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I tried to write this editorial a couple of days ago but I had no inspiration. This morning I put it right at the top of my "to do" list but you know what it's like when you don't want to do something – you find lots of other 'more urgent' things to do instead, like putting on the washing, emptying the dishwasher, checking Facebook, making another cup of coffee. I googled March in case that came up with anything but was told it means *to walk in a military manner with a regular measured tread*. Not the March I was thinking of. There was a quote from an American author who joked that God created the month of March to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like. I think that is a bit unfair, although it is a funny time of the year. It's nearly spring but there are days when it still feels like winter.

As Google wasn't giving me much inspiration I switched on the TV and got caught up in the Winter Olympics. I hadn't really been following the events in South Korea but there was a lot of excitement about a speed skater called Elise Christie. She fell in the 500m final and injured her ankle in the 1500m semi-final but still went on the ice to compete in the heats of the 1000m. Seconds after the race started she fell over and grimaced in pain. I assumed that was the end of her Olympics but as it was the opening lap, the race was restarted and Christie lined up again. She started slowly but closed up on the rest of the skaters and managed to finish second to book a place in the quarter-finals. Finally it seemed that her luck had turned, but when the results were put up on the screen they showed she had been disqualified as the judges believed she had committed an offence during the race. If that had been me I would probably have taken the next flight home and looked at re-training as a librarian or something equally as safe. But not Elise. She bravely faced the cameras saying "I promise Britain I will fight back from this and I will come back in Beijing and hopefully I can do Britain proud then." She may change her mind in a few weeks when reality hits her but it was inspiring to see her determination and resolve.

You don't have to go as far as South Korea to find inspirational stories. As you will read on page 10, the coffee morning we advertised a few months ago raised over £500 for cancer research and another one is planned for March. On page 29 you can read about Lance Corporal Anna Stanley's brave fund-raising event. On page 12 there is news of a poppy project to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 and in their update on page 21 the Parish Council is also looking for your feedback on ways of commemorating this special event in Bramley. So, if you are missing the Winter Olympics or just want an excuse to stay inside away from the March winds, put the kettle on and see what's in the magazine this month.

Best Wishes

Rachel

**Rachel Barclay Smith - Editor**

"To uncover your true potential you must first find  
your own limits, and then you have to have the  
courage to blow past them."

***Picabo Street, gold-medal skier***

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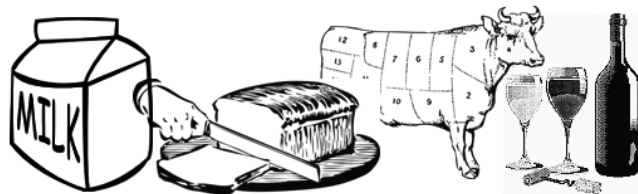
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- 4th**                    **3rd Sunday of Lent**  
 8.00      Holy Communion – St James  
 9.00      Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 10.30     Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
- 11th**                   **Mothering Sunday**  
 8.00      Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James  
 9.00      **NO** Sunday@nine  
 10.30     Mothering Sunday Service – St James
- 18th**                   **5th Sunday of Lent**  
 8.00      Holy Communion – Little London  
 9.00      Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 10.30     Holy Communion – St James
- 25th**                   **Palm Sunday**  
 8.00      Holy Communion – St James  
 9.00      Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 10.30     Holy Communion – St James
- 29th**                   **Maundy Thursday**  
 7.00pm   Fellowship Supper in Cross House –  
                  everyone welcome: sign up in church porch  
 8.00pm   Holy Communion
- 30th**                   **Good Friday**  
 10.00     Children’s Service – St James  
 2.00pm   An Hour at the Foot of the Cross  
                  – St James

**...and into April**

- 1st**                    **Easter Day**  
 8.00      Holy Communion – St James  
 10.30     Easter Family Communion – St James
- 8th**                    **Second Sunday of Easter**  
 8.00      Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James  
 9.00      Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 10.30     Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
- 15th**                  **Third Sunday of Easter**  
 8.00      Holy Communion – Little London  
 9.00      Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 10.30     Morning Worship – St James

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“What’s in a name?” asked Shakespeare’s Juliet. “That which we call a rose by any other word would smell as sweet.”

Juliet was really saying that names don’t matter; she didn’t care that Romeo’s surname was Montague (the deadly enemies of her own family, the Capulets) – she would have loved him anyway, whatever his name was. Sadly, of course, their families didn’t go along with that idea at all, with fatal consequences.

Whatever Juliet says, names do matter. Interestingly, fashions in names change quite dramatically from generation to generation. When I was born, John was a very popular name – there are many around of my sort of age. But today I don’t know a single John under the age of 40: it’s gone completely out of fashion, together with other familiar names like Michael, Peter and David. In the same way, in my generation, boys’ names like Algernon, Cuthbert and Horace and girls’ names like Ethel, Bertha and Gertrude had already vanished completely from sight.

According to *Metro’s* website<sup>1</sup> “research suggests that gender-neutral names are more popular than ever, with Riley, Frankie, and Harley all firm favourites.” All the same, the top 10 boys’ names in 2017 were, from 1 to 10, Muhammad, Oliver, Harry, Jack, George, Noah, Leo, Jacob, Oscar, and Charlie. The top 10 girls’ names? Olivia, Sophia, Amelia, Lily, Emily, Ava, Isla, Isabella, Mia, Isabelle. Some obvious royal influences there. But interestingly, quite a few of these names are long term survivors, some of them making a comeback from a long time back, like Oscar and Leo and Amelia. There are also a couple of biblical names among the boys: Noah, Jacob. But I was quite surprised by the sheer “normality” of both girls’ and boys’ names; I’d rather expected something more outlandish. Even John was in the list, at number 56, although I’m afraid that neither Ann nor Anne made it, though Anna clocked in at number 79.

If it’s outlandish that you’re looking for, you need to look a bit farther afield. Our son and his family live in California, so we go over there whenever we can, and that’s where you get some really way-out names, especially among the pro football



Rev'd John Lenton

players. There’s D’Brickashaw Ferguson, for instance, who plays for the New York Jets. He was apparently named after a character in a long-forgotten 1980’s TV drama series. It’s not his fault that when you shout his name, people say “Bless you!”

But actually, in that Unusual Name competition, D’Brickashaw definitely has to give way to Ha’Sean Treshon Clinton-Dix, usually known as Haha Clinton-Dix, who plays for the Green Bay Packers. And I bet you thought that his first name was pronounced Ha-Shawn... Wrong. It’s pronounced Ha-SEEN. Apparently his grandmother nicknamed him Haha when he was 3 or 4 years old. You can see why.

Then, of course, there’s Captain Munneryn, formerly of the Minnesota Vikings – yup, his first name is Captain. But my personal favourite, for sheer poetic rolling-around-on-the-floor joy, has to be Barkevious Mingo, a linebacker for the Indianapolis Colts. You couldn’t make it up. Yet somebody, i.e., his parents, obviously did. Chapeau to them!

I certainly hope that nobody reading this is planning to come and ask me to christen their precious bundle Captain D’Brickashaw Ha-Sean Treshon Barkevious Mingo Clinton-Dix. I will have to report them to the Bishop for taking the Michael.

