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What is it about 1967? As you read the magazine you will see that it was a special year in a lot of people's lives. In Meet the Neighbours John and Ann Lenton remember their wedding in September 1967 and tell us what has kept them together over the last 50 years. The Lunch Club celebrated another golden wedding – this time it was Robin and Jo Dolman's. Congratulations to both couples. Michael Luck was too young to get married in 1967 but he was into his music and on page 9 he recalls how the pirate radio stations were banned that year, paving the way for the launch of Radio 1. I also know a few people in Bramley and Little London born in 1967 but I will spare their blushes and just remind them that 50 is the new 40. Of course, I am far too young to remember 1967 having been born much later – well two months later anyway....

A lot has changed since 1967. Back then you could buy a loaf of bread for 7p, the average house price was £2,530 and a season ticket to see Manchester United cost £8.50. Mobile phones and Facebook were unheard of and society was different too. During the 1967 marathon in Boston an official tried to remove Kathy Switzer from the race because at that time women were not allowed to compete in the marathon. Fast forward 50 years and thousands of women now take part in marathons around the world.

Other things have stood the test of time – popular bands in 1967 included The Who and The Rolling Stones and TV hits included Coronation Street and Dr Who. There was even a referendum only this time the result wasn't quite as close. 99% of voters in Gibraltar voted to stay with Britain rather than join Spain. And here in Bramley some prices have actually gone down. In 1967, the Bramley magazine would have set you back 3p – now it won't cost you a penny! I couldn't find any old magazines from 1967 but on page 25 there is an extract from the September 1966 edition when an "offensive ditch" near the level crossing had been causing some concern.....

If 1967 is way before your time then you may be more interested in the article on superfast broadband on page 15, or you could just look back a few weeks to see what happened in Bramley this summer. Whether you are the wrong side of 50 or regard 1967 as ancient history I hope you will find something of interest in the magazine this month.

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith - Editor

"Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays."

Henny Youngman

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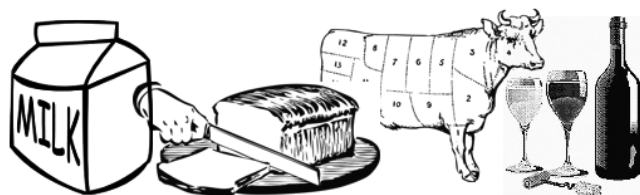
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9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
8th	17th Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
15th	18th Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
22nd	19th Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
29th	Last Sunday after Trinity
	NO early services
10.30	Worship Together, followed by Bring & Share lunch in Cross House.

...and into November

5th	4th Sunday before Advent
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
12th	Remembrance Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Remembrance Service – St James
19th	2nd Sunday before Advent
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

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Thank you from Eileen Littlejohns

On behalf of all my family our grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make the loss of Arthur easier to bear. We received so many messages of support and condolence and so many friends came to his funeral to support us. We would like to thank especially the Rev. John Lenton for his help with the beautiful service, Mrs Rawlinson and the Flower Team and Mr Rawlinson for playing the organ.

Catholic services

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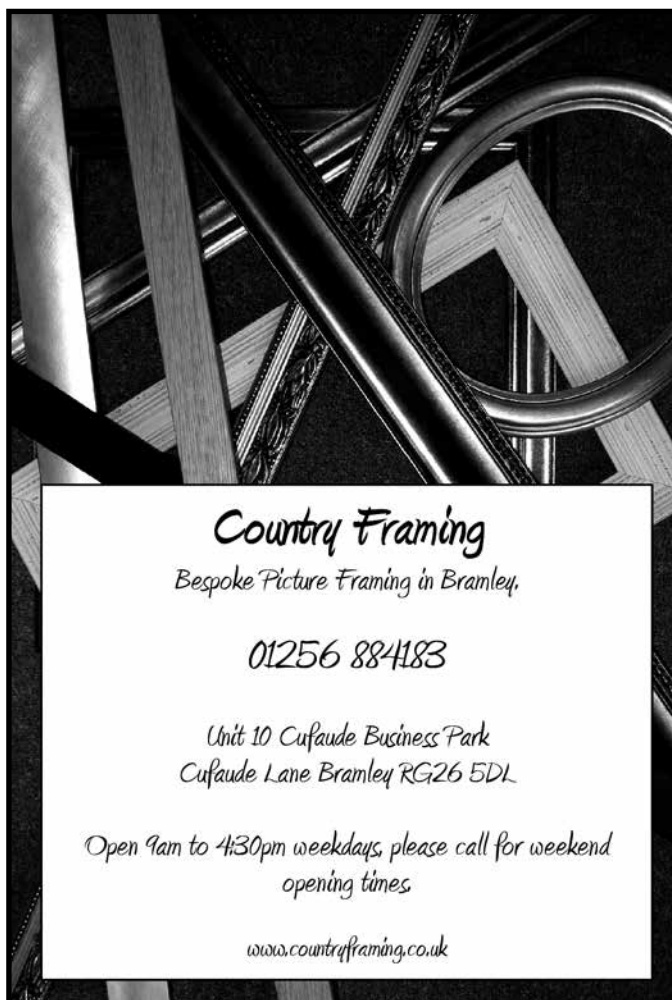


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Is there a particular tune, a song or an instrumental piece, perhaps, that brings your special memories flooding back of a time, a place, a person? Most of us do.

Back in 1978, on our 11th wedding anniversary, my wife and I were staying in a hotel in Munich for a business conference. We'd exchanged cards and gifts over a morning cup of tea, and were getting ready to enjoy a room-service breakfast which we'd ordered as a special treat. The radio in our room was tuned to the US Forces network and the announcer introduced the next item – Paul Simon's "Still Crazy After All These Years", which we'd not heard before. It couldn't have been more perfectly timed for the occasion. Right there in our room, we danced cheek to cheek, hearts full as Paul Simon sang, *"And we talked about some old times, and we drank ourselves some beers, Still crazy after all these years..."* and that brilliant saxophone solo echoed round the room.

So of course, as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last week with a big party and enjoyed the music played by a local jazz band, you can probably guess the name of our special request, as we led the way out onto the dance floor.

That song, together with a handful of others, still has the power to stop me in my tracks, reduce me to a quivering jelly, instantly to conjure up in my mind's eye the precise details of a scene and a date and a time that are now long gone, to bring them back with a colour and a vividness that make it all seem like yesterday – when all my troubles seemed so far away – oh, no, that's another reminder song.

I just received an email from a man with whom I was at school almost 60 years ago in Kenya, Keith McAdam. He was a couple of years ahead of me; I remember him particularly because he simply excelled at everything. Academically, he won every prize going. He was a fine all-round sportsman. He represented Uganda, where he grew up, at Junior Wimbledon in 1963 (though he was eliminated in the first round). He won a Blue for cricket at Cambridge, where he studied medicine, and he actually played one match for the MCC. But it's clear that the sports were not what he was all about. He became a specialist in tropical medicine, has



Rev'd John Lenton

had an incredibly distinguished career as a physician and researcher, and is today Emeritus Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Come to think of it, I feel honoured even to have had an email from him! What an amazing amount of good he has done for others in the course of his life.

So, what on earth does that have to do with songs and memories like "Still Crazy After All These Years", you may well be asking yourself. Be patient: I'm just getting there.

Keith McAdam was writing to me in his capacity as chairman and founder of a new charity, *Music for my Mind*, and it's clear that he's continuing to care for people in a most remarkable way. The charity has been set up, he says, in order to "...create, and make widely available, personalised music to individuals living with dementia, in order to improve their quality of life. Music touches so many aspects of our lives that a particular song can bring back treasured memories or clear visions of things that happened years ago. We all have soundtracks to our lives, whether we recognise it or not."

