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Autumn in the Frith by Sarah Mitchell

Lawyers are often accused of using over long, jargon-filled sentences but I think Berkeley City Council in California gives them a run for their money with this one: "In recent years, broadening societal awareness of transgender and gender nonconforming identities has brought to light the importance of non-binary gender inclusivity". This was the council's explanation for embracing a gender-neutral makeover where manhole covers have been renamed maintenance holes and the ombudsman is now just ombuds or investigating official. Numerous other words have been 'degenderised' and even pregnant women now have to be called pregnant employees. Either there's not too much going on in Berkeley or they are trying to divert attention from other issues. Perhaps we should try it here. Instead of endless debate about Brexit, suspending Parliament and a possible general election, we can come up with more politically correct words for manpower and manhunt.

Someone who has a much better way with words than Berkeley City Council is John Stubbs. He has been a regular contributor to the magazine since 2008 and this month we publish his 100th article. I reckon he has written at least 78,000 words over the years, which is more than JK Rowling managed in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (76,944 words) though, sadly, he's not been as well paid. While surpassing War and Peace may be a bit optimistic (587,287 words) I'm hoping for a double century.....We have a special interview with John on page 10 and his article on page 27 focuses on Lime Tree Cottage, the building on the corner of Vyne Road which a lot of you may have seen being renovated.

Two other well-known buildings are featured in the magazine this month, although they are not built from traditional materials. See page 14 if you are intrigued. We also have a report on two great initiatives in Bramley: the first coffee morning, held in the Brocas Hall in September and the Look for a Book scheme, which has really got going since the summer. Apologies to Probus members whose article wasn't printed last month. It is included on page 35 so if you read the September version online, you can enjoy it again.

Best Wishes

**Rachel**

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

## Missing adverts

The observant among you may have noticed that the September magazine ended rather abruptly, as the last four pages weren't printed. I would like to apologise to the following advertisers whose adverts were missed out, and thank them for their understanding. Their adverts can definitely be found in this month's magazine, on pages 34, 35 and 36.

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<b>6th</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>
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10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>13th</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>20th</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
18.30	Confirmation Service – St James
<b>27th</b>	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

## ... and into November...

<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th Sunday before Advent</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>10th</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	<b>NO</b> Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Remembrance Service – St James
<b>17th</b>	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James



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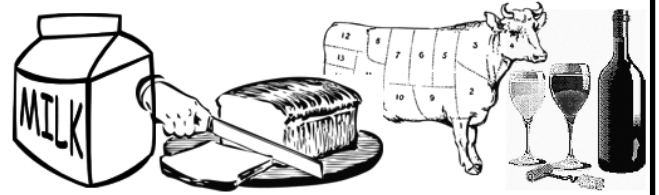
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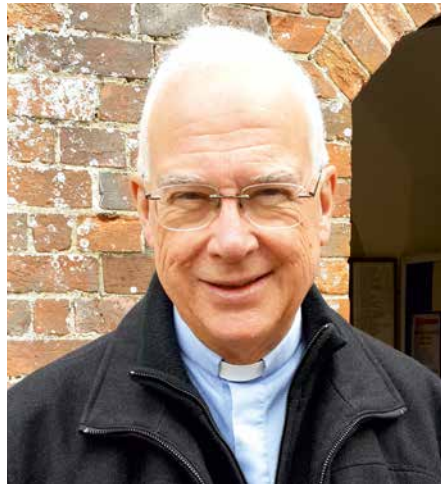
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Here I am, perched some 35,000 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, sitting squashed between my lovely wife on my right and a complete stranger on my left, in a narrow metal tube operated by what used to be The World's Favourite Airline, but which the magazine I'm reading tells me is now ranked 55th favourite out of 65, and 27th out of 28 for value – just one ahead of the infamous Ryanair. The last time I flew with them, they cancelled my flight just 40 minutes before it was due to take off. The only thing worse than actually flying with a commercial airline is not flying with them when you're supposed to.

Why would you ever do it to yourself? You get up at crack of dawn, having worked your fingers to the bone for the previous week in order to clear your To Do list; you put heavy suitcases into the car and join the lemmings hurtling eastwards along the M4 at an average of 50mph – except when the whole thing inexplicably comes to a halt, raising your anxiety level and your blood pressure about missing the flight. You pay extortionate amounts to park the car somewhere remote. Arriving at the Terminal, you join a queue before being told to move further on down the terminal where the queue is apparently shorter, and when you get there, all the people who moved at the same time as you are somehow ahead of you in the queue. You shuffle your way through Security, submitting yourself to one indignity after another, including removing your belt and shoes, revealing a hole in one sock. When you eventually get to the gate, assuming the flight hasn't been cancelled, you join another queue and stand and wait interminably until everyone else has



Rev'd John Lenton

been allowed to board ahead of you and then make your way to said seat in the narrow metal tube that is an Airbus 280. That's the reality of international travel today, especially when travelling in Economy. As I say, why would you ever do it to yourself? I can really see why Frank Sinatra once sang:

"It's oh so nice to go travelling..  
But it's nicer to stay at home."

Well, of course, there has to be a pretty compelling reason to put yourself through this ordeal. Sometimes it's because we're going to see our far-away family; sometimes it's to get to some of our favourite holiday places in the world. This time is a bit different: 45 years ago, in the summer of 1974, I graduated with an MBA from the Harvard Business School, and there are two things that the B-School, as it is generally known, is really good at: networking and fund-raising. And both of those things mean that every five years following your graduation, the School invites you to come back to Boston for a Reunion with your classmates – hence the networking, as you mingle with those men and women, some of whom have managed Fortune 500 companies, some who've started and run and sold enterprises of all kinds, some who've had spectacular failures, and even the occasional one or two like me who have ended up serving the King of Kings.

The fund-raising bit comes as the School goes on reminding us – as it has been doing tirelessly for the last 45 years – that any success we may have

had over these years is largely down to the education we received there, and suggesting that we express our appreciation in hard cash donations to the endowment fund. It's a hard argument to resist, especially if, like me, you really loved your time spent there.

The people of ancient Israel used to have great Reunions several times a year, when people from all over the country would make for Jerusalem in order to celebrate the festivals that God had ordained for them through Moses. The Songs of Ascent, as Psalms 120 to 134 are known, all celebrate the Reunion journey up to the city, which is set among hills. "I will lift up my eyes to the hills," says Psalm 121; "Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." The travellers were full of joy as they made the trip: "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go up to the house of the Lord.' Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem."

Just being there with their family and friends, worshipping God together, reminded those folk how far God had brought them, and how safely. Psalm 125 speaks of their renewed faith in Him: "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore."

