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It has been heartening to see so many people getting together to clap for carers on Thursday evenings. I'm sure I even heard the train join in last week. It's important to remember what a great job all our key workers are doing, not only those who are caring for the ill and vulnerable, but also the many other workers who are emptying our bins, packing our food orders, delivering our letters (and magazines!), teaching our children, driving our buses, etc. It has certainly made me realise how unimportant my job is in the scheme of things. As well as clapping, many of you have been helping the NHS in more practical ways, by making PPE and scrub bags. Turn to pages 18 and 19 to read about our local sewing heroes.

The next group of workers deserving our applause will surely be hairdressers! Did you see the people queuing to have their hair cut in New Zealand? Some hairdressers opened at midnight to cope with the demand. That could be us next month, desperate to get rid of the hippy look and cover up the grey hairs. Allegedly, some minor celebrities and high maintenance individuals have even been smuggling hairdressers into their homes to make sure they are still Instagram-ready. One even had to arrange to have the appointment while her husband was out as he didn't realise she wasn't a natural blonde! I have gone to the opposite extreme and am seeing how long I can go without washing my hair. Apparently if you can leave it for six weeks it will be much improved and will never need washing again. I've only made it two weeks but I'm not sure I can go on for much longer. The Professor Snape look (from the Harry Potter books) isn't a good one at the best of times, but it's even worse when your colleagues use speaker view on Zoom and get a close-up of your unwashed hair. I did turn off my camera once, but then I was accused of still being in my pyjamas. One option is to adopt the 1940's look which Laura is rocking on page 17. She was just one of many who got in the mood on the 75th anniversary of VE-Day and didn't let lockdown stop them having a good party. Read more on pages 16 and 17.

When it comes to men, I think they fall into three camps: those who trust their relatives to cut their hair, those who run a mile from the scissors and the follically-challenged, who now have the last laugh. My husband is in the middle camp and looking more like a scarecrow every day. He will be in good company from 6 July when we will be welcoming the scarecrows back to Bramley. See page 9 for more details.

I can hardly believe I am saying this, but the next magazine will be the summer issue, covering July and August. If you have anything you want to include, please get it to me as soon as you can and by 15 June at the latest. You never know, you may be able to read that issue in the hairdressers!

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

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At this time, we are holding **virtual services on Sundays and special occasions** using Zoom. For further details about how to access these services, please look at the St James Church Website www.StJamesBramley.com

or the St James Church Facebook page www.facebook.com/stjamesbramley

or contact Steve Day
on 07341 552732



Robert Napier Stober

Robert Napier Stober died on 23 April 2020. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Elizabeth, and children, Dominic, Miranda and Jessica and his seven grandchildren. Robert's good humour and keen mind will be remembered warmly by his great many friends, including members of the St James' congregation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



From the Registers

Funerals

Joyce Dorothy GERVIN – Tuesday 21 April,
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Robert Napier STOBBER – Tuesday 5 May,
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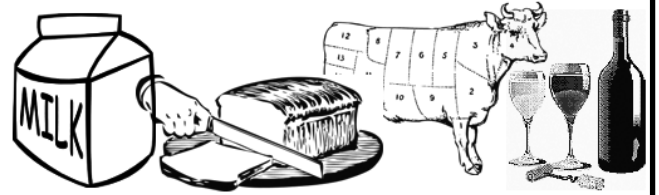
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This lockdown has had all kinds of impacts on our daily lives; one of the most obvious is the effect it's had on everyone's exercise habits.

When our dog Chillie began showing symptoms of the kidney failure which brought her life to an end almost a year ago, the daily walks we used to take her on got shorter and shorter and slower and slower. After she died, I no longer had the motivation to go out very often for a walk, so my expanding waistline was really a spur for us to start looking for another dog – and as readers of this column may remember, Jack, the Jack Russell, moved in and took over our lives in January this year. Jack sets the bar pretty high when it comes to daily exercise, and he's delighted that the lockdown has meant that I'm eager and willing to set out for a walk with him once a day for at least an hour.

There are plenty of pleasant walks in the vicinity of where we live. It has even been quite agreeable to walk along the main road that runs through Bramley because there have been so few cars on the road (although some of those on it seem to think that 50 is the new 30...) Sad to say, the number of cars is now increasing, so it's probably not going to be agreeable for much longer. The thing that has been really nice, however, is the way that almost everyone you meet on your walks – and there are lots of people out walking every day, of course – has a smile and a greeting, usually for Jack, sometimes even for me.

Some of those encounters can tend to be a bit fraught, depending on Jack's reaction. For me, the tricky question is whether to put him on the lead or not when we see someone else approaching with a dog. If he's off the lead, he's usually quite well-behaved; he greets other dogs in the way dogs do, and they respond similarly; social distancing isn't in their vocabulary. But just occasionally, the encounter can be highly embarrassing. Several times, we've met a gentleman with a rather nice black Labrador, which hangs back



Rev'd John Lenton

a bit when he sees Jack. Jack advances rather menacingly, and then as he gets nearer, the Lab (who must be four or five times Jack's size) bolts away from him with its tail between its legs – and Jack chases him at full speed, despite my calling him and scolding him. The problem is that it's actually quite funny to watch – so I'm having to try to hold back my laughter while also apologising to the Lab's owner and trying to stop Jack from chasing the Lab all the way to Silchester. He really is a little thug.

Jack has also developed a highly protective instinct towards me, which can also turn out to be pretty embarrassing. If someone is walking towards us on a footpath and politely steps a couple of metres off the path to let me by, Jack thinks that they are setting up an ambush for me and dances around them, barking and growling and snarling, to their great surprise and a certain amount of

understandable anxiety. Nobody wants a terrier's teeth in their ankle.

The problem is that if he's on the lead, he's even more aggressive, both to other dogs and to their owners, straining at the lead, growling and barking and showing his teeth, "Let me at 'em – I'll show 'em who's boss – I'll tear their throats out!" or words to that effect. Not easy.

The idea of walking is frequently used by writers in the Bible as a picture of how we are to live our lives. For instance, early in the Old Testament, Moses told the people of Israel, "Be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days..." And in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul wrote to people in the church at Ephesus, "...As dearly loved children, walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." Perhaps I can remind Jack about that when we go for our walk today.

But in this time of the Coronavirus scare, a very familiar Biblical use of the idea of walking from the 23rd Psalm can be a great encouragement to us as we reflect on it and make it our own: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me." May it be so for you today and in all the days ahead.



MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

It's a bit more difficult to **Meet your Neighbours** at the moment. If you do see them out and about you have to cross the road to keep up the social distancing.