In the Bible, people’s names are very important, because they generally say something about what God has in mind for the person. So for instance, Abraham started life as Abram, which means “Exalted father”, despite the fact that he and his elderly wife Sarah had no children until he was almost 100 years old. At that point, God promised him that he was going to

be the “father of many nations” and told him that he was now to be called Abraham, which means “father of a multitude”. His son Isaac (which means “he laughs”!) was born less than a year later and his grandson, Jacob, had 12 sons, the forerunners of the 12 tribes of Israel. (Actually, Jacob can mean “Deceiver” or “Swindler”, with good reason in his case – but that’s another story. You can read about it in the book of Genesis.)

There are plenty of other examples of biblical names which point towards God’s purpose for the individuals concerned. But far and away the most significant is the name Jesus, the anglicised version of the Hebrew name Y’shua, which has come down to us today as Joshua: it means “The Lord saves”. The angel who announced the coming of Jesus to Joseph, who was engaged to Mary, his mother, told him “You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” God’s plan was that Jesus wouldn’t just save people from the Romans or other physical enemies; he would save them from the greatest enemy of all, their sinfulness. And Christians believe that he is still living up to his name today.

### Other interesting names

**Ebenezer** - Made famous by Charles Dickens’ novel *A Christmas Carol*, it means “rock” or “stone of help”.

**Hansel** - Best known as the other half of Hansel and Gretel, this Hebrew name means “Gift from God”.

**Heston** - Traditionally an English surname, the name Heston has come into prominence through the famous chef, Heston Blumenthal. It means “one who came from Heston (a London suburb.)”, and is derived from the Old English “hes” meaning “brushwood” and “tun” which means “enclosure”.

**Sparsh** - This unusual name means “touch”.

**Zee** - This could be a shortened version of the Hebrew name Ezekiel, which means “God will strengthen”.

**Ziggy** - This German name is a shortened version of Sigmund, which means “protection through victory”.

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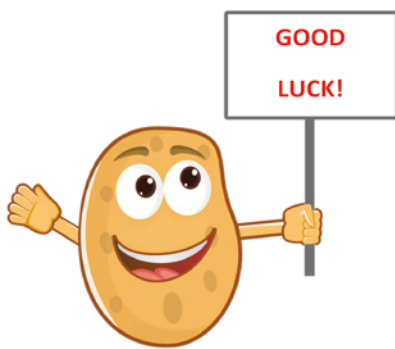
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If you find a Basingstone you can post a photo of it on the Basingstones Facebook page and then either keep it and replace it with one of your own, or just hide it again somewhere new.

It is a simple idea to brighten up winter and there are some impressive designs out there. These were painted by Lily Richards from Bramley. Lily’s Mum, Eleanor, said “A friend at work told me about the Facebook page so I joined. It’s such a simple idea and a great way to engage your child in their surroundings. We spent a lovely morning decorating a few and then the afternoon hiding them around Bramley. There are some truly beautiful ones around and Lily gets excited every time we go for a walk now.”



(Above) Three stones Lily found in Eastrop Park

(Far left) Lily decorating the eight stones she and Eleanor hid around Bramley

(left) The decorated stones



## March

Happy New Year to you! No, I haven't gone mad... if you were a Roman prior to 45 B.C. March was the first month of the year and you might have celebrated the Kalends, the first of the month. If you've ever wondered why September to December, the ninth to the twelfth months, seem to be the seventh to the tenth from their names, it is because of the old Roman calendar. Julius Caesar reformed the calendar, making January the first month, in 45 B.C. Of course, the most famous date in the Roman calendar was the 15th, known as the Ides of March. As Shakespeare wrote, 'Beware the Ides of March'. Julius Caesar didn't, and was stabbed to death by a group of conspirators led by Brutus and Cassius the year after his calendar reforms.

You may remember in last month's magazine I mentioned Groundhog Day. Although I did not have a real groundhog available, on 2 February I imagined what a groundhog would have seen in Bramley when it



emerged. It was sunny, so it would have seen its own shadow, and we are therefore seemingly condemned to six further weeks of winter, which will, coincidentally, end just about the Ides of March. One of the kneelers in the front pew of the church has a picture on it of something looking remarkably like a groundhog. Take a look next time you are in church.

I started thinking about the Romans because this year I have resolved to rekindle my interest in Silchester. We have this treasure on our doorstep. Each year we learn more and more about it. It is unusual in that it has not been occupied since Roman times. The walls are largely intact, and the roads and foundations of buildings can be found beneath the ground, as revealed by archaeologists in the frequent 'digs'.



Silchester Gates:  
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March is also the month in which Lent largely falls. This year Lent began on Ash Wednesday, 14 February, which was also Valentine's Day. This is the first time the two days have coincided since 1945, I am told. Of course, we are supposed to give something up for Lent, and this prompted some wag to compose the following ditty combining the two days:

'Roses are red, violets are blue, Lent starts today, so no chocs for you!'

The fourth Sunday in Lent is known as Mothering Sunday, this year 11 March. Originally this was a day that people would return to their 'mother church', in the village where they were born, and meet friends and relatives. It is becoming increasingly hard to find Mothering Sunday cards. I know I will get an earwiggling if my mother receives anything other than a 'proper' card from me, which is why I pounce on any Mothering Sunday card that I come across. In the USA, Mother's Day is celebrated in May, which prompts my American brother to send a query each year to find out when the real day is.

Michael Luck

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James Parkin, Eleanor Larkin and “Cupper Joe” Larkin put on a terrific event at the Clift Meadow Brocas Hall last month and so many people came to support it.

Joe’s espresso machines never stopped and there was an almost constant queue for coffees, Indigo Bakes pastries and Eleanor’s fudge, while James and El sang their lovely harmonies.



Joe says they were quite overwhelmed:

“We want to give huge thanks to everybody that supported the coffee morning.

With all your generosity and some additional Just Giving donations we were able to raise the great total of £564 for Cancer Research UK.

We’re very pleased with that - of course. it was hard work but well worth it!”

**If you missed it, there’s another Cupper Joe / Indigo Bakes coffee morning on Saturday, 3 March at Bramley Village Hall, from 9.30-12.30**

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**The Bayeux Tapestry**

You will have seen in the papers that President Macron of France has offered the Bayeux Tapestry to be exhibited in the UK. Although technically not a Tapestry, being embroidered rather than woven, it depicts the Norman conquest at the Battle of Hastings.

Commissioned by Odo, Bishop of Bayeux and William the Conqueror’s half-brother, it was made in England in the 1070’s and is a perfect example of Norman secular art.

The tapestry has not left France in 950 years and its location for being exhibited has not yet been decided. Cllr Roy Perry, Leader of Hampshire County Council, has offered historic Winchester as a suitable site. In exchange, he has suggested that we offer to the French as an exhibit King Arthur’s Round Table, which hangs in the Great Hall.

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The venue for 30 January was Vectis and first arrivals were there before 2pm with stacks of items produced over the holidays. The quality of the knitting in some of those garments is amazing.

Then Dusty arrived with lots of red wool.

What's this for? Well, it's for a special local project involving knitted poppies - see page 12 for more information. There is still more wool coming in and Edna again did a good sorting job. Phyl is just about able to take up her needles again as the broken wrist mends inside its splints, but there is more time to go before it comes off. Wendy is still doing such useful work with her sewing. It was Edna's birthday and Dusty had made a cake with candles. What a feast! It really was "finger licking" as we wished Edna a Happy Birthday.

