultation

Despite making savings over the last 9 years of £340 million, Hampshire County Council (HCC) is required to make further savings of £140 million to the years 2019/2020. HCC is required by law to balance the books and is not allowed to run a deficit. Leader of HCC, Cllr Roy Perry states, 'Although we have been preparing for this challenge for some time, finding these additional savings is inevitably going to be extremely tough.'

As part of the decision making process a consultation has been opened to enable residents in Hampshire to bring forward constructive views on where these savings could and should be made.

The consultation runs from 3rd July 'till 21st August. To find the consultation, Google 'Hantsweb' then click on the pair of scales entitled 'Provide your views on how we could balance our budget'.

Many thanks for your involvement.

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan  
Calleva Division  
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Of course the majority of people did not have the money to go on the Grand Tour. For those working in factories, the early struggles were to achieve a maximum ten hour day, and a six day week, with only Sunday for rest. But gradually in the factories of Northern England and Scotland, the 'Wakes Weeks', or 'Trades Fortnight' in Scotland, became the norm. The factory closed for machinery maintenance and the workers were given holidays – but with no holiday pay. Amazingly it was only in 1938 that the Holidays with Pay Act became law.

So how did factory workers, on little more than subsistence wages, manage to take two weeks holiday when they weren't being paid? Some of the prudent ones did manage to save, but many of the others took working holidays and went fruit picking. In London, Cockneys would decamp to Kent and go hop picking. In Dundee, where I spent part of my youth, the holiday fortnight coincided with the raspberry harvest. Buses would be chartered by farmers, the destination board on the front merely saying 'Raspberries'. I wish I had taken a picture. People were paid by the weight of their pickings, in cash. For factory workers it was often the only extended period of sunshine they would get in the whole year.

Gradually in modern times the minimum holiday allowance, and the right to holiday pay, have become taken for granted. 20 days, plus public holidays, is the norm in the UK in the 21st century. So as you relax on whatever holiday you take this year, just remember the hard times and struggles that our forebears went through, and which laid the foundations for the comparatively easy life that we all have now.

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## BRAMLEY LUNCH CLUB

13 July seemed an important time for the club to meet as we thought that it was 30 years since it had started as a day centre. However, from the photograph albums and an item in the Basingstoke Gazette it was established that July 1986 was the correct date, so we are 31 years old! Pat Jones brought along the photos and we had a good time looking at those memories. Judy was a great help, as her Mum and Dad were there, and Phyl, Pat Jones and others helped in the early days when the club was held in the village hall and Abbey Fields as well as Cross House.



A large cake had been arranged and Ian Evett took pictures for us. Thank you, Ian. Caroline then introduced a version of "Countdown" and we enjoyed that. Lunch was served early and we enjoyed chicken and leek pie with cabbage and carrots followed by salad brimming with fresh fruit and cream. There was wine for our anniversary and for Phyl's birthday coming up later in the month. The raffle was drawn and cards given out. Caroline advised of a special tea at Wyevale Garden Centre on 24 August in memory of one of our late members, Betty. Her family and friends have made such generous donations.

At 1.30pm ex-helpers Jane Matthews and Pat Cole arrived and joined us in a cup of tea and slice of the celebration cake. They were helpers right at the start and could remember many who were in the photos. Another generation was with

us as Pat had brought grandson Thomas who was extremely good and quite interested in what was going on.

The club will meet next on 10 August and then on 14 September. Advance notice is given for the AGM on 9 November at Cross House at approx 2pm.

Please remember our contact is 01256 884065. Thank you Phyl Davies

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### Bramley WI

This month we did not have a meeting in the Village Hall but had an outing to Gilbert White museum in Selborne. It was a very good day out; the weather was dry and warm and we had a most interesting talk from one of the staff about the history of the house and of Gilbert White's life. The rest of the day was ours so in the morning we looked around the house, then after a pleasant lunch we went and toured the garden which was lovely. Afterwards some of our members went to the local Church where Gilbert White is buried.

