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Snow scene in Bramley by Jenny Todd

There are some great photos in the magazine this month, including a couple of Venus and Jupiter on page 18. Jupiter may look like a tiny speck but it's amazing that we can see it at all when you think that it is over 365 million miles away. My daughter did a school project once when she worked out how a scaled down solar system would fit into Bramley. If the Sun was 30cm wide and at the level crossing, then the Earth would be at Pheaben's Field, Saturn would be at the far end of Clift Meadow and Neptune would be near Cufaude Lane. The nearest star would be 8,510km away, which is further than India! It does put life in perspective when you look into the vastness of space. Did you know there are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth? That's at least a billion trillion or if you're good at maths 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. What's more, the universe is so unimaginably large that some of the stars we are looking at today no longer exist. They are so far away that we are looking at them in the past. For example, a star called Betelgeuse (in the constellation of Orion if you know anything about astronomy) is 640 light-years away, so the light left the star around 1379 and we are only just seeing it. And don't get me started on the vastness of our galaxy! The Milky Way is so big that it takes the Sun 225 million years to perform a complete circuit around it. And that's just our galaxy. Using data from the Hubble Telescope astronomers have calculated there are likely to be around 170 billion other galaxies in the observable universe. It does make you wonder what else or who else is out there.

If looking at the stars makes you feel a bit insignificant, then you can console yourself with the fact that your brain is the most complicated thing we have yet discovered. It has a hundred billion neurons, a quadrillion connections (I'm not even sure what that number is) and it gives us the power to form language and culture and the ability to learn and develop. It is because of our brain that we can push ourselves to sporting excellence like our featured neighbour on page 8, or learn a musical instrument like Claire Jones on page 13. I'm pretty sure my brain is retaining less and less as I get older but young children seem to have brains like sponges and take in more than you realise (or perhaps would like!). They are getting lots of opportunities to expand their brain power in the new outdoor learning areas at Bramley school as you will see on page 17, as well as the new gardening opportunities at Clift Meadow featured on page 9. Keeping your brain active is said to be a good way to ward off dementia, so perhaps this is the month to have a go at the crossword or codeword on page 22. If you feel you need to give your brain a rest then turn to the centre pages and take a look at some photos of Bramley in the snow.

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

"There are stars whose radiance is visible on Earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world even though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark. They light the way for humankind."

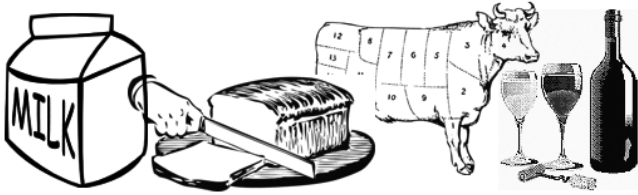
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3rd	Sunday next before Lent
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
6th	Ash Wednesday
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
10th	1st Sunday of Lent
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
17th	2nd Sunday of Lent
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
24th	3rd Sunday of Lent
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
31st	4th Sunday of Lent
	No early services
10.30	Mothering Sunday Service – St James

... And into April...

7th	5th Sunday of Lent
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
14th	Palm Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion – (BCP, 1662) St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
18th	Maundy Thursday
7.00pm	Fellowship Supper in Cross House – everyone welcome: sign up in church porch
8.00pm	Holy Communion
19th	Good Friday
10.00	Children’s Service – St James
2.00pm	An Hour at the Foot of the Cross – St James
21st	Easter Day
10.30	Easter Family Communion – St James

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See bramleymusicfestival.org.uk and our new Facebook page for more information.

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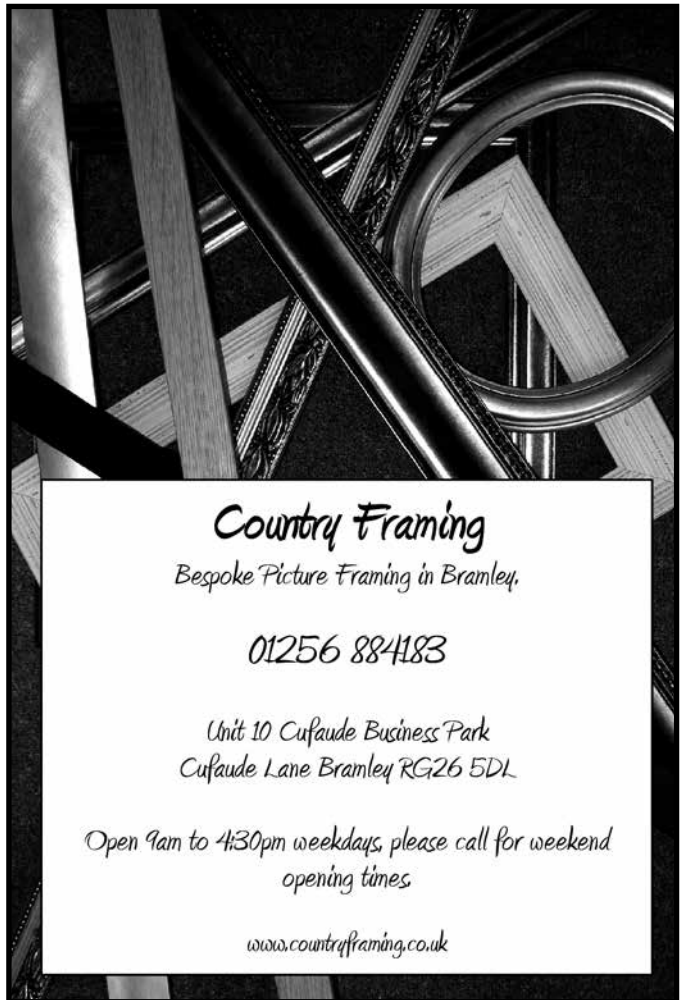
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In John Lenton's absence on holiday, Alison Jones has stepped in to give us her reflection on **Life-Changing Magic**

Do you have a copy of Marie Kondo's *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying*? I do, but it took me a good half hour to find it for this article, which tells you pretty much everything you need to know. Quite apart from the fact that she's a millionairess who splits her time between Japan and Los Angeles whereas I... well, I'm not, I doubt we're ever going to be friends.

