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(preferably by email) to the editor no later
than 15 June please.

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St George's Day Fete by John Stubbs

By the time you read this the general election will nearly be over and the next big question for politicians to answer will be "What books will you be taking on holiday?". Have you noticed how this seems to have become an annual question for politicians, often forming the basis of articles in the press? Of course, no politician is going to admit that they are packing Fifty Shades of Grey in their suitcase so they (or more likely their PR team) come up with a list of erudite and worthy books, with something a bit lighter thrown in to show they are human. Choices in the past have included The Age of Turbulence by former US Federal Reserve chief Alan Greenspan, a book on Gavrilo Princip, the assassin who sparked the First World War, the children's book Each Peach Pear Plum and Life on Air, David Attenborough's memoirs. No prizes for guessing which politician chose The Trouble with Europe by Roger Bootle.

Once they have decided which books to take, the next question is whether to take actual copies or just download them on an iPad or Kindle. I must admit I am old fashioned and do like a real book, but I am gradually moving into the 21st century. I am running a paperless office (quite radical for a lawyer used to duplicate copies of everything!) and do a lot of my reading online. I can even read the Bramley magazine on my phone now - on www.bramleyhampshire.org.uk and www.bramleypc.co.uk

So, however you choose to read it, I hope you will spend a few minutes going through the magazine to see what has been happening in Bramley and Little London. We have all the usual articles plus photos from the St George's Day fete, a report on the unveiling of the centenary memorial stone to Lance corporal James Welch and advice on what to do if your flight is delayed (apart from wishing that the pile of books in your suitcase had been downloaded onto your iPad.)

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith - Editor

NOTICE TO READERS, CONTRIBUTORS, DELIVERERS AND ADVERTISERS

CHANGES TO SUMMER SCHEDULE

Owing to holiday commitments there will be a change to the usual pattern of magazines this summer. Instead of the joint issue covering July and August, this year it will cover August and September. So the revised dates are:

July magazine:

Last date for contributions – Thursday 15 June
Magazines ready for delivery – Friday 30 June

August/September magazine:

Last date for contributions – Saturday 15 July
Magazines ready for delivery – Friday 28 July

September

No separate magazine

October magazine:

Last date for contributions – Friday 15 September
Magazines ready for delivery – Friday 29 September

Any questions, do let me know

Rachel

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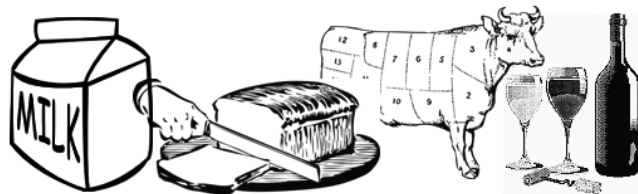
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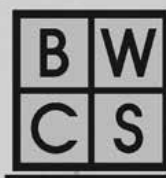
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9th	4th Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
16th	5th Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

Church diary for June...

4th	Pentecost Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
11th	Trinity Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
18th	1st Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
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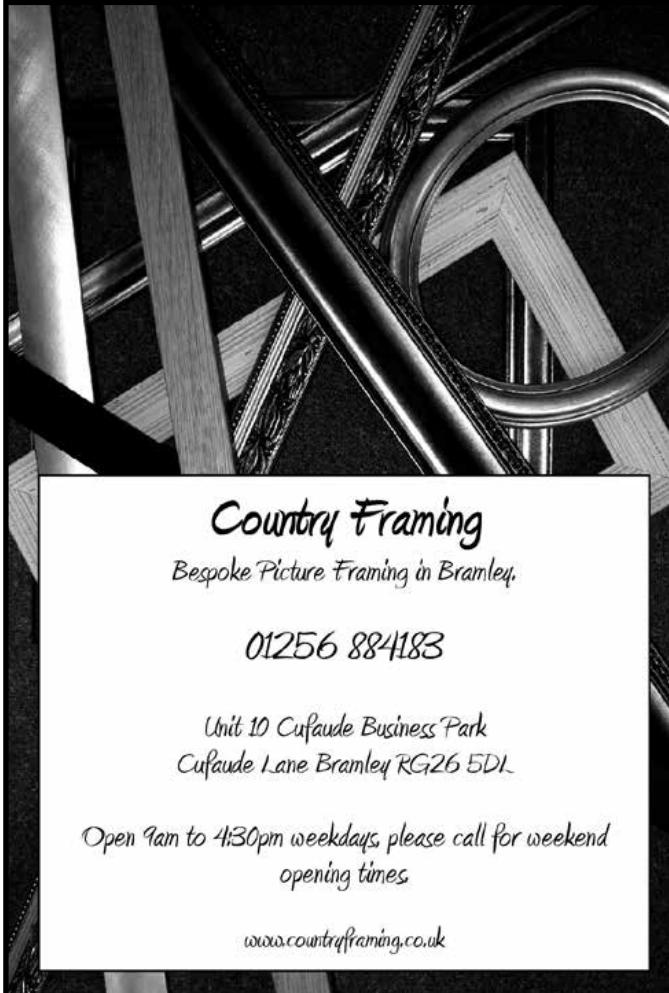
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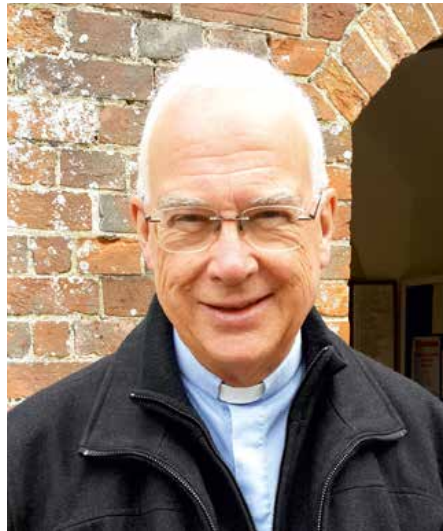
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How do you feel about the following statement? “Britain has changed in recent times beyond recognition; it sometimes feels like a foreign country, and that makes me uncomfortable.” Astonishingly, more than half the people in this stable, prosperous, peaceful country agree with that statement.

I spent last weekend at a conference which I’d helped organise, the theme of which was “The Practical and Ethical Challenges of a Changed World Order”. A good number of the people attending were from other countries, and it quickly became clear that it isn’t just in Britain that there’s a strong sense of things being out of control, events starting to overwhelm us: that ‘changed order’ is making itself felt throughout the western world, and possibly further afield.

What’s going on? Well, obviously, that sense of loss of control comes in particular from several events that have taken us completely by surprise, notably the Brexit vote in last year’s referendum, or the election of Donald Trump as US President. We think that we know what’s going to happen, because we think we have a good handle on the world we live in – so when things turn out completely the other way, we’re not only taken by surprise: we’re also knocked off balance by the realisation that we obviously didn’t understand the way the world works nearly as well as we thought we did. That’s a very uncomfortable feeling.