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More participation by children this year which is wonderful.

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Scarecrows back in 2019 if you would like!

Don't forget to put 19th August in your diaries if you are here to come and see all the scarecrow photographs on display at the Bramley Show in the Village Hall. Even better, enter something in the show. There are many ways to take part - baking, painting, photography, growing, to name a few and it's a good social occasion, including homemade cake and teas! You may have a schedule delivered with this magazine but all details are on line at [WWW.BRAMLEYSHOW.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BRAMLEYSHOW.ORG.UK)

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**Bramley Revisited**

We have uncovered some rather wonderful back editions of the Bramley Magazine, going back as far as 1886! We thought we would share some snippets with you over future editions, to see how life has changed in our village over the decades.

Look out for some familiar names... and even a guest appearance by BBC Question Time!

And If you have an old magazine, photo, article or flyer from 'olden times' Bramley that you think others would find interesting then do send us a copy.

This is from the summer of 1977. We find the WI planning a magical mystery tour; and Sarah Stubbs is planning a Silver Jubilee exhibition about... "Old Bramley"

***Maybe times don't change so much after all..... !***

BRAMLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

One meeting in the W.I. year is slightly different from all the others in that it is not arranged by the committee members when they plan the annual programme, but appears simply as Members' Meeting. As such it remains something of a mystery until the actual event. Only a few members know what is in store and the committee is kept guessing - often in more ways than one !

This year Members' Meeting is on Thursday, 14th. April at 2.15 p.m. in the Village Hall and all that can be said about it at this stage is that the usual enjoyable and interesting afternoon is expected.

In April there also takes place one of the W.I. outings. A coach will take us on the morning of Friday, the 29th. to Bath, where we will spend some time before going on in the afternoon to Claverton Manor to visit the American Museum there and have tea.

M.W.M.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The Jumble Sale held by the Committee on 12th. March to raise funds for the celebrations was a great success. The amount raised was £105. We would like to thank all the people who supported and helped with the sale. With the same support and enthusiasm at the celebrations we will be assured of an enjoyable and memorable day.

Mike Bodsworth, Sec SJC.

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations there will be a flower festival and an exhibition in the parish church.

The theme of the exhibition will be "Old Bramley". If you have any items which might be of interest - old household utensils, photographs, maps, books etc. which you are willing to lend, please contact Sarah Stubbs at Exon House, or the Vicar..



**BRAMLEY YOUTH CLUB**

What a fun month we had here at club! We started it off with laser quest - all the young people loved running around and joining in. Then we had some fun decorating and eating cakes. Everyone enjoyed the army assault course which had them running drills and completing a complex course designed for them. We then had a dodge ball tournament and had a great time making the youth club scarecrow.

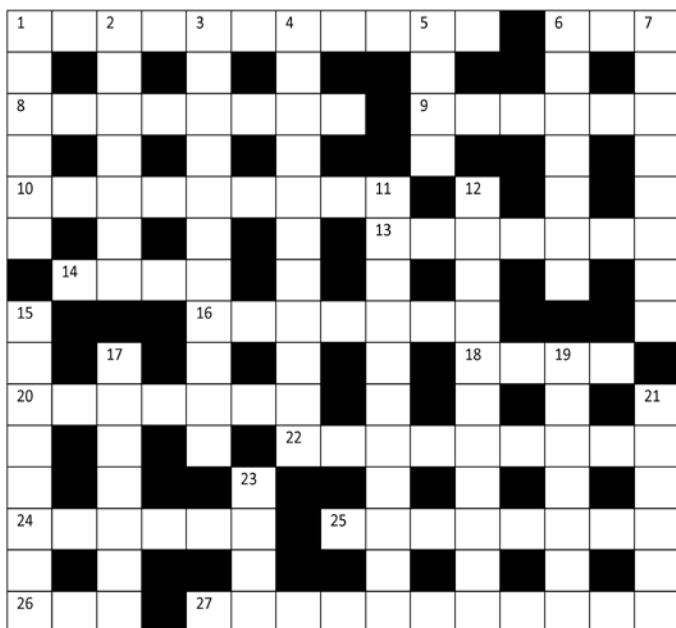
Now for the Summer Programme. Below is a list of activities which the youth club will be running throughout the summer term. Please be aware that we are closing for one week during this programme, but have no

fear as the rest of the term is packed full of extremely fun filled activities and of course our annual SUMMER PARTYYYYYYYYYY!!! which will be open to everyone.