Kondo describes herself as an organising consultant. Her book has revolutionised homes around the world. So far so good: I don't share her passion for a neat sock drawer but I can't fault her for it. There's nothing wrong with a tidy house. But as a reader and as a publisher, when I heard that she'd recommended people have no more than 30 books in her home, I took her right off my Christmas card list. Doesn't she understand, I raged, that books are not simply objects? Books are sophisticated teleportation devices into other people's heads and other worlds and you can never have too many of them. Except maybe hers.

(In fact, as is so often the way, it's more complicated than that: turns out she simply said that that's her personal limit, she wasn't necessarily prescribing it for everyone. But still: 30??)

But leaving aside her wrong-headedness on books, Kondo has an interesting way of helping her clients declutter their houses. She encourages them to hold up every item they own, one by one, and test it to see if it 'sparks joy': if not, she says, you should thank it for its service and let it go.

This sounds nice. One problem with it of course is that not everything that's necessary sparks joy – the toilet plunger sparks no joy in me whatsoever, but I know if I were to declutter it, the day would come when I'd regret that decision.



Alison Jones

But I get the principle. And I found this quote from her book particularly interesting:

'There are three approaches we can take toward our possessions: face them now, face them sometime, or avoid them until the day we die.'

She's talking about physical clutter, of course, but it struck me that that's actually our choice when it comes to our spiritual lives too. Most people, most days, put off thinking about their relationship with God for 'sometime' or avoid it until they die (when of course it's too late). And in the meantime they clutter up their life with things that maybe once sparked joy but no longer do: relationships, technology, clothes, cars. And they live with a niggling sense of dissatisfaction day after day.

Because at some level or other we're all seeking to answer that question: where can I find joy?

Marie Kondo is smart because whereas most businesses make their money selling us ever more stuff, she's identified how dissatisfied we are with the stuff we

already have. She's smart because she's made a fortune promising people that they can find joy not in acquiring more stuff, but in throwing stuff away! But – I suggest – no matter how much joy you experience when you look at your tidy shelves, it won't scratch your deeper spiritual itch.

What is it that *really* sparks joy? When you come down to it, it's love. We get a taste of it every time we connect properly with people, with our family, friends, community, co-workers, strangers on the street. It's when someone thinks of us, or we share an experience, or we see our child learn something new or our partner does something thoughtful or we achieve something together as a team. Sometimes we even get it when we catch ourselves being our BEST selves – that's a form of love too.

And unlike the pleasure you get from being able to see the back of your wardrobe, those sparks of joy are real and lasting because they're sparks from a bigger fire. They're tiny fragments in us of the fire of God's love.

As C. S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity* (a book I definitely WON'T be decluttering):

'If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.'

Nice try, Marie, but we're not made to find lasting happiness in a tidy sock drawer. What truly sparks joy in us is knowing and sharing the love of God.



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A big thank you to Keith Dilliway for suggesting this month's guest for **Meet the Neighbours**. Keith met **Sarah-Jane Nichols** out cycling and was impressed by her many sporting achievements. So, we thought we'd find out a bit more!

Bramley Magazine: Sarah-Jane, how long have you been living in the Bramley area?

Sarah-Jane: I grew up in Little London, moved away briefly and then came back to Bramley. I've been here 16 years now and I love it!

BM: And did your parents live here all their lives, too?

S-J: Yes, my parents originally came from Basingstoke and Tadley. They actually met here in Bramley at the youth club! Apparently in the late 1940s the youth club here was THE place to go; it was by the station and people came from all around the area. My mum would take the train and my Dad would ride his motorbike from Tadley. They've lived in Little London for 46 years now.

BM: We hear you are just a little bit sporty?!

S-J: Ha-ha, yes just a bit! I've loved sport from a young age – my Dad was very sporty and loved his bikes, so he encouraged me. I did trampolining, karate and Motocross but my main achievements were in BMX racing. I was seven times British Champion, four times European and in 1986 I was the girls 16+ World Champion.



I decided to 'retire' at that point and go out on a high. Then one day, I was ice-skating at Bracknell and saw a team playing Ice Hockey. So, I joined them and went on to compete for England and Great Britain. I still play now, for the Basingstoke Hyenas. I still cycle, too, though on a road bike these days. I've done many charity rides over the years, including Hartley Wintney to Paris to raise money for St John's Church.

BM: Wow! And as well as all that you have a family and a job?!

S-J: I work at Sherfield School as a housekeeper. I've been there for 13 years now. I also love spending time with my son and my partner, we enjoy days out or walking the dog. My son is also a very keen cyclist and you'll often see me out riding with him and his friend, Taylor. We call ourselves 'Team Bramley' and last year we did a 100-mile ride in the New Forest.

BM: What are some of your favourite things about living here?!

S-J: I love living in the countryside! I'm a real animal lover so I like seeing all the wonderful wildlife we have right on



our doorstep. Having the train station is a real asset, too.

BM: Can you sum up what the community of Bramley means for you and your family?!

S-J: The community spirit here in Bramley is second to none. I think The Facebook community page is a fantastic platform for this –you see it when people lose their cats, or want to share about the litter picking day, or just want to thank the hard-working staff at the shop or the bakery. Everyone always seems to step up to help and this is what community spirit is about.



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Muddy Fingers

Do you remember making daisy chains, pulling up carrots or digging for worms in the garden as a child? Well last year I set up a children's gardening and nature class called Muddy Fingers, with the goal of getting our little ones to take more interest in nature. At Muddy Fingers I love to encourage children's interest and natural curiosity in all things gardening. By exploring different themes around growing, nature and the seasons, each week the children learn about growing food, the importance of plants and flowers and looking after the environment.