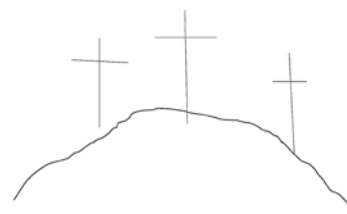
Some members will be trying out the "Charity" Item for the Bramley Show, which is number 47 on the Show schedule. This year it is a wrist warmer and a very easy pattern is available from Phyl, (see number below). Thank you all who helped with cups of tea and the clearing up after a very enjoyable working and social time. Do not forget to call me if you need more wool. The next meeting will be on 27 March. All welcome from 2pm. Oh, and I almost forgot, the pink hyacinth is just coming into flower. Many thanks. Keep knitting and see you next time.

Phyl Davies

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## Bramley Poppy Project 2018

If, like me, you were fortunate enough to visit the Tower of London two years ago, you would have witnessed the magnificent waterfall of ceramic poppies by artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper; one poppy for every soldier who died in WWI – 888,246! And these were only those who fell. Many, many more suffered physical disability and emotional trauma, which in turn affected their loved ones too, thus destroying many lives and relationships.

So what is the Bramley Poppy project? This year marks the centenary of the end of World War I. As tribute to those who fought and died in the service of our country, I am co-ordinating a community project to produce a display of knitted and crocheted poppies which will hang as a waterfall in St James Church, Bramley this November. It would be wonderful if as many people in the village as are able could be involved with this project.

So what can you do?

- **Knit or crochet poppies:** The pattern here is very simple. You can make as many poppies as you are able. Any bright red DK wool will do but wool can be supplied and brought to you
- **Sponsor a poppy:** You can sponsor one or more poppies and your donation will be recorded alongside the display. All proceeds will help fund the purchase of wool and the remainder will be donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Contact me or visit the BL Poppy Appeal table at this year's St. George's Day Fete (21st April on Clift Meadow)



Thank you to those who have already agreed to help with the making of the poppies but many more are needed so please help if you can. Please let me know if you are able to make poppies or wish to sponsor by contacting me on the number below or by email.

### Knitting Pattern:

DK wool / needles 3.5mm or 4mm

Cast on 70 Stitches. Knit 8 rows.

Row 9 – 11 Knit 2tog every stitch (decreasing by number of stitches by half each row.

Cut wool off leaving about 6 inches to thread through last 9 stitches on needle. Pull tight to draw work together and continue to sew up the seam to make up poppy.

(Optional: Sew a black button in the middle or leave and this will be done)

### Crochet Pattern:

DK wool / size 3.5mm or 4 mm crochet hook

Cast on loop method.

3 chain 1 treble), 9 trebles then pull centre loop tight. Slip stitch into 3rd chain and chain 3

1 treble into same stitch as chain, cont. 2 trebles into each space, slip stitch into 3rd chain. Chain 3

2 treble into same stitch as chain, cont. 3 trebles into each space, slip stitch into 3rd chain. Chain 3

1 treble into same stitch as chain, cont. 2 trebles into each space, slip stitch into 3rd chain. Chain 3

Cast off.

(Optional: Sew a black button in the middle or leave and this will be done later)

All Poppies need to be finished by 30th September 2018

Pam Luck 01256 882687 or pam.luck@btconnect.com



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### News from Butter Daisy

It's been a busy time at Butter Daisy Nursery this month .....

The Babies have been exploring their bodies, singing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" as well as spending lots of time looking at their facial features in the mirrors and making funny faces. They have also enjoyed a fruit tasting session, trying lots of delicious new flavours including passion fruit, lychees and lemons.

Our Toddlers have been looking after each other, dressing up as doctors and nurses and wrapping each other up in bandages. This led to discussing our teeth and how we keep them clean. We explored toothbrushes and used paint 'toothpaste' to see the effect this has on pictures of teeth!

The Pre-School Suite have made some delicious healthy smoothies using some of their favourite fruits. They carefully prepared the fruit, watched it blend together, and then tasted it afterwards! Our loft has been transformed into a 'People who help us' station and all of the children took the roles of police officer and fire fighter very seriously as we visited The Meadow to play.

We have had visits from Kelly with baby Harry and Krissi with baby Scarlet – it was lovely to see them all and have a cuddle! The children have also had fun during music and movement sessions as they explored how their bodies moved to different sounds.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated St Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and St David's day. If you are interested in coming to visit the Butter team please call on 01256 882515.



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And just like that, it's March. Where oh where have those first two months gone? Time flies when you are having so much fun in Bramley Youth Club!



Recently in Bramley we have been participating in many fun filled activities from laser tag to games night, capture the flag to a carnival week. And let's take a look at what's to come through March:

| Youth Club Activities      |
|----------------------------|
| 8 March – assassin         |
| 15 March – Sumo Suites     |
| 22 March - Chill WEEK      |
| 29 March – Easter egg Hunt |

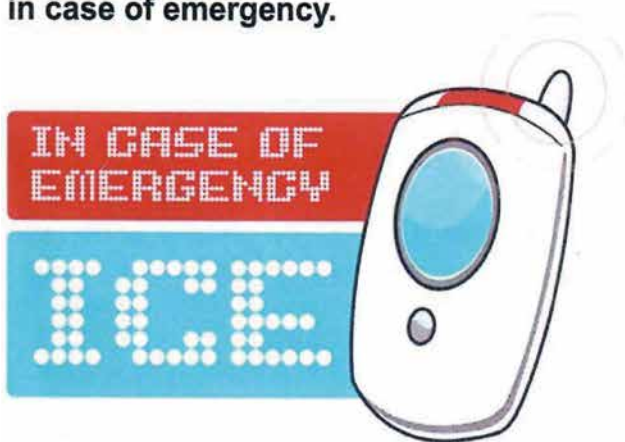
Bramley Youth Club takes place in the heart of Bramley at the Clift Meadow Pavilion every Thursday from 6-8pm. All these activities and admissions come at the bargain price of £2 and all the money taken on admissions goes straight back into the youth club to provide bigger and better activities and equipment. We have a fantastic and extremely popular Tuck Shop which has all the favourite sweets and drinks and some very committed youth workers as well.

If this sounds like something, you would be interested in then why not pop down to BYC on a Thursday and meet the gang. Your first session is completely FREE and you will get to enjoy all the activities and more. If you'd like to volunteer for the youth club then by all means get in contact and we can have a chat regarding the volunteer opportunities that we have. For more information, head over to our Facebook page: @BramleyYouthProject

Roxy Mills

## Who the emergency services should contact

The ICE campaign aims to help paramedics know who to contact in case of emergency.



Spread the word, let your relatives and colleagues know, and if you deliver training, pass the information on to all your Learners.

**MANY OF US CARRY A MOBILE PHONE** with the phone numbers of our loved ones stored in a list of contacts, so if we were to get in an accident, the paramedics would have that information at their fingertips, right? Well, yes and no. The numbers are there, but the paramedics don't know who you'd want them to contact in the case of an emergency. Hence the "ICE" campaign: Store your emergency contacts in your mobile phone's address book under the entry "ICE" (an acronym for In Case of Emergency) and emergency personnel will know who to contact. If you have more than one emergency contact, store them in your contact list as ICE1, ICE2, etc.

The ICE campaign was launched in April 2005 by Bob Brotchie, a paramedic in Cambridge, U.K. After many experiences struggling to get contact details from shocked or injured patients, Brotchie teamed up with European cell phone company Vodaphone to do a survey that revealed 75 percent of people do not carry details about who they would like telephoned following a serious accident. The campaign gained wide acceptance after the London subway bombings in July 2005.