The problem is that all the ways we used to use to understand ourselves and others or to describe where we all stand no longer seem to apply. A number of times in the course of that weekend conference, several speakers referred to a book that has recently been published: “The Road to Somewhere”, by David Goodhart. In the book, the author says, “The old distinctions of class and economic interest have not disappeared, but are increasingly overlaid by a larger and looser one – between the people who see the world from Anywhere and the people who see it from Somewhere.” And he goes on to say, “Anywheres dominate our culture and society... Such people have portable ‘achieved’



Rev'd John Lenton

identities, based on cultural and career success which makes them generally comfortable and confident with new places and people.” They obviously include many people who voted “Remain” in the Referendum.

“Somewheres are more rooted and usually have ‘ascribed’ identities – Scottish farmer, working class Geordie, Cornish housewife – based on group belonging and particular places, which is why they often find rapid change more unsettling.”¹ The Somewheres, being rooted in a particular place, are generally resistant to foreign influence, don’t like immigration, and are more likely to have voted in favour of Brexit.

Goodhart’s theory, which is very plausible, is that for years the Anywheres – educated, well-travelled, often well-paid, able and willing to move home easily – have been ruling the roost, whether they’re on the left or the right. We’ve all grown used to that. We may not like it much, but at least it’s familiar. It was the way things worked. The problem was that the Anywheres in power failed to take account of how the Somewheres were feeling – and the Somewheres were feeling increasingly left behind, unheard, their views and wishes disregarded. That feeling finally boiled over in the Referendum here and in supporting Donald Trump in the US: he at least appeared to hear them and to respond to their longings.

Will the eventual outcome of these choices actually satisfy the desires and aspirations of those who voted for them? Who knows? But perhaps not, because in so many ways those desires and aspirations are so difficult to describe or to act upon.

Someone asked an interesting question at our weekend conference: was Jesus a Somewhere or an Anywhere? On the one hand, except for a period as a refugee in Egypt when He was a baby, He never went far from His birthplace: all of His three year ministry was spent in Palestine. On the other hand, He was entirely at ease with anyone and everyone, from a blind beggar to a rich young ruler, from a Samaritan woman beside a well to a Roman centurion, from a crowd of 10,000 to an individual prostitute. He never threw His weight around, yet He made the most outrageous claims for Himself: “I am the way and the truth and the life; no-one comes to the Father except through me.” Or, “I am the Good Shepherd.” And again, “I am the Light of the world.” Really, I suppose you could say that He was both Somewhere and Anywhere.

What would Jesus have made of our sense of being out of tune with things, uncomfortable, overwhelmed by the unexpected? Well, actually, He addressed that in some of the last things He said to His disciples: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

¹ Goodhart, David, *The Road to Somewhere* (Hurst & Co., London, 2017), p. 3ff

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In this month's **Meet the Neighbours** Laura Lamb tells us about the **Bramley 0-5s Toddler Group** which has been meeting in the village for many years.

Who goes to the group and when does it take place?

Laura: Bramley 0-5s Toddler Group has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere and welcomes everyone.

Parents, grandparents and carers come from 10.15 to 11.45 every Tuesday (term-time only) to Clift Meadow Pavilion for a cup of tea or coffee and plenty of biscuits.



What do the children get up to?

Laura: They rush around together playing with a wide selection of toys, from an indoor slide to dollies in buggies! Every week we have a fun craft activity, story-time and a rhyme-time session when we sing well-known nursery rhymes. Some of the recent craft sessions have included making windmills, miniature washing lines, designing photo frames, planting sunflowers, decorating t-shirts for Father's Day and plenty of painting and sticking. The children loved their Easter egg hunt around the pavilion and taking polaroid photos to stick in their frames for Mother's Day. This term we're hoping to throw open the doors and get out the water table (weather permitting), which is always a hit. Do come and join us!

Do you need any helpers?

Laura: Yes please! It has been an honour and a privilege to help run this group for the community but sadly, owing to other commitments, I can no longer attend on a weekly basis. We're looking for a small team of people (both young and old) to join our committee and to ensure that this wonderful group continues for all those who need and enjoy it in the local community. It would be perfect for a young parent or an older retiree who has a bit more time on their hands. If you might be interested, please email Laura – lauraslamb@gmail.com.

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The group in front of a Chinook



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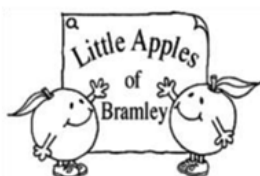
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There are still some seed potatoes available for the children's potato competition and these can be obtained free of charge from Anne Porter at 9 Longbridge Road along with instructions for planting and tending them.

We are in need of judges this year for the flower and vegetable divisions and also the photography division. If there is anyone out there who can undertake these tasks for a couple of hours on the 19th August please contact Anne Porter on 01256 881691

Not to be forgotten is the return of the **Scarecrow Festival** which proved very popular last year. It will take place for the two weeks from **24 June until 9 July** so let your imagination run riot and let's put a smile on everyone's face again for a couple of weeks at least.

Anne Porter

Chair Bramley Show

BRAMLEY LUNCH CLUB

On 11 May, there was a large attendance as members made their way to Cross House. Tea and coffee were served as they arrived. Jennie had brought along leaflets warning against unwelcome callers and there were notices to be displayed on doors to make sure that the message got home. Caroline gave out news of those who could not make it. Betty Dawson who had not been very well for some time had recently passed away and a minute of silence and quiet prayer was held. Sympathies had been sent to her family.

Caroline then introduced a game, quite new and difficult at first. Members were divided into three teams and selected cards. Questions had to be answered by opposing teams in one minute and points were scored. There was a roulette type board involved and we got the idea eventually. Tickets for the raffle were sold with tempting prizes to be won.

Lunch was called and soon all were enjoying toad in the hole, mashed potato and cabbage. Empty plates were cleared and cream cake dessert followed. Raffle prizes were drawn - there was a box of chocolates going to Pat Jones, the wine was won by one of our Chineham friends and Val Roberts was delighted with the orchid.

The next meetings are on 8 June and 13 July. All welcome but please call 01256 884065 first for catering purposes.

Phyl Davies



BRAMLEY KNITTING CIRCLE

KNIT for PEACE

2pm on 25 April and Bramley knitters were already at Vectis with work completed at home during the month. There was also a donation of a lovely crocheted blanket. Jumpers, mittens, gloves and hats heaped up. As chat started we were surprised to find that a member had exhibited at Crufts. Judith brought along photos and rosettes won by her Field Spaniels. They were beautiful. There was also chat about misfortunes on holiday abroad, but needles kept clicking all the time. Freda gave a good report. Our local output covers all items needed in the Knit for Peace monthly newsletter except for "twiddle muffs". Bobble hats will feature in this year's Bramley Show schedule so we hope to see a large number of entries. Dusty made us a lovely Victoria sponge - how lucky we are! Next month's cake will be from Phyl (a mystery). Join us when we meet on 27 June at Vertis.