I'm delighted to say that for the last year I have been working with Bramley Parish Council and the Clift Meadow Trust to create a space for a local children's garden, which begins work in mid-March. First there will be a post and rail fence going in, weather permitting of course, shortly followed by some raised beds. Around 15x5m, the space is a lovely size to enable the children to grow a variety of fruit and vegetables, as well as ornamental flowers. It also allows space for creative and fun stations like a runner bean teepee den, herbs planted into 'pizza slices' and a water wall! I have lots of exciting plans for the space, as you will see here in the photos/images.

I hope the garden will bring lots of colour and joy to the community space as well as offering the children a safe and engaging learning environment. If you're interested in taking part and joining the Muddy Fingers sessions, then I currently deliver preschool groups in Basingstoke and Brocas Hall in Bramley and hope to soon offer weekend and afterschool sessions for children of all ages.



Please contact Lauren at Muddy Fingers, on info@muddyfingersgardenclub.co.uk or visit our social pages on Facebook and Instagram to see all the fun things we have been getting up to.

Lauren Dotor Cespedes

Whilst I may be responsible for managing the garden, the children will have a fundamental role in maintaining it and enjoying the rewards. Gardening is such a healthy and fun activity for children. It's wonderful at developing new skills and self-confidence as they spend time in the garden tending to plants. Most children enjoy being outdoors and love digging in the soil, getting dirty and watching plants grow – so I feel it's important we try to nurture and encourage that interest.

I have already invited local community groups to get involved with the garden by helping to build and decorate the raised bed with their own designs. At Muddy Fingers, I try as much as possible to promote the 3 Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle. So, if you have any surplus plants, unwanted planters, or just general garden items, we would be delighted to make good use of them.

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We are delighted to announce that this year's village Fete will be on Clift Meadow on Saturday 11 May 2019. Since we started running the Fete on an annual basis four years ago we have been amazed at how quickly this event has taken hold and we are still exploring how far we can take it. Feedback from those of you kind enough to offer it was, basically, "we want more". So we are taking your advice while trying to keep it as local as possible. The first most important aspect was choosing the date and while last year we were incredibly lucky with



the weather we can't always count on it, hence the new date in May neatly side-stepping the FA Cup and two bank holidays. Next up is to bring in more food options, invite more stall holders, give the dog show its own arena and have more music, more activities, more everything! It will be very interesting to see how the day goes and we are looking forward to seeing you there. If you have time to spare please contact us via Facebook – an hour's help would be invaluable.

Elsewhere at Clift Meadow there has been a lot of activity. Following the development of St James Park on the other side of the brook we are the proud owners of an extended path allowing better access from the development to the village, but most importantly we have a very smart new car park. Parking is a real issue in Bramley and we shall always maintain that the car park is for the users of Clift Meadow. With increased spaces we can accommodate larger classes, which is ideal. We have some new users too. We welcome back Slimming World after a short absence and Muddy Fingers will soon start work on building a garden


near the tennis courts to introduce pre-school children to the joys and benefits of nature through gardening. It's a fantastic initiative and I urge all those with relevant aged children to visit their Facebook page. There is more information on page 9 of the magazine.

As well as the Fete we have other events on Clift Meadow to mark in your diaries. The luxurious Pamper Evening is on 6 April with therapists on hand to soothe away stress and strain. The ever popular Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Friday 19 April around midday. It's a hunt that everyone amazingly manages to complete, spurred on no doubt by the incentive of chocolate. I don't believe there is an age barrier so don't hold back.

Dates for the diary

6 April	Pamper Evening
19 April	Easter Egg Hunt
11 May	Fete
20 July	Scavenger Hunt
1 November	Fireworks

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Bramley Show 2019

It may only be March but it is not too soon to be thinking about the schedule for the Bramley Show which will be held on Saturday 17 August. The subjects for the Photography, Art and Children's classes were given in the December/January magazine and now it is the Handicrafts, Domestic and Floral Art divisions which have been decided. The new schedule items for this year in these divisions will be:-

- Handicraft – Class 45 A 3D fun scene of crochet or knitting to fit a board of 12"x12".
Class 46 A small quilted article.
Class 47 An item for charity knitted.
(Yet to be decided)
- Domestic – All items must be labelled with ingredients.
Class 60 Carrot Cake (recipe to be provided)
Class 61 Flavoured Bread
Class 62 Rock Cakes (5) - not to use cake mix
Class 63 Pate – 3" ramekin (meat, fish or vegetable)
Class 64 Custard Tarts (5)
Class 65 Pasty (2) - (any filling)
Class 66 Lemon Drizzle Cake (recipe to be provided)
Class 70 For men only – Ginger Bread
(recipe to be provided)
- Floral Art – Class 19 A decoration in a shoe not to exceed 20cm x 20cm
Class 20 A book or song title (labelled)
Class 21 3 flowers and foliage
Class 22 L-shaped arrangement
Class 23 A hand held posy

It is hoped that these items, along with the other classes in those divisions which remain unchanged from last year, will inspire those cooks, crafters and floral artists among you to take part in this year's show.

It would be good to hold another scarecrow festival in June or July this year as they have proved to be very popular in previous years. However, such an event needs an organiser and we are seeking anyone in the village who would be willing to take on this task.

We are also seeking the services of anyone with the required computer skills to manage our show website.

If you think you might wish to take on either of these opportunities to be of service to and brighten the lives of our community in Bramley please contact me (Anne Porter) on 01256 881691.

Anne Porter, Bramley Show Committee

Loddon Sports Junior Football Club

Loddon Sports, founded in 1970 and based in the village of Sherfield-on-Loddon, is quickly approaching its 50th birthday. Now a firmly established Youth Football Club it is looking to recruit young players to boost some age groups, this refers mainly to boost our numbers, although we would never turn away a 'star of the future'.

The club currently operates teams from 3 1/2 years to 16 years and would welcome any young players wishing to join a club where enjoyment, fun and skills operate side by side. Commencing at the start of season 2019/20 the club is looking to establish and continue to run teams of players from Under 7 to Under 16 as sadly due to various reasons we have not been able to cater for certain age groups during the current season.

The club currently has teams competing in the Peter Houseman Youth League, the North East Hants Youth League and the East Berks Youth League. Children in the very young bracket, namely 3 1/2 to 6 years, called "Lods Tod's", are very welcome. In this age group the emphasis is on fun, enjoyment and football skills.