**Bramley Youth Club Activities**

- 3 August - slip and slide
- 10 August - tie dye
- 17 August - water fight
- 24 August - closed
- 31 August - summer party (5:00-8:00pm)
- 7 September - back 2 school
- 14 September - Rounders with a Twist
- 21 September - Intro Week
- 28 September - garden project

If this sounds like something you would be interested in then pop down to BYC on a Thursday and meet the gang. Your first session is completely FREE and you will get to enjoy all the activities and more. For more information regarding BYC, the activities and any news head over to our Facebook page: @BramleyYouthProject. We are also always looking for volunteers, so if you are aged 16 and above and want to get involved please head over to our BVAYouth website where you can find out how to become a volunteer for this awesome Youth Club.



- 13 Prey for candidates to plead their case. (7)
- 14 Had Zeus this type of tool. (4)
- 16 Negative french followed by a positive is bound to confuse. (7)
- 18 Certain to sound like a coast line. (4)
- 20 Rougher route, relatively speaking. (7)
- 22 Play it again sam, right, but lose the soldier there's a good fellow. (9)
- 24 Fish dish combines fraud with mathematics. (6)
- 25 Single sister with fruit can produce flood. (8)
- 26 In turning the last page one can see this in sight. (3)

**Down**

- 1 Occupy oneself in a magical way ? (6)
- 2 Animal can be seen in old pear. (7)
- 3 Unpleasantness, meddle with moss, I see none, no point. (11)
- 4 Fast birds can drive a coyote wild. (11)
- 5 Computer symbol found in Silicon Valley. (4)
- 6 Tempo discovered in a neat and tidy arrangement. (7)
- 7 Sent rude remarks regarding ones eating aids. (8)
- 11 A soldier's arrangements require a cunning plan and myself to be held within depressions. (11)
- 12 Cans are sure way to help allay fears. (11)
- 15 Sounds like the french angry game. (8)
- 17&23 Pair who learned of life's ups and downs. (4,3,4)
- 19 Rodent luggage group. (7)
- 21 Dressed and ready to motor. (2,4)
- 23 See 17 down. (4)

**Cryptic Crossword No: 11**

See page 26 for the answers.

**Across**

- 1 Describes madam perhaps not knowing which way to turn. (11)
- 6 Help found in Maida Vale. (3)
- 8 Subject matter, given the right start, can produce a climate. (8)
- 9 TV shipping line can be seen as a single noise. (6)
- 10 This feeling could be shielded. (9)

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**BRAMLEY KNITTING CIRCLE****KNIT FOR PEACE**

28 June was busy as usual at "Vectis" with work done over the month soon piling up.

**THE GRENFELL TOWER FIRE:**

The importance of the work we do was brought home to us in the last newsletter as 'Knit For Peace' was able to give IMMEDIATE RESPONSE to a request for blankets - there are always some among our consignments. There was also a need for "trauma" teddies for children who had to leave without anything; we knitted these last year for the Bramley Show. Perhaps we should keep a supply? This year's charity item for the Bramley Show (number 47 on the schedule) is a "bobble hat", to be donated to the charity of the exhibitor's choice. Plenty of patterns are available.

**TILES**

Some members had knitted tiles and bricks which will be used in a model of Stirling Castle as part of the Heathrow knitting project. Joyce Rawlings called to collect these and to show us where they will be used.