Birthday wishes from the neighbours



So, what do you do when your neighbour is celebrating her 90th birthday, but is self-isolating? You sing 'Happy Birthday' of course, in the street, with banners, keeping 2 metres away from all the other neighbours.
Happy Birthday Edna!



Edna on her special day

Meanwhile, one of our younger neighbours, **Matilda**, has been taking part in the **2.6 Challenge**

Matilda is 6 years old and goes to Bramley Church of England Primary School. Matilda took part in the 2.6 Challenge, a nationwide fundraising campaign to raise vital funds to help save UK's charities.

Mass participation sports events in the UK, such as the London Marathon, raise millions of pounds for charities every year, but with fundraising events up and down the country delayed or postponed due to COVID-19, many charities are facing uncertainty. This led to the creation



Matilda celebrates after completing her challenge



Matilda running around Bramley

of the 2.6 Challenge. All people need to do is think of an activity that suits their skills, based around the number 2.6 or 26. So you could walk, run or cycle 2.6 miles, juggle for 2.6 minutes or climb your stairs 26 times. Thousands of people have already taken part, including celebrities such as Stephen Fry, Clare Balding and Lord Coe.

Matilda ran and skipped 2.6 miles around Bramley without stopping and her family then donated £26 to the collective charities. Mum, Wendy, said it was Matilda's most challenging home PE lesson so far, but she loved it. The whole family are very proud of their daughter's amazing commitment and success.

Well done Matilda!

Like everything else, the **Bramley Show** is having to adapt to these strange times, as **Sue Howell** explains in **The Show Must Go On, but.....**

Having watched the situation develop over the past couple of weeks we have taken the decision to move from an actual to an online show. It will be a bit different as it won't be a social afternoon and we will have to forgo the delicious tea, raffle and auction, but we hope it will allow lots more people to have a go for the first time.

This show was originally set up as a horticultural show, but has expanded over the years to include art, craft, cookery, photography and this year, creative writing.

Lots of you will be having a go at gardening and growing fruit, vegetables and flowers for the first time. Tomatoes, beans and cucumbers are popular and satisfying to produce and growing flowers is always a delight. I expect there will be beautiful flowering pots and baskets. It is clear, from the shortage of flour and eggs, that people are turning to baking and TV programmes such as Kirsty Allsopp's Keep Crafting and Carry On, the The Great British Sewing Bee and Grayson Perry's Art Club, plus a glut of crafts offered on the internet, indicates that loads of people are turning to creativity. I have also seen some amazing photographs on the community page and we will be asking for photos of Bramley and pets.

Entries will be submitted by emailed photographs – a smart phone is ideal.

The final details can be found on the Bramley Show website and there will be more details in the magazine next month.

And.....

The Scarecrows are coming!

Time to get planning as we are asking scarecrows to visit Bramley from 6 July to the end of August. There isn't a particular theme but please make us smile. There has been so much around the virus that we would like something children will find fun and will cheer us all up. Depending on the government advice, we may take the photos, or we may ask you to send in your own photos. There will be a public vote to coincide with the Bramley Show.

PLUS

Creative writing

I am sure there are people in the area who enjoy creative writing and this year we are asking for submissions of a short story of 750 words with the subject *The Wrong Road*. There are two age sections – adult and young people of secondary school age.

For children in primary school, the topic is *The Lost Present* and the word guide is 200 - 300 words.

Further details can be found on the web site.

There is plenty for everyone so pop over to the www.bramleyshow.org.uk and see how you can take part.

BRAMLEY WI

We obviously haven't been meeting recently, but we are still keeping in touch with each other. Christine has set up a WhatsApp group which we use to exchange jokes, videos, etc, to keep in touch with different projects that the WI Head Office have sent us and, of course, to chat, which we are all good at! For the members who have not got the facility for WhatsApp, our secretary, Pat, is sending out e-mails with jokes, quizzes, etc.

The main project last month was making scrub bags, which a lot of people in the village have been doing (see page 18). We had a very good response, both from members who did the sewing and from members who do not sew but supplied material and pillow cases.

Hopefully we will be able to get back to normal soon but, in the meantime, keep safe everyone.

Jane Matthews



Some of the scrub bags made by the WI



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Thank you to all Bramley residents over the last few weeks. The lockdown has caused issues for all of us and Bramley has risen to the challenge, with many of you volunteering to help others who are unable to leave their houses, or who are in need in some other way. The community effort has been outstanding.

Your Parish Council is still working hard in the background. Whilst we have been unable to meet, we are still working away to support Bramley residents where we are able. We are also still keeping an eye on planning issues, some of which are outlined below. With the local elections being cancelled in May, we have received notification that all Parish Council post holders may remain in place until May 2021, so the Chairman is still Cllr Tony Durrant, with Vice-Chairs Cllr Malcolm Bell and Cllr Chris Tomblin also remaining in place. Cllr Chris Flooks stays as Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Parish Council Grants - Over the last year, the Parish Council has given a number of grants to local organisations and projects. The bulk of the income we receive is the Parish precept, which is gathered on our behalf by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council via your council tax. Whilst some of this covers the Council's day to day costs, the rest is put straight back into the community. The grants given out in 2019-20 are as follows:

- Bramley Youth Club - £9928 for the Youth Workers' salaries
- Little Apples - £1000 towards a new play surface
- Bramley Cricket Club - £3500 towards the cost of a new cricket pitch roller
- Cross House - £4466 towards a new floor cleaner and an update to the fire safety equipment
- Clift Meadow Pavilion - £2998 for new security gates
- Bramley School Association - £1200 towards the 2019 fete
- Victim Support - £100 towards costs in supporting Bramley residents
- Bramley Speedwatch - £202 for insuring equipment
- Tadley Citizens Advice - £1500 towards costs in supporting Bramley residents
- Bramley School Association - £1500 towards the school fireworks event
- Piam Brown Ward, Southampton Hospital - £500 donation in memory of Oliver Warner
- Muddy Fingers - £500 for an extension to their growing space
- Community Speedwatch - £922 for additional equipment

We are also supporting Bramley organisations and residents through the current Covid-19 crisis. Grants so far this year (2020-21) are:

- Bramley Volunteers - £80 for the cost of the Covid-19 information sheet
- Bramley Food Bank - £500 towards either food vouchers or school uniform vouchers for those families suffering financial hardship as a result of the lockdown
- Little Apples - £181 per week for hall rental. Little Apples are continuing to open for the children of key workers, and have seen a significant drop in their income as a result
- Little Apples - £400 towards the cost of a replacement fence around the play area
- Tadley Citizens Advice - £1000 towards the cost of setting advisers up with home working. Citizens Advice offers invaluable services to a number of Bramley residents and, of course, the wider community

Planning Matters – with residents and developers still submitting planning applications to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, the Planning Committee remains very active, reviewing and discussing planning applications via email. Members of the public are also submitting comments to the Parish Council and these are being taken into account when applications are considered. A summary of decisions made can be found on the Parish Council website www.bramleypc.co.uk – simply click on 'Planning Minutes and Reports' on the front page.