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During Lent the children, staff and parents at Bramley Church of England school supported Water Aid's Jars of Change appeal. The children became very passionate that everyone should have access to clean water. They began thinking and talking about different ways to raise loose change. The acts of kindness demonstrated were both

emotional and heart- warming. A purple ribbon was tied onto a tree for every £5 raised, 133 ribbons later and a donation of £665 off to Water Aid left everyone feeling they had really made a difference.

Bramley Easter Event

On Tuesday April 4th, Bramley School was overrun with eggs in disguise!

Families had been challenged to redesign an egg for the Easter competition, as you would EGG-spect, the entries were EGG-ceptional. We had some decorated as glittery helicopters or bright racing cars; some were made into TV characters like Ninja Turtles or the Harry Potter characters and some were changed

into animals like sharks or fluffy lambs. Many had been painstakingly decorated with pens, paints and glitter to look absolutely beautiful.

Angela Adams the school's Chair of Governors, took on the difficult task of deciding the winners. It was an EGG-cellent effort by all and wonderful for everyone to be so excited to see the different entries. A cake sale, Easter egg hunt and a friendly game of football followed, all organised by the Bramley School Association.

It was a lovely way to end the term at Bramley School!



Bramley & Romans Floral Society

Our May meeting was a demonstration by Elizabeth Wait. The theme for the afternoon was 'All the World's a Stage' and each arrangement was dedicated to a play that she had seen at the theatre. Whilst working, she went through the plot of each play. Her first demonstration was Anthony & Cleopatra, which was depicted in an arrangement of garden foliage complimented with a few flowers she called playhouse creatures. Next was 'The Chalk Garden', a tall arrangement with beautifully plaited leaves and pink roses. 'Top Hat' inspired the third demonstration of silver and black twigs arranged in a top hat, with artificial black leaves and white roses. We then stopped for tea/coffee and delicious homemade cakes. After the break came 'The Tempest', a quite enormous shipwreck arrangement, which was followed by 'Variations on a Theme', a tall clear vase filled with yellow sisal, brown and green foliage and sunflowers. Lastly 'As you like it' an arrangement with contorted hazel. It was very interesting to be

reminded of the plot of all these famous plays, and Elizabeth also gave us lots of tips and advice on flower arranging throughout the afternoon.

We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon Village hall at 1.30pm

Everyone is welcome. Please contact Eileen on 01256 881125



As you like it

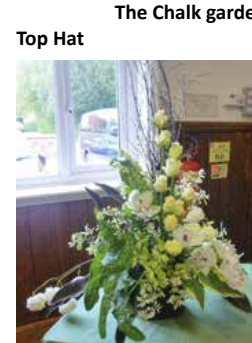
Anthony & Cleopatra



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Woodland Wonderland!

Easter brought children of all ages to Frith Forest Fun Club: what an inventive and adventurous group they were! Every picture tells a story and you can see from the photos how much they enjoyed creating, constructing, testing and sharing their industrious efforts. They made:

- Rope swings
- Adventure rope walks
- See-saws
- A complete outdoor gymnasium with punch bag and kick stick
- Magical castles and a Willow tunnel leading to the castle
- Pulleys to transport materials across the mystical magical river
- A shop where they exchanged goods from their “wild craft” mining hunt
- Mining tools, learning to cut, saw and tie knots
- Clay creatures of all shapes and sizes!

Many Mad Hatter potions were mixed and our younger clients made some delicious mud pies and leafy cups of tea for us!

Children learned to assess hazards and manage risks for themselves. They discovered the importance of tying secure knots and testing out the ropes to ensure they were tied tightly enough to support weight when someone climbed on. Timber hitches needed to be tied so much higher than anticipated due to the amount of wear they were getting with

so many enthusiastic explorers climbing across the ropes to travel through the forest. When we opened on 4 May in response to local need as school was closed, 18 children joined us for an action packed day!

We are back in the woods over **half term**, 10am-3pm daily: **Tuesday 30 May-Friday 2 June.**

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Linda Valenti



Probus visit the Museum of Army Flying

“Prince Harry trained to be an Apache helicopter pilot here.” John Essery, a Brighton Hill resident who was on Warden Duty, told us the day of our visit to the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop. He had the unusual service record of flying helicopters in the army as a Major and then joined the RAF as a Squadron Leader to continue his helicopter journey.

A chilly day greeted our group of twenty consisting of members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke and several wives to the museum on the edge of this airfield. RAF Middle Wallop opened in 1940 as a Fighter Command Station during the Battle of Britain, then used by the USAAF and returned to the RAF after the war. In 1957 when British Army Aviation became independent of the RAF, Middle Wallop was transferred to the new Army Air Corps. It became the school of Army Aviation, to which it remains to the present day.



Probus in front of a Westland helicopter

Housing over 32 types of aircraft, both early fixed wing and rotary, with an array of support machines and memorabilia, the museum spans nearly 150 years of military flight from kites and balloons almost up to helicopters of the present day.

Probus member retired RAF Squadron Leader Chris Perkins MVO was on hand to talk about the exhibits. We saw WW1 Sopwith Pup, with later Auster and Chipmunk fixed wing and gliders from the D

Day Landings including one that could carry a light tank, then early rotary experiments including a converted Jeep with helicopter additions and an aircraft tail to aid flight, up to missile carrying attack helicopters of recent years. There are also displays of the Victoria Cross holders, various uniforms and changing flying helmets and several field guns. The museum even has a 1940s house with most domestic items bringing back memories to visitors.

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Ann and Geoff Twine at the Museum of Army Flying

Bramley Mile 2017 results

Place	Name	Number	4 & under	5 to 8	9 to 12	13 & over	Male / Female	Category position	Time
1	Luke Onslow	153			9 to 12		m	1	7.00
2	Finlay Aitchison	177			9 to 12		m	2	7.11
3	William Tattersdill	178			9 to 12		m	3	7.18
4	William Rea	159			9 to 12		m	4	7.21
5	Liam Oliver	169			9 to 12		m	5	7.48
6	George Dann	158		5 to 8			m	1	7.49
7	Ben Thomson	170		5 to 8			m	2	7.50
8	Oliver Aylin White	165			9 to 12		m	6	7.55
9	Stanley Curri	157		5 to 8			m	3	8.00
10	George Field	154			9 to 12		m	7	8.20
11	Matthew Godfrey	160			9 to 12		m	8	8.40
12	Lewie Fynn	174			9 to 12		m	9	8.42
13	Juliet Stevens	148		5 to 8			f	1	8.44
14	Sam Thomson	171		5 to 8			m	4	8.47
15	Isobel Crawford	147			9 to 12		f	1	8.50
16	Fergus Crawford	152			9 to 12		m	10	8.77
17	Luke Oliver	168		5 to 8			m	5	9.20
18	Isac Rea	162		5 to 8			m	6	9.25
19	Isobel Cartwright	151			9 to 12		f	2	9.28
20	Daniel Stevens	149		5 to 8			m	7	9.32
21	Oscar Aylin White	166	4 & Under				m	1	9.42
22	Imogen Cox	156		5 to 8			f	2	9.59
23	Adeline Perkins	155		5 to 8			f	3	10.04
24	Jessica Field	179				13 & over	f	1	10.04
25	Alice Green	175			9 to 12		f	3	10.05
26	Archie Cartwright	150		5 to 8			m	8	10.14
27	Laura Nicholson	167		5 to 8			f	4	10.27
28	Becca Johnson	172		5 to 8			f	5	10.28
29	Finn Jakob Gerber	163		5 to 8			m	9	11.20
30	Patrick Murphy	164				13 & over	m	1	11.21
31	Gemma Johnson	173		5 to 8			f	6	12.01

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Further details will be available at a later date.