God knows the value of bringing His people together at regular intervals; when we meet, we encourage one another, sharpen each other, build up each other's faith. No wonder that the B-School has learned the lesson God taught His people all those centuries ago, and which we continue to celebrate weekly at St James, Bramley. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go up to the house of the Lord.'" Yes, indeed.



**T**his month we're bringing you a slightly different version of **Meet the Neighbours**. It's a lovely way to actually meet your neighbours - and make other local friends - at the new Bramley Coffee Morning. It's being organised by **Angela Kerswell, Jane Kettridge** and **Wendy Castle** and will run on **Wednesdays at 10am, at Clift Meadow**. We went to the first one and asked them to tell us more.

**Bramley Magazine (BM):** There was a great turnout for the first coffee morning, you must be pleased?

Yes, it's great so many people have come down to support us, we're thrilled!

We hoped we'd have a couple of people at least - and really hoped we wouldn't be sitting here just us!

**BM** What's made you want to do this?

The idea of creating a community Cafe was to bring people together socially. We were very disappointed when the Bramley mums and babies clinic ended because this was a nice meeting place for young mums to get together and talk. We helped out at this clinic every month and the mums really looked forward to it.

So, we decided to create another significant meeting point in the village for people of all ages to come and chat.

**BM** So how will it work?

We will either be in the Brocas Hall or the Pavilion at Clift Meadow.

We'll serve simple tea and coffee and people can just donate if and what they can. We'll have tables and chairs up, with some toys and a space to play for smaller children.

Once word gets around that we are here every week we hope to see more people popping in for a cuppa, a quick chat or just generally catching up with friends.

**BM** Obviously people can support you by coming along; what other support do you need or already have from the community?

We would welcome any help and support even if it's just one hour a week. If anyone is willing to bake a cake or two, we would be most appreciative. We want to keep the costs down for the people who come as much as possible.

We'd like to thank Helene for the most delicious lemon drizzle cake and thank you Carol for the most amazing flapjacks today.

**BM** We'd like to thank them, too, the cakes have been wonderful! We're already looking forward to next week!



Wendy and Angela serving up some treats



Sarah Hodnett (right) said "It's a lovely idea and very friendly"



The coffee mornings will be on Wednesdays at 10 – 11.30 at Clift Meadow Park



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**D**ecember 2008: that was when **John Stubbs** first started writing for the Bramley magazine. 100 articles and about 78,000 words later, he is still going strong. He is an editor's dream: his articles arrive well ahead of the deadline, he always sends a high-resolution photo and his prose needs no editing.

I thought it would be good to know a bit more about the man behind the words so I caught up with John to ask him a few questions.

**John, how long have you lived in Bramley and what brought you to the area?**

**John:** My wife, Sarah, and I moved here in 1971, when I was working for the AA and they moved down from Leicester Square. Bramley was very different then. Our house had no drains or gas and there were just around 500 homes in the village.

**When did you first start writing for the Bramley magazine and how did you get involved?**

**John:** My first article was in December 2008 and was about recycling. I wrote for the Bramley 265 magazine for a while and when that folded I was poached by the then editor of the Bramley magazine.

**You've written about subjects as diverse as hornets, cuckoos, troglodytes and rhubarb. How do you choose the topics for your columns?**

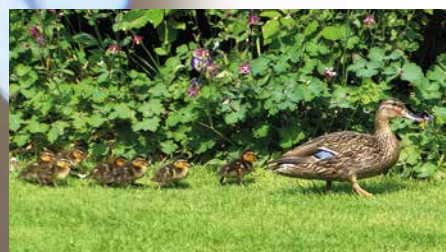
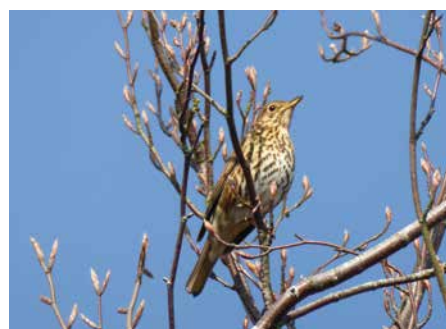
**John:** I always try and find something that tells a story, and it must have a link to Bramley. The photographs are all taken in or around Bramley and I haven't yet run out of local stuff that sparks a little interest – to me, anyway.

**Have you always been interested in nature?**

**John:** I remember keeping butterflies before I was nine or ten, as well as caterpillars and stick insects around the bedroom. I took photographs of them, making an enlarger from a camera lens and a couple of biscuit tins, developing photos in the cellar. This was way before digital cameras – slow, messy and expensive.

**You have a way with words. Was writing part of your job?**

**John:** I was a mechanical engineer so I was mainly writing technical reports; at the AA I contributed quite a few articles to the magazine, and wrote a monthly house circular that was quite light-hearted. Later on, I was more involved in shaping environmental and safety legislation and that involved drafting reports for various national and EU committees. Hence although I'd never profess deep expertise or wide knowledge of these magazine topics, there certainly are many issues well worth exploring: perhaps there are more questions than answers, though, in many cases.





## The Bramley Show

So the Bramley Show has been packed away for another year but that doesn't mean we aren't busy. We are very excited to be launching the new website [www.bramleyshow.org.uk](http://www.bramleyshow.org.uk). Here you will be able to read about the next show, get advice about gardening and try recipes and crafts. More ideas are in the pipeline. Muddy Fingers is joining us, offering monthly tips on gardening and preparing for the next show. It will tell us that you can still grow things even if you have a tiny garden or just a balcony or window box. Please take a look, but be patient while the site is being developed.

If you have friends or family who are not able to access the internet, perhaps you could let them look on your device. It is the cheapest way of sharing information.

The new committee is aware that many village shows are closing but we are planning to expand by having

regular community events, alongside the annual scarecrow festival, to bring everyone together.

The next event involves Christmas trees, so look out for the details in next month's Bramley Magazine.

Village shows have a long tradition of exhibiting the very best of garden produce and sharing this with their community. It can be very competitive, but for me it is about taking part. Shows are not just for fruit and veg; equally popular are the cooking and crafts sections.

There are opportunities for art and photography too and we are looking to widen the range of classes so more people will be encouraged to participate. It is never too early to start planning your entry.

The next Bramley Show will be held on 22nd August 2020

Sue Howell – Chair.

## Muddy Fingers inspiring gardening

Gardening is a healthy and fun activity for all generations, but many are put off because they think they need a large garden or an allotment. The reality is you can grow in the smallest of spaces! Whether it's a tiny patio or balcony with containers or even pots on a sunny windowsill indoors, growing your own can be just as successful and rewarding. The anticipation of watching a seed you have sown push through the soil and grow into a beautiful flower, or a vegetable that can then be picked and eaten, is so exciting.