If you or your friends are interested in joining us for next season, or would like more information, please contact our Club Secretary - Fred Berntsen on 01256 882798 or write to or call in at 6 Bullsdown Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon. RG27 0DZ.



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How many of you reading this completed the next line in your head? Of course it is taken from Samuel Taylor Coleridge's 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner', and continues '...nor any drop to drink'. Today you will probably use about 140 litres of water if you are an average person: that's about 31 gallons for those who prefer their imperial measures. All of that water is drinkable here in the UK, whether it is from your kitchen tap or even the water you use when flushing the toilet. It is all the same water, processed and purified.

You might remember the Ice Bucket Challenge from a few years ago, 2014 to be precise: how time flies. Many famous people, from President Obama to Rita Ora, as well as people you might know, were filmed having a bucket of icy water poured over them. What was the point? Well, it was dreamt up by the ALS charity. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a disease in which the neurons that control muscles slowly die. There was in 2014 no cure for it, but in one month \$100 million dollars was raised and has contributed to important work that has already led to the hope that a cure may one day be found.

The actor Matt Damon carried out his own Ice Bucket challenge by filming himself ladling water from the toilet in his house. He made the point that the water he covered himself in, and effectively threw away, was of better quality than the water many people in the world had access to. Just a couple

of statistics: 844 million people do not have access to clean water near their home (let alone in it); 2.3 billion people do not have access to a decent toilet; every minute somewhere in the world a baby dies through the lack of safe water and a clean environment. These statistics are from the WaterAid charity.

When I was a child, my father always told me to drink plenty of water. In later years I worked out why. In his war service in Montgomery's Eighth Army in North Africa, the typical ration of water per man was a gallon – 4.54 litres compared to your 140 litres today. Half of that went for cooking and topping up vehicle radiators – the rest was for washing, shaving and drinking. Not much washing was done apparently, and my father told me that they would take a little water from the vehicle radiators to shave in and then pour it back into the radiator afterwards. These soldiers were known as Desert Rats because of the arduous conditions. Unsurprisingly my father suffered kidney problems all his life.

Last year we had what we regarded as a wonderful summer – the grass turned brown and there was little rain all summer (apart from the day I went to Lord's for the first day of the India test match, but that's another story) but we all had enough clean water to drink. So as you run the tap next time, please think about how lucky we are and maybe send a little money to WaterAid to help those who are not so fortunate. www.wateraid.org/uk

Michael Luck

Lunch Club

Lunch Club took place on Valentine's day and we had birthdays to celebrate. We had a lady celebrating a special one and a gentleman celebrating his 91st! Cards were given out and we all sang "happy birthday".



After two brain teasing quizzes, which were highly scored by all, we enjoyed a delicious boeuf bourguignon with rice and broccoli. This was followed by rhubarb or plum crumble and custard. Our raffle was drawn, then tea or coffee and butterfly cakes brought our meeting to an end.

Christine Woodward

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Claire Jones, Britain's best-selling classical harpist and former Official Harpist to HRH Prince Charles, will be playing for us in St James's Church Bramley on Thursday 13 June 2019.

You would have thought that once you had performed 180 times for the Royal Family, including one-to-one for Her Majesty the Queen, had played for the celebrity guests at Prince William's wedding and performed in front of 75,000 people in the Millennium Stadium, playing in our little church wouldn't really be top of your list of priorities. But you would be wrong. Claire Jones contacted us in 2017 to ask if she could come back to perform at the Bramley and Little London Music Festival. She first performed here in 2015 and was keen to come back as she had "thoroughly enjoyed performing for you". Well, that wasn't a difficult decision. She had been such a hit last time that we said yes almost immediately.

This time she will be accompanied by her husband, Chris Marshall, who joined her for an impromptu performance back in 2015. Chris is a percussionist and composer who has appeared and recorded with many prestigious orchestras and artists and has performed on numerous productions in London's West End.

Life since Bramley 2015

Claire has had a busy few years since she last came to Bramley, performing around the world with tours in the USA and concerts in Lisbon, Italy and Canada. She has released several albums including *This Love* which reached number 1 in the classical music charts. In 2016 she was awarded an honorary Associateship from the Royal Academy of Music in London for her significant contribution to her profession. Hopefully she celebrated with a few baubles from jewellery company, Clogau, for whom she is an international ambassador. Nice work if you can get it! Somehow, she has also managed to fit in having a baby, giving birth to her daughter Cadi in February 2017.

Personal struggles

With a career like that you would have thought Claire had everything, but when her appointment as Prince



Claire with her famous harp

Charles' Royal Harpist still had a year to run she started experiencing extreme pain and fatigue and in 2013 she was diagnosed with the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME). Claire says her diagnosis left her shell-shocked: "Two years earlier I had played at the Royal Wedding, and had lots of big, exciting projects in the pipeline. I was so excited about the future, but suddenly so scared. I honestly thought I'd never be able to play the harp again. Looking back, I was running at 110mph and I think my body couldn't keep up. It was telling me to slow down..." Fortunately, after three months of effectively being house-bound, Claire began to notice improvements and after 18 months 'felt like a new person' as we saw when she joined us in 2015. Her album, *Journey*, was inspired by her fight with ME and topped the classical charts in 2015.

What's in store for Bramley 2019?

Well, judging from the music Claire and Chris have recorded, it could be anything from *Game of Thrones* to Pachelbel's *Canon*. Claire's album *Screen Serenade* included music from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Downton Abbey* while *This Love* included well known classical pieces such as Shostakovich's *Romance* from *The Gadfly* as well as *Across the Stars* from *Star Wars Attack of the Clones*. Chris meanwhile has worked on many West End productions including *We Will Rock You*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Carousel*, *West Side Story*, *Evita*, and *Elf the Musical*. He has a passion for playing instruments from all around the world so it will be interesting to see what he brings to Bramley. I'm guessing they won't be coming on the train!