Get well messages were sent to Olive and others who were not well. Avril called and stayed so that we could give our condolences and say that we would be at St James' to support her and family at her husband's funeral. Freda gave her report which was very good and the tea was then ready. Phyl is always grateful for help at this stage and also for delicious cake, this time lovely buttered fruit loaf from Freda.

All are welcome. We will meet at "Vectis" on 29 August and 26 September. Call me at 01256 881296 at any time for patterns and wool.

Phyl Davies

**BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB**

We did the old soft shoe shuffle with the top jobs in the Club this month. We swapped our first woman President (who was voted Lion of the year) for our second woman President at a convivial lunch in the Red Lion. Normally we just have a BBQ which is a nice informal way to round off the year. But this year our Welfare Chairman, Derick Lacey, who has done the job for more years than most of us can remember, was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in acknowledgement of the exceptional job he has done supporting those in need in Basingstoke. What pleased him more than anything else were the many, many tributes received from the people he has dealt with and helped over the years. He was truly moved. Pictures of the event will be placed on the Club News page of our website.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****02/09/2017 Abseil Down the Spinnaker Tower:**

Our Immediate Past President Ann Vicars is doing this to support the ABF Soldiers Charity. If you'd like to sponsor her you can do so by contacting her through our website and then donating digitally to MS A VICARS - Nationwide Sort Code 07 01 16 - Acct 49561062 - Ref. ABFGIFTAID.

**16/09/2017 The Sussex Jazz Kings at QMC:** We can't get enough of these guys - they are terrific. You can buy tickets direct from our website [www.basingstokelions.org.uk](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk), from [mauricehockley@hotmail.com](mailto:mauricehockley@hotmail.com) or tel: 01256 421867, or Toucan Travel at the Chineham shopping Centre.

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER (NWR)**

June 28 was a warm day and the Bramley Group of NWR took full advantage of the lovely evening for the annual Safari Supper. Eleven members set off at 7pm and visited "Anne's Place" in Longbridge Road where the first course awaited. Thank you, Anne for the starter of traditional prawn cocktail. We started the usual word game here and enjoyed some Pimms or other liquid refreshment. The trek then took us through the village to "Gill's Place" at Meadow View. When all had arrived and were seated around the dining table and the second course of lasagna was served with more liquid refreshment and word games. We continued to "Sarah's Place", in Oakmead. Here, the finale was strawberry meringue with a last drink, a word game and coffee. Replete and happy the group dispersed to separate homes. Thank you, Anne, Gill and Sarah for a delightful evening and delicious food - much appreciated.

The July meeting takes in a study of the works of Brazilian author Paulo Coelho and then on 30 August the housing crisis, with a local point of view, takes over. All are welcome. Please contact 01256 881723 for the programme.

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## St. Michael's Hospice Moonlight Walk 2017 Saturday 9th September 2017

Registration is now open for St. Michael's Hospice Moonlight Walk so grab your trainers and be part of a glorious night out walking under the stars, whilst raising money for North Hampshire's only adult Hospice.

Last year's event was great fun with everyone enjoying themselves while knowing that they were doing a great service to their community. Basingstoke and Deane Mayor Jane Frankum noted that "it was amazing and so good to see so many people doing it." This year, to help celebrate the Hospice's 25th anniversary, we would love for you to go crazy with your outfits and show your brightest, most colourful clothes'.

All of our events have been wonderfully supported so far this year and we hope to beat last year's terrific total and raise £20,000. Men, women and children of all fitness levels will be walking the 8.5 mile course with walkers passing through areas such as Kempshott and Hatch Warren. Groups, clubs and companies are all encouraged to get their members and colleagues together to enter a team – a great way to team build!

Online registration is now open on the website [stmichaelshospice.org.uk/](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk/) events or alternatively you can register on the night from 8.30pm inside Festival Place with the warm up starting at 9.45pm.