Each month on the Bramley Show website I'll be giving my suggestions and top tips for new gardeners on how to get the most from your growing space. I'll focus my attention on small modern gardens, which as well as fitting in a vegetable plot often need to double up as a play area, or no gardens at all, such as a patio or balcony. I hope this inspires more of our community to get growing and I look forward to seeing the results at next year's Bramley Show!

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## The Clift Surgery-Helpful Hints and Tips

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- Having a blood test?

Make sure you have plenty of water beforehand, even if it is a 'fasting blood test'. The extra fluid makes your veins bigger and makes the business of taking blood easier. Conversely being dehydrated means veins are smaller and less easy to locate.

- If you are eligible for a free flu jab on the NHS book yourself in at the surgery as soon as possible as supplies arrive in September/ October. Evening, early morning and Saturday morning appointments are available. As it can take two weeks for protection from flu to develop after the jab, it makes sense to have it done well before flu starts circulating.

- Having your child immunised as part of the childhood programme?

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Annette Taylor, Nurse Prescriber, The Clift Surgery

## Lunch Club



For our September meeting eleven of us spent a lovely day visiting Millets Farm near Abingdon. The weather was kind to us and as we were travelling by coach, a luxury for us all, we could see the lovely countryside along the way.

On arrival we went our separate ways, some to the Farm Shop and others to the Garden Centre. The Farm Shop had a lot of lovely local produce; vegetables, fruit, eggs, meat pies and delicious cakes and biscuits. The butcher's department had some very appetising meat, some of which was in a marinade. The Garden Centre was huge, with not only plants and garden implements, but just about everything else you could think of: clothes, books, toys etc. We all had lunch in either the restaurant or cafe. After eating we made our way back to await the coach to bring us home, our purses a little lighter, carrying bags with lovely food, plants and other goodies.

Freda Clark

## Join "Generations" for an evening of music and supper



**Saturday 5 October 2019**

Following the success of a fund-raising event two years ago, the Generations Chorale return to Cross House for a musical supper on Saturday, 5 October. Members of the church family will be familiar with the "Generations sound" from their regular contributions to services, most notably at Remembrance Day.

The Generations Chorale is a small mixed a cappella choir with a repertoire that spans many musical genres and with an over-riding priority of audience enjoyment (and participation!). Musical sets will be interwoven with a quiz, raffle and supper and will culminate with a "Last night of the Proms" singalong. There will also be a guest set from well-known church musicians, Jeremy Masson, Ann Lenton and Geoff Tennant.

All proceeds from this event will be shared between the Church Flower Fund and our nominated charity, Victoria's Promise, which supports young women through cancer.

Tickets: £12.50 to include supper. Tickets are available directly from Generations members or from Suzy Cox: singgenerations@live.co.uk or 07920 822221

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## Bramley Village Hall – building works continue on track

Since Underwood Construction Services moved onto the Village Hall site in July, they have made steady progress in refurbishing our existing building and constructing the new extension. At the time I write this, in mid-September, the new boilers have been installed and commissioned, the new kitchen is being fitted in the Bramley Room and the contractors anticipate finishing the new toilet block by the last week of the month. Externally, the foundations for the new extension have been completed and bricklayers will arrive in the coming week to start on the new walls. Plasterers and painters have been busy inside and work is underway to install new lighting.

Inevitably, it has not all been plain sailing. When the contractors moved the old lamppost adjacent to the car park, the post collapsed and we are exploring alternative options to illuminate the new frontage and the car park.



The foundations for the new extension to the village hall

We have fitted a PIR and floodlights on the gable end of the building to facilitate access to the temporary entrance to the Hall. In the Bramley Room, the fire escape exit is now the temporary entrance, but the normal entrance will have been brought back into use by the time we need to use it as a Polling Station for the local by-election on 10 October. By then most of the work in the Bramley Room will have been completed – back to business as usual. I know that access issues and dusty conditions have caused problems for some of our users, but I would ask for continued patience and perseverance as we strive to complete the project. And a big thank you to all of our users who have offered their support and appreciation for what we are trying to achieve.

As for the external work on drainage and resurfacing the car park, we are still pursuing planning permission, but our contractor, Surtees Groundworks, has completed work on a tree assessment and a flood risk assessment, both of which were required by the Borough Council. I'll let you know how this progresses over the next few months.

Gareth Jones

Chairman, Bramley Village Hall Trust



## Future Proofing Bramley Village Hall

With work on the refurbishment and extension of the hall well underway, it's worth looking at the how the changes will benefit users. The most obvious benefits come through the addition of new spaces to the building and the sound proofing between the committee room and the main hall which will increase the capacity of the hall to support multiple users at the same time. Additionally, the enlarged and improved reception area and toilet facilities will ensure that the hall continues to provide an excellent venue for a wide variety of user groups.

However, users will also be able to benefit, perhaps more indirectly, from the sustainability aspects of the project which will allow maintenance costs to be kept low and thus ensure that prices for users will not be impacted by the refurbishment/extension. The extension will feature

insulation and windows with a thermal performance of over double that of the existing building combined with the installation of new highly efficient gas boilers that will reduce the building's overall energy consumption. Additionally, the extension will feature composite wood/recycled plastic cladding with very low maintenance requirements. Low energy LED lighting will be used in all new and refurbished areas with movement sensors on new toilet and exterior lights helping to further reduce energy consumption. Finally, the replacement sanitary fittings within the nursery toilets will prevent taps from being left running and wasting water.

We will keep updating you on progress with the project and look forward to seeing you at the grand opening!

Lars Smallbone

'Young Trustee', Bramley Village Hall Trust



The Knitting Festival at Inverness, now in its 4th year, is still going strong and this year is expected to be as good as ever. Seven ladies from Bramley are again visiting the event in October and are very proud of this year's contribution to the Festival - a model of Inverness Town House (Town Hall). Impressed by this building on their visit last year they decided to make this their project for 2019 with the help of Frank Redmile, who was able to get the basic shape made. Based in Joyce and Arthur Rawlinson's conservatory since March, with the help of the ladies of WI, Bramley Knitting Circle and others, the model is now complete and is packed and ready

for despatch to Inverness. An open morning was held for those wishing to see the finished article and nearly 30 people came to view, with many watching it grow over the months. The addition of lighting in the model this year, in the form of chandeliers behind the windows, has brought it to life and we now look forward to seeing it on display when we visit the Festival at the end of October.

Joyce Rawlinson



The real Inverness Town House



The knitted version of the Town House



Look at that detail!



## Cross House

And while we are looking at models of well-known buildings, how about this one of Cross House. A cake this time, made by Pam Luck to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the opening of Cross House. Pam also made the cake to celebrate the opening back in 1994 – a very talented lady!



The cake Pam made in 1994





## **Pamber Parish Council**

The Council were informed that an Enforcement Officer had visited Pamber Farm after complaints concerning the storage of construction plant and materials.

