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editor no later than 14 July please.

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I never thought I would write this but I am quite enjoying the World Cup. I'm not the world's most ardent football fan, cricket is more my thing, but there is a certain excitement generated by the World Cup. For a few weeks we have another talking point in addition to the weather and people seem more sociable. I recall one World Cup when my employer set up a large TV upstairs and let us watch some of the matches. I think there may even have been beer involved, although perhaps that was wishful thinking. Now I work from home I have to be content with a sweepstake with my colleagues in Bristol and Cardiff. I think I may already have lost that as my teams are Egypt and Australia.....

I'm disappointed there isn't an official World Cup song though. Who can forget the England '82 squad singing their way through "This time (we'll get it right)" (sadly, they didn't) or Ant and Dec trying to convince us "We're on the ball, we're on the ball". The lyrics leave something to be desired ("Vindaloo, vindaloo, vindaloo, vindaloo, na,na" for example) but the tunes are always catchy. Fortunately, the children's TV channel CBeebies has stepped in with the Kick Song, which I am sure you will all soon be singing. It's easy to learn – there are only two words. See if you can recall who sang the slightly more memorable lyrics below (and which one isn't actually a World Cup song). Answers on page 26.

If you have had enough of football (or England are already out.....) then take a look at the magazine instead. We have reports from lots of the local groups plus an update from our new local beat officer on page 21. Michael Luck and Geoff Twine have been reminiscing; Michael back to his primary school days and Geoff back to World War Two. Read their articles on pages 12 and 15.

If you sent me a photo or article which hasn't been published please accept my apologies. I had a problem with the editor address which meant that a lot of emails didn't get through. If there was anything I missed feel free to send it through again and I will try and include it next month. And don't forget, next month is a joint issue covering August and September.

Best Wishes

Rachel

**Rachel Barclay Smith - Editor**

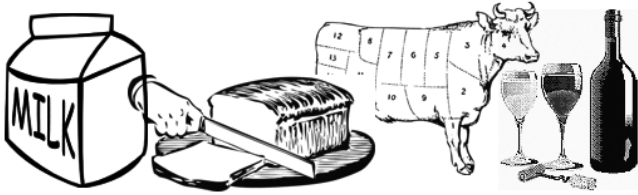


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10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>8th</b>	<b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – <i>Discipleship Explored 7</i>
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>15th</b>	<b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – <i>Discipleship Explored 8</i>
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
<b>22nd</b>	<b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>29th</b>	<b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>
	<b>NO early services</b>
10.30	<i>Together in Worship</i>

**...and August**

<b>5th</b>	<b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>8th</b>	<b>11th 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>19th</b>	<b>12th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
<b>26th</b>	<b>13th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

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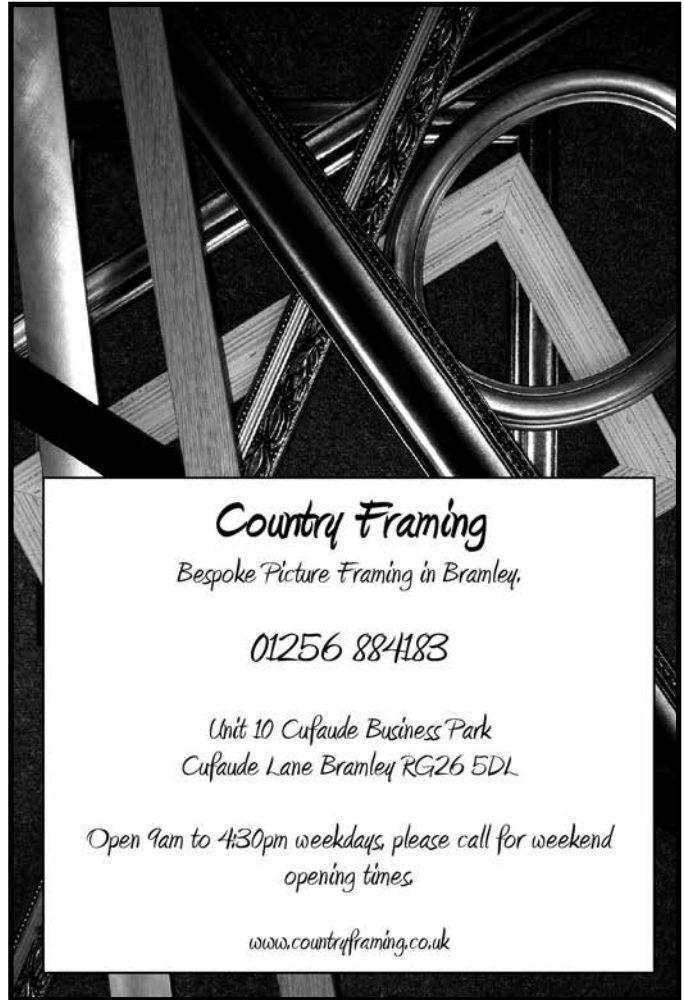
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I'm a sucker for police procedural and detective stories. I suppose it must be a passion that I share with lots of others, because for as long as I can remember, there have been police and detective series on the television, and, to be honest, I've enjoyed most of them.

It probably started in the 60's with *Dixon of Dock Green*, with Jack Warner every week saying amiably, "Evenin', all.." It was succeeded by a couple of rather more realistic series, *Z Cars* and *Softly, Softly*. All of them somehow featured fairly wholesome stories; it may be my faulty memory or my imagination, but it seemed as if even the villains were reasonably decent. But then in the 70's, crash, bang, wallop, along came *The Sweeney*, with John Thaw and Dennis Waterman, violent criminals and even more violent policemen. The Sweeney (Cockney rhyming slang, Sweeney Todd – Flying Squad) were the roughest and toughest of the lot; their stories were utterly compelling.

The Americans had their own share of police and detection dramas during the 1970's. *Kojak*, the bald, lollipop-sucking NYPD detective, was very popular over here for a while, and so was *Columbo*, who, winter and summer, wore a khaki-coloured mackintosh several sizes too big for him and always looked a bit like an unmade bed, to the extent that he lulled people into underestimating him. He would question his suspects in a mild and slightly apologetic way, bring the conversation to an end, turn away, so that the crook would be breathing a sigh of relief that he really hadn't sussed them, and then as a kind of afterthought, as they relaxed and their guard went down, he would ask the exact question which they would rather not have to answer.