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DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Hampshire County Council

Election of a County Councillor for

Calleva Division

on Thursday 4 May 2017

I, Laura Taylor, being the Deputy County Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
KELLY, Paul Anthony	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	232
ROTHMAN, Stephen David	Labour Party	733
VAUGHAN, Rhydian Peter	Conservative Party Candidate	3069 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	4
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	38
E rejected in part	0
Total	42

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Unveiling of the Centenary Memorial Stone to L/CPL James Welch VC - Stratfield Saye, 29th April 2017

The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, unveiled a memorial stone in Stratfield Saye on the 100th anniversary of L/CPL James Welch being awarded a Victoria Cross in the Great War for "the most conspicuous bravery, utmost valour and initiative" on 29th April 1917 outside the village of Oppy, near Arras, Northern France.



This is part of a Government initiative to commemorate and remember VC winners in the village of their birth. L/CPL Welch was born in Stratfield Saye on 7th July 1899.

Wreaths were laid by the Lord Lieutenant, the Worshipful Mayor of Basingstoke, Ranil Jayawardena, Major General Dereck Crabtree, the Rifles, Major Philip Welch (ret'd), Grandson, Air Commodore (ret'd) John Delafield, Chairman Bramley & District RBL & Cllr Lt Col Andrew Speed (ret'd) MBE, Statfield Saye Parish Council. The Bramley & District RBL standard was on parade, carried by Tony Evans. A Guard of Honour was formed by the Rifles.



Our thanks and congratulations to Stratfield Saye Parish Council for a very moving and well run ceremony.

Rhydian Vaughan



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After the success of the St George's Day Fete in April **Simon Gill**, Chairman of the Trust, explains a bit more about **Clift Meadow** and how the proceeds from the fete will be spent.

The 2017 St George's Day Fete was a great success. If you came I hope you agree and that you and your family and friends had fun; for those who couldn't make it put a note in your diary to come in 2018 – date to follow. It is a rare occasion that we can all find a reason to get together and we are lucky to have such an ideal space as Clift Meadow. There was a great spirit of community and a willingness to be part of something. It was a huge relief for the organisers that so many of you came! Now we have decided to make this an annual event you will be pleased to know that the first planning meeting for 2018 has already happened, but that doesn't mean we aren't open to new faces round the table, far from it, we would be delighted to have fresh input.

Aside from the obvious social benefits of holding a fete it is also an important fund-raising day for Clift Meadow and St James's Church. I wanted to take a bit of your time to explain why fund-raising for Clift Meadow is necessary. So many of you were so generous I thought it was only fair to let you know where your money goes. Clift Meadow comprises the actual meadow including the ball court, tennis courts and car park and the two buildings, the Pavilion and Brocas Hall. The land was bequeathed by the Clift brothers to the Parish Council and the Trustees manage the facility which is registered as a charity, on behalf of the Parish Council. Our



responsibility and aim as Trustees is to provide an environment for members of the village to come together whether this be for leisure or sporting reasons. We are very keen to emphasise that we are not driven by profit but want to make the facilities as accessible as possible to everyone. Ideally, we will maintain a mix of groups that use the facilities whether that is a mothers and toddlers group or a more energetic Pilates class. We have hosted many a children's party as well as wedding receptions, wakes, school discos, quiz nights and Christmas fayres. However, maintaining and running Clift Meadow is costly--- £30,000 a year to be precise. The Parish Council is very supportive but has many calls on its finances and it is right that they should be shared in an egalitarian fashion. It is worth noting that we have been able to maintain an extremely competitive charging rate when compared to other local facilities and that the Trustees

all give of their time freely. The funds from this year's fete will be split between Clift Meadow and St James's but for Clift Meadow we shall see a lot of that go on rather unglamorous expenses such as drains, grass cutting, running repairs as well as insurance, utilities bills, light bulbs and loo paper! If you would like to find out more we have a group "Friends of Clift Meadow" who have made it known that they are willing to be involved in helping at our regular events. We would love to hear from you and welcome you as a 'Friend' (via Facebook or our website), and I hope this explanation has served some purpose. On behalf of the Trustees and me we wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you at some of our events.





Bramley Cub Scouts



Our new Kits bounded into their lodges with excitement & eager anticipation, as their scouting journey commenced at Beavers!

When asked for just one word to describe their feelings, responses were;

“Awesome “Exciting & Fun”

With the summer programme already full to bursting, the Beavers held a ‘Log Chew’ to ensure their own ideas were included and expectations met. The Bramley Beaver Leaders’ Mission was primed – we chose to accept!

Last term saw lots of activities held within the school hall. We proudly announced the early achievement of the 30th Challenge Badge – 30 Challenge to represent the 30 years of Beaver Scouting, but not stopping there, our Beaver Scouts also problem solved, worked in teams, learned about the sky above us and the world around us.



Keeping our Beavers & Kits active this term we are hardly at school; A visit to Tesco on a healthy eating campaign, a hike around the village and numerous trips to the Bramley Forest School which we are privileged to be using for various activities – including the construction of a scarecrow(s) for the Bramley Scarecrow trail!

But that’s sufficient from the grown ups here are a few quotes from our very own Beaver Scouts...

“I loved the part when we ate pizza during the Italian evening”

“I’ve got so many badges - it’s hard to choose my best one”

“It’s great finding new friends and doing new things”

“As Lodge Leader, it’s brilliant, so much to do”

“We always work together and do our best”

Look out for the next month’s Cub Scouts report.



Bramley & Little London MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017
 St James's Church Bramley Hampshire

<p>Thursday 15 June GRAFFITI CLASSICS A unique classical music cabaret show, a hilarious alternative to the traditional string quartet <i>"A simply wonderful show" - The Times</i></p>	<p>Friday 16 June SIMON DINSDALE The Battle of the Keyboards. Simon demonstrates what the 125-year organ in St James's Church is capable of while KEN HARRATT makes a welcome return on the piano and jazz keyboard</p>	<p>Saturday 17 June JOE STILGOE Internationally acclaimed singer, pianist and songwriter! <i>"Musical Virtuoso" - The Independent</i></p>
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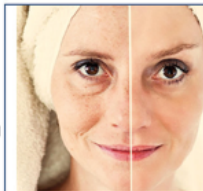


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Pamber Parish Council Notes for Little London



The last monthly meeting of Pamber Parish Council was held on Monday 8th May at St. Stephen's Hall, followed immediately by the Annual Parish Meeting. Many thanks to all those who attended.