Pre-registered prices for adults are £17 and £10 for children aged 17 and under and £45 for a family. Registering in advance saves money with registration on the night costing £20 per adult and £12 per child.

The entry fee includes refreshments and a special Moonlight Walk medal on your successful return to Festival Place. Places are selling fast so make sure you register your place or team at [stmichaelshospice.org.uk](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk).

At St. Michael's Hospice we are dedicated to providing care to people throughout North Hampshire who are affected by life limiting illness. We work hard to give our patients the best possible quality of life by providing specialist care and support, both within our Hospice in Basingstoke and at patients' homes, amidst an environment full of love and support, warmth and friendship, comfort and dignity. All services are free of charge and are tailored to help patients and families cope as best they can with the challenges they face.

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To sign up and for more information please visit [www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/MoonlightWalk17](http://www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/MoonlightWalk17) or call fundraising on 01256 848848.

Follow us on Twitter @ **smhbasingstoke** #MoonlightWalk

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## Sherfield Village Short Mat Bowls Club

Sherfield Village Short Mat Bowls Club is a very friendly club and we play in the Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall every Friday afternoon between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. all through the year.

We play in the Thursday League throughout the winter. We also play friendly matches with other local clubs on Saturdays and we organise two open competitions a year with participating clubs from all over Hampshire.

We are always looking for new members and if you would like to know more about the club and its members please phone the Club Secretary – Kathy Ling on 01256 882584 or email [kling290143@icloud.com](mailto:kling290143@icloud.com). If you are new to the game and would like to join we give tuition and you will be made very welcome by the friendly members of the club.

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## Cryptic Crossword No: 10 Solutions

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8 TROPICAL	3 NOISOMENESS
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13 ELECTOR	6 ANDANTE
14 ADZE	7 DENTURES
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## Fancy Feathers and a lesson in evolution from John Stubbs

Here's a small selection gathered from Clift Meadow one morning: rook, woodpigeon and buzzard, I guess. They're common enough, but they've got an intricate design comprising thousands of closely interlocking parts, and they're unique to the descendants of the smallest dinosaurs. Birds certainly couldn't fly without feathers – and if feathers are no use unless you fly, how did they come about? Another nail in the coffin of that old fraud, Darwin, along with the con-trick of climate change? Well of course not: the facts are there, even if some politicians can't admit them, or perhaps have never thought of looking more carefully.

As with just about everything evolutionary, the feather arrived step by step. No animal ever climbed out of its egg and looked round to find itself, with a coat of feathers mummy didn't have, as a first-generation aviator. But lots of early dinosaurs did sprout stiff hollow bristles – possibly to help keeping warm, and probably handy for display to show what a good mate they'd make. The smaller the animal, the more need for body insulation – hence while a T. rex might have had some feathery regions, the mass of the body would have retained the heat, so they were largely scaly, as well as large and scary. These bristles were successful, anyway, and later grew in a more mop-like tufted form. The next stage, probably another fifty million years on, shows barbs on the central spine. Then around 100 million years ago the first recognisable modern feathers arrived, with the finer hooked barbules crosslinking the main barbs. Only this last form would have been any good for proper flight.

There again, it wasn't as if a hatchling launched from a nest to soar the skies, never having been airside before. There are a couple of tenable theories here. Firstly, smaller dinosaurs may have taken to nesting in trees for safety, and found that if seriously hassled by a predator, a dive from on high was one option, if not ideal. So the more feathery stuff they had, the more survived – initially just cushioning the landing, but gradually leading to a controlled glide, then flight, once they got the hang of it. The other route to the skies posits speedy dinosaurs running faster and faster, until in extremis leaping as far as they could. Waving feathery limbs might then have helped, and the best leapers would be the least lunched upon, or if they were hunting, the best fed. Either way, it would have been a case of natural selection, by survival of the fleetest.