There were a few good private eye series, too, as I look back. Remember *The Rockford Files*? Jim Rockford, played by James Garner, always seemed to come off worst, beaten up by the crooks, deceived by his clients who never paid his bills, arrested by the police on some trumped-up charge – you really wonder why he didn't take up something a bit easier, like lion-taming or sky-diving.

Nowadays, Netflix gives me a whole lot more opportunities to indulge my passion: I can watch several series that passed me by the first time around.



Rev'd John Lenton

There's *Wallander*, both in Swedish with subtitles or in English, featuring Kenneth Branagh; *Prime Suspect*, starring Helen Mirren; *Silent Witness*; and plenty more.

My all-time favourite, to be honest, though, is *A Touch of Frost*, starring David Jason. The show went to an amazing 15 series, which get repeated again and again on ITV3, in case you ever want to try them out for nothing. But as a hardened addict, I have to admit slightly shame-facedly that I own the entire 15 series on DVD. Perhaps one day I shall binge-watch the lot of them and find myself talking to the Bishop the way that DI Frost talks to his superior officer, Superintendent Mullett. In my opinion, the *Frost* stories far outclass the perhaps better-known Inspector Morse series, not to mention the rather dreary *Lewis*, in terms of realistic, gritty policing, ingenious plots and clever dialogue.

So what is the fascination with these crime detection series for me? Why do I spend (do I hear you say 'waste?') my time watching and remembering these old dramas?

I suppose I enjoy watching the struggle of good against evil and the satisfaction of seeing good prevail, puzzles resolved, mysteries explained. In the real world, all too often, evil goes unchecked, the truth is suppressed, the baddies get away with it. Actually, it's not a new problem: a character called Asaph wrote a psalm, Psalm 73, in which he complained about the problem: "I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.

They are free from common human burdens;

They are not plagued by human ills."

It's not fair, says Asaph; the wicked keep getting away with murder. And he's right, it's not fair. That's why we love to see the fictional crime solved, to watch the truth laid bare and the lies exposed – because in our world today, bare-faced lies, even told by governments and Presidents, seem to go unpunished even when they're exposed. At least the TV detective can get to the truth and put the bad hats away behind bars.

In the end, though, Asaph realises that justice will be done. "Surely you place them on slippery ground," he says. "You cast them down to ruin; Those who are far from you will perish..." They rely on crookery, deceit, crime and violence, and one day there will be a reckoning. And then Asaph goes on, with thankful relief:

"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,

And afterwards you will take me into glory...

My flesh and my heart may fail,

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

## BRAMLEY SHOW 2018

Plans are well in advance for this year's show. The schedule is complete and available online at [www.bramleyshow.org.uk](http://www.bramleyshow.org.uk). It is also available on the Parish Council website at [www.bramleypc.co.uk](http://www.bramleypc.co.uk). A limited number of copies of the schedule are being printed and will be available in the One Stop shop, the barbers, the pub, The Shop at Sherfield and Wyevale and Elm Park garden centres. Anyone having trouble obtaining a copy or finding the website should contact Anne or Alan Porter on 01256 881691 and we can arrange to send one to you by e-mail.

We now have a Facebook page for the Bramley Show so do please take a look and "like" it.

We urge you to consider entering the show this year and make it a huge success. After a late start to the growing season things have improved and are catching up. Let's hope the weather behaves and good crops can result in a bumper crop of show entries. If you are entering the show please note the deadline for entries which is mid-day on Friday 17 August. However if possible do not leave it until then to let us have your entry form.

Anne Porter

**A** number of people suggested this month's **Meet the Neighbour.**

And with the NHS celebrating its 70th birthday we thought it was the perfect time to find out more about **Dr Mary Knowles**, who was a GP in Bramley for 30 years.

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

My husband and I were working in Yorkshire – he was a GP and I'd trained to be an anaesthetist. At that time, there were practices available for a husband and wife; practices too small to financially support two separate doctors. So we decided to apply for one of these in Bramley. The doctor here had just died and his wife who had been in practice with him decided to retire, even though she was only in her early forties. We moved here in 1965 but within six months my husband died. It was very unexpected, a heart condition we didn't know about – it was like the one you hear about with some of the footballers these days, very sudden.

**BM: That must have been an incredibly difficult time...**

Well, yes, I was expecting a baby, our second daughter. And the doctor who'd been here, Dr Doris Mullen, said she'd come back to work with me until after the baby; there was no maternity leave or anything like that then. So, I was off for about two weeks and I didn't know whether I would be able to manage the practice on my own. I discussed this with Dr Mullen, who said she would come back into the practice with me. We ran the practice here in Bramley. Doris retired and then I retired about 20 years ago.

**BM: Was it quite unusual to have an all-female practice in those days?**

Not really. Both my parents were doctors – my mother graduated in 1922 and she wasn't one of the first. And there were two other women doctors in Newbury when I started. By this time,



Dr Mary Knowles

more women were asking for a female doctor, so I think people were quite used to women doctors by 1965.

**BM: And your house doubled up as the surgery?**

Yes – I worked here and treated people in what had once been the bar in the village pub, which was now my home. I was on duty most nights, so if people needed to see a doctor, they'd phone and I would tell them to come up to the surgery; I came down in my dressing gown and would treat them. It was usually a small child, so it was the quickest way to help. Also, when I came to Bramley the army was here, so I'd stand in for the medical officer there once every couple of weeks. At times this was distressing because some of the soldiers were killed in Northern Ireland. And I still remember being called out to the accident at Bramley

railway station - in November 1974 – when three people were killed. It was a dreadful tragedy for all of us in Bramley.

**BM: What keeps you busy now?**

After I retired I did some work for a charity in London.

It's run by a Catholic nun and a priest-both doctors. It's an NHS surgery for people who are homeless and living on the streets. I don't feel fit enough to do it now – I'm 87 years of age. I read a lot and fortunately can still do that. I read The Times from cover to cover each day – and I like to do the simpler crossword.

**BM: You must have seen a lot of changes in the NHS and in Bramley?**

Yes, the practice moved from my house to a newly built surgery- Clift Surgery- in 1992. A few years before that we had moved to outbuildings, which I had converted as we were running out of space. By that time there was a practice nurse, a district nurse and a health visitor. It was always a dispensing practice and in addition to our clerical and administrative staff, we needed more space. It was the late 1950's when I started in the NHS and I do feel there have been spectacular changes. But in Bramley there are people I speak to now who were babies when I first came; and I do enjoy when people come over to speak to me in one of the village shops.