In his email, Keith goes on to say: "People living with dementia may not recognise their spouse or children and yet, amazingly, they can sing along to music from their teens. *Music for my Mind*¹ works with Spotify to identify music that was popular then."

So the sensation of emotion and joy that Ann and I experience every time we hear "Still

Crazy" is being made available to dementia sufferers using something as straightforward as an iPod Shuffle linked to Spotify, with a playlist specially selected to match the youthful memories and experiences of someone who can sing along with the track even though they can no longer recall the name or face of their son who's sitting right in front of them.

The charity hopes to attract crowd-funding that will enable them to carry out an extensive clinical trial of the idea, in order to provide hard evidence of its benefits which will be convincing to the medical community and public health policy makers. Well, I shall certainly give them my twopence worth of support. I know what it is to hear a song that instantly brings tears to your eyes and warmth to your heart.

Did you know that God loves music? The Bible is full of references to singing and musical instruments; we're invited to "Sing to the Lord a new song"; the last psalm urges us to praise God "with the sounding of the trumpet... with the harp and lyre... with timbrel and dancing... with the strings and the pipe... with the clash of cymbals." And the loveliest thing is that God joins in: one of the most minor of minor prophets, Zephaniah, says: "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

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John and Ann Lenton recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. In this month's Meet the Neighbours we learn a bit more about their lives before they moved into the vicarage, and their advice for a happy marriage.

Bramley Magazine (BM) Where did you grow up and how did you meet?

John and Ann: We both grew up in Kenya. We met first at a Christian teenage holiday camp (the relationship did not go well!) but met again a few years later at a sixth form dance held at one of the schools in Nairobi and fell for each other.

BM: We've heard you joke this is your 'umpteenth' career, what did each of you do before?

Ann: Every year in Nairobi I used to sing in a competitive music festival and through the influence of the examiner in my last year at school I was given a place at the Royal College of Music in London to study singing as a profession. I had 2 years there before we got married. A few years into our marriage, I decided that the life of a career soloist would demand more single-minded dedication than I was willing to give it, so I had various interesting jobs either supporting or being supported by John.

John: I studied modern languages, but didn't want to teach, so I joined an American company as a financial analyst, first in New York and then in Switzerland. I did an MBA at the Harvard Business School and then we came back to the UK and lived in Banbury (where both our children were born) and then in Brighton. A chance meeting with an old friend from New York days seven years later meant I was headhunted to American Express where I spent the next fourteen years in a variety of different roles.

I took early retirement from Amex because I really felt called to dedicate a greater part of my life to Christian activities than I had been able to give occupying a senior role in a demanding corporate environment. Through an amazing series of "God-incidences", I was invited to be the founding Dean of a Business School in a small Christian university in Romania, where I taught and led full time for 7 years, and then taught part-time for another 4 years. And that overlapped with training for the ministry and then serving part-time in a big London church as a curate. The thing



John and Ann on their wedding day in 1967

we loved, though, was that both in Romania and in the ministry, the two of us were able to work in partnership together, and that has been very special.

BM: How long have you been in Bramley and what brought you here?

John and Ann: We are in our seventh year here now. We were looking for a move to the area because our daughter was going through a divorce and struggling as a single Mum. She was living in Alton, as were our son and his family, so the fact that it's only half an hour away meant we could support her much more easily from Bramley than from London. But most of all, it was the job and the parish profile which really attracted us to come here – and still is!

BM: What have been some of the biggest changes you've noticed - good and/or bad!

John and Ann: On the debit side, the growing volume and speed of traffic through the village... But on the credit side, the tremendous progress made at the Primary School, where John is a governor; the huge improvements in the quality and village-wide circulation of the Bramley Magazine, thanks to its various editors and the steering group; and the growing size of our church attendance, including lots of younger families – we regularly have almost 100 people through on a Sunday morning. We also love the people, the walks around with our dog, the convenience of the train station and the fact there are no street lights!

BM: You both love music & the arts, tell us how you follow those passions here.

John and Ann: Well, top of the list would be the wonderful Music Festival we have every two years and this year was no exception. Bramley also puts us near to the super Watermill Theatre in Newbury and the Anvil in Basingstoke and the easy link to London by train opens up masses of possibilities, too!

BM: Finally, congratulations on 50 years of marriage. What's the best advice you have for other couples?

John and Ann: We'd have to say that our shared faith has been a very important bond, gluing us together. We do appreciate each other's different gifts; we find that the fact that we often see things differently can add to our marriage rather than be the cause of a bust-up. We have tried hard to ban two phrases in our marriage: "You always...." and "You never....", although they do sometimes pop out. And we find that it helps to try to see the funny side of things and laugh at ourselves quite frequently.



Celebrating their Golden Wedding in September

Radio

By the time you read this, in October, there will have been a big fuss about the 50th Anniversary of BBC Radio 1. But how did people listen to pop music before September 30th 1967? Not very much on the BBC, as we will see...

When I was about 8 years old, in 1962, I managed to persuade my parents to let me have their old portable radio in my bedroom. All radios had a dial that looked a bit like the one in the picture, which I saw in a museum last year, and which made me feel very old! Radio stations were named after their location – the BBC was broadcasting (as it still does) from Droitwich as well as London. The BBC had three radio channels in those days: the Home Service, the Light Programme and the Third Programme. These were, respectively, the forerunners of Radios 4, 2 and 3. If you wanted to listen to pop music, as I did, you were not well served. The Light Programme served up such delights as Victor Silvester and Edmundo Ros, with their dance bands – music for your granny. Together with a few comedy shows, that was it – apart from, on Saturday mornings for two hours, Saturday Club, hosted by the late Brian Matthew. This featured records and live sessions from the emerging British groups such as the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Kinks, the Small Faces... if you are of my age you will not need reminding. But once a week was definitely not enough.

However, there was an alternative. Radio Luxembourg, broadcasting on the 208 metre band on medium



wave, could be heard in the UK every evening. This to me was a revelation. DJs playing records from groups, not just British but the emerging black American Tamla Motown and Stax labels. And advertising! It sounds silly now, but the excitement of hearing advertising breaks, for Gibbs SR toothpaste, H Samuel Everite watches, and the infamous Horace Batchelor and his Football Pools method was, in 1962, the height of sophistication.

In 1964, capitalising on the revolution in pop music on both sides of the Atlantic, came first Radio Caroline and then Radio London. These 'pirate' radio stations broadcast from just outside British territorial waters on

the Essex Coast and later on from the Irish Sea. The period 1964-1967 coincides with, in my opinion, some of the greatest pop music ever written and sung. The pirate stations were so good that they had to be made illegal: the Marine Broadcasting Offences Act in 1967 did away with the pirates, and the way was clear for the BBC to launch Radio 1 on 30th September, 50 years ago. Many of the pirate DJs came ashore and were recruited by the BBC. Tony Blackburn is still there, telling the same old jokes as he hosts 'Sounds of the 60s', and Johnny Walker presents 'Sounds of the 70s'.

Michael Luck

Graduation Ceremony at the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service Academy

It was a privilege to attend this Graduation Ceremony held at the Academy at Eastleigh. The Academy is deemed to be a world leading provider of learning and development. 27 Firefighters graduated from the class of 2017 and have now joined watches across Hampshire.

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Brigadier David Harrison, inspected and addressed the Graduates and the High Sheriff Mary Montague-Scott presented the certificates. The Graduates also gave a demonstration of their capabilities in situations such as taller buildings, intense heat and road traffic accidents.