A parishioner raised a question about bonfires and dogs barking and was referred to the Environmental Officer at BDBC. He further complained about overhanging branches on footpaths and was referred to our County Councillor.

A discussion took place concerning traffic speeds and accidents on the A340 and the meeting was told that the Clerk would be meeting with Highways on 17 September to discuss the issue.

Mr P Hall put two proposals to reform the Council which will become an agenda item at the next meeting.

### **Planning:**

19/02278/PIP - 4 houses on land at Berry Court Farm - objection

19/02420/TWRN - prune branches at 58, Burney Bit - no objection

19/02330/FUL - 2 houses on land O/S ref. 462026 159258 New Road, Little London - apply for an extension to allow Councillors time to consider the application

19/01995/HSE - side and rear extensions at Orchard Cottage, Church Road - no objection

T/00305/19/TPO - prune T1 oak, 1 Romans Gate - comment

### **Planning Decisions:**

T/00293/19/TPO - prune oak at 8 Sandy Lane - granted  
18/03729/RES - reserved matters for 11 dwellings on land between Elmdene and Fairhome, Aldermaston Road - granted

19/01433/FUL - change of use to residential at Barnsted, Green Lane - granted

19/01508/HSE - extension at 2 Knollys Road - granted

19/01686/HSE - create 2 storey dwelling at Bickley, Aldermaston Road - granted

19/01748/HSE - front and side extensions at Bow Brook, Aldermaston Road - granted

19/01769/HSE - create ancillary accommodation - granted

T/00224/TPO - crown reduce, remove branches and deadwood at 45 Jubilee Close - refused

The Council approved a grant of £350 to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust towards the cost of running the Pamber Forest project.

Neighbourhood Plan - the Council were updated and agreed that a communication with all residents would be handled by a professional delivery company.

Updates and improvements to the website were discussed and approved.

The Council approved a total of £750 to pay for a landscaping plan, arboricultural method statement and emergency plan for the proposed extension to Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. It is expected that these monies will be recovered from S106 funds held by BDBC.

The installation of the new height installation barrier at the Memorial Hall was noted.

The Council agreed to a request to hold a cross country race in Pamber Forest on 27 October but will write to the organisers asking that sufficient signage is provided to direct competitors to the approved car parking area.

The Council re-visited the issue of dog fouling but are awaiting a response from BDBC.

Reports were received from a Borough Councillor, our County Councillor and Parish Council representatives.



  
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### **Update from Bramley Parish Council**

We hope you all had a good summer – the good weather seems to be continuing well into September, which is always welcome.

Whilst the Parish Council had a summer recess in August, with no full Council meeting, work has carried on unabated in the background. There was a planning committee meeting held in August, and as ever the Parish Council continued with its work on planning with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. There are also a number of projects rumbling away, and we will report on these in the months to come.

Monthly PC meetings have resumed as normal in September and of course members of the public are always welcome at these, to express their views on issues on the Parish, or even just to listen in and see what's going on. The full council meetings are always on the third Tuesday of the month – for the remainder of the year they are on 15 October, 19 November, and 17 December. So please join us at 7.30pm in the Bramley Room at the Village Hall – we would love to see you!

## Apples

The poet John Keats wrote of the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' in his poem *To Autumn*. Although there are many fruits that come to ripeness in late summer and early autumn, the apple is probably the one that first comes to mind. English apples comprise about a third of all the apple varieties in the world. Depending on who is counting, there are between 2,000 and 2,500 varieties of English apple. You could, if so inclined, eat a different variety of English apple every day for about six years.

There is a wonderful article on the BBC News site called 'British to the Core', to which I am indebted for some of these facts. The reason that the apple has so many varieties is that, to quote, 'it is promiscuous by design'. Cross pollination gives the huge number of varieties, many coming into being by chance. The Granny Smith, for example, began life on a rubbish heap in Australia. Once a new apple is discovered or bred, to reproduce it consistently requires cloning via grafting, discovered many centuries ago. The original Bramley apple, with no connection to our village, was planted by Mary Ann Brailsford in Nottinghamshire, between 1809 and 1815. Every Bramley apple owes its lineage to that tree, via subsequent grafting.

Apples feature in many aspects of human existence, from time immemorial: some pleasant, some not so. In the story of Adam and Eve, the 'fruit' of the 'tree of knowledge of good and evil' is forbidden to Adam and Eve. Interestingly apples are not mentioned anywhere in Genesis but most people think of an apple when asked about the story. The eating of the apple is symbolic and is repeated in other stories. Snow White is offered the apple by the witch, and is suspicious, but the witch has only poisoned half of the apple and she eats the good half before offering the poisoned half. Apple pips contain a compound called amygdalin, which when digested turns into hydrogen cyanide. It is reckoned that you would have to eat about 100 grams of pips to be poisoned: do not try this at home.

The symbol of the Apple has been used by two famous companies. The first, Apple Corps, was the Beatles' own record label. The second, Apple Computer, is the company known by all as the producer of the iPhone and iPad. These two companies have had various court battles over the years since 1978. Many years ago, Apple Computer agreed not to enter the music business. Over 40 years later iTunes happily hosts the Beatles' music so all previous conflicts have been resolved.

The Apple logo used by Apple of iPhone fame features an apple with a bite taken out of it. The symbolism here of an apple being tasted is used in the new book by Robert Harris: *The Second Sleep*. Set 800 years in the future, in an England that along with the rest of the world has suffered an Apocalypse a few years after 2019, people have returned to a way of life that resembles 17th century England. There are relics of the old, that is our, civilisation. An iPhone, long dead, is discovered. The bitten apple is interpreted as a symbol that the people of our century worshipped science and not God, which led to the destructive Apocalypse. A very interesting thought. I don't think it should be read as a prediction, but as a good story with many thought provoking details, it has kept me turning the pages on my recent holiday.

Michael Luck

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As is often the case, demand for our services continues to out-strip supply so we're in great need of additional volunteer drivers and befrienders. If you feel that you could help us, then please pick up the phone and call us on 01256 423855 or drop us an email at [info@neighbourcare.com](mailto:info@neighbourcare.com).

We'd be delighted to hear from you.

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The speaker this month was Alan Copeland who gave the second part of his fascinating presentation on "Eccentric London". This time, backed up by a series of excellent photographs, he took us on a tour of Greater London seeking out those places that the majority of us would never think to look for. Of the 24 places he visited, some of the highlights were the Swaminarayan Hindu Temple in Neasden, Crystal Palace with its remnants and the Prehistoric Monster Trail, the unusual tomb of Sir Richard Burton the 19th Century explorer in Mortlake, the David Hartley monument in Putney, the Carreras Cigarette Factory in Camden and the many decorative shop fronts in Camden Town. He finished with the modern history of the late John Gladden's house in Norbury with its

infamous additions, such as a tank. Full details of Alan's shows and pictures can be found at [www.curiosities.co.uk](http://www.curiosities.co.uk).