Dr Knowles just before her retirement

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### Photo Entries

If you are a member of the Bramley Community Group on Facebook you will know that there is a monthly competition to pick the best photo for the page. Here are a few of this month's entries, together with one to remind us of the spring bluebells. If your photo doesn't get picked next month why not send them to [editor@bramleymagazine.org](mailto:editor@bramleymagazine.org) and I can try and fit them in the magazine instead.



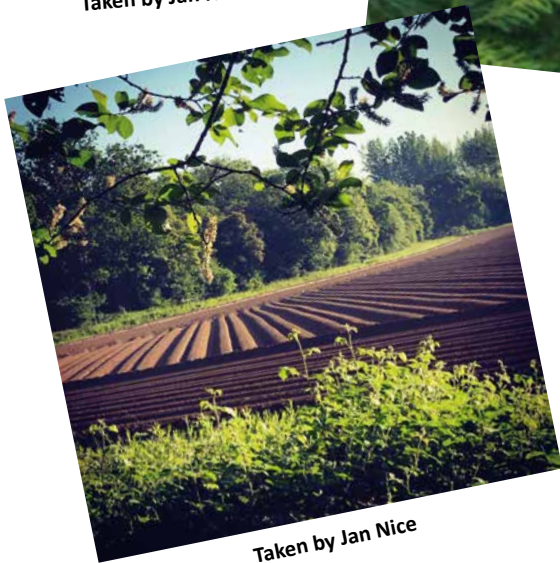
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As it was our first outing the group decided to stick together at a steady

12mph, allowing introductions, chatting about previous experiences, and what bikes we all have.

Having made our way back to Bramley Bakery (no-one decided to stop for a cake!) some headed out together to extend the route, some headed back home.

All agreed that it was great to have others to ride with and a regular time to meet. The future looks promising with a number of different routes to explore and splitting into groups to make sure everyone has company and enjoys themselves.

Keith Dilliway



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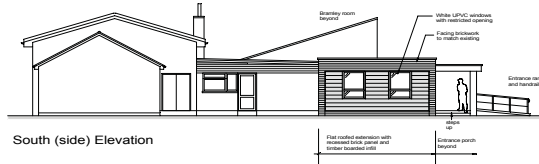
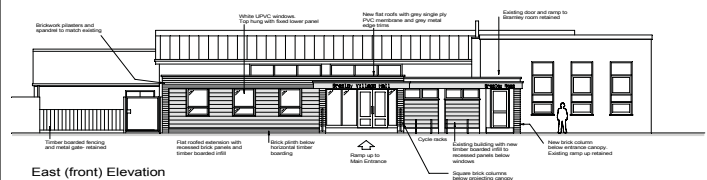
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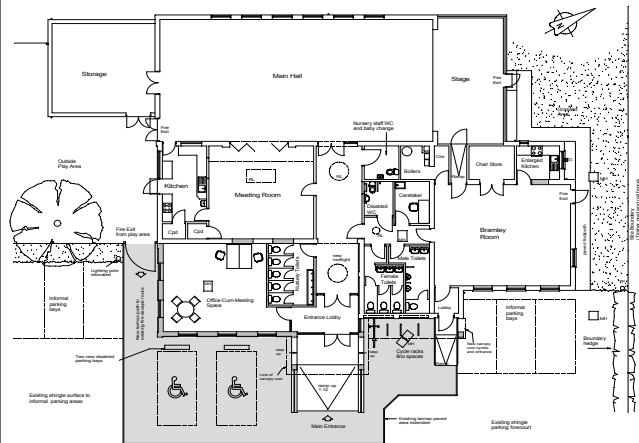
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## A Trip Down Memory Lane

I got a 'friend request' on Facebook in February. It was Adrian, who was in my primary school class in the 1960s. Imagine my surprise: and imagine it again when I found that there was now a Facebook group for my class at Primary school. Modern education professionals look away now: we were the 'A' stream in the school, culminating in class 4A from 1964-65, during which year we took our 11-Plus and then went our many separate ways, mostly to various grammar schools around the Croydon area, where we all lived. Three things in that sentence that are now almost forgotten in modern education, for better or worse.

The group were planning a reunion, to take place on Saturday 12 May, and we would spend a couple of hours actually in the classroom previously known as 4A, before repairing to the nearby pub for an early evening meal. I discovered there had been an appeal in the *Croydon Advertiser* asking former pupils in the class to come forward. The list of names in the appeal came from a card the whole class sent to Adrian when he was in hospital, and which he had kept all these years.

On the day, I travelled by train. It was drizzly and I was there early, not trusting the trains to be on time, which for once they were. I took a walk down Cherry Orchard Road, which sounds idyllic. Maybe it was a cherry orchard a long time ago, but now it's an urban street of shops that was my route to school every day. In my schooldays it had Vigar's the butchers, Mr Preston's Gents' outfitters, and a grocer's called Home and Colonial Stores. On my walk I found nothing was the same. A succession of fast food takeaways, an Islamic private school, and two pubs that had closed and were awaiting redevelopment.

I went into the school admin office, where the caretaker was waiting. The building I entered had not existed in the 1960s: it was built on land released when the Remploy factory next door was demolished. Another revelation was the playing field. In my schooldays there was, literally, not a blade of grass in the school. We had a 20-minute walk to the recreation ground for football. The demolition of the factory had released its back yard, now an oasis of green only accessible from within the school boundary.

Adrian and another Michael were there. Interestingly, as people arrived it was more difficult to work out who the ladies were. I deduced that ladies change their appearance much more than men over the course of 53 years.

We looked around the school, the same and yet different. The Hall was there, but no sign of the hymn sheets that had hung on a bracket from the ceiling for our morning assembly, and from which I learned all the traditional hymns.

Children's names on their work on the walls were now taken from all parts of the world: Croydon is now one of the most cosmopolitan London Boroughs.

We had a call with Robert, whose family emigrated to Australia in our

second year. Using FaceTime, I was able to show him around the School, and everyone had a minute with him 'face to face': the marvels of the modern world. The thought arose in my head: in fifty years, what will today's children be doing that we can't even contemplate now?

We finished up in the pub a few minutes along the road, recently restored and now a live music venue several nights a week. And we hatched a plan to have another longer reunion somewhere next year, when the ones who missed this year can come along.

Michael Luck



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# BRAMLEY YOUTH CLUB

Another year and another year of success. For those who are unaware, Bramley Youth Club (BYC) takes place on Clift Meadow Park in the Brocas Hall every Thursday throughout the year. This once little youth club has grown, not only in numbers but also in popularity. We now see anywhere from 30-50 young people on a weekly basis. BYC is more alive and as vibrant as ever, providing that fun filled safe zone trusted by both the young people and their families.