The pride that was shown by all the parents, families and relations who attended the ceremony was both palpable and encouraging for the Fire Service. The Chief Fire Officer, Dave Curry, had stated "Congratulations to you all and I hope you enjoy long and successful careers in the best job in the world."

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan

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Bramley & Romans Floral Society

Our August meeting was a workshop by Mrs Annette Parshotam who demonstrated an old-fashioned arrangement in a wine box. The idea was to recycle an everyday oblong container and fill it with garden flowers to end up with a Victorian look. The hall looked fantastic with at least 30 of these arrangements in a variety of colours. Here are a few of them.

Then Annette showed us how to make a Victorian hand posy, starting with a basic ring which she bound with stretchy lace. She explained how different materials could be used depending on the occasion. Everyone wanted the chance to make one themselves, so we have booked Annette to come back in August next year to do another workshop on Victorian hand posies.



Our September meeting was a demonstration by Carole Norman entitled "Picture This". Carole explained that her arrangements would represent things that have happened to her during her life. Number one was a ring representing a pond or a water lily, which goes back to the time when she was 3 and reluctantly dressed up as a water lily for a competition, which she won.

Then on to age 7 when she entered a boat competition, again reluctantly, but again she won.

A more welcome event was her wedding day which she depicted with a yellow and white sunray arrangement in the church window. The final two arrangements related to the flower arranging society, NAFAS and depicted their golden anniversary in 2009 and Carole's NAFAS diploma course entitled "Dutch Masters". Here are some of the arrangements.

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September's focus was on Steady and Strong, with Dr. Ward talking about the benefits of Active Ageing and Caroline Sherlock demonstrating her Stay Active as you Age class. Antonia Dewhurst was promoting copies of Walks Round Basingstoke. Tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches were on offer. If all went as well as we hoped, we will be having another day, focusing on diabetes in November.

We will keep you in the picture as soon as there is definite news about the surgery extension. One result of the new housing in Bramley is that the surgery can expect an extra 800 patients. Even with the extension, it is obviously going to be quite a challenge to accommodate them.

Triage is one aspect of the way forward and I expect a number of you are already familiar with the system. This involves the receptionists enquiring into the reason for your appointment so they can direct you to the most appropriate practitioner, who will either call you or arrange an appointment with you. Some people have expressed a dislike of explaining the reason for their call, but it will result in your being directed as quickly as possible to the right treatment. If you really don't want to discuss it, you can of course say that you prefer not to. But please bear in mind that the receptionists are just doing their job.

Vicky Clarke

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At our meeting on 29 August work done at home was brought along and wool needed for the next month was sorted out. It was good to have a new supply from Susannah. Several members had been helping Joyce Rawlinson by knitting small green squares for her special project. 'Knit for Peace' needs any knitted items and ours are quite varied from beanie bobble hats to blankets. Sherfield still has no formal group but we welcome them and the items they bring us. Brenda is making "trauma teddies" and Christine may join her as children are so often involved in disasters. We have received lovely blankets in crochet and rainbow strips, so useful for those very small ends of wool.

Freda reported that we have enough money to send our next consignment when it is ready. Avril had made us one of her lovely tea loaves, sliced and buttered, and there was also a coffee cake. Thanks to Val who has so kindly taken on the job of seeing that everyone gets their tea just as they like it -- weak, strong or black! There was news of Olive in Cherry Blossom Care home, and best wishes were sent. All are welcome to the next meeting on 31 October, from 2pm at "Vectis" - 01256 881296

Seeking Susannah

The Bramley Knitting Circle would like to contact the donor of the large black sack of wool left on the back-door step at "Vectis" in July. The group wishes to thank Susannah personally and invite her to come to see the work they do and join them for tea and cake. Please do get in touch with us on 01256 881296

From the Bramley Show

The Charity class at the Bramley Show was again well supported with many bobble beanie hats entered. Wendy Castle won a first, Brenda Morris was second and Frances Lewis won third.

The judge gave a "highly commended" to all other entries, remarking on the good work and the Charity involvement. Thank you all who entered and those who have continued to drop hats in to me. There are now 33 to go in the next bag to "Knit for Peace".

Phyl Davies

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR

Following the disappointment of the August walk being cancelled due to bad weather, the ladies researched a film star and a wonder woman for the September meeting. We are also looking forward to 25 October when the group will meet at 4 Dollis Green to be transported back in time to watch a film and enjoy a treat in true old fashioned cinema style.

Just give a call to 01256 881723 if you would like to join us. For November, please contact 01256 850705. New members are always given a warm welcome.

Phyl Davies



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Bramley Scouts

The 2016/17 academic year closed with the sort of fun event that summed up what scouting is all about. The group were able to enjoy kayaking together, an energetic outdoor activity in mostly good weather. Basingstoke and Deane Canoe Club (<https://www.badpaddlers.org>) kindly hosted the sessions on pretty sections of the Basingstoke Canal, near their Colt Hill Clubhouse. Scouts both new to and familiar with the experience had a great time, and the opportunity was taken to welcome three new scouts into the group with a memorable water-borne investiture.

Some members of the group didn't let the school holidays stop them from scouting by attending a week long Summer Camp at Lyons Copse, near Bishops Waltham. At the end of the camp, the scouts enthusiastically related their experiences with spring air rifles, a trip to Romsey Rapids, rafting, hiking, BMX biking and more.

Now, the new scout year is starting to getting into full swing. The dark winter days and cold temperatures will not stop us from night hiking, treasure hunting and cooking outside for a "Ready Steady Cook" patrol challenge. The other highlights from our programme are expected to be a weekend winter camp and rock climbing.

At the AGM in early September, the group was proud to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of both senior scouts and leaders. Seven scouts were awarded their Chief Scout's Gold Award, which requires earning a haul of 6 activity and 9 challenge badges. However, four Bramley Scout leaders were not to miss out. They received the Wood Badge, first awarded back in 1919 by Baden-Powell himself, in recognition of their completion of a training programme running over the last few years.

Miles Smith



The Bramley Scouts about to try kayaking on the Basingstoke Canal



BEETLE DRIVE

Bramley WI are organising a Beetle Drive in the Village Hall from - 2.30 – 5.30 on Sunday 19th November.

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Probus Club

At our first lunch of the season our new President, Dr Nick Waring, presented a cheque to the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane BC, in aid of his charity appeal. The speaker was retired RAF Wing Commander, Bryan Jenkins, from Sherfield on Loddon, who gave an audio visual presentation about his experiences as an engineering officer in the Cold War at a RAF Vulcan station.

Bryan told us about his years at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire which along with nine other RAF stations in eastern England was home to the V bomber nuclear strike force in the early/mid 1960s. The Avro Vulcan, with its famous delta wing design was joined by the Handley Page Victor and the Vickers Valiant.

There were interesting and occasionally alarming times at RAF Waddington. Of 27 Vulcans based at this station three were on constant standby fully fuelled and loaded with nuclear weapons ready to be in the air within the famous four minute warning. The Vulcan flight crew of five officers were not allowed off base during their period of duty. All three

crews lived, ate and slept adjacent to their aircraft.

On one practice scramble the pilot could not unlock the door to enter the Vulcan. This was because the lock had frozen so he had to do what many motorists had to do in the winter back then, he warmed the lock and key with his cigarette lighter. It beggars belief what would have happened if he was a non-smoker and this was a real emergency.

And yet RAF Waddington was selected to be an airfield that could accept civilian aircraft that had developed in-flight faults. This meant having to spread foam on the runway to help planes land when their undercarriage would not go down securely. It could then take up to eight hours to have the runway clear and ready for the Vulcans to take off. Fortunately they never experienced a four minute warning during these episodes.