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**And while we are talking about Code words.....**

If you are buying your groceries from Tesco and the cashier innocuously asks another cashier if they've "seen Bob" they are not talking about a colleague but are asking their fellow cashier to check the "bottom of basket," or the bottom of the trolley, which is hard for them to see. Basically, they suspect you of trying the old shoplifting technique of "forgetting" something in the bottom of your trolley.

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## BRAMLEY LUNCH CLUB

On 8 February we had one of our largest gatherings at Cross House as members were joined by friends from Applewood and we also welcomed a new member, George.

Tea and coffee were served as Caroline gave out copies of "crosswords with a difference" which proved quite brain teasing! Other quizzes followed and raffle tickets sold well with great prizes such as chocolates, biscuits and wine.

Lunch was served and all enjoyed the succulent pieces of chicken in a tasty sauce with floury half potatoes and cabbage, followed by large helpings of fruity trifle.

Four birthdays were celebrated during the month. Special greetings to Arthur for his 90th! And Happy Birthday wishes also to Val Monger, Val Mills and Philomena Guy. Judy had made special cupcakes to celebrate.

The raffle was drawn and with tea and coffee served again it was time to go home. Everyone had enjoyed the special day and George on his first visit was in no doubt that he would be coming again.

Before leaving all were sorry to hear that this was Caroline's last time at the Lunch Club as she moves away with her family. We shall miss you Caroline and thank you for all you have done for the club. The next meeting will be held on 8 March. To keep in touch the number is 01256 884065. All are welcome.

Phyl Davies

## BRAMLEY NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER (NWR)

The group started off its 2018 programme in good style with a musical based event – a trip to see The Nutcracker ballet. On 2 February nineteen members met at the Anvil theatre. The performance was outstanding; not only the dancers, but also the beautiful costumes, choreography and the music of the symphony orchestra, which itself was enough to fully engage our senses. Skill and enchantment were everywhere; one could not absorb everything that was going on with outstanding quality in the staging and the backdrop which was full of magical movement. This really was the best ever music evening for Bramley NWR!

On 28 March, you will be welcome at Meade Barn in the Street for some Romany Art. Contact 01256 881723 for information on NWR or just turn up. The first three meetings are free of charge.

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**Cllr Bruce Ansell** explains what the Parish Council has been doing to monitoring air quality in Bramley



Since the summer of 2017 you may have noticed an addition to street furniture around the level crossing, on the telegraph pole BT have yet to connect (they only installed it a few years ago!). If you haven't spotted it then have a look around the bakery area.

Local authorities have a central role in achieving improvements in air quality. Through the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) system local authorities are required to assess air quality in their area and designate Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) if improvements are necessary.

In early 2017 the Parish Council asked Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council if such monitoring had been carried out within the Bramley area, but due to the rural nature of the village there is no criteria for Borough Council officials to consider it necessary.

Rural roads (any road can be classified as rural) are excluded from Government assessments for air quality. Amazingly pollution levels around the Dartford Crossing were excluded from government air quality assessments because it was classed as a "rural" road, the BBC recently discovered. Despite carrying 50 million vehicles a year, the status meant nitrogen dioxide recordings were not reported to the EU.

Conscious of the volume of traffic using the C32 (a minor road) through Bramley and also the high traffic levels regularly stationary around the level crossing, the Parish Council conducted a competitive tender to secure an air quality measuring system. The AQMesh system was installed in mid-July and came online one week later. The system provides measurements of nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide amongst a large number of other parameters for air quality. Data produced by the AQMesh pod is 'pushed' via the supplier's servers directly to the Parish Council who access data on a powerful web application and export the data for post analysis and archiving.

Nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) is one of a group of highly reactive gases and

primarily gets in the air from the burning of fuel. NO<sub>2</sub> forms from emissions from cars, trucks and buses, power plants, and off-road equipment. Breathing air with a high concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> can irritate airways in the human respiratory system. Such exposures over short periods can aggravate respiratory diseases, particularly asthma, leading to respiratory symptoms (such as coughing, wheezing or difficulty breathing), hospital admissions and visits to emergency rooms. Longer exposures to elevated concentrations of NO<sub>2</sub> may contribute to the development of asthma and potentially increase susceptibility to respiratory infections. People with asthma, as well as children and the elderly are generally at greater risk.

The EU set specific levels in which air pollutants are measured and should not be exceeded. For Nitrogen Dioxide there are 2;

- Yearly average must not exceed 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 24-hour average must not exceed 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (a maximum of 35 exceedances are allowed within a 12-month period)

The table below shows the monthly averages for NO<sub>2</sub> recorded by the

AQMesh located at the bakery junction through August 2017 to January 2018.

So, what does it mean? Well in isolation the data indicates that air quality in and around the level crossing/bakery is not brilliant by a long way, however it is not so bad as to exceed EU levels. Peak levels are unsurprisingly being recorded between 0700-0900. Some of the 15 minute peaks are recording levels three times that of the EU recommended average. The area is also on the 'Safe routes to School' for the primary school, so it's not ideal that the children should be experiencing such peak levels of nitrogen dioxide.

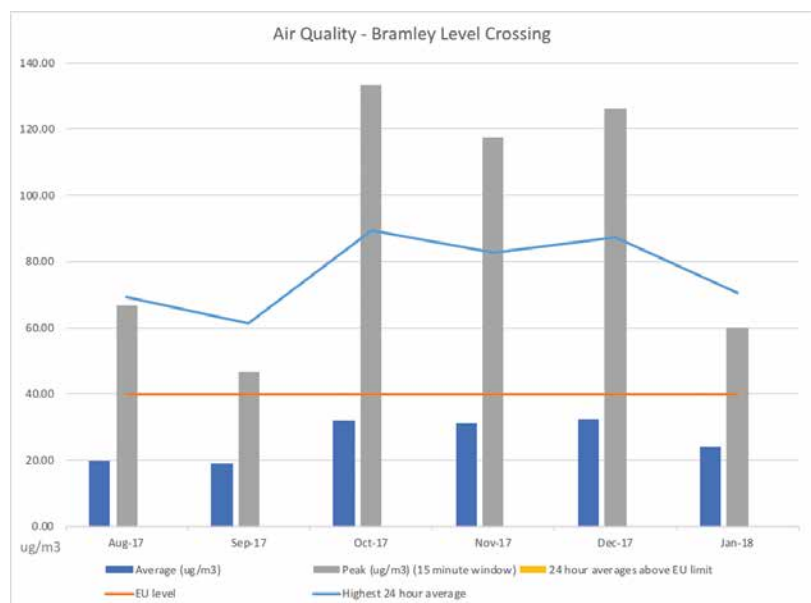
The Parish Council will continue to collect the data and once we have a full 12-month dataset we will be approaching both County and Borough Councils.

Through improving air quality, we can all reduce the short and long term effects on people's health. It will have benefits to those who find their conditions are made worse through exposure to air pollution, for example people with heart or lung conditions or breathing problems.

"Kill the engine if you're sitting at the crossing."