This past year has seen a few structural changes, starting with the departure of youth worker Lee Goreham, who jumped ship and has taken on a career within the building industry. Lee is severely missed but fortunately we have a new employee - Bramley's very own Colette Bibby. We have also developed and implemented a Young Leader Programme, giving some of our older members that responsibility and work experience to help with their own personal development, while staying within the youth club they care for. And finally, admissions have increased to £2 for the evening, which now includes free squash or hot drinks (season dependant) for the young people of BYC.

We will need to discuss the future of the club especially with the recent increase in participation, the age restrictions and the potential development of an older youth group for those who are aged 14 plus. We will also look into recruiting local volunteers, progressing the Young Leaders Programme further and providing more activities for the wider community.

None of this could have been achieved without the support of the Bramley Parish Council, who not only supported another year of funding for this project, but also made a further donation to the youth club, enabling it to purchase new equipment and resources and help to develop a greater identity for BYC. We are extremely thankful for all donations from our supporters and look forward to another awesome year with BYC.

For more information and to see the club in full swing please head over to our Facebook page @BramleyYouthProject.

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Sat August 18th

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Some of you may remember I wrote about a year ago to say that Jean Young was standing down as the Poppy Appeal Organiser and Branch Secretary for the Bramley and District Branch due to personal circumstances. Whilst we now have great replacements for both roles, the Branch Committee felt that we needed to celebrate Jean's contribution to the Branch over many years.

We celebrated Jean's achievements with a lunch and a special gift of a Thank You Poppy Pin, which contains soil from the location where the first and last soldier killed during WW1 died. The gift was appropriate recognition for the many years Jean had devoted to the Poppy Appeal. The picture shows the pin after having been presented to Jean Young by our Branch Chairman, John Delafield.

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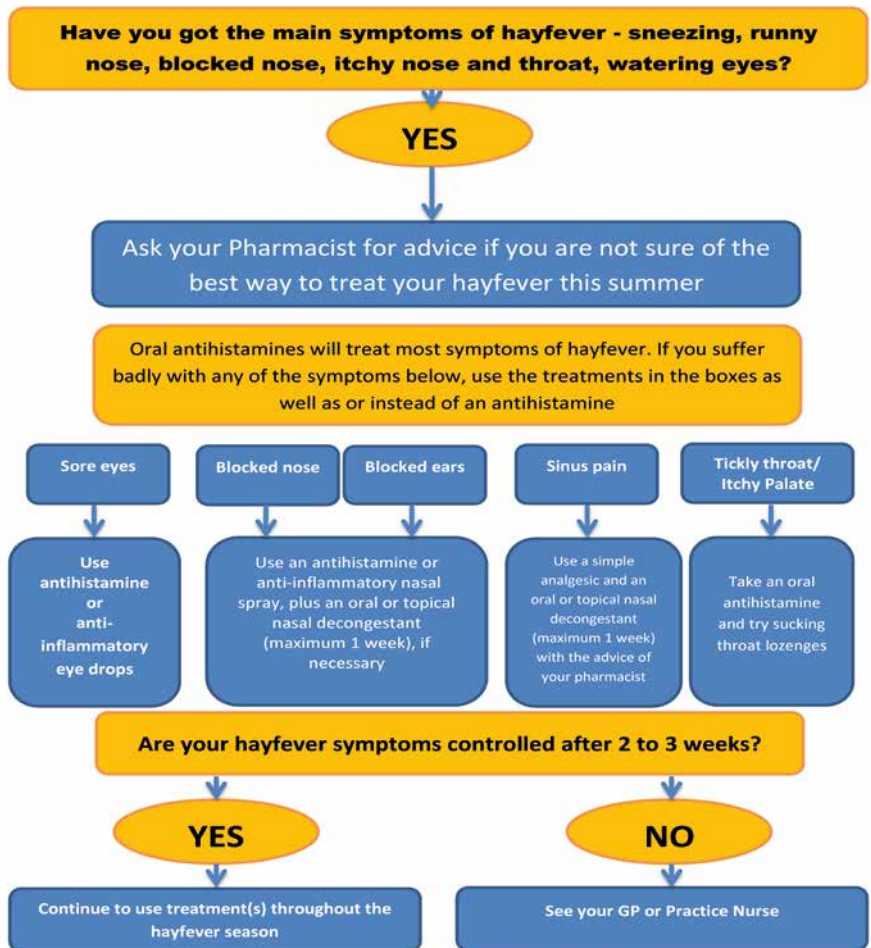
We are getting there!

As we head into the final stages of building work, the reception has moved to the new extension, in what will eventually be the dispensary. In six weeks (we hope) it will move back to its original position, having been remodelled together with the waiting room, with a new access ramp and wheelchair-friendly door. The new dispensary will then be fitted out. You will find the extension plans at the reception desk and in the temporary waiting room.


If you would like to be more involved in the future of our new surgery, you might consider joining the Patient Participation Group (PPG.) We would particularly welcome younger members, as they are underrepresented. This is probably because they have other commitments, but it is not horribly time-consuming.

As the pollen counts are high this month, here is a guide from Dr. Ward to help manage your symptoms.

Victoria Clarke



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**D**uring the Second World War **Geoff Twine** and his brother Richard lived within sight of RAF Thorney Island. In this month's instalment of **A tale of two brothers** we hear Geoff's memories of that time. Next month we will learn about his elder brother who joined the RAF at the beginning of the war.



Geoff Twine (left) and his brother Richard

hand them in. I can still see the horrified look on our Police Sergeant's face as we walked up his garden path clutching unexploded bombs! I was 10 or 11 years old at the time so did not know any better but I think my father should have recognised the danger and left well alone.

During the war I was a pupil at Chichester High School and I remember being on the sports field after school and seeing what turned out to be a Liberator aircraft in the distance, with all the crew bailing out. As I continued watching, the aircraft turned towards us coming lower and lower. It just missed the houses opposite the school and crashed in the town!

After leaving school in 1949 I joined the RAF, starting as a Halton Apprentice Armourer. After graduating in 1952 I carried out a three-year tour which took me to Egypt, Sharjah and Aden. On my return I was sent on detachment to Tangmere, close to where I was brought up, to take part in a NATO exercise. From then on I served in Wales, Cyprus and Germany and had various postings in the UK. My career involved working on Bloodhound missiles, building nuclear weapons, working with all types of aircraft weaponry and finally spending two years on a six-year bomb disposal task. This involved recovering and destroying Second World War explosives in the extinct slate quarries of Llanberis, in North Wales.