The group's next outing is on Friday 11 October which is the Mystery Trip and includes elevenses, lunch and afternoon tea as well as a tour of the English countryside.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting [csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com).

David Cowling





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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am

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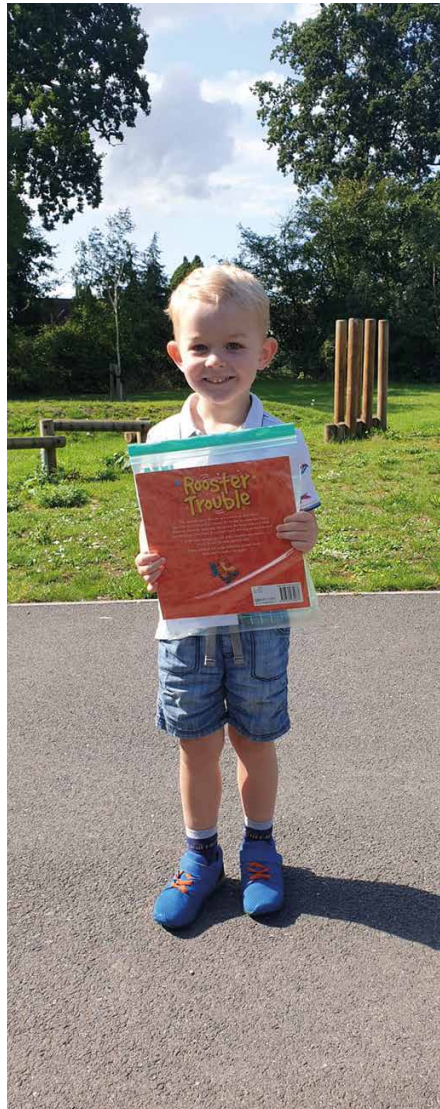


We all know how important it is to encourage children to read, but books aren't cheap and children grow out of them so fast. This is what prompted Louise Onslow to set up "Look for a Book".

Look for a Book is a simple but very effective concept. Children's books are hidden inside weatherproof bags in places around Bramley, Sherfield on Loddon and Sherfield Park. Children hunt them out and, once they have read the book, they pop it back into a waterproof bag and re-hide it for someone else to enjoy. Or, if they enjoy the book too much to let it go, they can keep it.

There's a Facebook page where you can post a photo showing where you found the book. Here are a few lucky book hunters. There's also a photo of Louise's Mum with her dog Herbie, who have both been visiting the children in Year R at Bramley School. Herbie is only eight months but when he is old enough he is going to be trained as a reading support dog at the school, so he and Louise's mum have been hiding books too!

Reading books with children is a fabulous way to spend time together and it's never too early to start; babies don't need to understand the words, they will love to listen to you and look at the pictures. As Louise says: 'Let's get a love of literature started... Look for a Book!'



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## Bramley Brownies

The Brownie leaders at 1st Bramley Brownies undertook a 10k Thames Path Challenge in September to raise money for the unit. Both Cuckoo and Goldfinch committed their time and energy to training and fund raising. They were aiming to raise money to go towards equipment, badges and insurances and to ensure they can continue the unit and offer the girls exciting activities both to enjoy and to teach them new skills. The total raised so far is £505.00 of a £500 target. We are so thankful to all those who have sponsored us and if you'd like to sponsor us you can at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/1st-bramley-brownies>

The leaders at 1st Bramley Brownies are so pleased to see the autumn term begin and have lots of exciting things planned for the unit. Our focus during autumn is about expression and we will be having fun with the Brownies building their confidence with crafts and activities based around this theme. This term is one full of fun events including Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire



Night and of course Christmas; it certainly is a celebratory time!

We are hoping to hold a small carol concert at a local care home during December.

As a unit we would like to request any local businesses or organisations that would like to come and meet our

Brownies and teach them a new skill or share experiences with them to get in touch with us. It's such a great opportunity for the girls to meet local people who are involved in different areas of our community. Please email us [bramley.brownies@gmail.com](mailto:bramley.brownies@gmail.com)

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Welcome to the Basingstoke Rural East newsletter, September 2019

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team includes:

PC Lee Stanbrook PCSO Emma Page

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PCSO Adam Steele



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### Community priorities

The current neighbourhood priority is burglary.

Burglaries remain low throughout the area. Metal and other items were stolen from a building site at Newchurch Road, Tadley. On 2 August, a burglary was reported at an empty property at Coopers Lane, Bramley. On 13 August, someone attempted to force a door open to a property on Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield on Loddon. The incident occurred late in the evening and no entry was gained.

Now that summer is coming to an end, why not take the opportunity to security mark your garden machinery before you put them away? Also check if the access to your garden is secure. For extra security, consider installing alarms on your outbuildings.

### Theft in rural car parks update

We have continued to receive reports of goods being stolen from vehicles parked in rural car parks around the borough. The vehicles are targeted when people leave them there to go walking. The cars

were targeted regardless of whether or not property was on display. If you leave your vehicle to go walking, please remove all your property from the vehicle and make it obvious that no valuables are there.

### Parish news

#### Bramley and Sherfield on Loddon

There have been several reports of ASB in the area of Clift Meadow and the lights of the pavilion have been damaged. Youths also entered the construction site on Minchens Lane. We have also heard reports of youths accessing the grounds of the primary school, drinking, playing loud music and staying there until the early hours of the morning. PCSOs intercepted a group whilst on patrol at Clift Meadow. This was dealt with as a community resolution.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service were called out to a recycling bin that had been set on fire. A catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle parked overnight in German Road (similar to an incident reported in

Tadley). On 18 August, a bike that had been left outside flats in Sherfield on Loddon was stolen.

#### Pamber, Silchester and Mortimer West End

Roof light windows were stolen from Silchester Primary School, and a diesel filter and exhaust section were stolen from a van on Kings Road.

### Definition

A community resolution is when a crime or incident is resolved with an agreement between the police, offender and anyone else affected.

### Did you know?

We have been running a 'Paint it Pink' campaign for batteries. To prevent the large batteries from being stolen, paint them pink. This makes it easier for them to be identified as stolen goods. Hampshire Police have urged scrap metal merchants to reject and report any pink batteries that are offered to them.