To buy tickets please phone 01256 541251 or 07570 972425 or email rbarclaysmith@gmail.com

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Claire Jones and husband Chris Marshall



In Spring 2019 'Keep Britain Tidy' is calling on everyone to help improve the environment on their doorstep and take part in the country's biggest mass participation environmental campaign.

Please help us clear the roads, parks, fields and verges in and around our village, it makes a big difference. Equipment will be provided.

This year the village litter pick will take place on SATURDAY, 13 APRIL meeting in The Brocas Hall, Clift Meadow, starting at 10 am.

Look out for more information on the Clift Meadow Facebook Page and on posters that will be distributed in and around the village, or contact the coordinator:

wendycastle@hotmail.co.uk.

Foodbank relocation

Basingstoke Foodbank is having to change storage location and kindly asks people to save any donations until April.

The current storage facility is being sold and has to be cleared on Saturday 16th March. The team asks:

- 1 Please cease your donations temporarily or, even better, save them up until April, as we have lots of re-adjusting of stock locations in the next 5 weeks.
- 2 St James Bramley and other local churches will not be able to take donations during this time but will restart taking donations in April.
- 3 Does anyone have a tail lift van we might borrow (or which they would be happy to drive) to move stored items on Sat 16th, or before?
- 4 If you might be able to help in any way, either short-term or long-term, financially, by volunteering or offering buildings for a news storage site, do please get in touch: admin@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

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Councillor Tony Durrant provides an update on what **Bramley Parish Council** have been doing recently.

The Parish Council (PC) have been busy despite the festive season and the first bout of snow. Our sympathies go out to those who were caught in the blizzard.

Construction work on three sites on the village boundary and Razors Farm at the southern end of Cufaude Lane has added to usual traffic issue within the Parish. We have been in constant contact with developers and Borough Council officers to ensure that heavy vehicles are not driving through the village centre and adding to the traffic at the level crossing. However, we still note that the Stacey drivers and others are occasionally disregarding the rules of access. We will keep on reminding the developers and officers at the Borough Council. The associated problems of temporary traffic lights are not aiding traffic flow. I wish I could say that we can solve these issues directly, but we will continue to liaise with those that have the power to do so.

The new path across Clift Meadow has caused problems as the developer has not yet completed the works. We have been on to them as have Borough Council officers. We have been promised a central lockable post at the northern end and a revision of the access at the southern end, plus hedge planting before the end of March. This will eliminate vehicles illegally accessing the recreation area.

The results from our air quality monitor show that at times the pollution levels are above the standards set by the Government. This data has been sent to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and there will be a meeting to discuss what actions they

will be taking; more news will be in next month's article.

In the last few months we have welcomed three new members to the Parish Council and you will find details in the minutes of the meetings which are held on the Parish Council website: www.bramleypc.co.uk.

A complete revamp of the website is planned and following a tender process we have selected a provider. In the coming months you will see a new page which is clearer, easier to navigate and interactive. If you are not a computer user then please note we will continue to post material on the notice boards and our Clerk is always available to speak to.

I note on the Bramley Community Facebook page there are a number of posts asking the Parish Council questions. The Council does not post on this group as it is not a Council sponsored site. You may from time to time see posts from Councillors but these are personal comments by the individuals. I would ask those who have questions to contact our Parish Clerk or Councillors directly and we can respond. Councillor contact details are on the website and the Clerk can be contacted at parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk.

I remind you all that there is a monthly meeting held in the Bramley Room on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30pm. Please come along and hear what is going on at the Parish Council. There is time set aside in each meeting which allows residents and other interested parties to ask questions on the agenda items. If you have something you would like the Parish Council to consider, please contact the Parish Clerk.

At our last meeting we approved the new precept levels and I am happy to report that we are not asking for any increase this year. Last year's increase was spent entirely on security and safety projects at the community facilities. There is still a need to spend more in the coming year on this matter; thus we are unable to offer a reduction following last year's increase.

In the Bramley Room at the Village Hall we began to compile a "Roll of Honour" which recognises those who have given an exceptional commitment to the community. We are looking for those who have given freely of their time to support the community. We will consider nominations from residents. These nominations must give details of who, what and when and why the individual should be added. Please contact the Parish Clerk; contact details above.

Finally, I would also like to thank our two Ward Councillors and one County Councillor for their support throughout the year.

New Year Honour

In February we asked for news of anyone who had been recognised in the New Year Honours. Those of you who remember John Ferguson may be interested to know that his daughter, Anne-Louise Llewellyn Morgan, was awarded an MBE this year.



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Make your home safer – use good lighting, especially on the stairs. Tidy away things you might trip over. Use a non-slip underlay under rugs. In the bathroom, have grab bars put in and use non-slip mats in the bath or shower. Use a small stepladder to reach high places, not a chair.

Wear suitable footwear – make sure your shoes and slippers fit well and stay on properly. Don't walk indoors in socks or tights.

If you are worried, speak to your doctor. Also consider having a personal alarm so you can call for help if you need it.

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Angela Adams, Chair of Governors at Bramley Church of England Primary School, updates us on lots of changes at the school. It's a case of **Spot the Difference!**

I have recently noticed a lot of people putting pictures on Facebook, showing how they have changed (or perhaps not!) in the last ten years. This set me thinking about how Bramley Church of England Primary School has changed, over the past five years – let alone ten!

Some of these changes are immediately visible and noticeable if you walk around the school. Here are a few, but you will spot many more:

- Lots of new play equipment in the playground to enhance children's playtime and help them develop confidence and physical skills
- A new outdoor classroom for the use of children throughout the school
- Fantastic outdoor areas and resources which enable our youngest children to learn outdoors as well as indoors: you will see them having wonderful experiences especially on 'mucky Mondays' when they explore the great outdoors in their wellies, whatever the weather
- Refurbished classrooms throughout the school, with the latest IT facilities supporting children's learning across the curriculum
- A school minibus, making it possible for pupils to enjoy a range of sporting events at different venues, and benefit from facilities and links we are building up with other schools.



Enjoying the snow

Other changes may be harder to spot and perhaps more gradual – such as the relentless focus on consistency in the quality of teaching and learning, as demonstrated by the improvements in children's academic progress and achievements seen in the school's results year on year.