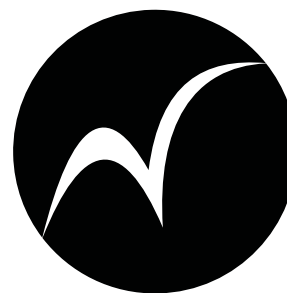
Next month I will tell you about my brother's equally exciting career in the RAF.

In 1939 I was 7 years old and my very first memory of RAF Thorney Island was seeing a Vickers Vildebeest bi-plane sitting in the mud, half a mile short of the airfield, either out of fuel or a big misjudgement of landing. I remember watching the aircraft being recovered. First they removed the engine onto a wooden stage and dragged it to the beach. Then they carried out the same procedure with the aircraft. Later I remember Thorney Island being dive bombed by German Stuka aircraft and seeing the remains of a Stuka embedded in the sandy beach. Perfect for a 9 or 10-year-old to play on.

There were often dogfights overhead, when aerial battles took place between fighter aircraft. These turned the sky white with vapour trails. It was fascinating to watch and I can still hear my mother calling me to come indoors as shrapnel and empty cartridge cases fell from the sky. On one occasion I saw a Spitfire, flying at a very low level, chasing a Junkers 88 (a German combat aircraft) causing it to crash just north of where I lived in Southbourne.

Towards the end of the war the dog fights were replaced by Doodle Bugs and I saw quite a few on their way to the docks at Portsmouth and Southampton. During the Blitz we would often see a glow in the sky over Portsmouth. Then came D -Day when the sky was black with Dakotas and Stirlings towing gliders for the assault and landings in France.

Because my father was a farmer and had land on RAF Thorney Island, he had a pass to visit there. Very often I would accompany him and it was wonderful to be able to see all the different aircraft up close. I remember helping him with the harvest at Bedhampton around 1942- 43 when we came across five or six German incendiary bombs nestling in the top of the corn sheaves – unexploded! At the end of the day we put them on our open trailer and returned home along the A27, stopping off at the police station to



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As we hurtle towards the end of the academic year the pupils at Old Basing Infant School have more than just the summer holidays to get excited about. We are also eagerly anticipating the prospect of our first honey harvest from our bees!

This time last year, we took delivery of our first bee hive and in doing so became the first primary school in Hampshire to keep bees.

Since that time the bees have become an integral part of our school life. Pupils are involved in the bee-keeping (with their own infant-sized bee suits); monitoring the hive, checking for the queen and ensuring the bees are healthy. Our Year 2 classes this year have built a whole topic around bees and their importance to us. We are members of the Basingstoke Bee Association who provide us with local support and advice in maintaining our hives. Children love being part of the Bee Club. The bees are a positive addition to our school, the local environment and to the children's education.



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## Welcome funds for the Bramley Toddler Group

Bramley Toddler Group has been running for many years and for some it is a lifeline. Having young children can be a lonely time and getting out of the house is often a major and sometimes overwhelming task! Every Tuesday (in term time) a group of mums, dads, parents, grandparents and carers come to the Clift Meadow Pavilion for a lovely play session and a cup of coffee and catch up. It's open to everybody with children aged 0-5 years - do come and see us if you can. We have been trying hard to make this an affordable activity for all, no matter how many children you have. As you can imagine the group struggles financially and the committee were all so worried about it, we genuinely thought that we might have to close down. BUT... a couple of things happened.

Firstly, the committee plus a couple of others held a stall at the St George's Day Fete. Our combined efforts of selling balloons and organising some activities raised just shy of £200. Special thanks to Kaye Jenkins, Kerry Whiffin, Sally Schofield, Laura Lamb, Georgina Evans, Olivia Shepherd and



Jo Weineck. Without your help and efforts, we couldn't have done it.

Secondly, we managed to secure a grant of £100 from The Mayors Community Chest. Thank you so much to Basingstoke Voluntary Action for approving our bid; it really has made a difference.

And last of all, and with so much gratitude, we would like to thank The Wellington Estates. They have donated a whopping £600 to cover the hire

costs of The Clift Pavilion for a year, because even if we have low numbers, we still have to pay the hall fees. We are overwhelmed with the incredible kindness and support, without which we would struggle to survive so a big thank you

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Laura Lamb

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Please find below the latest news summary of some of the crime which has occurred in the Bramley & Sherfield area over the past month. In the month of May there have been 11 incidents in Bramley and five incidents in Sherfield which have been classified as crimes by the Home Office. In Bramley, this is two less than last month and 10 less than there were in May 2017.

Current Neighbourhood Priorities:

1. Dwelling Burglary / Non-Dwelling Burglary
2. Traffic Related Incidents/Speeding
3. ASB

## Burglaries

I am happy to report that there have been no reported burglaries or shed/garage burglaries in the last month for Bramley & Sherfield-on-Loddon.

## Thefts from Vehicles

We have had four thefts from vehicles this month. Three of those incidents were theft of tools from vans and one was diesel from a large digger. Please make sure that all or more expensive tools are removed from commercial vans overnight and the doors to the rear/side of commercial vehicles are placed close to a hard surface, either another vehicle or a wall to prevent individuals gaining easy access.

## Anti-Social Behaviour

We have had 13 incidents reported to us regarding ASB within the Bramley and Sherfield area. As we are all most aware the weather is rather hot at the moment! If you are planning on having parties among friends please be considerate to your neighbours but do enjoy the sun while it's still here.

Any complaints regarding noise need to be passed onto either Environmental Health at Basingstoke and Deane Council or your local Housing Officer.

Search "Immobilise" online to register your pedal cycles, electronic devices and property so that the Police can identify anything found in future.

Please ensure your out-buildings and vehicles are locked and secured to prevent theft. Avoid keeping valuables in out-buildings and vehicles where possible. Please consider installing CCTV and alarms in order to protect your property. This also assists Police with investigations.

Do not leave your garage or car doors unlocked, even while you are in the property. Opportunist thieves have been known to operate in the area.

## Other Incidents

We have had a few incidents of criminal damage reported around the communal areas within Bramley. Make sure that if you use these public spaces that you do so respectfully, this includes public benches and play parks.

We have also had incidents of fake £50 notes being used across businesses in and around the Bramley area. Please, if you received a £50 note, double check to make sure it is genuine see <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/50-pound-note> for more information.