Highways

It has been noted that many roads around the local area have potholes or are in a neglected state. The Council is sympathetic to the views of all residents affected by this and it has been noticed that potholes have now been marked so hopefully these should be rectified soon!

Speedwatch

The Clerk and PC Scott-Molloy held a Speedwatch meeting which was extremely useful-it is hoped that the Speedwatch scheme could be active by the summer. Following on from this a Roads Policing Officer has visited the area and designated Silchester Road, Pamber Heath Road and Little London Road as suitable for Speedwatch. Once all application forms are in and individual checks carried out specific training can commence. Should anyone wish to volunteer to join this scheme please request an application form from the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan

At the annual meeting, Edward Rehill, Principal Planning Officer for BDBC, was kind enough to give an extremely informative presentation on Neighbourhood Plans, a subject which has been frequently raised over the past few months. The Council will discuss the possibility and suitability of a Neighbourhood Plan at the next monthly meeting in June. Should anyone have any thoughts on this then please contact the Clerk or feel free to attend the meeting.

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at St. Stephen's Hall, Little London, on Monday 12 June at 7.30pm.

Have a wonderful month and enjoy the sunshine!

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What a fun month we've had here at BYC. We had our first carnival of the year at the club with a popcorn machine, candy floss, hook a duck and other games. All the young people really enjoyed themselves. We really got to make good use of the field for the first time with an Easter egg hunt, with over 75 eggs hidden. The young people had great fun running around trying to find them. To round it all off we had a great time at St. George's Day festival where we raised £119 to go towards activities over the summer holidays. The lucky winners of the 'Wii karting' were: Under 12 – Chester, 13-16 we had joint winners Dylan & Arron, over 16s - Stacy. F

For 'Guess the Sweets' Philippa won with the closest answer of 125. The winner of Guess the Teddy was David Dowsett.

Youth Club Activities

1 June – Laser Tag
8 June – Cake Decorating
15 June – Army Assault Course
22 June – Outdoor Games
29 June – Sumo Suits

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 then 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 do not hesitate to head over to our BYA website where you can find the process of how to become a volunteer for this awesome Youth Club.

Sitting with Jane at The Priory

We are delighted that we have been able to participate in the "Sitting with Jane" project to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen. The organisers of the event, which has involved local artists as well as schools, say that the project was "developed as a creative way to encourage the local community and visitors to explore in and around Basingstoke and to enjoy everything the area has to offer from superb countryside, great leisure and culture as well as to appreciate the wealth of local history and heritage – and especially the strong connections with Jane Austen."

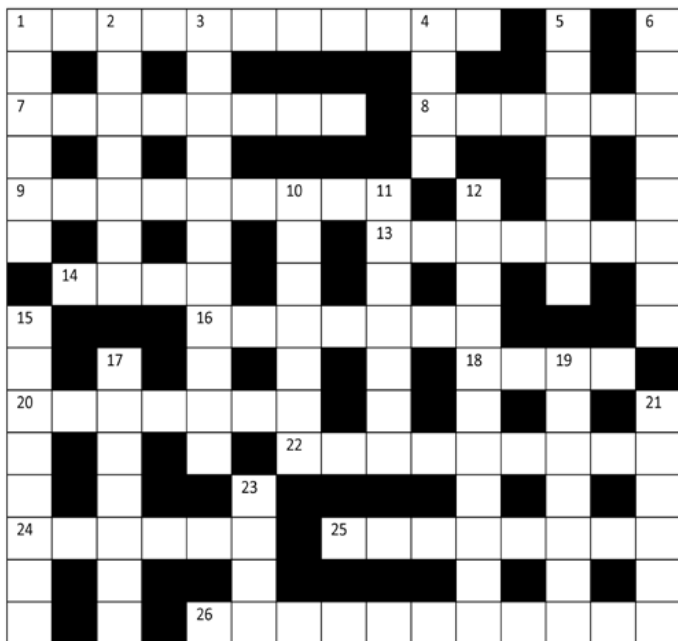
Here is what some of the children (and our art coordinator, Mrs. Britt) have written to tell you a little more about The Priory's involvement.

Years 3 and 4 were chosen for a special project called "Sitting with Jane". This is part of a special celebration

of Jane Austen's life. We received a "book shaped bench" which needed to be decorated in our interpretation of the period. We started learning about the Regency period and people. Then, we looked at patterns and furniture and started to put our designs together in our sketch books. After that, we started to make our own designs for the bench. Mrs. Britt combined our ideas into two options. We had a class vote for our favourite design. One of our friend's Mums came in with an awesome colour scheme and we began to paint. It turned out to be a brilliant bench with intricate designs.

We feel very honoured to have been part of this fantastic project and we are looking forward to seeing our bench on display with all of the others in Festival Place. After the exhibition is over, the bench will take pride of place in our library and, who knows, it may inspire a whole generation of storytellers and artists.....

Suzanne Kelly, Head Teacher



Cryptic Crossword No: 9

See page 25 for the answers.

Across

- 1 Is a Brit's son the way to finding gems. (11)
- 7 Sum around vehicle and mark of conformity is forward. (8)
- 8 Ninth month in charge now infected. (6)
- 9 Instruments use doom trees in a peculiar way. (9)

- 13 Listening can be a trial. (7)
- 14 Ring someone to be laid back. (4)
- 16 Apart from areas underneath in part. (7)
- 18 On one occasion this was used to start a story. (4)
- 20 Removing some alcohol may be that that settles the outcome. (7)
- 22 Convicts are a pop group of old. (9)
- 24 Muddled one ass to find one of four. (6)
- 25 If this is a dish of squid, then I am Carla. (8)
- 26 Resist pests and thus creates relations. (11)

Down

- 1 OBE can provide a light. (6)
- 2 God and I containing awful sounding instrument becomes a dish. (7)
- 3 Remote areas given by clue, hesitation and grounds. (11)
- 4 Its too simple to end up in the asylum. (4)
- 5 Sailor tonic in a way relates to plant life. (7)
- 6 Cart goes to slow moving delicacy. (8)
- 10 Official investigation revealed queen containing a mixed one of five ending with an unknown. (7)
- 11 Quiet part of cow has a shake. (7)
- 12 Not wide craft ideal for canal. (11)
- 15 Is Burnley's Lara the creator of the ugly duckling. (8)
- 17 An ill face may occur on seeing an avalanche. (7)
- 19 Charged for your own wine ! Put a stopper before time. (7)
- 21 Catch sight of mathematical symbol caught between repeated points. (6)
- 23 Negative notion of speed. (4)

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Hampshire Kitchens has recently undertaken several fully fitted Kitchens in the Bramley area most of which have undergone building works such as forming one big space from two rooms.