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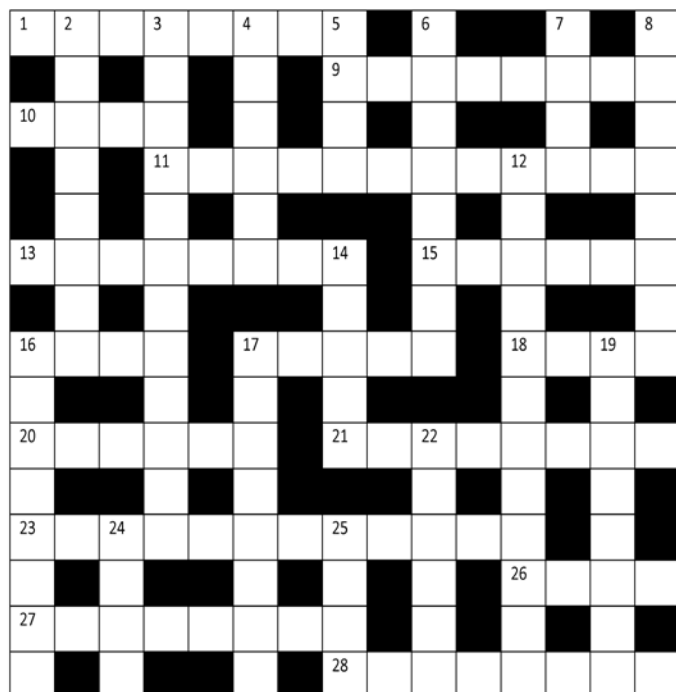
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**Cryptic Crossword No: 31**

See page 31 for the answers.

**Across**

- 1 Result of blue sun mixed with nothing is unclear. (8)  
 9 Argue your case around friend to end up shocked. (8)  
 10 Look within cockles and mussels to find beach material. (4)  
 11 Miss Doolittle gambled with Star Wars Solo to a point and produced people of a certain age. (12)  
 13 Clumsy description of unknown nail gun awkwardly placed. (8)  
 15 Give pardon, ate a little more inside. (6)  
 16 Cleaner if revised could become a support. (4)  
 17 More correct if they misconstrue results within. (5)  
 18 Pop group with a light touch perhaps. (4)  
 20 Initially took a very eager royal noble to a place of drink. (6)  
 21 Our genes can be distributed kindly. (8)  
 23 Best sail dish to take apart and deprive an organisation of it status. (12)  
 26 My winnings alternately led me to more of 20. (4)  
 27 Broken nail at the end of school period was the end. (8)  
 28 Odd if time less junction could be changed. (8)

**Down**

- 2 Official individual surrounded by past digger (8)  
 3 Posh can hide ever so well disguised yet not do so well. (12)

- 4 Potion allowed an alternative course of action. (6)  
 5 Story is a gas read differently. (4)  
 6 Red spear used for distributing salt. (8)  
 7 Lady found her goal of sorts. (4)  
 8 Long journeys start off draining your summer season, ending your spring. (8)  
 12 Dainty rag found by worker previous to keeping employment rate initially before boss. (12)  
 14 No guy could become short lived. (5)  
 16 Not a tide can provide a medicine. (8)  
 17 Can and rock together form a mineral. (8)  
 19 Sparkling wine made by points around a cat and a good book. (8)  
 22 Being fastened led Ian to become deranged. (6)  
 24 Feudal worker sounds like the sea. (4)  
 25 Ointment required because Alan lost medicine. (4)

**CodeWord No: 18**

See page 31 for the answers.

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## Priory Primary School

It is with great pride that I introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of the Priory Primary School in Pamber End, having taken over from the incredibly dedicated Mrs Suzanne Kelly. I describe myself as a busy father, husband and educationalist. Over the past twenty years I have forged a rewarding career that has included experience working in highly successful public and private schools in both the UK and the UAE. My former role was as Deputy Head of Dubai British School Jumeirah Park, which involved leading the learning of nearly 1000 primary pupils. I am a firm advocate for continuous professional development and as such have personally completed a Masters in Education and Leadership, as well as enhancing my knowledge of successful schools as a PENTA trained inspector through the British Schools in the Middle East.

As with any newly appointed Headteacher, my initial focus will be to ensure a smooth transition, with the Priory continuing to excel in all the areas that make it such a special place. However, my longer-term vision will be to work with the staff to develop and adopt a forward-thinking curriculum that instils our pupils with the skills, knowledge and talents that will allow them to flourish in an increasingly demanding and busy world. My over-arching aim is for pupils to leave the Priory Primary School as happy, confident, globally-aware citizens who have a love for learning and the positive mentality that allows them to strive for success, yet to embrace and learn from their inevitable mistakes and failures. Equally, I hope to challenge my staff to be creative and passionate leaders of learning, who are trusted and empowered to make the experiences of all of their students a rich and vibrant learning opportunity.



Whilst my vision is very much about education that prepares our students for the future, I believe you forget the past at your peril. In my first days as Headteacher at the Priory Primary School, I was lucky enough to find records written back as far as 1914, these document the school's progress and development over the past one hundred and five years – from a small, three class, mixed age school serving the local villages to its current form as a successful single academy school open to a much wider community. Yet, what struck me was despite its growth, the school has maintained its quintessential identity that makes it so unique. As one member of the H.M Inspectorate (1963) documented *“there is much honest effort by both the passionate staff and the hardworking children in this small rural community school”*. What Headteacher could ask for more?

Mike Stewart



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## Bramley & Romans Floral Society

Our September meeting was a demonstration by Mrs Denise Bright entitled 'A few of my favourite things'. Her first arrangement depicted a hat and she then made two more hats and added a hessian bag for our raffle at the end of the meeting. She also produced a favourite pot from an old friend and filled it with some of her favourite flowers. Next she used another favourite, contorted hazel, and weaved her flowers through to make a wide bouquet to stand in a vase. Denise loves using bark and moss and she designed two bark tubes filled with moss, shells and orchids in plastic tubes: very simple but very effective. Denise finished with two more of her favourite containers: a tall Blue urn and a desk drawer.



Our next meeting is on 3 October and is a workshop by Mrs Ann-Marie Dicker.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon village hall at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Eileen on 01256 881125

Eileen Gulston

## Brexit Support

Local residents can get help and support on changes that may affect them following Brexit.

Supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley will be providing a new service to support residents in the borough affected by changes as a result of Brexit.

European citizens living in the UK are required to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021, with an estimated 7,000 people currently living in the borough needing to apply to the scheme.

Other support the charity will provide includes guidance on employment rights and EU employees' rights to stay, UK citizens living overseas and looking to return and consumer concerns such as travel insurance and access to healthcare.

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The new service forms part of the council's preparation work, alongside its partners, to look at the potential impacts and opportunities that Brexit may bring and ensure residents and businesses are prepared.

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### What should you report to Trading Standards

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- they sold you unsafe or dangerous items
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- they pressured you to buy something you didn't want to buy
- they sold you a car that wasn't 'roadworthy' (it would cause danger if it was on the road)

### How to report a trader to Trading Standards

Call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline and tell them you want to report a trader to Trading Standards.