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PCSO 16452 Richard Fisher

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**Across**

- 1 A New Zealand game I included in chamber. (8)
- 9 Tumblers emerged from car boats. (8)
- 10 Fashionable thing that is cool until latest trend takesover initially. (4)
- 11 I bleed a tin if it becomes recognisable. (12)
- 13 Bar I back almost for handrail. (8)
- 15 Teaching place where it sounds like I lie, see and hesitate. (6)
- 16 Colonnade found within first oak trees. (4)
- 17 Defies SAS soldier by 'Who reads wins'. (5)
- 18 Fine brandy used to find currency. (4)
- 20 Representing or pretending to do so ? (6)
- 21 Trousers might prove a tight fit. (8)
- 23 Mixed cereal is how man found county lady. (12)
- 26 Goddess lives twice. (4)
- 27 Confused writer suing flightless birds. (8)
- 28 That sand helped to provide a hanger. (8)

**Down**

- 2 Aunt band found to be plentiful. (8)
- 3 Expectation against bleary optician. (12)
- 4 Ant, member of cult maybe ? (6)

- 5 Point eats away. (4)
- 6 Fungus, result, sort of, with inner strength. (8)
- 7 Offspring hit out at second character. (4)
- 8 Deem set point to be highly regarded. (8)
- 12 Grant Scotsman with german is musician. (12)
- 14 Deny out of Drury Lane can become out of town. (5)
- 16 Main painting. (8)
- 17 Calming drink to consider if it helps. (8)
- 19 Arginine helped to create countryman. (8)
- 22 Opening move a gamble it showed without student and point. (6)
- 24 Wrinkles need to be tidied up for this floor area. (4)
- 25 Desire that point is ahead of hospital. (4)

**CodeWord No: 7**

See page 26 for the answers.

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Each number represents a unique letter from the alphabet and all 26 letters are used. Two letters are given to make a start.

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### Frith Forest Friends

Friendship was a theme running throughout our half-term holiday club, with familiar friends greeting each other enthusiastically and newcomers, nervous at first at not knowing anyone, forging new friendships. Laughter rang out as they enjoyed getting to know each other.

Following a few games to warm up, they set to work, supporting each other to build shelters: tying tarpaulins to trees to cover woodland market stalls. They pulled together to stretch out the tarpaulin, hammering stakes made from sticks into the ground with an oak mallet and securing tarps firmly in place with rope. They were justifiably proud of their strong teamwork skills: helping each other to fulfil their goals. Regulars came with a plan: knowing what to expect, they took the lead to identify risks, explain boundaries and guide others.



They wanted to make artefacts to “sell” in their forest market stalls: weaving wool around sticks; digging clay and shaping pots; decorating paper plates with moss, twigs and leaves and sawing

wood. They even drilled holes in discs to make their own signposts. Learning to saw wood with a bowsaw was the most popular. Musical instruments were made, which were hung from string strung between the trees. Stories and jokes were shared during lunch cooked over the campfire, which they had constructed and lit. Thank you to a lovely group of children who worked in harmony with nature and each other!

### Frith Forest Fun Club returns to the woods in the Summer holidays on Thursdays and Fridays:-

- 26/ 27July and 2/3August.
- 10am-3pm
- £25.00 per child; Siblings half price.

Check out our Facebook pages: frith forest fun club.

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may pop up. This makes such a difference to these people’s lives and will relieve the loneliness they may often be feeling.

Our volunteers devote anything from an hour a week to a couple of hours a day to assist our clients and we know from the feedback and comments we receive from clients and their families that our service really makes a difference to the lives of the people they help.

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**Pamber Parish Council Notes for Little London**

Pamber Parish Council met on Monday 11 June for its monthly meeting.



**WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION**

Pamber Parish Council is pleased to announce that an event for the Parish to commemorate the end of World War 1 will be held on 11 November 2018. This will include the lighting of the beacon. Further details will be confirmed closer to the time but we hope that as many people as possible will help to commemorate such an important time in our history. The Council are also in the process of finalising the purchase of various commemorative items which will be placed around each of the four areas of Pamber.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING MEETING.**

The next Neighbourhood Planning meeting will be held on Thursday 12 July 12, 7.30pm at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath.

A huge thank you to those who are already taking part in these meetings - great progress is being made and it is exciting to begin to form a future vision of how this wonderful area should progress. Anyone is welcome to attend if they wish to see what is happening.

**SPEEDWATCH.**

Our new PCSO, Luke Robinson, has kindly agreed to take over the processing of Speedwatch application forms. Should anyone wish to volunteer then please contact the Clerk using the details at the bottom of this article.

**CONTACT YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR.**

We are extremely fortunate to have a very proactive County Councillor, Rhydian Vaughan, who is receptive to any problem that you may have and is also now on Facebook! If you wish to ask anything his details are below:

Fb.com/tellrhydian

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath, on Monday 9 July, 7.30pm.

L. S. Browne (Clerk). Tel. 07920 787170. Email clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk

**World Cup Answers**

Express yourself  
Create the space  
You know you can win  
Don't give up the chase

**New Order - 1990 World Cup**

Three lions on the shirt  
Jules Rimet still gleaming  
Thirty years of hurt  
Never stopped me dreaming

**The Lightning Seeds, David Baddiel, Frank Skinner**

Written for the 1996 Euros, not the World Cup

**Cryptic Crossword No: 20 Solution**

ABUNDANT	2	MAGAZINE	1
ANTIPATTON	3	ACROBATS	9
EAST	5	CULT	10
TRUFFLES	6	IDENTIFIABLE	11
LAMB	7	BANISTER	13
ESTEEMED	8	LYCEUM	15
ACCORDIANIST	12	STOA	16
RURAL	14	DARES	17
SEASCAPE	16	RAND	18
DIGESTIF	17	ACTING	20
NIGERIAN	19	LEGINGS	21
GAMBIT	22	CORNISHWOMAN	23
RINK	24	ISIS	26
WISH	25	PENGUINS	27
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Down

Across

**CodeWord No: 7 Solution**

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**I**ncreased light pollution not only restricts our view of the stars but can also have an adverse effect on our wildlife. Fortunately, there are solutions as **John Stubbs** explains in **Night Vision**

The view from my window here, one evening mid May. The new moon setting shortly after sunset, so that its whole face is illuminated by light reflected from the earth, and Venus appears close by. Not that unusual, but there's a whole lot up there that it's a great pity to miss. Our prime satellite, together with the natural background of stars: on a clear night it can be the most stunning vista imaginable to us earth-bound mortals. Is that over-egging it? Not really. If you've ever seen the full monty of a really dark starry sky, without too much moonlight, clear dry air and perhaps a frame of a mountain range. Round here we're not that well off for mountains, but surprisingly, for the south of England, our bit of sky is not as bad as a lot of places. And yet, a fair proportion of people have never seen the Milky Way: that's really awful. Visibility is getting worse, as well – the nemesis being light pollution, of course.