Of particular note is the planning application for Land at Silchester Road, by Tudor Close - 20/00319/FUL. The developer has submitted amended plans for this, which residents may wish to view and comment on. These are available via the Borough Council planning portal at: <https://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Parish Environment – residents have recently highlighted a couple of issues in the village, both of which the Parish Council have been working on for some time. The new bollard lighting at Clift Meadow, which was installed by the St James Park developer, was vandalised last summer. The lights were made safe at the time, but have not been replaced or removed. The Parish Council has been liaising with both the Borough Council and the developer, so far to no avail. We continue to try to bring forward a speedy resolution.

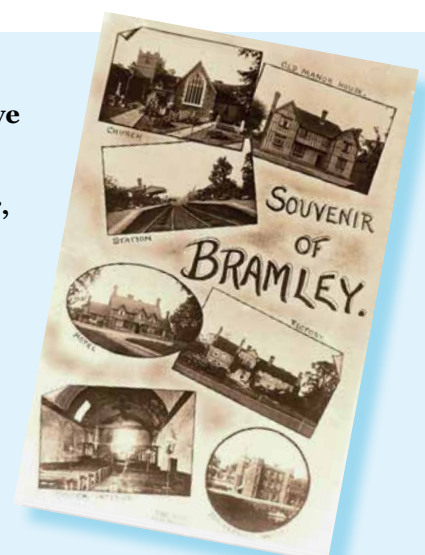
The other issue has been recent gatherings of ponies and traps and people on the green space at the junction of Coopers Lane with The Street. There have been a number of occurrences over the last few summers which concerned residents have reported. The land is owned by HCC Highways and managed by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, and the Parish Council first highlighted it to them in 2018. The Parish Council have no authority over the land but act as a conduit between residents and the landowners. We have again raised it, requesting a response from the landowner, making clear their position regarding the proper and acceptable use of the site.

As we head into the summer with the lockdown restrictions slowly easing, please remember to think about social distancing outside your homes. We wish everyone a good summer, and remember – stay safe!

Maxta Thomas

Clerk to Bramley Parish Council

We may all have to spend our holidays at home this year, so perhaps we should update this postcard from the 1920's!



Clift Surgery Update

Here is the latest update on how our GPs are currently working.

There are now three distinct ways in which surgeries are operating in Basingstoke and Deane, coded **green**, **amber** and **red**.

Green sites

- see patients for routine, non-infectious but essential work e.g. childhood immunisations, pregnant women, blood tests, injections, wound care.

Amber sites

- for unwell patients who do not have COVID symptoms - malaise, abdominal pain, chronic disease complications.

Red sites

- for any suspected COVID patients to be assessed to see if they need admission or can be managed and supported at home. For patients who are housebound or shielding and need to be visited at home, black cabs have been rented to drive the GPs and nurses around with a safe barrier between driver and clinician.

At the Clift Surgery we have divided the surgery in half:

- The dispensary is a green site and a waiting room for green category patients.
- The reception end is amber where, after a telephone call, a patient with any condition not suspected to be coronavirus will be seen in their car if appropriate, or brought straight into a room to be assessed, with full PPE worn

No red category patients are seen at the Clift Surgery

The red site is **CAMROSE Surgery in South Ham** where the surgery is staffed by all Basingstoke GPs on a pro rata basis.

- The patients asked to attend this site are seen in their car in marquee tents or brought into the building, if this is not feasible. There is another **red site** at **Hook** for triaging and dispatching home visits, again managed by a rota of all Basingstoke GPs. Black cabs have been commissioned to provide a safe barrier between driver and clinician in driving to patients who are housebound or shielding.

There is no self-referral or walk in ability at any of these sites.

All patient contact will be via telephone and video consultation clinics, whereby we try to manage patients remotely where safe to do so, but can also see and assess them in a safe and considered manner where clinical assessment is necessary.

We are adopting e-consults for sick notes and medication queries.

Dr Ward and the Patient Participation Group

Last month, Michael Luck invited you to send in your **Haiflus**: poems comprising a line of five syllables, a line of seven and another line of five. The winner was **Sarah Hodnett** with these two entries:

So much I could do
Plenty of time to do it
But I sit and read.

You who need some help
So many people who care
Just ask, we'll be there.

I had a go, but they weren't quite as good.....

Coronavirus
Keeps us all in quarantine
Soon we'll meet again

Time in the garden
Walking in the fresh, Spring air
I love furlough leave

I didn't write this one.....

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Life in the Bus Lane

Last month I became the proud possessor of an Older Person's Bus Pass. I was always fascinated by buses. I grew up in London, and the red bus was a part of life. The 197 (Caterham Valley to Norwood Junction) took my brother and me to 'Saturday morning pictures' at the South Norwood Odeon. That fine cinema is long since demolished, and a supermarket now sits in its place. We would have to ask for a 'threepenny half', in old money of course. The 'half', for younger readers, denoted a child fare.

The 197 bus has a special significance relating to the hymn book that we used at school. Hymn 197 is 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is', one of the best hymns, in my humble opinion. As we started verse 5 one day, my friend nudged me and pointed to the line 'And oh, what transport of delight...' and the number of the hymn, which had us, as 8-year olds, in fits. I think we were in trouble over that.

The 197, as I reached teenage years, would take me to Norwood Junction from where I would go to see Crystal Palace play at Selhurst Park on Saturdays at 3pm. Oh, for the days when all football started at the same time, unlike nowadays. I would generally walk back home as the buses were always packed, with queues for the next one.

In my teenage years I would often buy a 'Twin Rover' ticket which allowed all day travel on buses and tubes all over London. Good value for 5 shillings, when I was earning 25 shillings a week as a paperboy. I would set off on an all-day journey to take in some places of interest.

Buses featured in my O-level Physics text book. To illustrate the centre of gravity of an object, they used a picture of a

London bus doing the tip test, as in the picture. This was done at the Chiswick London Transport depot. A London bus even now can tip to over 40 degrees and still regain the upright position, because much of the weight is down below floor level.



Our family moved out of London to the south coast when I was 18. I did not want to go. In protest, I said I would travel separately, by bus. I took a 414 Green bus from West Croydon to Horsham. Green buses were known as Country buses by London Transport. I then took a 63 Southdown bus from Horsham to Chichester and then a 52 Southdown to Selsey. The whole journey took 5 hours.