Cllr Bruce Ansell,  
Bramley Parish Council

| Month   | Aug-17 | Sep-17 | Oct-17 | Nov-17 | Dec-17 | Jan-17 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Average (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b>                 | 19.89  | 18.92  | 31.81  | 30.91  | 32.28  | 23.79  |
| <b>Peak (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) (15 minute window)</b> | 66.63  | 46.49  | 133.20 | 117.32 | 126.29 | 59.82  |
| <b>24 hour averages above EU limit</b>            | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>Highest 24 hour average</b>                    | 29.05  | 21.38  | 49.25  | 42.59  | 47.12  | 30.39  |



## Little Apples

This half term has been another busy one filled with fun. We have celebrated Valentine's Day and the children have thought about people who are special to them. They have made some lovely craft and played in our Valentine's Restaurant in our role play area.



We have also been thinking about cold, frost and polar animals. We made big icebergs full of frozen treasure, colours and glitter. The children watched them melt and thought about how they could speed up this

## Bramley Scouts

Hola! Since we last wrote for the Bramley Magazine, the Beavers have been learning about the language and culture of Spain. We were lucky enough that Susanna Ausió Parés came and shared her extensive knowledge of Spain and its customs. The food tasting was a particular favourite with the Beavers - a delicious activity which also counts towards their International Activity badge.

Working together as a team was the main theme of our Lego Challenge evening. Each Lodge had to design and build a vehicle, with every member of the team taking an active part in the process. The winning vehicle travelled over a metre further than some of the other designs.

As well as engaging their minds, the Beavers have also been exercising their bodies. February saw us discovering what happens to your heart rate when you exercise. We also had games in which we could demonstrate how agile we were. These activities, as well as being great fun, count towards the Health & Fitness Activity badge. Thank you to Chloe Hammond for providing inspiring activities and ensuring that we exercised safely.



Staying on the theme of health and safety, just before Christmas, Diane Steel (a First Responder) took the Beavers through how to respond to medical emergencies. The Beavers enthusiastically practised placing each other in the recovery position. They also learnt what to do in the event of cuts, burns and asthma attacks.

22 February is the birthday of Robert Baden Powell, the Founder of Scouting. To commemorate this and to learn more about the Scouting Movement, the Beavers learnt about Beaver scout equivalents in other countries. They also took part in a quiz about the history of Scouting.

Ensuring we can provide engaging, fun and educational sessions takes imagination, knowledge, organisation and manpower. To all our occasional helpers and specialist guest speakers, we would like to say a big thank you – we couldn't do it without you. To the wider community, we would like to invite you to contact us if you can volunteer your knowledge, skills or time to help our Beaver, Cub or Scout sections to thrive. Please email us at: [communications@bramley-scouts.org.uk](mailto:communications@bramley-scouts.org.uk)

Ruth Hunt

process – learning about the properties of materials like this encourages active learning skills and develops early science. The children used appropriate vocabulary to talk about what they saw.


In our garden we have a new, smart fence to the front and there will also be a new play house, both thanks to a grant from the OneStop. We are very grateful for this as it has meant that we could get rid of our old house – it had served us well for many years but was rotting away. We will continue to develop the garden as a great space for fun and learning. The children will be getting involved with some planting and gardening too.

As part of Bird Watch week, we also made bird feeders. The children took these homes and we have had reports of robins visiting them gratefully around the village. We had a bird hunt in the garden and saw our very own robin too. He is very brave, the noise of our outdoor play doesn't put him off. Counting the birds introduces numbers and maths with a fun context.




We are looking forward to next half term and some signs of Spring. We are celebrating Chinese New Year too and then learning about Easter.

In line with Government policies for Early Years Education, Little Apples accepts all children from two years old, whether they receive funding or not. If you would like to register a child or pop up for a visit, please contact Jo on 07598 588 460 or [manager@littleapples.org](mailto:manager@littleapples.org)




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**New Bell Ropes  
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The ropes were duly delivered earlier this year. Each rope is 66 feet long, or about 20 metres for our younger readers. Each new rope was unwrapped and stretched out straight in the aisle of the church. We made sure that the 'sally', the red white and blue fluffy part that is caught and released by each ringer, was not dragged on the floor, as you will see from the pictures. Up above, each old rope was unfastened and lowered on a cord, and then then the corresponding new rope was tied on the cord and pulled up to be re-fixed. Some measuring was necessary to ensure the sallies hung at the correct height, which involved much calling from down below to up above, via the middle floor.

The ropes will now hang for a couple of weeks to straighten out the folds, and Terry will be putting the loops on to the tail end of the ropes using a splicing technique. We will be having a test ring to get used to the feel of the new ropes, so that we are ready for Easter as it rapidly approaches.

It was a great team effort, made possible by Terry's detailed planning and preparation.

Team members:

Up above: Terry Cooper and Jonathan Barclay Smith.

In the middle: Rachel Barclay Smith and Ian Evett.

Down below: Jonathan Large and Michael Luck.



The team of bell ringers with the old ropes



Terry Cooper - Tower Captain and Project Manager



Terry hard at work in the bell tower



Michael Luck tying on the new ropes to be pulled up into the tower



Jonathan Large modelling the new bell ropes

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**Housing Developments**

There are four housing developments in Bramley that have Outline Planning Permission. These developments were approved by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) before the Local Plan or the Neighbourhood Plan was in place. Whilst the Local Plan allocated to Bramley “200 at least”, BDBC approved 315 houses. The Parish Council objected fervently to this number of houses, but now can only talk with the builders and negotiate the style of the houses to be in keeping with the rural aspect of Bramley and in keeping with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Latest state of these developments is:-

- Minchens Lane for 200 houses. This is reaching the Final Phase of development with application in for Reserved Matters for the final 83 houses (17/04282/RES).
- Land North of Sherfield Road, for 50 houses (18/00099/RES).The outline planning permission for this site was for 50 houses. Bewley Homes applied to increase this to 55 but was rejected by BDBC because it was not in accord with the Neighbourhood Plan. The development stands at 50 and the application is in for reserved matters and the Parish Council are in communication with the builders.
- Land South of the Street at the corner of Cufaude Lane (18/00366/RES). This is for 65 houses and the developer, Taylor Wimpey, has just submitted the application for reserved matters. The Parish Council has met with the developers and discussed matters associated with this development
- British Legion Site: - This has outline planning permission for 10 houses but as yet has not reached the next stage.

With the houses on Minchens Lane, with Bewley homes hoping to start mid 2018 with a 20 month build time and Taylor Wimpey starting their development within the next 12, Bramley is going to have three active building sites. The Parish Council will be liaising with BDBC regarding the flow of traffic during this time.

All of these applications can be found on the Basingstoke and Deane web site and residents can make comments concerning the build. The more comments the more influence we as a Parish can have on the build.

**Parish Council of the Year Award**

Bramley Parish Council has been awarded this for 2017/18 by “The Hampshire Association of Local Councils”. This is on the basis of good governance, effective management and administration, and a good example of cost benefit analysis. Bramley Parish are proud to achieve this award and will continue in its aims of being responsive to the needs of the local community and to involve its parishioners in the Council’s decision-making about the issues which affect them including planning, delivery of services and the future of the area.

**WWI Commemorations**

The Parish Council are registered to participate in the Nation’s Tribute to “BATTLE’S OVER” on the 11 November 2018, being 100 years of Remembrance of the end of WWI. Along with other parishes and towns across the country, we will be lighting the beacon at 7pm. We will follow this up with some form of celebration (Any ideas gratefully received!). We hope that residents will participate in this celebration. (Information on [www.brunopeek.co.uk/Battles-Over-Guide.pdf](http://www.brunopeek.co.uk/Battles-Over-Guide.pdf)).