Jerry Craven has lived in Bramley for nearly 40 years and together with his wife Wendy (a Bramley girl all her life) has brought up four children and over the years has seen a lot of changes in the village. Wendy is the company's secretary and often lends a hand.

Jerry is proud that Hampshire Kitchens are the longest established Alno Dealer in the UK www.alnook.co.uk 38 years in fact!

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This year is our **50th ANNIVERSARY IN BASINGSTOKE**. So we thought we'd have a special birthday party. Our President asked local businesses if they would be kind enough to donate raffle prizes. They were very forthcoming and our thanks to all who donated are recorded on our website. Over 100 guests, including the Mayor, came to help us celebrate. As a result, the raffle raised over £2500 which is a very significant boost to our Charity Trust Fund. Many thanks to all who took part, and to the charity **Helping Hands for the Blind** which provided the disco free of charge. To top the month off, our club was given an award for innovative community service at a recent Lions Convention.

EASTER EGGS: In the run up to Easter we placed big chocolate Easter Eggs in pubs to be raffled. They raised a phenomenal £3212.72 from which 18 charities have already benefited. Many thanks to all the pubs and their customers who contributed so generously.

SWIMATHON: The proceeds are now helping 7 families to send their children to the Special Olympics in Sheffield.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The **Lions Den** is now out and about. So look out for it from now onwards at all school fetes and festivals.

8/07/2017 Sees a welcome return of the **Heritage Light Orchestra and supporting singers** to perform for us at QMC. It is very definitely one of our most entertaining and interesting evenings. The theme this time is music and lyrics relating to the sea and sea travel. There will be signature tunes from a number of radio and television programmes, songs from shows and films, and Gilbert & Sullivan pieces that are

set by, on, or even under the sea! You can buy tickets direct from our website.

WELFARE: In addition to the £1300 already donated via the Easter Eggs, we spent £193 to resolve two domestic emergencies and £1310 to help five other charities.

PEACE POSTER COMPETITION: We are still looking for young artists who are between the ages of 11 & 13 to design a poster depicting "The Future Of Peace", they will have until November to submit their finished design. For information and the poster kit please contact John Lincoln 01256 325280 email jomolincoln@btinternet.com . Come on Basingstoke, show us what you're made of! (Yes, I know, you shouldn't end a sentence with a preposition!!!). www.basingstokelions.org.uk

Philip Wilson

Cryptic Crossword No: 9 Solutions

Across		Down	
1	BIRTHSTONES	1	BEACON
7	ADVANCED	2	RAVIOLI
8	SEPTIC	3	HINTERLANDS
9	ODOMETERS	4	EASY
13	HEARING	5	BOTANIC
14	DIAL	6	ESCARGOT
16	ASUNDER	10	ENQUIRY
18	ONCE	11	SHUDDER
20	DECIDER	12	NARROWBOATS
22	YARDBIRDS	15	ANDERSON
24	SEASON	17	ICEFALL
25	CALAMARI	19	CORKAGE
26	STEPSISTERS	21	ESPIES
		23	KNOT

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Claim compensation if your flight is delayed

If you booked a flight that departed from Europe or was with a European airline, you might have rights under EU law if your flight is delayed or cancelled.

For the EU law to apply, you'll need to have departed from the UK, European Union (EU), Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland.

Contact the airline if these don't apply to you - for example, because you flew from New York to Los Angeles, or to Europe on a Qantas plane. What you'll be entitled to will depend on the airline.

If your flight's delayed for 2 or more hours

Your airline have to give you:

- food and drink
- access to phone calls and emails
- accommodation if you're delayed overnight - and journeys between the airport and the hotel

The airline should give you vouchers to get these things at the airport. Ask someone who works for the airline if you're not offered any help.

If they don't give you help at the airport, keep receipts for expenses and try to claim from the airline later. Airlines only pay for 'reasonable' expenses - you won't get money back for alcohol, expensive meals or luxury hotels.

If your flight's delayed for 3 or more hours

You already have a legal right to food and drink, phone calls and accommodation - you get this when the flight is delayed for 2 hours or more.

You're also entitled to get compensation if the delay is the airline's responsibility - for example, if they didn't get enough bookings or there was a technical fault.

You won't get compensation if it was delayed because of something like bad weather or a strike.

You're entitled to a set amount of compensation depending on:

- the distance of the flight - check the flight distance on the WebFlyer website

- the length of the delay - how late you are getting to your destination
- whether you're flying to an EU or non-EU destination

You have to claim from the airline to get compensation. Search their website or call their customer services department

If your flight's delayed for 5 hours or more

You don't have to take the flight if it's delayed for 5 hours or more. It doesn't matter whose responsibility the delay is.

If you don't take the flight

The airline legally has to give you all of the following:

- a full refund for the flight
- a full refund for other flights from the airline that you won't use in the same booking, eg an onward or return flight
- if you're part-way through a journey, a flight back to the airport you originally departed from
- food and drink
- access to phone calls and emails
- accommodation if you're delayed overnight, as well as journeys between the airport and the hotel

Talk to someone from the airline as soon as you decide you don't want to take the flight.

If you do take the flight

You can claim up to €600 in compensation if the delay is the airline's responsibility - depending on the distance and destination of your flight. It might have been your airline's fault if there was a technical flight, or they overbooked.

You won't get compensation if it was delayed because of something like bad weather or a strike.

Need further information or Help?

Citizens Advice Basingstoke, (located within Basingstoke Discovery Centre) can help you with queries you have on budgeting, benefits and debt, relationships, immigration, employment issues, and consumer rights. We operate a drop-in service 10-3.30 Monday to Friday (except Thursday which is pre-booked appointments only) and Saturday mornings 10-12. Wednesday evenings we are open until 6.30pm

The Advice Line telephone number is 0344 111 306

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Cancelling a holiday

Your rights to cancel a holiday (or a particular part of a holiday like a flight or a hotel booking) usually depend on the terms and conditions of your booking, and your reason for wanting to cancel.

You might be entitled to cancel the holiday without a cancellation fee if the holiday company changes the holiday or puts the price up after you book.

Check your travel insurance

You might be covered for cancelling a trip if you have travel insurance - check your policy or contact the insurance company if you're not sure.

If you've changed your mind or can't go

If you've changed your mind about a holiday or you can't go anymore (eg because of an emergency), you should check the terms and conditions of your booking to see what your options are. It's likely that you'll either have to pay a cancellation fee or won't be entitled to any refund at all. Contact the company if you can't find your terms and conditions.

If a holiday company changes the holiday after you book it

You have the legal right to cancel without charge if the company has made 'major changes' to the holiday after you booked it. There's no exact definition for what a major change is.

If the price of your holiday increases after you book

You have the legal right to get a refund or book a different holiday if the company makes a 'major increase' to the price of the holiday.

There's no exact definition for what a major increase is - the Association of British Travel Agents suggests that 10% or more is a 'major increase'. However, this is only a guide.