Natural selection then. Darwin's best-known work wasn't really about the fact of evolution – his big revelation was the differentiation of living things into species by selection; evolution itself was pretty well accepted way before his work, at least by the specialists. But at that time genes were unknown, so the mechanisms were guesswork. Later proposals that random gene mutations gradually came up with the goods by pure chance has always demanded a monumental acceptance of unlikely things going right, time after time after time. But more lately it's become evident that animals can evolve incredibly rapidly, for instance over decades rather than millions of years.

If genes are looked at as a set of lego blocks, randomly swapping them around or mashing a few up will take an awful long time to do anything useful. A better understanding of genetics means that more plausible models can be put forward. Genes are not that passive, or isolated in their effects. The thinking is that in the same way as brain cells, they link and form patterns. This means that an animal, for instance finding itself in need of longer legs, doesn't have to wait for all four to spontaneously increase. A gene set may exist that forms the leg dimensions, needed from way back but normally unchanging. Just one mutation could therefore sort the problem out, by the one set of control genes linked, in its past history, to lots of others.

This could speed things up enormously, and is analogous to genes learning how to adapt and design, having a reserve of different problem-solving strategies. To me this is pretty mind boggling, but it seems to be a real effect and in some ways is less of a boggle than pure accumulated fortuitous happenstance forging an albatross.





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**June at Butter Daisy**

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Everybody has made crowns or “knight hats” and decorated them with different materials. Babies enjoyed a lovely indoor picnic while the Toddlers decorated Union Jacks which were colourfully printed with textured sponges to contribute to their new summer themed display. Pre-School celebrated the Queen’s birthday by having a special English tea with sandwiches, scones and a decorated table cloth all prepared by the children.

We have been thinking about Father’s Day and getting creative by making cards and baking for a special someone....

The children all made lovely cards to take home; Pre-School made superhero cards for their superhero dads; Toddlers made rocket cards because they love their dads to the moon and back and Babies made cards with a variety of different dad related hobbies on. As well as taking home a card, the children each made a gift that they had been working hard on throughout the week. Pre-School made medals using glitter and sparkly resources; Toddlers made photo frames with a photo of themselves inside and babies took home chocolates in origami boxes which they decorated themselves.

Finally, we have enjoyed lots of tennis themed activities to link in with Wimbledon...

We carried out lots of water and ice play to cool off during the sunny weather, we linked this with our Wimbledon theme – throwing tennis balls into a net, putting them in water to see if they float or sink and rolling them along water filled trough trays which were also fun to paddle and splash in!



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### Disability Signpost Service

Tuesday 1 August / 10am - 12noon

Drop-in for information on topics including transport, benefits, housing and more.

Basingstoke Disability Connections

Tuesday 1 August / 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Informal get-together for people affected by disability.

### Wonderful Wordsmiths

Wednesday 2 August / 4pm – 5pm / FREE

A fun creative writing club for 8-13 olds

Charlie's Storytelling Parties

Thursday 3 August / 10am & 11.15am / £3.75 (Adults free) / Ages 3+

Join children's entertainer and actress Charlie Sanderson for 45 minutes of storytelling, singing and other surprises!

### Hearing Impaired Reading Group

Friday 4 August / 2pm – 4pm / FREE

An opportunity to meet people in a similar situation round a shared interest

### Memory Box Project

Friday 4 August / 10.30am – 12.30pm

The memory box project is an exciting reminiscence project open to all. Drop in and share some stories around the interesting objects on display.

### Summer Reading Challenge Craft

Friday 4 August / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+

### Cycling with Confidence

Saturday 5 August / 10.30am / £3.50

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### Board in the Library

Wednesday 9 August / 2pm – 6pm / FREE

Bring out your competitive streak with games like Splendour and Carcassonne. Or working cooperatively – try a game of Pandemic to help save humanity!