Outdoor learning

And what about the school's ethos and values? These can't be quantified but interestingly, visitors to the school often comment on the friendly and positive atmosphere, and this contributes to the fact that an increasing number of parents are making Bramley their school of first choice for their children. The school's values are also demonstrated through our successful programme of Community Fundraising, including raising money for the local Foodbank and for overseas charities.

As well as the academic aspects of the school curriculum, at Bramley we seek to offer every child a wide range of enriching opportunities and to help them develop resilience ready for whatever challenges they may face in the future. Through teaching the school's core Christian values of love, courage and respect in a meaningful way we aim both to foster a caring attitude in the school community and to instil enthusiasm for learning which we hope will continue throughout the children's lives.

I have mentioned a few exciting changes at the school and I can assure you there will be more! Our next phase of development includes plans for allotments for each year group and a reflection garden ... watch this space!

If you would like to know more about the school (perhaps you have young children and are considering choosing Bramley C of E Primary School for them), please check out our website www.bramley.hants.sch.uk or do not hesitate to contact the school office for more information. We would love to meet you and show you round.

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Looking through the Lens

The last few months have been good for photographers. At the end of January, the moon was in conjunction with Venus and Jupiter. These planets are millions of miles away and yet **Bianca Le Roux** and **Peter Barlow** were able to capture them in the photos on this page.

Not to be outdone, the sun put in a spectacular appearance in this photo of the church taken by **George Aitchison**. February brought snow, which may have caused chaos on the roads but you've got to admit it was picturesque. **Jenny Todd** captured these beautiful scenes around Bramley.

If you were pleased to see the back of the snow then the emerging daffodils are a sure sign that Spring is on its way. Here's one in honour of St David's day, again captured by George Aitchison.





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News from 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 tea shop in our role play area. Whilst learning about Chinese New Year and welcoming the Year of the Pig, we had an Asian food tasting activity – our snack was delicious Chinese food. We also decorated our role play area as a Chinese restaurant. The children planted an apple tree as part of an activity centred around a Chinese proverb and made happiness cards to take home.

We have also learnt about Australia and Australia Day and thought about our feathered friends for The Big Bird week. The children learnt the names of many of our common birds, made bird feeders and played in our bird watch den. The children also made bird food biscuits which they could actually eat.

There have been several articles in the press recently around the value of nursery rhymes and lullabies in developing language and literacy. Despite this their use is declining. We learn from a large -scale report published by the National Literacy Trust that a love of reading contributes strongly to mental well-being and children who engage with reading and writing in their spare time are most content. To remind us all of some old favourites and support the children's early literacy, we will be having a "Nursery Rhyme of the week" each week next half term. First up is "Humpty Dumpty". We will also be celebrating St David's Day and St Patrick's Day, before getting ready for 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

Are you in need of a babysitter?

Hello, my name is Eve Saunders and I am looking for families in the village to babysit for. I am 18 years old and I am currently in my last year studying Childcare CACHE level 3 at Basingstoke College of Technology (BCOT). Twice a week for my placement I am in Alphabet City nursery in Highfields in Basingstoke. I am a friendly, happy and caring person. I have had experience of babysitting before as I have babysat for other families and for my two younger cousins. I am available from 6-10pm most days in the week and available on weekends in the evenings and during the day. In the day my hourly charge is £8 and in the evenings £7. If you need me after midnight it would be £10.

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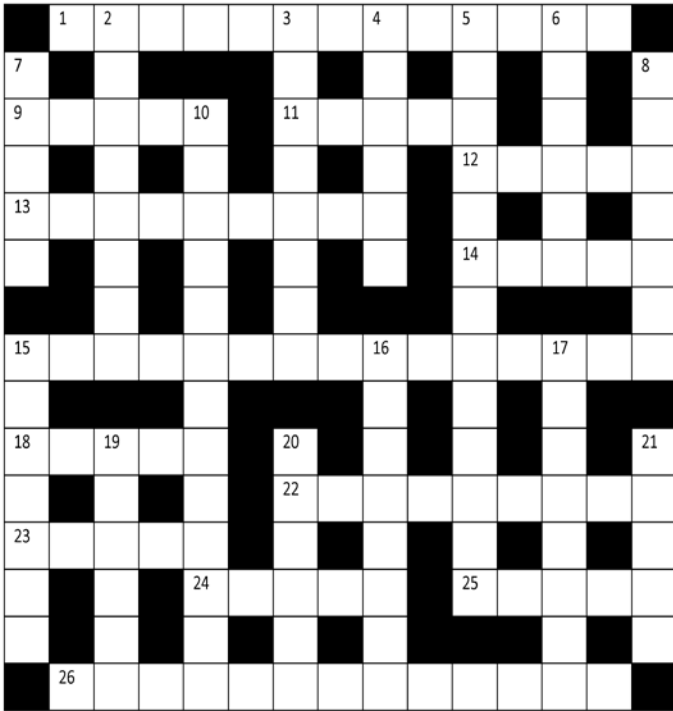
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Cryptic Crossword No: 26

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 Selling PE sock may become the means to finding instruments to be struck. (13)
- 9 Ire wrought out of tangerine. (5)
- 11 I plot a course to determine flyer. (5)
- 12 South American city, German says yes to wine. (5)
- 13 Short lady to tell, or not to tell faithfully. (9)
- 14 Put off expensive sounding animal around February. (5)
- 15 Not the first choice to educate your child it seems. (9,6)
- 18 Dries mixture to gallop off into the sunset perhaps. (5)
- 22 Heat around toils of sorts finds reflective device. (9)
- 23 Initial view of Lake Gardia and river. (5)
- 24 Wren, 'e knew how to change things. (5)
- 25 Addition surrounding queen may save lives. (5)
- 26 These two are essential to marriage. (5,3,5)