Consideration is being given to the idea of a War Memorial in the village (Again, any comments are welcome).

**Parish Precept**

Bramley Parish Council has resolved to raise the precept for this coming year after debate at the recent Parish Council meeting. This decision was made reluctantly following 6 years of no increase to the overall precept, and therefore a drop in precept charge to all households.

The total precept requested will be £80,000 – a £15,000 increase on 2017/18. £4,000 of this increase is due to development in Bramley, and has no impact on how much is paid per household. The remaining £11,000 extra will mean a £6 per year per household increase in a Band D property – which accounts to a 16% increase in the portion of the Council Tax that is allocated to your Parish Council.

The precept charge will still be less than it was in 2012/13, after which the Parish Council made a 24% cut to the overall level.

Full information and explanations can be found on the Bramley Parish Web site, [www.bramleypc.co.uk](http://www.bramleypc.co.uk) under Finances

**Security**

To protect the Community Valued Assets of Bramley, a new sturdy gate has been installed for entry to the car park at Cliff Meadow along with new security cameras. This will hopefully deter vandalism which has been increasing of late in Bramley. Similar gate protection is going to be installed at the Village Hall.

Reporting any incident to the police on telephone number 101 will eventually help the police to eliminate vandalism. The money residents pay in the rates is used to protect the Community Assets, so please be watchful.

**Defibrillators**

There are two now available in the village, one at the village hall and the second at One Stop. Instructions on what to do in an emergency are clearly spelt out on the casing. They are there to save a life if necessary.

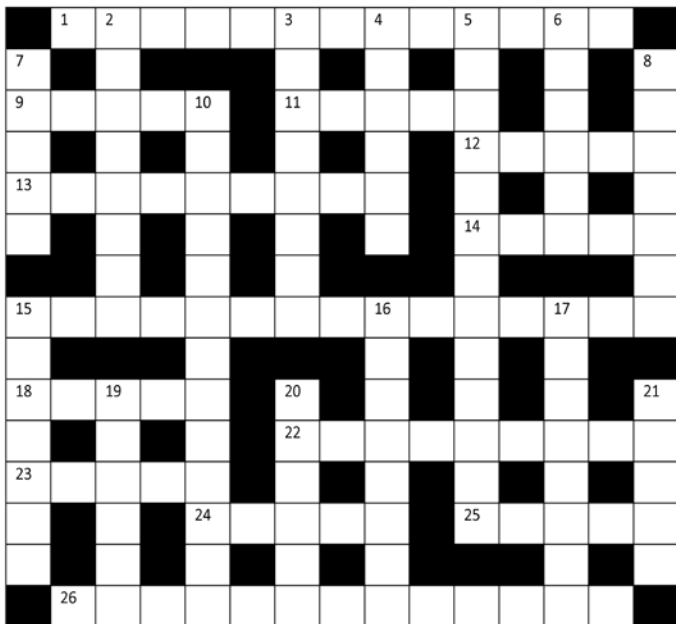
Over the next few months Bramley is going to see dramatic changes to its structure. The Parish Council will work to maintain its rural aspect but our authority is limited. We can only ask that the community helps in every way possible, reporting incidents to the police and to the Parish Clerk (email: - [parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk)).

The Parish Council would like to welcome all the new residents to Bramley Parish and trust that you will have a comfortable, secure and enjoyable life in Bramley.

Next Parish Council Meeting is 20 March at 19.30 in the Bramley Room at the village hall.

Malcolm Bell

Vice Chair Bramley Parish Council  
On behalf of Bramley Parish Council



**Cryptic Crossword No: 16**

See page 26 for the answers.

**Across**

- 1 Western film describing the size of the USA ? (3,3,7)
- 9 The minimum required yet a language if in capitals. (5)
- 11 Palindromic part of a helicopter. (5)
- 12 Very old language gave away this flower initially. (5)
- 13 Disapproval or assessment depending on your point of view. (9)

- 14 Beginnings of light and night are indicators of this veranda. (5)
- 15 Why didn't the chicken think of this to get to the other side of the road, apparently another bird did. (7,8)
- 18 Short sailor in reverse lit it around and came up with a dish. (5)
- 22 Page lifer for the act of stealing a little. (9)
- 23 Close fitting material like your clothes really are to begin with. (5)
- 24 Firm support all you non-U arrangement reveals. (5)
- 25 Work period that can also lead to a limitation of effort. (5)
- 26 A combination of hay or gent deed removes certain atoms. (13)

**Down**

- 2 Ho, Al tips up revealing a place to be sick. (8)
- 3 Groan sir, that will bring the troops. (8)
- 4 Precisely not late. (2,4)
- 5 Courage shown by a fibre minus a headland ? (13)
- 6 Change scheme done by short salesman and computer network. (6)
- 7 Where one is taken when returning or startled ? (8)
- 8 Frightening when vehicle absorbed by something one can do vocally. (7)
- 10 Exciting description sounds like an ascent role in charge with a friend. (13)
- 15 Bed and breakfast accommodated by turbulent sleep dreamt of smooth rocks. (7)
- 16 Fresh bung holding student ideal for screwing into a wall. (8)
- 17 Detail is confused to produce a visionary. (8)
- 19 A pub with energy evokes a place with associations. (6)
- 20 Agent holding royal but with hesitation becomes more lively. (6)
- 21 Greek character holds the Spanish by tad arrangement. (5)

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

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

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**Cryptic Crossword No: 16 Solutions**

- | Across             | Down             |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 THEBIGCOUNTRY    | 2 HOSPITAL       |
| 9 BASIC            | 3 GARRISON       |
| 11 ROTOR           | 4 ONTIME         |
| 12 VOLGA           | 5 NERVELESSNESS  |
| 13 CRITICISM       | 6 REPLAN         |
| 14 LANAI           | 7 ABACK          |
| 15 PELICANCROSSING | 8 SCARING        |
| 18 BALTI           | 10 CLIMACTICALLY |
| 22 PILFERAGE       | 15 PEBBLES       |
| 23 LYCRA           | 16 RAWLPLUG      |
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**A**s Spring arrives we should see more of these butterflies around, so if you have ever wondered how and why they get their nectar fix let **John Stubbs** explain in ‘**The Nectarholic**’

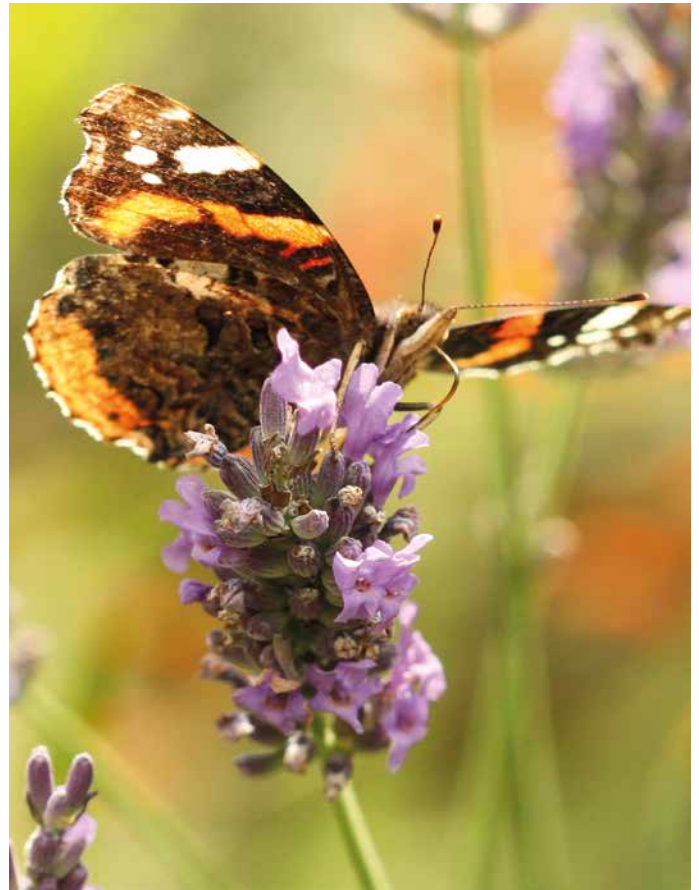
One day last July I found this specimen lunching on one of Sarah’s lavender bushes. And to eat like this, his ancestors had taken a very brave decision - rather like living in a sweet shop and having all your teeth removed – there’d be no going back.