### Summer Reading Challenge Craft

Thursday 10 August / from 2pm / FREE / Ages 3+

### Painting for Fun

Thursday 10 August / 2.30pm – 4.30pm / FREE

Informal group of painters who share tips and conversation in Coffee shop area

### Discover Board Games

Saturday 12 August / 10am – 1pm / FREE / Ages 3+

### Summer Reading Challenge Craft

Monday 14 August / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+

### Poetry Group

Wednesday 16 August / 10.30am – 12.00 noon / £1

Read and share poetry with other like-minded people

### Wonderful Wordsmiths

Wednesday 16 August / 4pm – 5pm / FREE

A fun creative writing club for 8-13 olds Creative Writing

Wednesday 16 August / 2pm – 4pm / £1

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### Memory Box Project

Friday 18 August / 10.30am – 12.30pm

The memory box project is an exciting reminiscence project open to all. Drop in and share some stories around the interesting objects on display.

### Film Group for Stroke Survivors

Friday 18 August / 2pm – 4pm / FREE

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Visually Impaired Reading Group

Monday 21 August / 10am – 12 noon / FREE

An opportunity to meet people in a similar situation round a shared interest

### Family Chess Coaching

Tuesday 22nd August / 10am – 1pm (drop-in) / Free

David Graham and members of the Basingstoke Junior Chess Club will be visiting to offer hints, tips and guidance for complete beginners as well as to those with some knowledge and experience.

### Board in the Library

Wednesday 23 August / 2pm – 6pm / FREE

Bring out your competitive streak with games like Splendour and Carcassonne. Or working cooperatively – try a game of Pandemic to help save humanity!

### Painting for Fun

Thursday 24 August / 2.30pm – 4.30pm / FREE

Informal group of painters who share tips and conversation in Coffee shop area

### Summer Reading Challenge Craft

Thursday 24 August / from 2pm / FREE / Ages 3+

### Discover Board Games

Saturday 26 August / 10am – 1pm / FREE / Ages 3+

### Summer Reading Challenge Craft

Tuesday 29 August / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+

<b>Mondays</b>	
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Beavers</i>	School Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Music With Mummy 10.00am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Jolly Babies 10.45am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Stay Active As You Age Class – 11am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Zumba with Gisella 6:30pm (starts Sept 4th)</i>	Village Hall
<i>Fitness league 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<b>Tuesdays</b>	
<i>0-5 club</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing</i>	St James's
<i>Dance Club (Petite School)</i>	Village Hall
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tuesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Bramley Mums Walking Group 6.50 for 7pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides</i>	Village Hall
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month</i>	Village Hall
<i>Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Baby Clinic plus Stay and Play 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 9.30-11.00am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>WG Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i>	Cross House
<i>Caterpillar Music 9.45am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pregnancy yoga 6-7pm</i>	Cross House

<i>Pilates 6.30pm &amp; 8.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Clubbell yoga 7.15-8.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30</i>	School Hall
<b>Thursdays</b>	
<i>Bramley &amp; Romans Floral Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Dance Club (Petite)</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Lunch Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>WI Lite 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Body Tone 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6-7pm, 7.15-8.15pm &amp; 8.30-9.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Youth Club 6-8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Clubercise 7pm-7.45pm Launch night 7th September</i>	Village Hall
<i>Modern Jive Classes 8-10.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	
<i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>ARO Kickboxing 7.00pm</i>	Village Hall
<b>Saturdays</b>	
<i>Dance School</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Farmers market 1st Saturday</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<b>Sundays</b>	
<i>Dinky Disco</i>	Village Hall
<i>Stitch Together</i>	Village Hall
<i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley &amp; St Stephen's Little London</i>	



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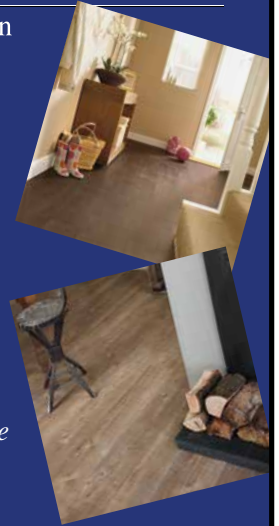
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