Look south towards Basingstoke, north towards Reading, or west over Tadley way and you'll see not stars at night, but a sort of sludgy lit murk. Ten thousand streetlights, a thousand shop fronts, a hundred ill-trained 500watt security lamps, all combining to scatter light upwards; wasted light, wasted carbon emissions, disturbed animal behaviour and perhaps no more than half a dozen stars to be seen overhead, unless you're very lucky. How has this become the norm? There are now satellite maps that show the levels of light pollution for each few hundred metres of the country, and it's clear that by far the greatest factor is the presence of street lighting, mainly with older designs of lamp.

The big division then is bound to be between rural and urban: live in a town, you've got streetlights. With good thick curtains it may still be possible to achieve reasonably dark sleeping quarters, suitable for maintaining an appropriate circadian rhythm. But you won't see anything much in the night sky, aircraft nav lights excepted. A rural village, however, still has a fair chance of some darkish sky. In our gap between Reading and Basingstoke the average sky brightness when you're away from the street lights is mapped as being around one twentieth that of the town centres; this means that on a good night you'll always catch a few stars. Even the brighter summer aspect of the Milky Way, though, mainly appearing to the south of us, will be overwhelmed by the lights of central Basingstoke.

And we're not the only ones to be affected. In lit areas, many birds nest significantly earlier in the year. It may be only a week or so, but their timing is critical – the nestlings need large numbers of insects, spiders and caterpillars as soon as they hatch. They just cannot wait two weeks for the take-away grub store to catch up. A lot of light can upset the daily timetable too – that nightingale singing in Berkeley Square might more likely have been a robin, or perhaps a thrush or blackbird on involuntary night duty, attempting to defend



its territory all through the night. And do you reckon insects value spending a night circling a streetlamp when they've only got half a dozen nights to live? I really rather doubt it.

The good news is, I guess, that at least the moon and stars are not much damaged by our wanton disregard, as far as we know. Also, improved streetlamp designs can cut the upward spread of wasted light. New studies show that the disruptive effects of lighting on birds' behaviour depends to a degree on the colour of the light, so it's quite possible that more advanced equipment can reduce the upset. Another problem has been that the impressive power-saving of LED lamps has in some cases encouraged excessive light use, but of course that doesn't have to be the case – don't go by watts, work in lumens. No, this is not like going decimal: we just got too used to buying bulbs on their wattage, or the amount of power they used – though that was ok as they all had much the same efficiency. The best bulbs now can give five times as much light per watt, so until it becomes familiar, we'll need to use the comparison tables on the packaging when choosing the right bulb to give the lumens we want. This could be lumenage, perhaps.

Light pollution, then, is bad news. The fact is, though, it doesn't have to be getting worse. The sensible application of best practice can cut waste, save running costs, and bring back some of our missing darkness, as well. Whyever not?



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**Bramley WI**

Last month we had our AGM and we elected a new President – Christine Walton, taking over from Sarah Corbett who has been President for three years. Our very grateful thanks to her for all her hard work. The rest of the committee stayed the same except our Treasurer, Sarah, stepped down and Anita took over. Our grateful thanks go to Sarah Hodnett for doing the accounts, taking money for different activities and doing everything else that goes with this job. Afterwards we had a demonstration from Jo Kemp-Williams who teaches Pilates in the village (and we did some of the exercises!!). It was good fun. Thank you, Jo.

We have started our evening walks and try and do one a week. We are also preparing for the New Forest Show, which is in July.

We attended the Hampshire Centenary Craft show in May down at Eastleigh. We had a table full of crafts which all members had made and we managed to fund-raise a reasonable amount of money for our WI. There were a lot of stalls, a couple of bands and a choir for entertainment. It was a very good day out and we met some lovely people.

Jane Matthews



Some of our members at the Hampshire Centenary Craft Show

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## News from The Priory

We are coming to the end of another busy year at The Priory. As usual the children have worked very hard and have been a great credit to themselves and their families. In the coming weeks we shall be holding our usual summer term events such as Sports Day and the Summer Celebration before the children break up for their long summer holiday. Here is a short article written by some of the children in Year 6 about an activity that they have particularly enjoyed following their recent SATs tests!

*"On the 5th of June, the Year 6's from the Priory Primary School used their knowledge of structures to create five outdoor dens. Our challenge was to create an outdoor structure that was windproof, waterproof and large enough for our whole group to sit in comfortably. In class, we talked about strategies for making our dens strong and sturdy, for example tying the knots in a figure of eight. We made our structure sturdier by adding bamboo sticks horizontally to our rectangular frame and joined these together to make a triangular structure. To make it waterproof, we secured tarpaulin to the bamboo sticks and plastic sheets to the back. The triangular shape worked well because the rain ran down the sides instead of gathering at the top. We also made a door for our den out of tarpaulin so that it's even more waterproof.*

*We decorated our den with cushions and blankets and left them there overnight, whilst it rained, to see whether it was waterproof or not. IT WAS WATERPROOF! To make sure it was definitely waterproof we sat in it while it was raining and we stayed bone dry!*

*In conclusion, our den worked very well and we made a strong, sturdy, waterproof structure fit for our group."*



*By Erin, Elizabeth, Jessica, Madison and Maya*

On behalf of everyone at The Priory School I would like to wish you a very happy summer holiday. A warm welcome always awaits you here at the school; please do call us on 01256 850062 if you would like to come and visit us.

Suzanne Kelly

## News from Butter Daisy

We have had a busy month here at Butter Daisy Nursery with the start of our weekly lessons with 'Mini Professors', as well as celebrating the Royal Wedding!



In our Mini Professors classes, we have learnt about mirrors and our reflections. We explored various shapes and sizes of mirrors and thought about how our reflection differs in each one. In another class, we learnt all about our digestive system using Weetabix and a pair of tights! The Weetabix was mixed up with water to mimic the food in our tummies, we then fed the mix through some tights with a hole in the bottom to see what happens. It got very messy and all of the children were really excited to see the results!

We have also been creating some science experiments of our own this month, with the favourite being floating and sinking experiments. The Pre-School children have been making their own boats with

polystyrene, lollipop sticks, tissue paper and glue. They have so much fun creating their own boats and then watching them float on the water.