The Red Admiral was of course drinking nectar from the flower; as an adult butterfly that was pretty much all he could manage through his proboscis. A few rotting fruit juice cocktails perhaps, or a little puddle water, a bit of pollen or even some handy faeces, for the minerals. Nothing more solid, though: once hatched as a butterfly, leaves, meat, and the like are off the menu.

That was a drastic step: flight is an energy intensive lifestyle - why give up the option of meat and a two hundred veg? Obviously it’s because nectar is the ideal fuel – sugars, as well as protein and a bunch of useful chemicals, all provided free of charge. That’s grand, then, provided you’ve got a proboscis curled up on your face to get inside the flowers for the treats. But before flying insects were around, why should flowers bother with this nectar production business, which can take as much as a quarter of the plant’s energy – why even should plants decorate themselves with these brightly coloured fancy bits?

It seems the most probable route was that early plants, before flowers evolved, carried both seeds and pollen, the two getting together on part of a frond or bud, with germination boosted by a sugary fluid leaking from inside. At this time, any wider distribution of the pollen would have been by its being blown about on the wind, rather hit or miss but avoiding the limitations of self-fertilisation: more genetic variety, leading to healthier plants with quicker adaption and development.

Flying insects, though, lapped it up, as it were. Not easily, as they’d only have had mandibles and no tongue – fine for chewing or biting, but not for supping liquids. Flying insects tend to need more fluid than creeping ones, and there were dry periods where the ability to suck up water was a real bonus. Hence the mouthparts of some of them developed allowing the jaw muscles to pump, and helped by sealing off the biting bits, getting gradually better at drawing in fluid. This came to form a short sort of drinking tube: hence the



first proboscis. All this took place over a period of tens of millions of years and way before butterflies as we know them now, but it raised the curtain for so much that we now take for granted.

The sugary fluid attracting these then incidental pollinators caused the wider spread of these plants, and the plant organs involved got better at it - later this fluid also carried chemicals that prevented moulds and fungi, as well as attracting carnivorous insects so that leaf-eating insects were kept away. The resulting parts contained the seed fertilisation kit, and advertised their wares with specially coloured leaf structures: the flower industry was born. Over the past 150 million odd years these flowering plants have come to form around 80% of all vegetation: many other factors influenced this, of course – in particular the development of smaller cell-sizes allowing more efficient leaf chemistry, able to adapt to a wider range of climate conditions.

The familiar Red Admiral, then, has a proboscis, about as long as its body, formed with two internal tubes. Landing on a flower it lifts the straight part out, then unwinding the curled length, feeling the way down inside the flower by means of the hairs on the sides of the proboscis – it’s going to be out of sight, down there. In this process some pollen will be caught up, and transferred to flowers that are next visited. If it’s a different plant type, that’s a waste of effort, so there’s a big incentive for the plant to attract regular customers. One exotic orchid went to the extreme of stowing the nectar some ten inches down, so that ordinary visitors could never reach it. This is a risky strategy, but it works.

As a new find, one of these flowers was given to Charles Darwin to examine. He pointed out that somewhere around there’s got to be a moth with a ten inch nose – and such a thing was a completely unheard of at the time. Some 130 years later, sure enough, just such a Hawk moth was found.

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She started the run outside Parklands Hospital at 7am, encouraging patients and staff to join her for a lap of the park, before heading to RMP Bulford, where she is based.



The run represents the journey she's taken over the last few months. It will be physically and mentally challenging but it will show her strength and determination - both attributes you need to overcome, or help someone else overcome mental illness.

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Caroline Wallis

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An LPA is a way of giving someone you trust the legal authority to make decisions on your behalf should you lose mental capacity in the future or if you are worried about managing your affairs in the future. This person is called an Attorney.

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There are two different types of LPA. One of them covers decisions about your property and finances, and the other covers decisions about your health and welfare. You can choose to have one or both.

You can appoint the same person or persons to be your Attorney for both LPAs or you can choose different Attorneys.

The LPA will only be valid if you have the

mental capacity to set it up and have not been put under any pressure to create it.

It must be countersigned to this effect by a trusted third party and registered with the Office of the Public Guardian.

If you are married or in a civil partnership do not assume that your spouse will automatically be able to deal with your finances and make decisions about your healthcare. This is not the case as, without an LPA, they will not have the authority.

We recommend that everybody has an LPA in place as mental capacity can be lost or diminish suddenly, as a result of a serious accident or suffering an illness.

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If you would like to discuss setting up an LPA, please contact Caroline Wallis, head of the Wills & Probate team at Phillips, by calling 01256 854637 or by emailing [caroline.wallis@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:caroline.wallis@phillips-law.co.uk)

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### Main Events

#### Fiction For all Tastes: a writing workshop

Saturday 3 March/11am – 3pm/£15

A workshop led by two award winning authors, Abi Oliver/Anne Murray and Helen Matthews. Come along and share tips on the writing process and how to get published. The workshop is led through a mixture of talk, discussion and writing exercises.

#### Science Night

Wednesday 14 March/From 6pm

*Please note that all talks are intended for an adult audience*

#### Discover the World's Largest Telescope Under Construction - Europe's ELT 6pm – 7pm / £3.50

Come along and find out about the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT) and the engineering science behind its construction. This talk is presented by Dave Shave-Wall, former Chairman of Basingstoke Astronomical Society, part time Astrophotographer and full time Chief Technologist at IBM.

#### Get Creative with Cosplay

6pm – 7pm / £3.50

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#### Learning in Libraries

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#### Kickstart your Creative Writing

Wednesday 14 March/10am – 1pm/  
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#### Get to Know Your iPad

Saturday 17 March/10am – 4.30pm/  
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#### Digital Photography Introduction

Friday 23 March/10am – 12.30pm/  
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This course aims to explore the various parts and features of a Digital Camera and take photographs using different settings plus portrait, flash and macro photos. You will need a digital camera and a compatible memory card and charged batteries and the camera manual if you have it.

#### Children's Events

##### Children's Craft- World Book Day Celebration

Saturday 3rd March/from 10am/  
FREE/Ages 3+

Book character fun with crafts and colouring.

##### Mini professors Children's Science Days

Saturday 10 & 17 March: 10 am – 12 noon / FREE / Ages 2+

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##### Children's Craft – Easter craft and trail

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Sarah Mitchell is in contact with the foodbank and will up date this list monthly.