I was planning to do similar things this year with my newly acquired bus pass. All day trips by bus to places of interest. You all know how that has worked out this year. I will be planning some bus trips when we return to normality – as long as the 14 from Bramley is still in existence.

Michael Luck

Lunch Club



I hope you are all managing another month of lockdown. I am sure we are all missing our usual friendly gathering and Judy's tasty lunch.

Sheila moved just before lockdown and we all hope she has settled into her new home. We send her all our good wishes and look forward to seeing her at our next lunch club, when normality returns.

We were very sorry to hear that Arthur passed away and offer our condolences to his family and friends. He was full of nonsense in some form or other, which always caused some amusement. He was also very generous, bringing a bottle of sparkling wine for our raffle each month, purchasing two raffle tickets, and never claiming a prize if one was a winner.

Jo and Sheila celebrate birthdays this month and we wish them 'Happy Birthday'.

Please take care and stay safe. Let's hope it will not be too long before we can all meet for lunch again.

Freda Clark

Bramley Scouts

As we heard from Harrison last month, lockdown has not stopped Bramley Scout Group from holding meetings each week. This is what Max, one of our Scouts, enjoys about our virtual meetings:

I have enjoyed doing the virtual Scout meetings during the COVID lockdown. It has been really good to see my Scout friends and do some fun, interesting games and activities with them. The treasure hunts are my favourite activities. I have enjoyed taking part in the quizzes and as part of the 'at home' challenge I have created my own Kahoot quiz. I hope we can all do it at the next meeting (although I know the answers!). I'm really pleased the Scout leaders have continued to provide our weekly meetings, but I am looking forward to when we can meet in the school hall again.

Bramley Scout Group



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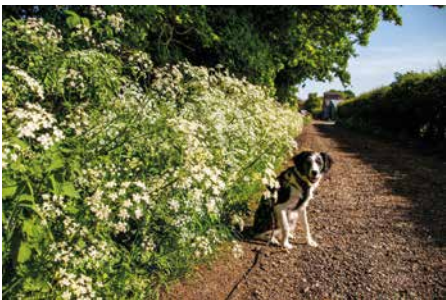
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Did you see the beautiful double rainbow in May? I tried to take some photos but it wasn't easy in the pouring rain. Fortunately, **Rachel Harwood** captured these from her back garden.



Melvyn Lovegrove and George Aitchison have also been taking some stunning lockdown photos. Here are just a few of them and there are some more taken by **Melvyn** on page 5.





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A walk around Bramley Frith & Latchmere Green

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| Distance: | 4.8km/3miles (with extension 5.5km/3.5 miles) |
| Time: | 1.5hrs (with extension 2 .5hrs) |
| Terrain: | Can be muddy where path crosses open fields and on the bridleways |
| Features: | Bramley Frith ancient woodland, St James' Church & churchyard (extension: historical Bramley) |
| Start: | St James' Church |



Take the signposted footpath to the right of the church passing Cross House, the church hall, and leave the churchyard by the Old School House. Bear left onto the farm track between fields used by the riding school. Go straight ahead where the paths cross and continue with the hedge on your left. After 200m the main track bears 90deg left with the path off to the right continuing in the original direction but with the hedge now on the right and a barbed wire fence on the left. The path emerges through a gate onto Electricity Lane, the access road to the Frith electricity sub-station. Turn left on the lane up to the entrance gates.

Follow the path to your right round the Frith woodland for 1km. In the Frith stay on the main path, passing the kissing gate to your right, and eventually leave the woodland across a small wooden footbridge over a ditch into open fields. Continue in the same direction and walk up the hill with the farm to your right. At the far side of the field the path runs down to meet Ash Lane, between Latchmere Green Farm and Haines Farm, at the Silchester boundary. Turn left, walk past Frog Lane on your right, and opposite Abbots Dwell cottage take the broad track signposted to the left.

The track heads in the general direction of Bramley and after 800m bends left just after it passes under the high-tension cables. At this bend turn off the main track and take the way-marked grass path off to the right. From this point the RoW follows the footpath and not the track. Follow the footpath, go left bending around a small stand of alder and blackthorn then follow the bramble patch on your left around the edge of the field. The path runs between the field wire fence and the hedgerow. Once through the metal gate the path meets Silchester Road between a house and the small pumping station. Turn left onto the road, there is no footpath here so be very careful of the traffic. After 250m, just before the road bends

right, turn left into the allotments (there is a side gate here, but the vehicle gate is normally locked). Continue along the allotments path which leads up to a hedge on the right and pass through the gate into the parish burial ground, walking along the tarmac path until it comes to the old churchyard (marked by the path changing to gravel). St James' church dates from the 12th century and the church and churchyard have many points of interest.

Extension: At the start of the walk exit out of the churchyard and follow the path between the fields used by the riding stable. Where the footpaths cross, turn right down the right-hand field margin, with the line of hedgerow trees on your right. The path meets The Street between Middle Farm Cottage with the converted barns of Middle Farm on the right, and Maple House on the left. Just to your right along The Street the timber framed and herringbone bricks of the street façade of Middle Farmhouse show its 16th and 17th century origins. Turn left along The Street, past the Village Hall, until the grass triangle and the chestnut trees by 18th century Stock's Farm. Turn left into Minchens Lane. On your right is the Old Granary, built on staddle stones to keep rats from the stored grain, which has rested at various locations around the village. After 300m take the Frith access road on the left where you rejoin the walk described above.

Variation: On the return along Silchester Road take the first signposted footpath to the left onto the gravel drive of The Slates. At the back corner of The Slates house the path continues straight into a grassy (and often muddy) track between hedge on the right and fence on the left. Continue under a big horse chestnut until you see the church and Old Schoolhouse across the paddock to your right. Turn right as you cross the path from church to Frith and back to the church.

It may not have been the celebration we had hoped for, but what a great job our community did in marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day!

There were socially-distanced street parties, picnics, red, white and blue bunting, afternoon teas and singalongs.

The Union Jack flew proudly from the Church tower and at 11am one of our neighbours, Lt Col (Retd) Chris Holland, led a short Act of Remembrance from his front garden. He began with the words:

‘Let us remember before God and commend to His sure keeping all who have died in war and civil revolt, and all who have died in the faithful service of mankind’

He ended the 2-minutes silence with the Exhortation:

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Here are some photos of the day.



Lt Col (Retd) Chris Holland



At 3pm the BBC broadcast Winston Churchill's VE-Day Speech from 1945





Marie Roberts and her family enjoyed a socially distanced picnic with their neighbours in Wallis Drive - each on their own front lawn.