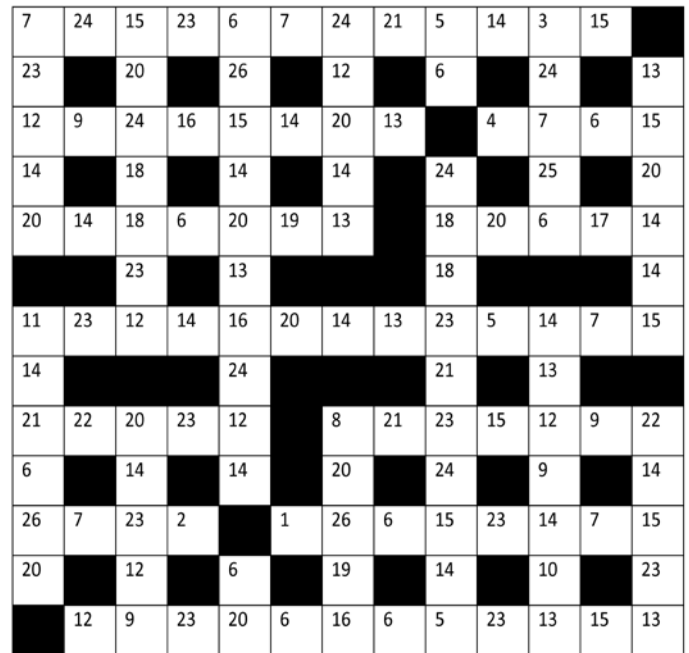
Down

- 2 Detailed element of organisation when log is ticking inside. (8)
- 3 It sounds if you for international adventure initially will produce a feeling of happiness. (8)

- 4 Lamias, a monster designed to produce meat. (6)
- 5 Formal presentations short start, vent atomic particles. (13)
- 6 Subtle toffee reveals release. (3,3)
- 7 Mad or pleasantly warm. (5)
- 8 Most of quart before less of relative leads to argument. (7)
- 10 Fearful reaction despite managing mark before short fellow. (7,6)
- 15 Wrinkle lives around personnel function. (7)
- 16 Coloured a shout before expecting payment. (8)
- 17 O rat or moon for sacred musical work. (8)
- 19 Road circling two pounds for money. (6)
- 20 Chickpea, Chinese detective, no. (6)
- 21 Actor Terence may want to do this with his foot. (5)

CodeWord No: 13

See page 31 for the answers.



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Our first meeting in 2019 was our AGM. Because of repair works at our usual venue, the village hall in Sherfield on Loddon, we held our meeting in the Baptist Chapel. Our officers, with enormous help from the caretaker of the village hall and Natalie Lerner, made this unexpected move successful.

The current committee began proceedings with their annual reports for the year, which had been circulated to members before the meeting, and they answered any questions relating to them. Flowers and cards were presented to our President for the last six years, Joyce Rawlinson, and also to three members of the committee who were standing down. We then welcomed Linda Dove our new President, Jill who had agreed to represent the catering team on the committee and Sandra who volunteered from the floor to join us.



Our 3 Officers for 2018: Ilene, Secretary, Joyce, President and Dusty, Treasurer, together with our new President for 2019, Linda Dove

The Treasurer, Secretary and the other members of the committee all agreed to stay on for 2019. These posts were all nominated, seconded and agreed by all members and then Joyce stepped down and Linda gave a short talk welcoming any suggestions and ideas from the floor about outings, workshops or demonstrations they would like to do this year

Then it was a welcome cup of tea and home-made cake, followed by a very interesting picture quiz on identifying flowers, plants and foliage, which had been prepared for us by one of Joyce's neighbours.

Our meeting on 7 March will be a demonstration by Mrs Kathryn Goddard Austin entitled 'Sapphire and Steel'.

We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon village hall at 1.30pm

Everyone is welcome. Please contact Eileen on 01256 881125

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Beat Report

The latest news summary of some of the crimes which occurred last month. In the month of January there were 44 incidents in the Basingstoke Rural East area, which have been classified as crimes by the Home Office. The breakdown is 16 in Bramley, 9 in Silchester/Pamber, 13 in Tadley South and 6 in Tadley Central.

Monthly reports now just focus on area priorities and as a result of a recent survey the current Neighbourhood Priority for Basingstoke Rural East is Theft from Motor Vehicle.

Theft from Motor Vehicle

There has been one report this month. Sometime between 19 and 21 January, entry was gained to a building site in Bramley and three batteries were stolen from construction vehicles.

Summary

This is a further summary of incidents, however it is not the full history for January.

	Bramley	Silchester/ Pamber	Tadley South	Tadley Central
Burglary	2	0	1	0
Theft	1	2	2	2
Assault	3	3	4	2
Public Order	1	1	1	1
Criminal Damage	6	2	3	0
Road Traffic Incidents	4	1	4	1
Suspicious Incidents	5	8	6	2
ASB	6	4	5	4

Helpful Crime Prevention Advice and Alerts

Information can be found at: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/>, <https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/> and on Twitter @BstokeRuralCops. Hampshire Alerts and Twitter are both a very quick method of circulating messages relevant to local communities including NHW schemes.

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Probus hears about Thornycroft in Basingstoke

Today Morrisons supermarket sits on part of the site where Thornycroft established their works when moving from Chiswick to Basingstoke in 1898. Garry Bone, a director of the Thornycroft Society, gave an insight into the changing fortunes of Thornycroft in a presentation to the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

Thornycroft steam powered lorries were supplied to the British Army from the Boer War onwards, with commercial versions sold to many retail customers. The introduction of petrol engines in the early 1900s saw Thornycroft making cars until 1913. After that they concentrated on lorry and bus production. During WW1 over 5,000 J Type lorries were produced with many adaptations. They also made marine engines, trench mortars, depth charge throwers and munitions.

Post war saw surplus military vehicles depressing new orders but by the mid 1920s the company was rising again. Many orders for lorries came from railway companies with about half of the output exported.

WW2 saw Thornycroft working 24 hours a day with 2,500 employees, over 800 being women. Specialist military vehicles were made, two pounder and 17 pounder guns, torpedo parts and many engine parts. 2,000 Nippy and Sturdy lorries were made for civilian work.