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An adviser will answer your call as soon as possible, usually within a few minutes. Once you're speaking to an adviser your call should take an average of 8 to 10 minutes.

Be prepared to tell the adviser details of the problem and the company's name and address.

### Call charges

We don't charge for calls to the consumer helpline. Your service provider could charge you for your call, but it should be free if either:

- your contract includes all calls to landlines

- you're within your free minutes allowance for calls to landlines

You might be charged if your contract doesn't include all calls to landlines or you've used all your free minutes. For example, a 10 minute call could cost:

- £1.73 from a BT landline - find out more about BT call charges
- £4.40 if you're an EE pay as you go customer - find out more about EE call charges

Check your supplier's website to find out what you'll be charged.

### 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 03444 111 306

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**I**n his 100th article, John Stubbs tells us about **Lime Tree Cottage**, a building that has been a fixture in Bramley for over 500 years.

The first Queen Elizabeth, at the time yet to be promoted Elizabeth I, visited The Vyne three or more times. It's a pretty good bet, then, that she and her enormous train would have passed this way through Bramley at some stage. That would have been something quite fantastic to witness – as many as two hundred wagons, four hundred souls in attendance, averaging ten miles a day. Heading back home, they might have trailed past Beaufrepaire House, up Vyne Road - if Bow Brook wasn't flooded and the ford was passable, towards St James' Church and onward. Coming into the village, herself would have seen Manor House on the right – completed in 1558, the year of her accession. Just past there would be seen one of their barns, and that's still there, as well.

I don't suppose they'd have looked inside the barn, but had they done so, perhaps to requisition some fodder, they'd have had the view shown in the photo above, taken early last year: the same beams, rafters, purlins, trusses and even some of the panels and a bit of the wattle and daub. About as interesting to them as the interior architecture of Tesco's is to us, they'd be totally used to it, but it does now take a bit of understanding.

The structure is, of course, mainly oak: slow growing, dense, strong timber with high tannin content so it resists decay – if kept dry or totally submerged to exclude oxygen. It would have been locally grown and sawn – the massive beams a challenge to transport: felled and worked without seasoning, as the wood hardens making cutting nigh impossible. Where the grain allowed, the lengths were riven; that is, split along with wedges, to retain the fibres' strength. The frame elements would have been measured out, cut and



fitted on the ground – then all the joints marked and taken apart. These markings can still be seen, and the grain of the timbers can be matched in adjacent beams as they were cut from the tree trunk. The final erection of the building, then, fairly rapid as a sort of pre-fab or construction kit: no real foundations, the cill beams resting directly on the earth. Thatch the roof, and there you are, good for half a millennium, or more.

One of the big advantages of timber-framed buildings, and hence their long life, is their relatively easy adaption to changing demands. They can be cut, extended, repaired or moved without the sort of major hassle high brick or stone walls entail. In this case, a brick and timber-built cottage with a tapered chimney stack at each end was added next to the barn, sometime in the seventeenth century. A later extension added another quite similar gabled rear building, with a central chimney stack, and the whole is now known as Lime Tree Cottage. In the late nineteenth century, the front and the southern walls of the cottage were re-modelled in the Beaufrepaire Estate style with the tile hung elevations and cast-iron window casements, though this property was not included in the 1922 sale of the Beaufrepaire Estate.

In the 1920s or 30s the barn was used as a bicycle repair workshop. Later the southern end was converted into

a shop-front for Freeman's grocery store. Come the 1960s the barn roof was replaced with asbestos and the shopfront removed. The subsequent owner Jack Davis used the ample storage space to accumulate amazing amounts of everything, including as many as half a dozen pre-war Rovers. His son John later cut away part of the first floor of the house to make a sort of Roman Villa, complete with painted ceiling – otherwise allowing nature to take over the barn and garden. On his death, the property was empty for a while, during which time a long-term admirer of the place happened by – and saw an irresistible 'For Sale' notice.

Apparently undaunted Tim and Yetunde Smith launched into realising the potential of the place. The goal was to uncover the character of the property, conserving all of the original structure, and giving it the quality and convenience of the 21st century. The barn, for instance, now has foundations, heating, insulation and the fittings needed to integrate the buildings into one spacious modern home. The exterior oak cladding and the new roof tiles, the raw wood at first looking a little Trumpian in colour, have now started to weather: the oak will bleach to a neutral grey and the tiles darken and blend slowly. Were our Good Queen Bess to look inside now, the transformation would astound even her kingly heart.

## Castles in the Air and Other Fantastic Inventions

Wacky, weird and wonderful are some of the inventions covered in an illustrated talk by Nick Brazil to the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

All the inventions were from past ages but some had the germ of an idea that came to fruition and can be seen today. Most only got as far as the Patent Office. Labour saving was their main attraction; the canine powered sewing machine where a dog ran on a turntable replacing the traditional treadle. The dog powered turn spit saved servants rotating the carcase of meat over the fire.

Multitasking is nothing new. A machine was a combination baby rocker and butter churner which enabled the mother to do her knitting. Or the fresh air bed that had a large trumpet shape over the sleeping person that brought in fresh air from outside.



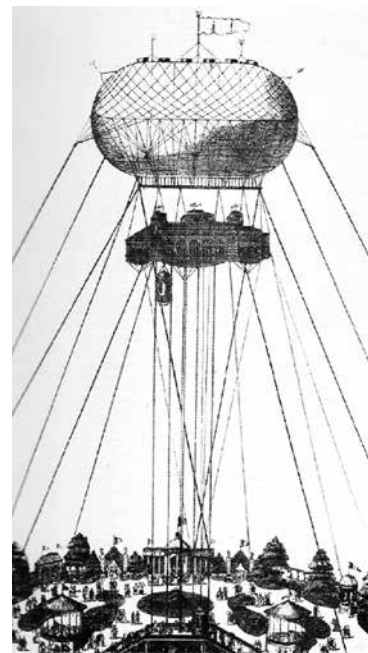
The Butter Churn Baby Rocker

The sweat bed had a boiler to heat up pipes under the mattress. The swooning chair provided some recovery to ladies fainting in their tight corsets. A chair with a descending cushion caused two paddles to fan the face of the distressed lady.

Fear of being struck by lightning saw the invention of the lightning conductor umbrella with an aerial to attract the lightning and a wire to earth. It was modified for some ladies' hats. The German Army designed a rain collecting hat with a small tap.

Transport had many eccentric developments. The Danish Hunting Monocycle travelled at 24 mph and the American Monocycle reached 30 mph. The Dutch military Multi cycle in 1887 transported twelve soldiers and there was the Telegraph Wire Bicycle in 1890 suspended from telegraph wires rather than running on the ground.