The Nicholson Family ate a delicious looking afternoon tea (cake made by 11-year-old Laura Nicholson) and later joined some of their neighbours in Coopers Lane for a lively street party.

Once again, our community has been busy supporting the NHS as it deals with the coronavirus pandemic. Last month we heard about Ingrid Woodhouse who was collecting toiletries for nurses and patients, and Bramley Green Larder, which was co-ordinating food for the paramedics. This month we hear about the talented ladies using their sewing skills to make scrubs, scrub bags and facemasks.

Inspired by a friend in Basingstoke who has a family member working on the COVID-19 Ward in Southampton Hospital, I joined a group effort to make laundry bags for the nurses there.



A selection of the colourful laundry bags

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The nurses have to remove their uniforms at the end of a shift to take home to wash, following infection control guidelines. The uniforms were being transported home in plastic carrier bags which were binned after each use – not good for the environment and hard to come by so many plastic bags! They asked for material bags with a drawstring top, roughly 24" x 24" in size. I decided to spread the word in Bramley and some members of the W.I. heard and wanted the opportunity to help out the NHS, as well as some members of St James Church. As a group effort we made 360 of these laundry bags for Southampton Hospital.

I then found out that our own local hospital, the North Hampshire Hospital in Basingstoke, also needed these material bags for their nurses. At the time of writing, we have supplied around 150 laundry bags to the nurses there.

It has been lovely to find others willing to help our NHS front-line workers in these unprecedented times. Some, who were not able to make the laundry bags, contributed by supplying material to those who were handy with a sewing machine. Unwanted sheets and duvet covers have been used, as well as pillow cases which, although narrower, are slightly longer. They all make a lovely array of colourful and individually made laundry bags.

A big thank you to everyone who helped!

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Making Facemasks

I grew up in the 60s and early 70s and while the little boys in my class were encouraged by the Janet and John books to pretend to be firemen or astronauts, the little girls were entreated to help mummy around the house. Even as a 6-year-old child, I recognised that this was hardly fair but it did mean that I learned to sew at an early age.

During this pandemic, it's been hard to work out what we can do. Wendy Castle organised people to make scrubs and that was great. I decided to make some face masks and after doing some research I found one based on the Olson facemask. This is no substitute for a dedicated medical grade surgical mask, but it can be washed and reused and does have a filter pocket. Filters can be made from rectangles of HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air material) found in replacement Hoover bags.

Dr Jennifer Tessmer-Tuck, a hospital medical director, created a mask that seems to fit most adults well. She shows the pattern online at <https://northmemorial.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/north-memorial-health-homemade-healthcare-masks.pdf> and explains exactly how it can be made. It takes about 30 minutes to make, and uses washable 100%-cotton material and thin elastic, which most people already have at home.

Linda Dilliway



This is one of the masks Linda made

Making scrubs for the NHS

With the NHS getting through many more scrubs than usual at the moment, it has been difficult for them to keep up with demand. A group was set up in Basingstoke, called 'For the love of scrubs', that coordinated the sewing of scrubs, masks, hats etc. I set up a similar group which included the following ladies from Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon:

Jo Croucher, Jo Weineck, Frances Pearce, Linda Dilliway, Becky Kirby and with special thanks to Jennifer Edwards (all from Bramley) and Margaret Berry, Doris L'Enfant and Jacqui Skillet from Sherfield.

Not forgetting our overlock machinists, Sarah Hodnett and Sue Logan, who did a grand job of overlocking every piece of fabric before we were able to sew the garment together.

But the biggest thanks must go to Julie Knaggs who acquired the fabric and cut out the tops and bottoms for us to sew.

This was a massive joint effort and I lost count of the amount of scrubs we managed to put together. I am so pleased we were able to do something positive for the NHS.

Wendy Castle



Wendy in one of her home-made scrubs



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Meeting 11 May 2020 - Chairman's Report

Public Participation

Mr Lassiter spoke on behalf of the applicant on planning application 20/00962/ROC, Berry Court Farm, Little London

Planning

The following decisions were made:

T/00152/20/TPO Brooklands, New Road - no objection

20/00962/ROC Berry Court Farm, Bramley Road - objection with comments

20/00903/FUL Fair Oak Farm, Silchester Road - objection with comments

20/01003/HSE Pine View, Silchester Road - no objection

20/00957/OUT Pamber Green Riding School - objection with comments

20/00637/FUL Fairacre, Bramley Road - no objection

20/00985/FUL Land adjoining Benmore, Frog Lane - objection with comments

19/03082/FUL Land at OS Ref 460965 Aldermaston Road - objection with comments

Planning decisions were noted

Finance

A total of eight payments were approved and three items of income received were noted.

Matters arising from the conclusion of the 2018/2019 audit were discussed.

It was agreed to amend the bank mandate to add Councillors Greaves and Tyson as signatories, to remove ex-Councillor Hale as a signatory and to provide Councillors Goss, Gardiner and Greaves with access to online banking.

Neighbourhood Plan

Two reports were noted.

Police Matters

Regular reports from Hampshire Constabulary were noted.

Highway Matters

It was agreed that the Council adopt the bus shelter on the northbound A340 close to the Queens College Arms.

Councillor Greaves reported on the traffic islands at the junction of the A340 and Bramley Road and the traffic bollards at the junction of the A340 and New Lane.

It was agreed to continue to hire the moveable SID from Basingstoke Council.

Open Spaces

A request to support re-routing footpath 186/23 was considered. It was decided not to support the request.

A letter from Englefield Estate proposing to waive the quarterly rent due on 24 June for Pamber Park due to the Covid-19 pandemic was noted with thanks.

It was noted that BDBC continue to inspect play equipment in Pamber Park and have reported no high-risk items.

Borough & County Councillor Reports

Borough Councillors Mahaffey and Gardiner reported on the work carried out and the grant aid provided by the Borough Council to alleviate the problems caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. They mentioned the new refuse collection arrangements which can be found on the BDBC website. It was also noted that the proposed Councillor's Grant has been put back to 2021.

County Councillor Vaughan reported on the re-opening of HWRC sites which should only be used as a last resort, highway matters in particular the A340/Bramley Road junction and the efforts being made by the County Council to provide assistance to the vulnerable during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reports from Parish Council Representatives

It was agreed that the Council would place an order for the installation of extra toilet facilities in Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.

Date of next meeting

Monday 8 June at 7.30 either at St Stephen's Hall, Little London or by electronic means.

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Ranil Jayawardena MP Member of Parliament for North East Hampshire

Official guidance continues to evolve; however, the information in this article was correct as of 13 May 2020.