If, like me, you are one of the many people who blame **grey squirrels** for everything that goes wrong in the garden then prepare to be re-educated by **John Stubbs**

I wonder if it's just a matter of being, sort of, out of fashion. OK, perhaps our greys are not quite as cute as the reds - seeing red squirrels in our nearest colony on Brownsea Island is well worth the trip - but, let's face it, we're not going to get them round here. It's unfair, though, to blame the grey squirrels for this, notwithstanding the impressive array of calumnies arraigned against them. Couldn't it be also a case of 'give a dog a bad name', as in tree rat? If we had no greys, would we then get a healthy population of reds in our trees?

In fact, it seems very unlikely. Red squirrels are much more suited to large areas of coniferous woodland: the deciduous and mixed woods round here, mostly small and increasingly fragmented, are OK for the more flexible, robust grey. For the pickier red, not so good. Greys are happy to subsist on acorns - green or mature - reds only like acorns when they're green. They need lots and lots of pine kernels, all the year round. Warmer, urban zones greys can hack, reds just don't thrive there.

Then there's the vexed question of squirrelpox virus: didn't the imported greys bring this killer disease to ravage their native cousins? In fact it's not at all clear that they made all that much difference. This disease, one of a number of variant strains that affect other small animals, was around in the UK before greys were introduced. Both red and grey can survive it, the main problem being the fact that with conditions more generally in favour of the greys, they're stronger and build immunity fairly quickly. The more marginal reds don't have the stamina to fight it: they succumb sooner and the consequent high viral loads make them very infectious to their communities. Particularly where they gather to use well-intentioned feeding stations, cross infection from saliva and faeces is a real problem.

As a means of limiting disease, local culling of grey squirrels is, of course, usually a total nonsense. These guys are very mobile, and if conditions are right, they'll soon take over any spare nest sites and food resources. The effect then is that there'll be a lot more young greys out there exploring - spreading disease rather than reducing it.

Yes, of course grey squirrels strip the bark from trees, and they'll take some bird nests. So do the reds - if possibly on a rather smaller scale due to being the smaller animal. The bark damage, though, is rarely fatal to the tree - usually at worst causing discolouration of the wood or loss of a branch. This is naturally unpopular where the timber is of cosmetic value - but the resultant increased insect populations are a bonus for birdlife. Neither squirrel is much of a threat to overall bird numbers; they really don't hunt, they're just opportunistic.

As with so many such problems, it's a waste of resources trying to support the unsustainable. The first priority has to be reducing both habitat loss and environmental degradation: animal populations will sooner or later adjust, for better or worse. There have been some spectacular species reintroductions, but it's a process much too easy to get wrong. For this reason I can't see that the proposal to introduce pine martins could work as a control - though they do apparently prefer to chase grey squirrels rather than red, this could well change if they got hungrier. As might the local cat population.



The young animal in the photo I met a few times sprinting across the gravestones at the back of St James's. The squirrel sprinting, that is, rather than me - though I did have to be awful quick to get a shot of him. One very neat trick that these nimble fellows have is that they can rotate their hind legs so that the claws point forwards. This gives them four-wheel-drive: they can go both up and down trees maintaining full traction. A cat, on the other paw, is lightning on the way up, but rubbish at getting down, using a sort of clumsy reverse scrabbling technique that younger ones sometimes find just too daunting to attempt.

Habitat is everything.

PS: Return of the Ducks

If you remember last July's magazine piece, we had then hosted a brood of mallard ducklings in one of our flowerbeds. She returned to precisely the same spot this year - they hatched on the 14th April and a day later they marched in line straight over the road, heading towards Bow Brook. Quite brave, really, but they all made it.



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News from Butter Daisy Nursery

We have been very green fingered this month and began our spring planting...

Babies looked at flowers growing in our garden and then made their own using tissue paper and sticky glue. Toddlers sowed some cress seeds and watched as it grew until finally it was ready to taste! Pre-School planted sunflower seeds and will observe, monitor, measure and care for them as they start to sprout and grow.



We have had lots of Easter celebrations...

Each Suite made lovely Easter cards to take home. Various media and materials were used to make the cards unique and fun for the children. We made chocolate Easter nests too! Mixing shredded wheat and chocolate together and then spooning the yummy mixture into cake cases. Once set, they were topped with eggs and chicks. We had lots of fun with Easter hunts and the children searched high and low for clues all over the garden, gathering up their stash of eggs ready to count and share out with their friends.

Finally the children investigated life cycles...

Pre-School looked at life cycles in a non-fiction book, learning about oak trees in particular and used this knowledge in the garden as they nurtured the sunflowers, strawberries and herbs. Toddlers used flash cards to embed their understanding of the life cycle of plants, and coloured in pictures of plant, frog and butterfly cycles. Our Babies looked at picture books which tell stories about caterpillars turning into butterflies, with the favourite story being 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.



If you are interested in coming to visit the Butter team please call us on 01256 882515. There is also lots of information about all of our nurseries within the company, our mission statement, opening times and fees on our website www.mydaisynursery.com

Butterflies and creepy crawlies at Little Apples

Hello from Little Apples.

When we returned to pre-school after Easter, the Little Apples celebrated St George's Day, with a dragon in the den and they made shields decorated with their choice of shapes and colours. We now have started our focus on mini-beasts and we are thinking about all sorts of bugs and creepy crawlies. We are exploring the life cycle of butterflies in lots of different ways. We are learning the words to describe the different stages of a caterpillar's life and having fun trying to spot butterflies in our flower garden, especially when the sun shines. We will be having our own caterpillar eggs soon that we will care for through the different stages until the excitement of releasing the fully matured butterflies.



Fundraising news

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Bag2school - it raised over £40 which is very helpful for getting new resources for the children. We are also still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers so please drop any you would like to donate into the Village Hall.

The summer term is such a busy time, with our coach trip to Wellington Country Park in June and our family fun sports afternoon on Clift Meadow on Tuesday 4th July. All pre-school age children are invited to the afternoon, which begins with a family picnic, so we will be hoping for good weather. Please contact us on manager@littleapples.org if you are interested in any information about this. 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/>

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My Summer Holiday Application Was Refused! What Are My Options?



Gill Brown

Annual leave requests come thick and fast for employers over the summer months. Balancing the needs of the company and those of employees who have to deal with childcare arrangements over the school holidays can be challenging. So what are your rights if you need time off?

Gill Brown, Head of the Employment Team at Phillips Solicitors has the answers.

Can your employer refuse your holiday request?

The simple answer to that is yes it can. Every employee is entitled to a minimum of their statutory holiday of 28 days inclusive of the eight bank/public holidays if they work on a five day per week basis – pro rata for different working patterns. Contrary to the general belief there is no statutory right to actually have any bank/public holidays off work although this is often contractual. Employers are actually entitled to designate when holiday has to be taken.