The nursery really enjoyed celebrating the Royal Wedding with a Royal Tea Party. We all made crowns to wear in preparation and wore them as we ate our specially prepared tea. We had Union Jack themed cakes, sandwiches and lots of other delicious goodies!

Shortly we will be celebrating Father's Day as well as exploring travel and holidays!

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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**Help to Buy Scheme**



Zoe Baxter

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### Main Events

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Thursday 12 July: 2pm / £5

To mark the centenary of the murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family at Ekaterinburg in July 1918, Romanov expert Coryne Hall talks about her new book *To Free the Romanovs. Royal Kinship and Betrayal in Europe, 1917-1919.*

#### Beatrix Potter: The Tale of the Tales

Tuesday 24 July: 2pm / £5

Beatrix Potter wrote and illustrated some of the best loved children's books of all time. Most of us are familiar with *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, but how many of us know the story of how it came to be written? This talk focuses on the creation of Beatrix Potter's 'Little Books' and offers a fascinating insight into the life, art and writing of this talented Victorian woman.

### Children's Events

#### Mischief Makers - Summer Reading Challenge

From Saturday 14th July / FREE

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries to support children's reading across the Summer Holidays. Aimed at 4 - 11 years olds, the challenge is for children to read any six books over the summer. Children can read whatever they like - fiction books, fact books, joke books, picture books, audiobooks - just as long as they are borrowed from the library. This year's theme is *Mischief Makers* and is inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title *The Beano*, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. Simply visit the Discovery Centre from July 14th to sign up - it's completely free of charge.

### Children's Crafts

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#### Outdoor theatre: The Importance of Being Earnest

Saturday 4 August 7pm-10pm

Tickets: Adult: £13 (age 16+) Child: £8 (age 5-15)  
Under 5s go free. B 0344 249 1895

Everybody loves Ernest. In fact, Cecily and Gwendolen are both engaged to Ernest. The only trouble is, Ernest doesn't exist. Or does he...? This energetic production from the critically-acclaimed *Pantaloons* gives this play a hilarious twist!

With the doors opening at 5.45pm, pack your camping chairs and picnics and join us on the north lawn. Buy yourself a programme or raffle ticket and unpack your delicious picnic. As the sun sets on The Vyne, sit back and relax in beautiful surroundings. Don't forget to wrap up warm and bring a torch for the journey back to the car through the gardens.

#### Outdoor theatre: The Tempest

Saturday 11 August 7pm-10pm

Tickets £19. Under 5s go free. B 0344 249 1895

'We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep'.

The Lord Chamberlain's Men return to The Vyne's north lawn to perform this Shakespearian classic.

Pack your picnics, camping chairs and warm clothes ready to recline in the grounds of a former Tudor palace. Drink in hand get ready to enjoy this firm Vyne favourite. Doors open 5.45pm for picnics. Programmes and raffle tickets will be on sale before the performance.

#### Heritage Open Day

Saturday 15 September

Find out what all the fuss is about with free entry to The Vyne. Enjoy a stroll through the grounds of this former Tudor palace recently rescued in a £5.4m roof project. Ask for a timed ticket at Visitor Reception and you can explore the house which played host to a royal visit argued to have impacted the course of the Reformation.

<b>Mondays</b>	
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Beavers</i>	School Hall
<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Music With Mummy 10.45am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Stay Active As You Age Class – 11am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Petite Dance 4-9pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Zumba with Gisella 6:30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

<b>Tuesdays</b>	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing</i>	St James's
<i>Dance Club (Petite School)</i>	Village Hall
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tuesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Little Learners 10.30am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bramley Mums Walking Group 6.50 for 7pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

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

<i>Pregnancy yoga 6-7pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 6.30pm &amp; 8.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Clubbell yoga 7.15-8.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30</i>	School Hall

<b>Thursdays</b>	
<i>Bramley &amp; Romans Floral Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>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>Body Tone 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6-7pm, 7.15-8.15pm &amp; 8.30-9.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Youth Club 6-8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Zumba 8.15- 9.15pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

<b>Fridays</b>	
<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>ARO Kickboxing 7.00pm</i>	Village Hall

<b>Saturdays</b>	
<i>Dance School</i>	Brocas Hall

<b>Sundays</b>	
<i>Dinky Disco</i>	Village Hall
<i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley &amp; St Stephen's Little London</i>	



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School Hall	Alison Tarrant	881339		
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Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Jodie Saunders	881113	jodie@bramley-scouts.org.uk	
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Bramley Out of School Club/Holiday Club	Julie Belam	07711 339306	info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com	
Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
Bramley Youth Club	Roxy Mills	01256 423812	rmills@BVaction.org.uk www.basingstokevoluntaryaction.co.uk/youth	
Brownies	Suzanne Cox	07920 822221	suzanne-cox@hotmail.com	Now Weds only
Caterpillar Music	Jasmine McCarthy	07952 935021	jasmine.mccarthy@caterpillarmusic.com	
Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
Dance Club (Petite)	Louise Onslow	883568		
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Little Learners	Lene Perkin	07900 496335	lene115@hotmail.com	
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Pilates (WG Pilates)	Wendy Gill	07961 102535	wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk	
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Short Mat Bowls	John & Pauline Walker	881065		
St Stephen's Hall	Doreen Quilter	850394	doreen.quilter@btinternet.com	Bookings
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Colditz Castle was used to house allied officers from France, Poland and Britain who had made escape attempts from previous PoW camps. Hermann Goering, Hitler's deputy, described the castle as escape proof.

Despite a ratio of 800 prisoners to 400 guards there were 300 attempts to break out with 130 being successful of which 33 were "home runs" when British officers made it back to UK. Peter Storie-Pugh assisted in 21 escape attempts some of which were not successful and the recaptured prisoners were placed in solitary confinement and fed bread and water.



The first British officer to successfully escape was Airey Neave, dressed as a German corporal. He became a Conservative MP (and was tragically murdered by the IRA when his car was blown up leaving the car park of the House of Commons). Capt Pat Reid, who became the consultant to the war film, was the initial British Escape Officer who maintained that escape attempts were run on strict military lines. It was essential that British plans did not interfere with those of the French or Polish prisoners. He escaped in 1942 with three others to Switzerland.



They carved tunnels, hid in the laundry, climbed over precipitously high roofs, vaulted over high fences, dressed as women and made the famous glider in a locked loft room (although it was never actually used!). They listened to the BBC giving the football results, had coded letters from home and post cards from successful escapees. Peter Storie-Pugh completed a correspondence course with Cambridge University and gained a BA while a prisoner.

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