Our lives have changed immeasurably and as the situation and guidance continue to develop, questions and casework continue to pour in. My team and I are working hard to help everyone we can, but I thought it would be useful to share some key facts with you today – with more information online if you need it, at: ranil.uk/covid

1. A RECOVERY STRATEGY.

While we must proceed with care in the next phase and avoid undoing what we have achieved, the government has now published its roadmap to recovery. This is not a quick return and the plan will adapt as we follow the scientific guidance, but it is a plan that should give local people hope that we can rebuild, save lives and safeguard livelihoods. The guidance online is not that complicated, I promise, but if you do need help deciphering it, please do email my special inbox and I'll try and help you if I can, to: covid@ranil.uk

2. CALL FOR HELP. In the meantime, if you need help, call our local Coronavirus helpline, on: 0333 370 4000. It's open 9-5, 7-days-a-week and you'll be able to get access to food, housing, prescriptions, support with loneliness and a whole host of other services.

3. THE NHS. If you feel unwell, please still speak to a pharmacist, a doctor or ring NHS 111. Just because Coronavirus is dominating the news, it doesn't mean the NHS can't help you if you need urgent attention – and by not ringing now, you might actually put your own health at more risk by allowing a condition to get worse and making it more complicated for the NHS to treat.

4. GOVERNMENT FUNDING. I've been working to secure extra support for our area, to help deal with the impact of Coronavirus. £57m to fund services has been given to our three local councils – Hart, Basingstoke and Hampshire – and, following lobbying, this includes 40 times more funding for Hart than the first round. £34m for business grants has also been given to our two district councils to distribute and we are following up with them where grants haven't been paid to

businesses, so make sure you apply if you run an eligible business. Lots of other support is available too, at: gov.uk/coronavirus – and this includes support for wages, for businesses, for schools and for your health.

5. BIG NEWS. You may have seen that the Prime Minister recently asked me to serve in Her Majesty's Government. It's a great responsibility to begin working as Minister for International Trade, where I have been working on the import of PPE from overseas to support our NHS. You can be assured, whatever happens, that my work as the MP for North East Hampshire will be undiminished and will continue apace – and I'll still be assisting with personal issues and casework, as well as championing the issues that are important to Hampshire residents.

And what else? Well, a big thank you for continuing to follow the government's updated guidance and instructions. This is our shared mission. This deadly enemy is beatable – and, if we remain alert and follow the scientific advice, we will beat it, together.

ROTARY IN LOCKDOWN

Zoom & other on-line communication tools have become essential parts of our lives over recent months. With embargoes on live meetings our Rotary Club, led by our younger members, embraced this modern technology and whilst at first somewhat tentative, we are now running our weekly club meetings and also a Saturday coffee morning on Zoom, as well as Board Meetings. This has meant that we have been able to carry on with all that Rotary does in supporting our charities. The unexpected bonus of this is that it has enabled us to keep our club fellowship and camaraderie, a very important part of being a Rotarian. We have maintained our friendships with our meetings, as ever, full of fun and humour along with the serious business.

Being a member of a Rotary Club has been a lifeline for us in these times.

We still have guest speakers and members have organised Desert Island Discs and Room 101 sessions: it's amazing what we've learnt about each other.

Rotarian Julian Ricketts has been entertaining us each Saturday evening with his Cocktail Master Classes on Facebook. Unfortunately you can't sample them but you can follow the class and make your own – and no need to worry about driving home!

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CORONA QUIZ

Below are clues to places around the world. The spelling is not always the same, it may just sound similar.

e.g. to wander = Rome

- 1 Urinating monarch
- 2 Goes to bed with Dougal
- 3 Good French

- 4 Ms Loren
- 5 Pa's suitcase
- 6 French friend belongs to me
- 7 Boleyn on the floss
- 8 EEE
- 9 Knitted by a cow
- 10 Elizabeth c'est good
- 11 Where does superman buy his clothes
- 12 Royal bird on the briny
- 13 Bouncing in wonderland
- 14 Please purchase
- 15 Long delay for a line of people?
- 16 I will question the woman
- 17 Meadow Full Of Cooks
- 18 Italian Ford
- 19 Water barrier made of domesticated rodents
- 20 Python film

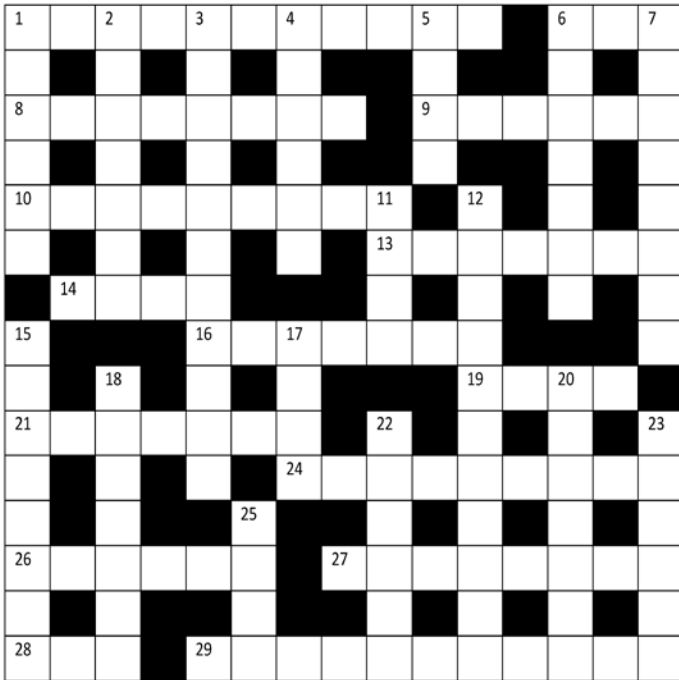
Answers will be on our website and Social Media after June 1st 2020

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Cryptic Crossword No: 38

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 Is action bit going to reveal life saving drugs ? (11)
- 6 Tender word hiding the close. (3)
- 8 Agreeable appeal before chant. (8)
- 9 Crooner or sewing machine. (6)
- 10 One from a certain direction. (9)
- 13 Sale threw caution to the wind. (7)
- 14 Know now, old boy initially found a lump. (4)
- 16 Proceed with notice and vehicle about point. (7)
- 19 Pickings described so when thin. (4)
- 21 Short regard combine with insults in part for outcomes. (7)
- 24 Moon ices about for study of production of wealth. (9)
- 26 Small matter or lovely dessert. (6)
- 27 Name mate in no fluid state. (8)
- 28 Signal or sports item. (3)
- 29 Memorable when regarding small car and perfume. (11)