Even though they did not always carry nuclear bombs, the Vulcan could carry twenty one 1000 lbs iron bombs and it was necessary to undertake regular



bombing practice. This was usually without ordnance and the Vulcan would be airborne for five hours at a time. To ensure the highest skills and keep up morale there were regular bombing competitions against the USAF. The famous attack on Stanley airfield in the Falklands was made by a Vulcan using conventional 1000 lb iron bombs and the plane was refuelled mid flight by converted V bombers, the Handley Page Victor.

The last Vulcan squadron was disbanded in March 1984 leaving only the display team to fly on for many years.

See www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com for more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

STOWAWAYS

We read constantly about these incidents happening at the channel ports but when it becomes up front and personal, it is a sharp reality check.

I took some of the youth teams from the Chelsea Football Club Academy to the Normandy beaches where we deal with topics such as commitment, sacrifice, teamwork and going the extra mile.

On the morning of our last day, the coach driver discovered a Somali hiding in the engine compartment. He quickly departed and we went off to Omaha beach. There, whilst trying to recover the small bag left behind in the engine, we discovered 2 more Somalis hiding even deeper in the engine compartment. How they all found any space in the engine is a mystery.

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Rhydian Vaughan



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HAMPSHIRE SUPERFAST BROADBAND UPDATE – Autumn 2017

Hampshire County Council has long recognised the importance of fast, reliable internet provision to the rural areas of the county, and the Hampshire SuperFast Broadband Programme is continuing to work closely with service providers to make superfast broadband available to every Hampshire business and household.

Broadband is becoming essential for everyday life and is fundamental to delivering more modern and accessible public services. That's why the County Council is investing a combined total of £28.4m of public funds to increase coverage from 80% of Hampshire (commercially funded by BT and Virgin) to reach even more homes and companies.

So far, the roll out of superfast broadband has reached more than 91% of premises in the county and we are on target to reach 95% by the end of 2017. Plans are also being drawn up to reach 97.4% of premises by the end of 2019 – exceeding both our own goals and those set by the government.

However, despite the successful roll-out of superfast broadband to so many properties, there are still areas that have low take-up. This is often because people don't realise superfast broadband is available where they live, or believe it is more expensive than their current internet package.

It is important to remind residents that *connection to the new fibre network* is not automatic and they will have to contact their Internet Service Provider to order an upgrade to their service.

Take-up is crucial, not only to improve services for the residents concerned, but also because it activates the programme's gainshare mechanism. When take-up is higher than originally predicted, the County Council is able to claim back funds from BT which can be reinvested to extend coverage further, helping to increase the number of premises that are able to access superfast broadband.

North East Hampshire already has 11 active superfast broadband cabinets that are currently providing coverage for 2,516 premises in the Parishes of Silchester, Sherborne St John, Bramley, Pamber & Mortimer West End – but there is obviously room for improvement! To find out if there is superfast broadband available for your address simply visit www.hants.gov.uk/broadband and enter your postcode into the search box. This is the best way for residents to find specific information about where they live or work.

I am encouraging everyone to register this way as we can then notify them via email once services in their area go live. We need to show that there is a demand in NE Hampshire for superfast broadband services for everyone who wants it and use that information to push our requirements to the top of the priority list.

We also have a programme in place to help the small percentage of the county – 2.6% – that isn't being reached

by the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme. These are usually more remote or difficult to reach locations, and are therefore more expensive to provide for. The £1million Community Match Funding Scheme is designed to offer support for such areas. It enables the County Council to help communities that wish to help themselves by supplying up to half of the funding to match money raised by the community itself, in order to install and maintain a superfast broadband connection.


They can be contacted on <https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/alternative-solutions/cmfs/>.

In addition, there is further funding available via the government-backed Better Basic Broadband Scheme <<https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/residents/usc/>> for premises with speeds below 2Mbps. It provides a subsidy towards the cost of installation of an alternative solution, which could include satellite, 4G or fixed wireless.

More information as well as details of these schemes is available via our website. <https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/alternative-solutions/cmfs/>.

I am sorry that this is all rather lengthy but it is important. If you have any further questions you can also contact me at Rhydian.vaughan@hants.gov.uk or leave a message on my phone 07774 681516 and give me time to answer back; I can usually find the information you need (and if I can't, I'll know a county officer who can!)

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan
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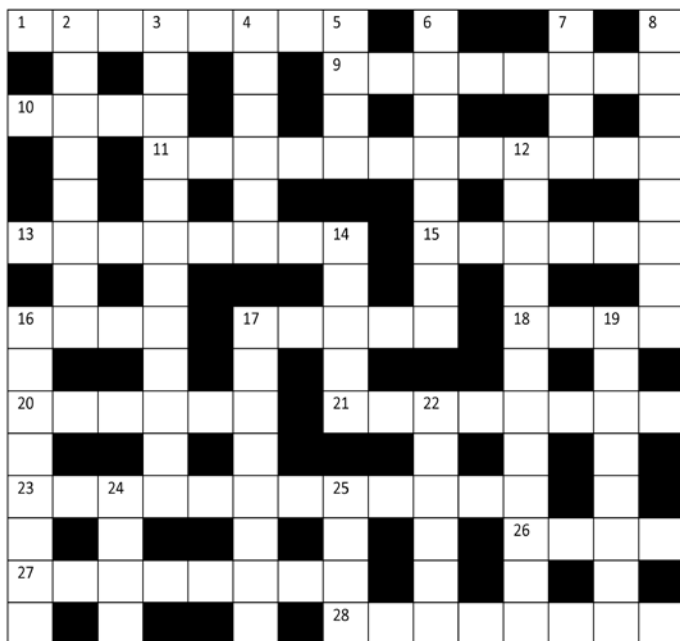

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Cryptic Crossword No: 12

See page 26 for the answers.

Across

- 1 Imagine in a Lambeth chopped without the mint sauce, just not the same meal. (4,4)
 9 Process in which for the Spanish, one tic will do. (8)
 10 Austen character had a hem made inside. (4)
 11 They bound ham to become what one sees in a bathroom mirror. (3,5,4)

- 13 Suspicious look from under the water. (4,4)
 15 Take a pot at nothing and see what you have left to eat. (6)
 16 Greek century leads to elegance. (4)
 17 When a pal loses character, he becomes something quite the opposite. (5)
 18 She may eat in reverse order. (4)
 20 What you make of cool New York community. (6)
 21 Woman of rank made dane so to speak. (4,4)
 23 A bicycle part and books said a great deal. (5,7)
 26 Country found by what first person did in race. (4)
 27 Gro-Straw is great for producing flowers. (8)
 28 Tied deet to there but without point. (8)

Down

- 2 Berate because of a meal with my french inside. (8)
 3 Old Sunday night game on TV requires one to hit a timepiece ? (4,3,5)
 4 Yes, her attitude disguised dissent. (6)
 5 Country where you hope ruins can be found. (4)
 6 Summarised again when slender leaf enclosed 100 and short computer application. (8)
 7 Means of keeping a discreet profile on the water. (4)
 8 Trust me, I'm the compiler. (2,2,5)
 12 Sound farewell with these aside location. (2,3,7)
 14 Dared and thus felt fear. (5)
 16 Confident bird on what sounds like beach. (8)
 17 Nonstop crossroads. (8)
 19 Suggest something new with a vain note. (8)
 22 Workers in car examination for a short time. (6)
 24 Girl managed to break out of gaol. (4)
 25 Amongst down clues, this is what it is. (4)



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Heathrow Experience

16 Bramley ladies took part in KnitFest at the Heathrow terminals in September.



Last prep meeting before our visit to Heathrow



Some of us on duty



Happy Birthday Pat!