If you would prefer to donate money, please visit the website:

<https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>

You can also call or take donations. The address & number are below, with opening times.

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Basingstoke/Tadley Foodbank:

Sarum Hall, Trinity Methodist Church, Sarum Hill, Basingstoke RG21 8SR

Opening times:

Mondays 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Wednesdays & Fridays 10.30am - 2.30pm

| <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>Jolly Babies 11.30am</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         |
| <i>Bootcamp 8-9pm</i>   | Clift Meadow Pavilion         |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>   |                               |
| <i>Parish Council Meetings<br/>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month</i>          | Bramley Room,<br>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>Slimming World<br/>starting in March</i>                                     | Brocas 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>Bramley Mums Walking Group<br/>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<br/>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<br/>Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>                           | Sherfield on Loddon<br>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<br/>&amp; 8.30-9.30pm</i>                                       | Cross House                         |
| <i>Youth Club 6-8pm</i>  | Brocas Hall                         |
| <i>Clubercise 7pm-7.45pm<br/>Launch night 7th September</i>                                      | Village Hall                        |
| <i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>  | Clift Meadow Pavilion               |
| <i>Modern Jive Classes 8-10.30pm</i>   | Village Hall                        |
| <i>Zumba 8.15- 9.15pm</i>  | Clift Meadow Pavilion               |
| <i>Bootcamp 9-10pm</i>   | Brocas Hall                         |
| <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                         |
| <i>Farmers market 1st Saturday</i>   | Clift Meadow Pavilion               |
| <b>Sundays</b>   |                                     |
| <i>Dinky Disco</i>   | Village Hall                        |
| <i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley<br/>&amp; St Stephen's Little London</i> |                                     |



### Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

| Organisation                            | Name                     | Tel No       | Email   | Remarks                                   |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|---|---|
| Parish Council                          | Maxta Thomas             | 07810 692486 | www.bramleypc.co.uk<br>parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk                        | Not for bookings                          |
| Clift Meadow                            | Eileen Gulston           | 881125       | e.e.gulston@gmail.com   | Bookings                                  |
| Cross House                             | Pam Luck                 | 882687       | crosshousebramley@gmail.com   | Bookings                                  |
| Village Hall                            | Catriona Hayward         | 07464 749997 | Bookings@bvht.org.uk  | Bookings                                  |
| School Hall                             | Alison Tarrant           | 881339       |   |   |
| Active Mums Post Natal Exercise         | Emma Perkins             | 07973 389407 | emmatraining@hotmail.com<br>www.emmaperkins.com                           |   |
| Badminton                               | Jane Matthews            | 881647       |   |   |
| Beavers, Cubs & Scouts                  | Jodie Saunders           | 881113       | jodie@bramley-scouts.org.uk   |   |
| Bell ringers                            | Terry Cooper             | 881102       |   |   |
| Bootcamp                                | Michelle Williams        | 07799 242621 | michellehotmama@hotmail.co.uk   |   |
| Bramley Out of School Club/Holiday Club | Julie Belam              | 07711 339306 | info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com<br>www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com         |   |
| Bramley Volunteer Drivers               |                          | 07787 166924 | Visit us on Facebook  |   |
| Bramley Youth Club                      | Lee Goreham              | 01256 423824 | lee.goreham@BVaction.org.uk<br>www.basingstokevoluntaryaction.co.uk/youth |   |
| Brownies                                | Suzanne Cox              | 07920 822221 | suzanne-cox@hotmail.com   | Now Weds only                             |
| Caterpillar Music                       | Jasmine McCarthy         | 07952 935021 | jasmine.mccarthy@caterpillarmusic.com                                     |   |
| Clubbercise                             | Chris Burch              | 07979 417743 | Facebook Clubbercise Bramley with Chris                                   | Adults                                    |
| Country Music                           | Roy Seymour              | 07917 744780 |   | No children please                        |
| Dance Club (Petite)                     | Louise Onslow            | 883568       |   |   |
| DanceXAffinity/<br>Modern Jive          | Chris Birch              | 07979 417743 | info@dancexaffinity.co.uk   |   |
| Dinky Disco                             | Nikki Mills              | 07523072591  | nikki.m.mills@hotmail.com   |   |
| Exercise classes                        | Caroline Sherlock        | 07845 217901 | caroline@this2thisfitness.co.uk   |   |
| Farmers market                          | Jo Kemp Williams         | 07557412400  | jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com  |   |
| Floral Society                          | Joyce Rawlinson          | 889040       |   |   |
| Guides                                  | Louise Whitmarsh         | 01256 881125 | louise_whitmarsh@hotmail.com  |   |
| Hatha Yoga                              | Jacqui Morris            | 07539 432228 | jacqui.morris28@gmail.com   |   |
| Hipp Pilates                            | Jo Kemp Williams         | 07557 412400 | jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com  |   |
| Jolly Babies                            | Sam Gill                 | 07765 408587 | samgillmusic@hotmail.com  |   |
| ARO Kickboxing                          | Aidan Hudson             | 07910 054694 | aidanhudsonpt@gmail.com   |   |
| Little Apples                           | Jo Whatley & Sian Davies | 07598 588460 | manager@littleapples.org  |   |
| Lunch Club                              | Chris Woodward           | 884065       |   |   |
| Mum's Walking Group                     | Julie Wilson             |              | juliebelam12@gmail.com  |   |
| Music with Mummy                        | Sam Gill                 | 07765 408587 | samgillmusic@hotmail.com  |   |
| Perform                                 | Gemma Payne              | 07825 916496 | gemmapayne@perform.org.uk   |   |
| Pilates                                 | Heather Lewis            | 07785 254313 | hsfitnessuk@mac.com   |   |
| Pilates                                 | Kelly James              | 07789 487499 | kkellyjames@aol.com   |   |
| Pilates (WG Pilates)                    | Wendy Gill               | 07961 102535 | wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk   |   |
| Royal British Legion                    | Rhydian Vaughan          | 07774 681516 |   |   |
| Short Mat Bowls                         | John & Pauline Walker    | 881065       |   |   |
| St Stephen's Hall                       | Doreen Quilter           | 850394       | doreen.quilter@btinternet.com   | Bookings                                  |
| Thula Mama                              | Rebecca Cooch            | 07971 798945 | rebecca.cooch@gmail.com   |   |
| Trail Runners                           | Richard Perkins          |              | richardperkins@yahoo.com  |   |
| WI                                      | Pat Cole                 | 881715       | gpcoles37@gmail.com   |   |
| Yoga                                    | Lisa Caprai              | 07876 028329 | lisa@lisacyoga.co.uk  |   |
| Zumba with Gisella                      | Gisella Soulsby          | 07704 918050 | zumbagisella1@gmail.com<br>Facebook: Gisella Soulsby – Zumba              | £5/class + Loyalty card for free sessions |
| 0-5s club                               | Laura Lamb               | 07766 560918 | lauraslamb@gmail.com  |   |

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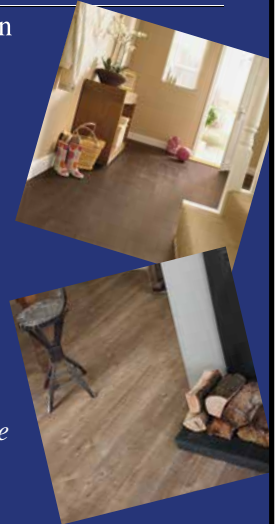


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