And was there a castle in the air? The 1894 Antwerp exhibition saw the idea of using a large balloon from which a town could be suspended. Naturally it was all hot air and it never saw the light of day.



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## Butter Daisy Nursery

Here at Butter Daisy we have had such a busy and exciting summer where every week we celebrated different parts of the world!

Our magical journey around the world continued throughout August, celebrating the continents Africa, Oceania and Europe.

In Africa, the children explored the pyramids, the Egyptian tombs and a South African Safari. They went on an exciting safari around the garden too, spotting so many exciting



## Hello Everyone from 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.

As you will have seen in this magazine, or driving past, the big news is the on-going renovations to the village hall. Naturally, this has meant some disruption to parking, using a temporary entrance and temporary toilets. However, we are very excited about the new, child-sized toilets, car park and meeting space which will help Little Apples continue to offer the highest standards for supporting children and their families in a safe modern environment. It will also give a lovely fresh look to our setting and make the Village Hall a really appealing centre for the community and its user groups.

This week our staff will be visiting the children who left us to start school including spending 6 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 speak to me or your Key person. Our telephone number is 07598 588460, or contact us at [manager@littleapples.org](mailto: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.



animals. They all practised roaring like lions and standing tall like giraffes! They took part in some special language groups where they practised identifying and sounding like the animals too.




Oceania was our next continent to explore, and the children got stuck in visiting Australian beaches, creating wonderful 'surf boards' to use in the sea and we even had a visit from ZooLab! We got to see and hold lots of exotic animals such as a giant African snail, a snake and a millipede.

In Europe, for our final week, we said a fond farewell to the Butter Pre-School children who are off to 'big school'. We held a special graduation for the children, celebrating their time here with us and wishing them good luck on their journey. We also had a special tea party and party games to carry on our celebrations! In Europe the children also explored the Eiffel Tower, Buckingham Palace, tasted an authentic Spanish Paella and baked their own traditional English scones.

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](http://www.mydaisynursery.com)









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Caroline Wallis

It is often said that the area of law which changes the most is employment law. That certainly seems to be the case judging from the raft of changes that have recently been proposed by the government.

Here are just a few of the proposals that are being considered:

**Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Agreements in sexual harassment and discrimination cases**

The government plans to ban confidentiality clauses from being used to prevent individuals from disclosing information to the police, health professionals, lawyers and social workers. However, Non-Disclosure Agreements will still be lawful for legitimate reasons, for example to protect confidential information and trade secrets.

**Redundancy protections of new parents and the introduction of neonatal leave**

It is proposed that new and expectant mothers and employees who are adopting or taking shared parental leave will have legal protection

against being made redundant for six months after they return to work.

It is proposed that this six-month rule should also apply to employees who inform their employer they are pregnant.

**Phased return from sick leave**

The government is finally proposing to shake up the Statutory Sick Pay system. As part of this process it is being proposed that employees who are returning to work after a period of sick leave will be entitled to enter into a flexible phased return to work.

**The right to reasonable notice of work schedules and compensation for the cancellation of shifts**

The government is consulting as to whether workers should be entitled to reasonable notice of their work schedule and is looking at introducing a penalty to employers who fail to provide adequate notice of this.

In addition, workers who suffer a cut in their shifts at short notice without warning could be entitled to compensation.

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### Children events

#### Campervan Storytime at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Storytime and Activity with the books author Rachel Jane  
8 October 2019 10:30am to 11:30am/£3

Join local author Rachel Jane as she shares her stories about the campervans from Red Hatch Farm! You'll join in the adventures of Milo, Lil and Tallulah followed by fun campervan crafts.

Rachel will also be signing copies of her books afterwards.

#### Quirks Animal Encounter at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Animal handling and discovery workshop.  
29 October 2019 11am to midday / £6

Come along to meet a variety of animals from around the world at the Quirks' Animal Roadshows workshop. You'll have the opportunity to stroke and hold the animals as well as discovering lots of interesting facts about where they come from, what they eat and what makes them unique.

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#### Campervan Storytime at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Storytime and Activity with the books author Rachel Jane  
30 October 2019 2pm to 3pm/£3

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### Adult events

#### 40 Years catching smugglers at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

An insight into how Customs/Border Force Officers catch drug smugglers in the Green Channel  
22 October 2019 2pm to 3pm/£8

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#### Broadmore Revealed at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

The Victorian Asylum  
31 October 2019 2pm to 3pm/£4

An introduction to England's oldest secure hospital with Mark Stevens, Berkshire's County Archivist and author of 'Broadmoor Revealed'

## Cryptic Crossword No: 30 Solution

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24	SERF	27	TERMINAL
22	NAILED	26	INNS
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17	TINSTONE	21	GENEROUS
16	ANTI-DOTE	20	TAVERN
14	YOUNG	18	KISS
12	HANDKERCHIEF	17	TRUER
8	ODYSSEYS	16	ARCH
7	OLGA	15	DONATE
6	SPREADER	13	UNGAINGLY
5	SAGA	11	ELIZABETHANS
4	OPTION	10	SAND
3	UNDERACHIEVE	9	APPALLED
2	EXAMINER	1	NEBULOUS

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<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Stay Active As You Age Class – 11am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

**Tuesdays**

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<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing 8pm</i>	St James's
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Slimming World</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tuesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Walking 4 Fitness &amp; Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Yoga 7.00pm Beginners 8.15pm Mixed Ability</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London
<i>Pregnancy yoga 7.30 - 8.30pm</i>	Cross House

**Wednesdays**

<i>1<sup>st</sup> Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Baby Clinic plus Stay and Play 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 9.30-11.00am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>WG Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i>	Cross House
<i>Caterpillar Music 9.45am</i>	Village Hall

*Pilates 6.30pm & 8.30pm*

Clift Meadow Pavilion

*Trail Runners 7.30pm*

Clift Meadow car park

*HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30*

School Hall

**Thursdays**

<i>Bramley &amp; Romans Floral Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Lunch Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Body Tone 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Muddy Fingers 10:00 - 10:50am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Activ8 youth club Years 3,4,5 and 6: 4pm - 5.30pm Years 7 8 and 9: 5.30pm - 7pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Zumba 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

**Fridays**

<i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall

**Saturdays**

<i>Good for Mums Hiit Fix</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Ladies Boxercise</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall

**Sundays**

*See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley  
& St Stephen's Little London*



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Activ8 youth club	Colette Bibby		colette@bdyc.org.uk	
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Bell ringers	Terry Cooper	881102		
Bramley Out of School Club/Holiday Club	Julie Belam	07711 339306	info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com	
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Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
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Guides	Ailsa Stockwell	07584 676931		
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Ladies Boxercise	Helen Hill	07766 554599	helen@ladiesboxercise.co.uk www.ladiesboxercise.co.uk	
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