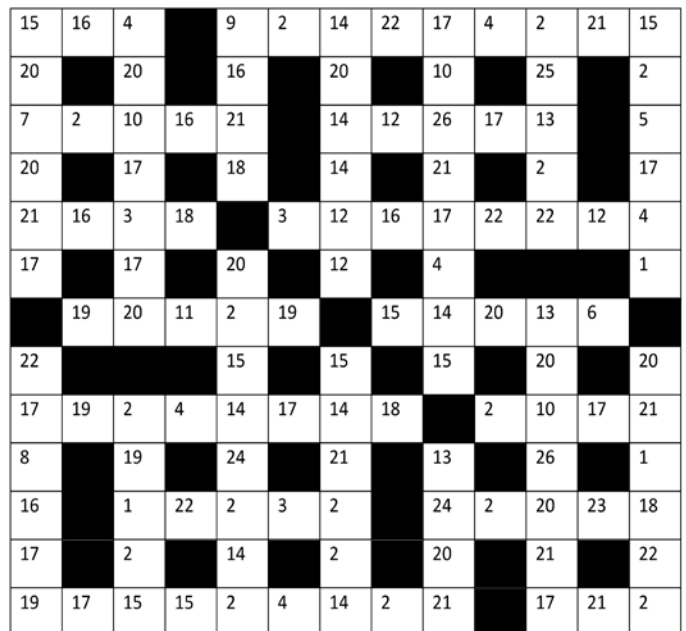
Down

- 1 Fruits of original sin. (6)
- 2 Instinct reasons to hide disloyalty. (7)

- 3 Sprawl and French round objects for sporting items. (11)
- 4 Town in Greater Manchester holds key to possessing. (6)
- 5 An interest for Holmes perhaps or something he might carry. (4)
- 6 Anger in mixed belief being instilled into someone. (7)
- 7 Sing lard aloud for loved ones. (8)
- 11 Sounds like holding back for precipitation. (4)
- 12 Partners in crime perhaps or additions. (11)
- 15 A corn tic distilled for drug. (8)
- 17 Object not quite so expensive when Emperor Ming was alive perhaps. (4)
- 18 A writer giving association to something. (7)
- 20 First person university consumed copy. (7)
- 22 Silky case made by putting partial coconut on one in part. (6)
- 23 State a fact sounds like a sure winner. (6)
- 25 Festival that sounds to have predictable consequences. (4)

CodeWord No: 25

See page 31 for the answers.



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Butter Daisy

Butter Daisy said a temporary farewell to some of our families at the end of March when the country went into lockdown. Then, our dedicated team continued with 'business as usual', ensuring that our Key Worker children continued to enjoy being with us and thrive during their time at nursery, as well as welcoming some new Key Worker families who joined us during this period.

This has been an extraordinary time for everyone at Butter Daisy and a wonderful time to do some different activities; watching the Live Stream of the animals at Chester Zoo was awe-inspiring and the babies were mesmerised as we watched red pandas mooching around their tree top habitat. The pre-schoolers and toddlers seemed to prefer watching the long necked giraffes feeding. We learnt many fun facts too; the favourite being that giraffe poo is only the size of a Malteser! This made us all laugh.



We have thought about people who help us and how important they are – and learnt that they are called Key Workers. It was lovely to hear our older children saying that their mummy or daddy helps people when they go to work. We feel it is beneficial to talk about the amazing roles their parents play every single day.

We have also been keeping in touch with all of our children and families at home, with the teams sending clips of stories they have read aloud, singing songs and showing activities to try at home. The team have been having fun too with 'virtual' quizzes in the evening and social media chats.

Butter's incredible team feel privileged to have supported our community at this time and the kindness and appreciation of our families and colleagues is second to none.

If you would like more information about Butter Daisy Nursery, please do contact us on 01256 882515 or email butter@mydaisynursery.com

Little Apples in lockdown

It was quite a shock to staff and parents when the Prime Minister announced that educational settings would be closed except to the children of key workers and those considered more vulnerable. We worried that we wouldn't see some of our children again before their move to school and that being at home constantly with small children could be stressful for parents. On the other hand, the need to protect children, staff and the wider community from this horrible virus must be everyone's priority.

Little Apples has remained open for a few children and we are proud to be able to support families who work in care and social care, work for the NHS, work for the post office, maintain transport safety and several other vital professions. We have had to incorporate new ways of working to support social distancing as much as possible, such as when the children are dropped off, but staff have risen to the challenge and have been pleased to do what they can to help.

The children have adapted brilliantly, loving coming to Little Apples as much as ever and barely seeming to notice the changes. The ability of pre-school children to make anything fun is one of the reasons we do this job. We have made a rainbow for the NHS, which you may have seen at the Village Hall when out for your exercise and we have also made a butterfly tree. We have our own caterpillars and will be watching them grow while we learn about the lifecycle of butterflies. We are looking forward to the exciting day when the caterpillars turn into butterflies and we can set them free after a nice sweet drink of orange juice.



At the time of writing, we don't know when we will be able to have some of our other Little Apples back, but until it is safe to do so, we have been keeping up with what everyone has been up to on our closed Facebook group: Little Apples of Bramley Friendship and Fun.

These are strange times indeed and we just hope that everyone can stay safe and well until we can get together again.

Little Apples can be contacted by email manager@littleapples.org or on 07598 588460.



My first meeting at the Probud Club by Jeff Grover

I arrived at the meeting venue in good time so as not to make a poor impression had I been late. Fortunately my host was waiting for me in the bar (where else?) and introduced me to a number of members standing close by.

I was a little nervous at first, not really knowing what to expect, but everyone was very friendly and welcoming. All were wearing a club tie and lapel pin in their jackets. Oh yes dress code. As it was mid morning and not evening I did not have to wonder if it was a black tie occasion (because I was unsure if my dinner suit would still fit me since my retirement) or, would a lounge suit or jacket and tie be sufficient? I was reassured that my smart jacket and tie seemed to suit the occasion admirably.

After a while we were called into the dining room which had several large tables. Oh, where do I sit? Anywhere and everywhere was the answer. Wherever there's a spare seat; after all, Probud does not encourage cliques but wants a clear mix of members from one month to another to allow everyone to know each other better.

After a short introduction there followed a talk by an outside speaker. On the first occasion the topic was about the Oregon Trail in the USA. Subsequent talks have been about cycling the length of the USA, life observations by someone who naturally enough always saw the funny side of life (and was indeed very funny) and the life and times of a BBC radio reporter. The talks are varied, informative, humorous and always well received.

Lunch followed. A traditional English meal was served followed by a dessert. I had chosen the biscuits and cheese as an alternative to the dessert.