On 30 August, many friends gathered at Cross House to celebrate Pat Jones' 80th birthday. Pat requested a "Bun fight" so we enjoyed gigantic Chelsea buns, sandwiches and cups of tea and finished with the cake made by Joyce.



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A Lot's Been Happening At Bramley Village Hall Over The Summer

Things don't stay still for too long at Bramley Village Hall. Over the summer holidays whilst many of our user groups have been on their holidays, we've undertaken the annual 'deep clean' as well as a few little maintenance jobs including work on the boundary hedge between the hall and its neighbour.

We're also very proud to have seen our hall used for its first official wedding reception. The Main Hall was transformed with swathes of white fabric, fresh flowers in jam jars and willow hearts to become a truly romantic space for our happy couple.

The annual Bramley Show took place in August with the usual array of impressive produce from the villagers. This was followed by the Art Exhibition which showcased the variety of work from our extremely talented local artists and which raised important funds for the running of our hall.

We've also undertaken important work on our Fire Protection to ensure Bramley Village Hall meets the current standards and this has included the provision of outside lighting to ensure optimum safety levels for all hirers.

Thanks to our Bramley Parish Council we have also seen the installation of a projector, screen, surround sound and hi tech presentation equipment in our Bramley Room. This has enabled us to cost effectively re-launch our Saturday Night At The Movies nights in the hall. The room and screen are a little smaller than in the Main Hall but the experience is better with superb sound and vision. The next dates are 28th October (Churchill) and 9th December (Their Finest). Please book via our Facebook page or email on bookings@bvht.org.uk to avoid disappointment.

We've also made a successful application to One Stop Carriers For Causes who have supplied us with a grant to install blackout blinds throughout the hall enabling more flexibility for our user groups and a better forum for our Saturday Night At The Movies nights.

Last but not least we must mention two new fun classes that have begun this Autumn: Monday nights are Zumba nights in the Main Hall and Thursday nights are Clubbercise also in the Main Hall. Music With Mummy will also be continuing with a new group leader on Monday mornings in the Bramley Room.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible over the coming year to our Bramley Village Hall.



Bramley Art Exhibition

The third Bramley Art Exhibition took place in the village hall on the 26th and 27th August and we were pleased that not all the folks in Bramley had evacuated to the coast!

It certainly was a roaster outside but we were pleasantly cool inside with wonderful pictures, cards and homemade cake to enjoy. This has become a friendly, relaxed occasion and it was good to see some new visitors, including families, dropping in to see what was going on as well as our usual supporters.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the work involved in setting up, the artists and all who came to see the exhibition.

Next year the event will be back to an earlier date in the year.

Cat Hayward, Philip and Frances Lewis



Bramley Show 2017



A fine day dawned on Saturday 19 August for the annual Bramley Show. A large number of entries were prepared and displayed ready for judging. The judges made their decisions and the

results were collated for the award of the trophies. At 2pm the doors opened and a large number of people attended throughout the afternoon to enjoy and admire the entries and have a cup of tea with a delicious slice of cake. The auction of produce not being reclaimed by the entrants was followed by the raffle to conclude a very successful and enjoyable day.

Heartfelt thanks go to the committee members and helpers without whom the show could not take place. The same goes to the judges Michael Harvey (Flower and Vegetable Division), Mrs P Morton (Floral Art), Mrs A. Kimber (Handicraft), Mr Ian Evett (Photography), Mrs A Dewhurst (Art) and Mrs M Bushell (Domestic). Finally, special thanks go to Councillor Rhydian Vaughan who not only presented the trophies but also agreed to conduct the auction and the drawing of the raffle.

The trophy winners of the Bramley Show this year were as follows:

Adults:

The Chapman Cup (Overall Show Winner)	Anne Porter
The Anne Porter Fruit and Vegetable Shield	Gill Evett
The Davies and Jones Cup (Flower Division)	Catrina Stockwell
Domestic Challenge Cup	Vivienne Salem

The Bill Davies Memorial Cup (Photography)	Paul Moulton
Floral Art	Dusty Taylor
The Phyl Davies Art Challenge Cup	Lillian Willis
Best Fruit/Vegetable in Show	Gill Evett
Best Flower in Show	Catrina Stockwell
First Time entrant (Overall Winner)	Ben Candy

Children:

The Bramley Show Children's Cup (Overall Winner)	Beatrice Candy
The Sam Bruce Cup for Painting	Matilda Candy
The Bramley Show Challenge Cup for Most Potatoes	Isabella Edwards
The Reed Potato Challenge Cup (Heaviest Crop)	Isabella Edwards
The Bramley Show Challenge Cup for Largest Potato	Isaac Rea
The Reed Challenge Cup (Best in Show)	Laura Nicholson
First Time Entrant (Overall Winner)	Beatrice Candy

Well done to all the winners and a huge thank you to all those who entered. Without you there would be no show. If you have been inspired to have a go at winning one of these trophies or just to have the pleasure of taking part in the show watch out for articles in the Bramley Magazine in the New Year leading to the publication of next year's schedule.

Anne Porter



Our Harry's Smile

On Saturday 16 September, a packed Cross House enjoyed an evening of food and singing in aid of the charity, Our Harry's Smile. The Generations Chorale, with guest Paul James, entertained us with a selection of music, ranging from Bach to Eric Maschwitz, and had us all singing Last Night of the Proms favourites as a finale. As if they hadn't been busy enough singing, Generations and their friends also produced an extensive hot buffet and desserts and prepared a quiz to test our brains while we were eating. The evening raised over £1000 for this worthwhile cause and Harry's mum Christina, who used to sing with Generations, told us how important every penny was. More information about Our Harry's Smile can be found on <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/ourharryssmile?page=2>



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Bramley School

It has been a terrific start to the school year. Teachers and support staff have been busy throughout the summer ensuring that learning environments are looking vibrant and purposeful. A big thank you goes to the site manager, Mr Toumi, who has worked extremely hard to refurbish classrooms and communal areas.

It has been great to welcome all of our children back from their summer adventures. There is a wonderful excitement about what the school year will bring. There is a special feel about Bramley C of E Primary School this year as we continue to make progress on all fronts, building on the best set of results we've had as a school.

I have particularly enjoyed seeing our newest members of the school community join us. It's lovely to see so many fresh and excited faces...and that's just the parents! The transition sessions over the summer term and home visits have really helped the children settle into school life. There have been wonderful comments from parents about the fun-filled dress-up days the EYFS staff provided in the summer holidays. I'm not sure who had the most fun, but thank you for your dedication to the job!

EYFS children have spent this week exploring their environment, building new friendships, meeting characters from the reading scheme, sampling the delicious school meals and are very excited about Humpty Dumpty challenges next week.

At the other end of the school, the year 6 pupils have been learning about interdependence and adaptations in Science. The teachers have been creative and asked the children to step into the shoes of Charles Darwin to write a diary entry as he wakes on the Galapagos Islands for the first time. As he leaves his tent, he observes a range of unfamiliar animals and identifies how they have adapted to survive in their environment. Here's an example:

Dear Diary

As I woke up, I could hear a noise coming from the sea. I got dressed and went outside to see what it was. I couldn't believe my eyes! It was a Marine Iguana! I discovered that they have big, strong tails which helps them to be excellent swimmers. Also, they can hold their breath for up to ten minutes. The iguanas, who sun bathe a lot, eat algae from the sea bed.