For example, it is legal for a company to have a shutdown period when holiday must be taken or to designate a busy period when no holiday may be taken at all. Many companies only grant holiday requests on a first come first served basis to ensure cover in every department. If you are refused holiday for one of these reasons you need to check what the provisions are in your contract of employment and check that the company has a clear and transparent holiday usage policy, which it is operating fairly and without discrimination. Simply granting time off on a grace and favour basis is not an acceptable way for an employer to behave.

What other rights might you have for taking time off for childcare in the summer holiday?

Dependant leave – You are entitled to take unpaid dependant leave to deal with emergencies relating to your dependants. This usually means for a maximum of one or two days and would cover the emergency of regular childcare arrangements failing and you needing time to sort out alternative arrangements.

Flexible Working – Whilst the company is not obliged to grant your request, it will be obliged to seriously consider any application that you make formally for flexible working. Traditionally this is to reduce hours or days, but there is nothing to prohibit an application not to work during all or part of the school holidays. Remember, however, that any flexible working request that is approved is permanent (unless agreed otherwise) and you can only make one request in any period of 12 months whether it is refused or granted.

Parental Leave – After one year of employment you are entitled to apply for up to 18 weeks unpaid leave to spend with each of your children before they reach 18. No more than four weeks unpaid parental leave can be taken in any calendar year. The employer can reject the dates proposed and offer alternatives, but cannot completely refuse the request.

If this affects you or you would like any further information or assistance on these or any other employment issues, please contact Gill Brown at Phillips on 01256 854605 or gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk where she or another member of the employment team will be happy to help.

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Underpants Day!

Friday 2 June / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+
Stories, craft, construction, colouring and so much more! No need to book – just drop in and join in the fun!

Discover Board Games

Saturday 3 June / 10am – 1pm / FREE / Ages 3+
Saturday 17 June / 10am – 1pm / FREE / Ages 3+

Board in the Library

Saturday 3 June / 11am – 4pm / FREE
Wednesday 14 June / 2pm – 6pm / FREE
Wednesday 21 June / From 6.30pm / FREE
Wednesday 28 June / 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!

Basingstoke Disability Connections

Tuesday 6 June / 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Informal get-together for people affected by disability.

Disability Signpost Service

Tuesday 6 June / 10am - 12noon
Drop-in for information on topics including transport, benefits, housing and more.

Wonderful Wordsmiths

Wednesday 7 June / 4pm – 5pm / FREE
Wednesday 21 June / 4pm – 5pm / FREE
A fun creative writing club for 8-13 olds

Painting for Fun

Thursday 8 June / 2.30pm – 4.30pm / FREE
Thursday 22 Jun / 2.30pm – 4.30pm / FREE
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Memory Box Project

Friday 9 June / 10.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 23 June / 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.

Young Embroiders Club

Saturday 10 June / 10am – 12noon / £5 / Ages 5-16
Learn new skills and meet new friends

Chatterbooks

Saturday 10 June / 10.30am – 11.30am / FREE / Ages 8-11
Are you a Bookaholic? Do you enjoy

sharing ideas, making new friends and exploring new subjects? Join Chatterbooks a book group with books, activities, quizzes and lots more.

Girl Power - Women at War from the Amazons to the 21st Century

Thursday 15 June / 2pm / £4
In this talk, Rupert Matthews looks at the ways women have been involved in warfare from ancient times to the present day.

Crime Fiction Reading Group

Saturday 17 June / 2pm / FREE
Meet others who share your enjoyment of this genre

Family History Drop-in

Tuesday 20 June / 10am – 12noon
A chance to gain tips and advice about family research

Poetry Group

Wednesday 21 June / 10.30am – 12.00 noon / £1
Read and share poetry with other like-minded people

Getting On: Conversations on Living Well and Growing Old

Wednesday 21 June / 11am / FREE
What do you need to live a positive old age? Join author, Jo Foster, for a mix of uplifting stories, anecdotes and facts about old age. Book your free place at the Information Desk

Getting On: Touring photographic exhibition

Featuring stunning portraits accompanied by extracts from conversations, this exhibition will be at Basingstoke Discovery Centre for 2 weeks from 19 June

Creative Writing

Wednesday 21 June / 2pm – 4pm / £1
New members are welcome at this supportive group for writers of all genres.

An Evening of Food & Drink

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Wednesday 21 June: 6pm – 8.45pm

An Evening of Food & Drink

Wine Tasting

Wednesday 21 June / 7.30pm / £12 / Over 18's only
With Chloe from Majestic Wines. Which is the best wine to serve with your Sunday Roast?

An Evening of Food & Drink

Carving Magic

Wednesday 21 June / 7.15pm / £6.50
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Evening reading Group

Wednesday 21 June / 7pm / FREE
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An Evening of Food & Drink

3-D Colouring

Wednesday 21 June / From 6.30pm / FREE
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An Evening of Food & Drink

Growing Organic Vegetables

Wednesday 21 June / 7.30pm / £3.50
Just how do you grow vegetables organically with success?

An Evening of Food & Drink

From Buffalo to Shelf: the Laverstoke Park Farm Story

Wednesday 21 June / 6.30pm / £3.50
Clare Scheckter will describe the journey of Laverstoke Park Farm from buying the first animal right up to producing a product ready for the supermarket shelf.

An Evening of Food & Drink

Evening Creative Writing Group

Wednesday 21 June / 7pm / FREE
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<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>Fitness league 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
Tuesdays	
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<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
Wednesdays	
<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides</i>	Village Hall
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month</i>	Village Hall
<i>Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Baby Clinic 2nd Wednesday 9-11.30am</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 & 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
Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Dance Club (Petite)</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Lunch Club 2nd Thursday</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>WI Lite 4th 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 & 8.30-9.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Youth Club 6-8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Modern Jive Classes 8-10.30pm</i>	Village Hall
Fridays	
<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
Saturdays	
<i>Dance School</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Farmers market 1st Saturday</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Sundays	
<i>Dinky Disco</i>	Village Hall
<i>Stitch Together</i>	Village Hall
<i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley & St Stephen's Little London</i>	

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School Hall	Julie Francis	881339		
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Bramley Mum's Walking Group	Julie Wilson		juliebelam12@gmail.com	
Bramley Out of School Club and Summer Holiday Club	Julie Belam	07711 339306	info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com	
Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
Bramley Youth Club	Chris Holland	01256 883486	cgh505935@aol.com	
Brownies	Suzanne Cox	07920 822221	suzanne-cox@hotmail.com	Now Weds only
Caterpillar Music	Jasmine McCarthy	07952 935021	jasmine.mccarthy@caterpillarmusic.com	
Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
Dance Club (Petite)	Louise Onslow	883568		
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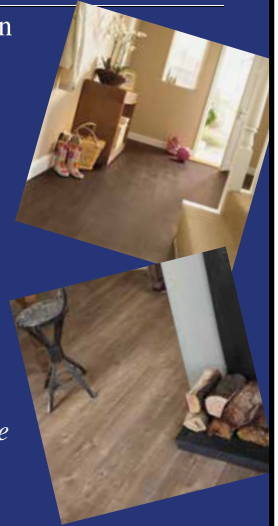


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