Conversation flowed and the noise increased with laughter and chatter all around me. I discovered that members were retired having followed a wide variety of careers including bomb disposal, bank note forgery, nuclear science, paper manufacture, motor heads and many other occupations. In turn, upon retirement, members had devoted their spare time to cruising, holidays, bird watching, playing golf, politics and so on. What an eclectic bunch.

After lunch, the President, resplendent in his chain of office, made various announcements of interest to the assembled members including what many considered the most important decision of the meeting – what to eat at the next lunch meeting!!

Other announcements followed, including details of various trips being organised that would be of interest to members and their partners as well as less formal meetings at various pubs and restaurants throughout the year.

I made my way home in the early afternoon thinking what great value for money I had enjoyed. For a modest outlay of a £25 annual subscription plus £13 a month for the cost of the meal I had met interesting people and enjoyed conversations about their interesting and fascinating lives.

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Quarantine Quotes

"Do we HAVE to go on another walk?" – My dog

"Mummy put on her nice leggings -- I guess she's going to the postbox."

"My house has turned into Las Vegas. We are losing money by the minute, cocktails are acceptable at any hour, and we don't know what time it is."

"What time do you change out of your daytime pyjamas into your night-time pyjamas?"

"Now I understand why pets try to run out of the house when the door opens."

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Is it a bee? Is it a fly?
Is it a unicorn? No,
it's a super **Bee Fly**,
as **John Stubbs** explains.

When I found this beast sunning itself on a window ledge, I checked out the recommended ways of capturing a unicorn. Apparently, you either enlist a maiden, on whose lap the animal will promptly fall asleep; or, perhaps rather more deviously, you stand in front of a tree. The unicorn, enraged, will charge – you side-step at the last moment and voila, it impales the tree with its tusk, and the animal can then be safely despatched. On the other hand, this character, though pretty fearsome of appearance, looks more like a small bumblebee than the horse, goat, or rhino varieties of unicorn that are sometimes seen – in books or on coats of arms, anyway. And those guys in the myths and legends were, it seems, generally supposed to be quite aggressive, hence they're often shown with chains round the neck, and you don't mess with them, unless you're a damsel, I suppose. This nose spike, though, is not an offensive weapon – it's just a non-disposable drinking straw, which can be extended even further if need be, and it allows access to nectar that other insects just cannot reach. As it hovers to feed from a flower, it uses its long front legs to steady its aim: I guess a tongue that long could be awful tricky to manipulate, when your food-source is out of sight.

While this example, despite appearances, doesn't have a sting, it disguises itself as a bumble as part of its rather dodgy lifestyle; it would never get away with it if it advertised what it was up to. I suppose that might be a bit unfair on the fly: lots of insects like to give the impression that they are vicious stingers, or something that's decidedly nasty to eat. After all, this is a smallish, soft-bodied critter that any passing carnivore would swallow given half a chance – perhaps the dressing-up ploy is purely defensive? In this case, however, there's more to it than that. Though it's a fly, that is, a cousin of the common housefly, it has taken a more adventurous career, more like a pirate than a scavenger. The egg-laying female, sailing under false colours, as it were, first scouts out a likely site for ground-nesting insects such as solitary bees, wasps, moths,



or beetles, preferably in open ground. Her spying needs to be done without arousing defensive action – after all, there can be quite a lot of traffic around the better nesting areas, on a nice sunny day.

The next part of the process is quite extraordinary. The fly dips her rear end into fine sand, and takes up a supply of it in a special chamber in her tail. She will then zoom around the site, shooting her eggs, each coated in a little of the sand, towards the entrances of the insect nests or, in fact, at anything that even vaguely looks like a nest entrance. It's not entirely clear how the sand helps; it could be that its weight makes the trajectory of the tiny eggs more predictable, or possibly it serves to disguise them so that the occupant of the nest doesn't clear the eggs away. Anyway, that's her job done, then.

Next, the larvae hatch, and the infants head towards any nearby nest entrance – and this is probably the biggest hazard they'll face. The fly may have laid thousands of eggs

– and on average only a few dozen will make it to adulthood. These little chaps are mobile, but they'll not be able to go far, and they'll be prey to all and sundry, as well as starvation, de-hydration or just getting lost. The lucky few may find a suitable nest that's open for business – and then they'll have to hope the owner doesn't notice a new lodger. There may well be a store of pollen: that's ideal – it'll keep the intruder fed until the owner's larva grows big and fat, some months on. The bee-fly larva will then latch onto it, to complete its growth with added nutrients. In the final stage of its development it grows a special escape device to cut through the wax seal of the nest, when Spring comes round again. The bee-fly hatches to a new world. The host doesn't.

That's how it goes, then. These life-styles are stable and effective, both categories of insect will co-exist perfectly well, having evolved together over the millennia. It may seem to us an odd sort of deal, but it's probably more defensible than some of our strange ways.

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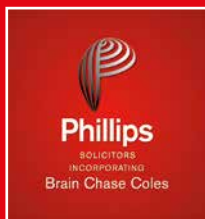
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Writing your Will during the coronavirus lockdown



Lucy Watson

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| <i>Badminton</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Boxercise</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Petite Dance</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Hipp Pilates</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <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>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i> | Bramley Room, Village Hall |
| <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>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Pilates 9.30am</i> | Brocas Hall |
| <i>0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i> | Clift Meadow car park |
| <i>Yoga 7.00pm & 8.15pm</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i> | St Stephen's Hall, Little London |

Wednesdays

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| <i>1st Bramley Brownies</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Guides 7.30pm</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Rainbows</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Scouts</i> | Brocas Hall |
| <i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Caterpillar Music 9.45am</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>Pilates 6.30pm & 8.30pm</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |

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| <i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i> | Clift Meadow car park |
| <i>HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30</i> | School Hall |

Thursdays

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| <i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i> | Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall |
| <i>Dance Club</i> | Primary School Hall |
| <i>Lunch Club 2nd Thursday</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Pilates</i> | St Stephen's Hall |
| <i>WI 2nd Thursday</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1st Thursday</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Body Tone 9am</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>Perform 5.45pm</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Pregnancy yoga 6.30pm</i> | Village Hall |
| <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

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| <i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Muddy Fingers 10:00 - 10:50am</i> | Brocas Hall |
| <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

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| <i>Good for Mums Hiit Fix</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Ladies Boxercise</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Petite Dance</i> | Village Hall |

Sundays

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| <i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley</i> |
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Any corrections or additions can be emailed to editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

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Although our office in Festival Place is closed, you can still contact Citizens Advice Basingstoke by email and over the telephone.

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We have already received numerous enquiries from clients struggling in these difficult times with Universal Credit, employment, debt, relationships, housing and food shortages.

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