Another animal I discovered was a long-neck turtle. I was so excited that I found a new species of animal. The turtle, which has a very long neck, can reach high up plants which other creatures can't reach. It also has a huge, thick shell which keeps it well protected from predators.

After that, I discovered two more animals. The first one was the Salty Lightfoot crab, that is quick on her feet! The reason they are so fast is because they need to escape from predators. They are really colourful because they can trick people into thinking they are poisonous.

The Gold-tailed bird was my next and last discovery for the day. I realised that they are difficult to see because their rainbow feathers blend in to the environment to hide from predators. They also have really long beaks so they can reach the pollen at the back of the flowers easily. They flap their wings so quickly so that they can fly away from danger.

All in all, it was a day full of surprises.

Speak to you tomorrow,

Charles

By Daisy in Year 6

We have an Open Day on Wednesday 1st November which is a great opportunity for anyone looking at schools for their children to attend from September 2018 to come and see the school in action. It would be great to see you there.

I look forward to seeing you in and around Bramley.

Mr Glen Golding

Executive Headteacher

Fabulous Fungi

Fungi are the unsung heroes of autumn - they come out in force to fuel our forests, prettify our paths and breathe life into our beloved wild places. As the trees shed their leaves and the land braces for winter, the humble mushroom thrives.

Fungi are part of a vast and varied group of decomposers, and play a vital role in our ecosystem. By transforming dead animals and vegetation into raw nutrients that can be absorbed by plants, fungi sustain and nurture the plant life around them; without fungi, England's green and pleasant land would likely be an unpleasant shade of brown.

There really is no end to the generosity of fungi - when they're not pumping nutrients into the soil, they're providing a valuable food source for a host of birds and mammals, including badgers, deer, mice and squirrels.

From great gelatinous blobs on the ground to the neat toadstools on which a fairy might perch, fungi come in a spectacular range of shapes, sizes, colours and (sometimes very pungent) smells. There are some bizarre varieties of fungi, some attractive and dainty, and some so revolting that even the most committed fungi enthusiasts retch at the sight of them.

The infamous stinkhorn, for example, emits a foul odour like rotting flesh, so strong that it can be detected from as far as 20 metres away. At the start of its life the stinkhorn resembles an egg, later developing a slimy red stalk which may grow up to 20cm high. Its dark green cap is covered with a stinking mucous designed to attract flies. The flies feed from the stinkhorn and disperse its spores wherever they next land - an unusual method of reproduction but effective nonetheless.

At the other end of the spectrum we have the fly agaric, the cheerful red mushroom decorated with fetching white spots. Often portrayed in children's fairy stories with a pixie sitting on the top, the bright red caps can measure 15cm across. It is a little known fact that the signature white spots that characterise this fungus are actually the remains of a veil which covers the immature mushroom.

Human beings have always had a fondness for fungus, and mushroom foraging has become increasingly popular. However, it shouldn't be done on wildlife sensitive sites, and expert guidance is essential. Fungi are an important part of the woodland ecosystem, and excessive picking can cause irreparable damage.

Hampshire Wildlife Trust

Basingstoke's Got Talent

Every year the Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival takes place over 3 consecutive weekends in March. Hundreds of performers from beginners to highly experienced, young and adult come along to share their enthusiasm for their instrument, speech, drama and creative writing. Bands, choirs and ensembles, strings, piano, singing, woodwind, brass and recorders, creative writing and speech and drama all bring variety and entertainment for fellow participants, parents, friends and others who have joined the audiences. I helped with the piano section in 2017 and it was great to see the confidence of beginners and the mastery of some very talented individuals which reflected a tremendous amount of practice and dedication by them and their teachers. Very helpful encouragement was provided by guest adjudicators who themselves are very accomplished performers often involved in assessing performance skills internationally. The festival season concludes with a Gala concert at which the top performers are invited to perform. This is attended by the mayor amongst others.

So, if you are a performer who would like to participate in the next festival, a music teacher seeking a good opportunity to provide a student with an opening for performance or if you are interested in helping in some way, please visit the web site <http://www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk>. The next festival may seem a way off yet but the closing date for entries is around the end of 2017 so it will soon be time to think about what pieces you may wish to enter. Basingstoke most definitely has Got Talent!

Bramley Lunch Club

The meeting on 10 August started with the usual tea and coffee and we welcomed a new member, Doug, who soon joined in the general chat. We had a quiz on the theme of Summer, followed by a word search. Next, we tried to make words of three letters or more out of the phrase "summer time". Robin had found eighty and was well on the way to a hundred when lunch was called. This was a lovely mixed salad with quiche or salmon. Robin then produced champagne for us and we toasted him and his wife Jo in celebration of fifty years of marriage. Dessert was served, the raffle drawn and last cups of tea and coffee were drunk before closing time.



MEMORIAL TEA FOR BETTY DAWSON

On 24 August Lunch Club members gathered at Wyevale Nursery Restaurant and were joined by Susan, Betty's daughter, and Wendy, her nearest neighbour. The special tea was in memory of Betty Dawson who passed away in July. We all recalled our memories of her as we enjoyed the delicious cream tea.

Next Lunch Club dates are 12 October and then 9 November following which the LUNCH CLUB AGM will be held at 2pm. All are welcome.

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THE GYMKHANA AND DOG SHOW

The organisers of the Horse Show, Gymkhana and Dog Show are to be congratulated on the success of the occasion. **We are most grateful to them, as well as to the judges, officials, helpers, and competitors who contributed to its success.** It must have involved a great amount of time and energy to have arranged an event on this scale. Fortunately we were favoured with fine weather, which contributed to the enjoyment of the day.

As a result the Church Restoration Fund benefits by £100.

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We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following envelopes:

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The total amount raised through envelopes since the scheme started in 1959 is £1,453.18.5 and we would thank all those who support it, many of whom have loyally continued to give throughout the whole period.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING

In previous years it was found that a number of children were prevented from coming on the Sunday School outing because they were away from home during the last week of the school holiday. But the change of date to the beginning of the school holidays seems to have affected the attendance still more.

However, a coachful of adults and children set out from Bramley to spend the day at **Hayling Island**. Though the temperature was rather low and the wind somewhat cool the rain kept off and everybody had an enjoyable day.

We acknowledge with many thanks gifts from the following for the Sunday School Outing:—

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THE CATHEDRAL

The appeal for the repairs to Winchester Cathedral has been widely advertised, but unfortunately in our parish the restoration of our Church has so far had to have priority. **It is only right and proper that Bramley parish should take its full share in contributing to the cost of the repairs of the central place of worship of the Diocese.**

More will be said of this in the next issue of this magazine, after the Church Council has had the opportunity to discuss it. In the meanwhile would you please think about it. The Diocesan Authorities have been helpful to us with our own restoration and for this reason, apart from many others, we should do what we possibly can.

THE DITCH

The following reply has been received in response to a letter sent to the local Divisional Surveyor referring to the "C32 Ditch near Bramley Level Crossing."

"I would confirm . . . that the road on either side of the level crossing is to be regraded and improved during this year or early next year and the adjoining ditches will be dealt with at the same time."

So it seems that at last this offensive ditch will be seen to. But the public also has a duty to co-operate by not throwing down empty cartons, packets and waste paper, which can be so easily slipped into the pocket and taken home to the dustbin, or else put in a waste paper receptacle, provided there is room in it.

BAPTISMS

- July 17 Graham John Lawrence.
17 Sharon Millitt.
Aug. 7 Debra Louise Spencer.

MARRIAGE

- Aug. 6 Robert William Harvey and Sylvia Denise Keech.

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July 17	4	3	7
24	3	11	7
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	£18	7	3

LODDON VALLEY LIONS

The Lions "MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE" scheme - Loddon Valley Lions have now distributed the 7000th "Bottle" in our catchment area. The "Bottles" are available free of charge at local surgeries, pharmacies and various community support groups, and are intended to contain info such as medical details, next-of-kin and other contacts such that it is readily available in the event of an emergency.

Charity Golf Tournament:- The Club held their 23rd annual Golf Tournament at Bishopswood Golf Course, Tadley on 4th Sept. 18 pairs competed and the event raised £1500 of which the beneficiary was St. Michaels Hospice. Lion President Peter Haggith presented the cheque to the Hospice representative who gave a very informative talk on the running of the organization.

Firework Fiesta :- Our next major fund-raising event will be our 35th annual Firework Fiesta to be staged on Sat 4th Nov. at Barlows Park, Silchester Road, Tadley complete with Funfair and refreshments. There will be 2 displays with an earlier one for the younger audience. The "Best Guy" competition will give free entry to each child who brings a "Guy".

The Club's latest charity donations also include a combined initiative with Basingstoke Lions to fund work for Dove House School at their Privet Centre near Petersfield. Each Club contributing £1250 to fund the work, which was carried out by a charity group Team Rubicon who are ex -Service personnel who are on call to assist at disaster sites around the world.

Ken Williamson

PR Officer Loddon Valley Lions

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- 15 POTATO
- 16 CHIC
- 17 FIEND
- 18 ENID
- 20 COLONY
- 21 DAMEEDNA
- 23 SPOKEVOLUMES
- 26 IRAN
- 27 RAGWORTS
- 28 TETHERED

Down

- 2 ADMONISH
- 3 BEATTHECLOCK
- 4 HERESY
- 5 PERU
- 6 RECAPPED
- 7 LILO
- 8 ONMYWORD
- 12 BYTHESEASIDE
- 14 DREAD
- 16 COCKSURE
- 17 FLYOVERS
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- 24 OLGA
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Like fox hunting, shooting divides opinion and we may not all agree with **John Stubbs'** views in this article about **pheasants**, but it certainly gives food for thought.....

I shot this guy as he was scuttling into the woods just off Cufaude Lane, earlier in the year. Shot, that is, with a Canon, not a cannon, or any other sort of firearm. It really is a great pity that these spectacular birds are for one thing, destined a short and un-natural life and, for another, unconscionably daft. And these two factors are linked – surely there must be a better way?

They've been around in the UK for long enough to be considered pretty much native, though they originated in the East. Fairly good authority has it that the turbulent character pictured in Bramley's oldest graffiti, on the south wall of St James, Thomas à Becket, dined on pheasant the night of his death: that was December, 1170. The fowls quite commonly appeared in reports of medieval banquets, though they were specifically disallowed as part of the clergy's tithes, as they were too likely to escape. No freezers, I suppose. It's quite possible that the Romans brought pheasants over for sustenance, having traded them with the Phoenicians, who in turn brought them from Asia. It was reported that pheasant bones were found in the excavations of Roman Silchester, though there's some dispute as to whether they might in fact be some other bird. Certainly there are several mosaics from that period showing pheasants, one of these in Woodchester.

The Normans, however, were even keener, establishing breeding colonies and crossing various sub-species. Woodland clearances in England caused a drop in numbers, later reversed as Enclosure gave the gentry more woodland. Come the eighteenth century, and lighter, more accurate flintlock guns, any biggish estate needed good targets that would co-operate, if under some duress. Grouse and partridge were much more fussy, wilful and canny: the pheasant filled the bill.

Selective breeding has, of course, looked for specific traits, such as ease of rearing, a good size, a goodish flier, not prone to going on holiday, and so on. However, being reared in pens means they are not worldly-wise. They'll roost on the ground, they don't keep good lookouts, they haven't grasped the dangers of motor vehicles, and they'll scamper when they should fly. One factor here would be their lack of the sort of survival schooling that a wild community affords: their remaining reactions are geared to life in sparsely wooded mountainous country, far from tarmac and guns.

Though the figures vary widely around the country, in all some 35 million pheasants are bred for release to shoots in the UK each year: perhaps one in ten survives to the following year. Around 40% are shot, another 40% lost to predators, mainly fox. The sad thing is that this is such an inefficient way to feed foxes, and a wasteful way to feed humans. Inevitably such an enormous influx hits the food available for local birds, and predators get a boom and bust feeding regime that's not maintained over the year. It's also a very unreliable way of killing birds: probably on average five shells may be fired for each kill, so mostly the animals are peppered rather than despatched. It's hard to say how many in fact reach the table, of the 14 million taken.


Game shooting is a sizeable country-wide business encouraging good land management and providing employment where there may be few alternatives. However,




it demands a high standard of shooting skill: it's really not a sport to be lightly undertaken on an occasional basis. Accuracy, patience and discipline are needed to ensure that birds out of range are let go, and all injured birds are collected immediately. Would we countenance an abattoir where lots of the animals weren't being killed quickly, and left until break time before being despatched? It can only be an acceptable part of rural industry if kills are limited to those that go for human consumption, following the necessarily strict food hygiene regulations. The prior care of the animals must be verifiably in accordance with the best practice guidelines, particularly as a large proportion of the poults will have been imported in bulk from the continent.

Come the First of October, then, these exotic critters will be shown what they're there for. Perhaps it helps to be a little bit dim, at either end of the gun.


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Smell week....Using a variety of resources we smelt a range of aromas including scented dough, scented foam and smelly pots filled with some nice and not so nice smelling ingredients. Scented mark making, such as herbal tea painting, coffee painting and drawing with scented crayons was very enjoyable too!

Sight week... Our activities involved lots of vibrant colours to look at this week. Mr McDonut, a children's entertainer, visited too! He performed magic tricks using sleight of hand to wow us. He demonstrated juggling, balloon modelling, singing songs accompanied by his guitar and there was lots of audience participation.

Sound week... We created many noises this week- popping bubble wrap, making wind chimes, crunching cereal with a variety of objects and exploring a range of musical



instruments such as the large gathering drum and the keyboard!

Taste week... Sampling a variety of foods was fun - some we liked and some not so much! We became mini master chefs, exploring different foods through sensory play and finished with a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' and our nursery Graduation ceremony!

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

Hello from everyone at Little Apples

The summer holidays certainly seemed to whizz by and now autumn seems to have definitely arrived. We hope you all enjoyed a lovely holiday or break.

Saying goodbye to all our school leavers in July is always sad for us



at Little Apples, but it is exciting to meet all our new children and families this term. We are thinking "All about me" this half term as the children get to know new friends and learn about themselves and their identities. We will be making gingerbread boys and girls and face collages to help identify similarities and differences between ourselves.

In our small world play, the children are enjoying playing with 'Dinosaur Land' and in our maths area we are learning to recognise numerals within the context of fun play. We will also be making some collages and rubbings of autumn leaves as we observe the changing season in the garden.

This week our staff will be visiting the children who left us to start school at several local schools, including spending 4 mornings with year R at Bramley to complete what we hope will be a happy and smooth transition to big school.

If you have any questions about Little Apples, please do not hesitate to phone us: our new phone number is 07598 588460, or contact us at manager@littleapples.org. 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.



Frith Forest Fun Club!

What a fantastic Summer! Over 50 children participated, thankfully not all on the same day! View our Facebook page (frith forest fun club) to see the joy and laughter, perseverance and determination demonstrated. It was a pleasure to welcome many new families to join our regulars!

How is forest school different to other outdoor adventure clubs?



Making gruffalo pitta bread pizza

Although we may use a starter theme, sessions are led by the children! Forest School promotes positive social and emotional outcomes for young people through learner-led experiences

in a woodland setting. They set the "agenda": our role is to respond to their interests, ask questions, provide resources and teach skills. We marvel at their ingenuity and imagination, energy and enthusiasm: no session is the same. Sessions enhance and extend their experience: planning menus together, in response to requests for campfire cooking. Children made Gruffalo pizzas and vegetarian chilli, with fresh ingredients. Children investigate, explore, observe

and question what they see, hear, smell, feel and find in the woods: it is a multi-sensory approach. Games help children to "tune in" to the woodland setting, where they learn to identify and manage risks.

What did children do?

We were intrigued one morning to see gigantic footprints in the forest! Who had been visiting the woods? Intrepid explorers tracked through the undergrowth to discover a trail of clues, finally reaching a den, with a sleeping Gruffalo inside! They all set off to make their own dens with special features to keep any monsters away. Some laid a trap, others provided musical entertainment, while another group set an alarm outside to ward off approaching intruders!

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Check our website and in the Discovery Centre for further details nearer the time.

Disability Signpost Service

Tuesday 3 October / 10am - 12noon

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

Basingstoke Disability Connections

Tuesday 3 October / 12.30 – 2.30pm

Informal get-together for people affected by disability.

Wonderful Wordsmiths

Wednesday 4 October / 4pm – 5pm / FREE

A fun creative writing club for 8-13 olds.

Board in the Library

Wednesday 4 October / 2 – 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 5 October / 2.30 – 4.30pm / FREE

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

Hydration and the Digestive System

Thursday 5 October / 1.30pm / £3.75

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9 – 14 October

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Gemma Cairney at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Tuesday 10 October / 7.15pm / £2.50

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Memory Box Project

Friday 13 October / 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 14 October / 10am – 12noon / £5 / Ages 5-16

Learn new skills and meet new friends.

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Saturday 14 October / 2 – 3pm / 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.

StreetPass

Saturdays 14 October / 11am – 4pm / FREE

Experience a new level of social gaming with your Nintendo and other gaming consoles.

Children's Crafts

Saturday 14 October / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+

Poetry Group

Wednesday 18 October / 10.30am – 12.00 noon / £1

Read and share poetry with other like-minded people.

Wonderful Wordsmiths

Wednesday 18 October / 4 – 5pm / FREE

A fun creative writing club for 8-13 olds.

Board in the Library

Wednesday 18 October / From 6.30pm / FREE

All welcome. Other Board Games are available to play.

Creative Writing

Wednesday 18 October / 2 – 4pm / £1

New members are welcome at this supportive group for writers of all genres and ability.

Let's Get Making!

Wednesday 18 October / 7pm / FREE

Basingstoke Makerspace Evening

Think of something YOU want to make... and make it at Basingstoke Makerspace!

Makerspaces are communities for people who want to build, modify and learn about things.....a robot or a drone, a 3D printer or scanner, make an electric bike or a pair of shoes! Come and discuss with members what you want to build and see some of the equipment and projects being worked on.

Painting for Fun

Thursday 19 October / 2.30pm – 4.30pm / FREE

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

Discover Board Games

Saturday 21 October / 10am – 1pm / FREE / Ages 3+

Family Chess Coaching

Saturday 21 October / 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.

Crime Fiction Reading Group

Saturday 21 October / 2pm / FREE

Meet others who share your enjoyment of this genre.

Take a Line for a Walk

Thursday 26 October / 10.30am – 12noon / £3.75 (Accompanying adults free) / Ages 5 - 12

Artist and Educator PJ Preston will be on hand to lead a fun morning of mark making and drawing. Just bring your imagination!

Memory Box Project

Friday 27 October / 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.

Make Your Own Halloween Costumes

Friday 27 October / 1.30pm – 3pm / £5 (Accompanying adults free) / Ages 8 – 11

Get ready for Halloween in style with this super sewing and textiles workshop. Design and create your very own costume based on a simple tabard style tunic.

Visually Impaired Reading Group

Monday 30 October / 10.30am – 12.30pm / FREE

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

To book a place on a ticketed event you can order online from <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php>, or visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670.

Mondays	
<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
Tuesdays	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<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
Wednesdays	
<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides</i>	Village Hall
<i>Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Baby Clinic plus Stay and Play 2nd 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 & 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>Clubbercise 7pm-7.45pm Launch night 7th September</i>	Village 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>	

Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

Organisation	Name	Tel No	Email	Remarks
Parish Council	Maxta Thomas	07810 692486	www.bramleypc.co.uk parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk	Not for bookings
Clift Meadow	Eileen Gulston	881125	e.e.gulston@gmail.com	Bookings
Cross House	Pam Luck	882687	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
Village Hall	Catriona Hayward	07464 749997	Bookings@bvht.org.uk	Bookings
School Hall	Alison Tarrant	881339		
Active Mums Post Natal Exercise	Emma Perkins	07973 389407	emmatraining@hotmail.com www.emmaperkins.com	
Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Jodie Saunders	881113	jodie@bramley-scouts.org.uk	
Bell ringers	Terry Cooper	881102		
Bramley Out of School Club/Holiday Club	Julie Belam	07711 339306	info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com	
Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
Bramley Youth Club	Lee Goreham	01256 423824	lee.goreham@BVaction.org.uk www.basingstokevoluntaryaction.co.uk/youth	
Brownies	Suzanne Cox	07920 822221	suzanne-cox@hotmail.com	Now Weds only
Caterpillar Music	Jasmine McCarthy	07952 935021	jasmine.mccarthy@caterpillarmusic.com	
Clubbercise	Chris Burch	07979 417743	Facebook Clubbercise Bramley with Chris	Adults
Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
Dance Club (Petite)	Louise Onslow	883568		
DanceXAffinity/ Modern Jive	Chris Birch	07979 417743	info@danceaffinity.co.uk	
Dinky Disco	Nikki Mills	07523072591	nikki.m.mills@hotmail.com	
Exercise classes	Caroline Sherlock	07845 217901	caroline@this2thisfitness.co.uk	
Farmers market	Jo Kemp Williams	07557412400	jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com	
FLEXercise	Alison Howard	01256 327014	ah.fitnessleague@gmail.com	
Floral Society	Joyce Rawlinson	889040		
Guides	Louise Whitmarsh	01256 881125	louise_whitmarsh@hotmail.com	
Hatha Yoga	Jacqui Morris	07539 432228	jacqui.morris28@gmail.com	
Jolly Babies	Cathy Rowe	07766 931170	cborro2@btinternet.com	
ARO Kickboxing	Aidan Hudson	07910 054694	aidanhudsonpt@gmail.com	
Little Apples	Jo Whatley & Sian Davies	07598 588460	manager@littleapples.org	
Lunch Club	Chris Woodward	884065		
Mum's Walking Group	Julie Wilson		juliebelam12@gmail.com	
Music with Mummy	Cathy Rowe	07766 931170	cborro2@btinternet.com	
Perform	Gemma Payne	07825 916496	gemmapayne@perform.org.uk	
Pilates	Heather Lewis	07785 254313	hsfitnessuk@mac.com	
Pilates	Kelly James	07789 487499	kkellyjames@aol.com	
Pilates (WG Pilates)	Wendy Gill	07961 102535	wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk	
Royal British Legion	Rhydian Vaughan	07774 681516		
Short Mat Bowls	John & Pauline Walker	881065		
St Stephen's Hall	Doreen Quilter	850394	doreen.quilter@btinternet.com	Bookings
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