From 1948 the company went through many changes, both in terms of production and ownership. Part of it was bought by Leyland Group in 1962 and 10 years later they sold the Basingstoke works to the Eaton Corporation of Ohio. Employees reduced from 1,100 to 738 with the pledge to keep them in its transmission business. This did not last long as the last lorry was built in 1972 and the works sold in January 1973.

(Bob Clarke is acknowledged as providing many of the above statistics)

www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com

Paul Flint

Tadley WEA Spring Seminars



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- **British Architectural Styles since 1815** with Mike Grundy. April 26th **Reference:** C3743366
Exploring styles from the 19th century classical/Gothic to the 21st century
- **The Art of Trade** with Glenis Kerr Elliott. May 3rd
Reference: C3742892
Looking at the Silk Road, textiles, gold, jewels, spices, and paintings
- **Britain from 55BC to 1066AD – An Archaeological Perspective** with Michael Pengelly.
May 24th **Reference:** C3743945
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A well-built construction features in John Stubbs' article this month, together with a well planned photograph

OK, what do you reckon this photo shows? It's not a bug or monster's eye. One clue might be that the middle bit shows me holding the camera with blue sky behind. I'm not looking up or down a chimney – so no, perhaps it's not that difficult.

It was a few years after we moved in here when I was pottering around, trying to find out why the fence outside the kitchen wouldn't stay up. A couple of the posts didn't go into the ground – they were just sitting on a concrete block. A bit more digging showed a square slab with a steel lifting ring; after much huffing and puffing, it came up to reveal the old well. Hidden treasure; a bit incidental nowadays, but at the time of its sinking it would have been an important factor in where a house was built, even deciding the size and prosperity of a village.

Bramley's origins pretty much followed the course of Bow Brook as it flowed east into the River Loddon in Sherfield. The farms needed ponds, streams, springs and wells: the cottages would usually go where there was water not too deep down. The estate agent's descriptions of Bramley's Beaufort Estate properties sold in the 1922 sale lists mainly copper and hand-pump systems; only the bigger houses had a pump from the well to a tank in the loft. It was around the mid-twentieth century before mains piping brought clean water to the village. Before that, the well digger would have been a busy and well paid stalwart of the community, if one of the most likely to suffer a nasty accident. The technical manuals on the topic of well construction, rare as they then were, made no mention of safe working, and regulation was pretty much unknown.

So, how did they go about their work? Dig a big hole and then line it with bricks from the bottom upwards? Now that would be awful dangerous – and it'd be too wet to build



on down there, anyway. Or might they have laid bricks downwards – digging slowly and pushing them into place until deep enough? Apparently this was sometimes done, but it was dreadful slow, as the brickwork above had to be supported as they worked.

The normal process in fact was to lay a steel ring of the well's diameter on the ground and while one guy laid the bricks on it, the digger cut the soil away from under the ring, making sure the whole thing sank vertically. He also had to cut enough away from behind the bricks, as sooner or later the soil would run with water and slump, stopping the bricks from sinking. Then, he'd stop, I guess. I can see a whole bunch of deadly hazards with this process – so it must rate one of those 'do not try this at home' provisions: as, of course would drinking the resultant water without a proper check of its quality.

In this case, there were two lead pipes reaching down into the well, one for each of the wash-houses of the cottages above. They had a hand pump, a sink and a copper in which the water was boiled: the household wash taking a couple of working days each week, as well as needing the messy and complicated process of making lye soap. In fact rainwater would have been preferred for washing clothes, as the well water would have been quite hard, wasting the precious soap. It seems that in fact little water was used directly for drinking – beer would have been made as a matter of course. William Cliff's book of Bramley 'Reminiscences' describes this art, involving boiling up two coppers-full of water every month, and another couple of days' work. This would give some four gallons per week of a quite weak ale, probably a much healthier drink than ground-water at the time.

I think what impresses me most is the skill and neatness of the brickwork: it's four foot in diameter and twenty-five foot deep – with about twenty foot of water. The bricks are a clean bright red – with a curved inner face. The well is domed like a cupola at the top, narrowing where the cover fits. They didn't bother with artsy thatched roof, ropes and buckets and the like – it was all sealed in – much safer that way. And it's very much as it must have been when first built: all the above-ground fittings have long gone, but down there you can see it as it was a hundred and fifty years ago. That guy's work was nicely done.



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February at Butter Daisy

January has whizzed by here at Butter Daisy. The New Year has been filled with exciting activities and even lots of snow!

We have been very excited in the Baby and Toddler Suites, since we have started a Yoga Class with Helen from Tatty Bumpkin as one of our enrichment activities. Each week she tells the children an exciting story and they have practised using their gross motor skills by stretching and moving across the Suite. So far their favourite activity has been stretching like a starfish in the sea, although crawling around the floor like a spider was a close second!

The Toddler Suite have explored the theme of 'People Who Help Us' this month and have been using waste



technology to create some fantastic emergency vehicles. They discussed the roles of the Police Force, Fire Fighters and Doctors and the different characteristics of the vehicles which they use. The favourite thing to do was to impersonate the noises which the vehicles make. There have been lots of 'nee-naws' whizzing about the Toddler Suite.

The loft in the Pre-School Suite has been transformed into a spaceship, where all of the children have explored the idea of rockets, planets and stars. They have created so many different items to go into the loft spaceship; alien hats, a 'button controller', marble painted planets and very shiny stars!

We had great fun outside in the garden on our snow day, even the grown-ups made snow angels in the garden! We created some fantastic snowmen and enjoyed a (gentle) snow ball fight too.

Jokes

Two aerials meet on a roof, fall in love get married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was brilliant.

A screwdriver rolls into a bar.

The bartender says, "Hey, we have a drink named after you!"

The screwdriver squeals, "You have a drink named Philip??"

Q: Who are the coolest blokes at the hospital?

A: The ultra-sound guys!

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Are you planning to pop the question any time soon?



Hayley Eachus

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That is the advice of solicitor Hayley Eachus, who is a member of the Family Law team at Phillips.

She says rather than being regarded as something unromantic and mercenary, prenups should be considered by anyone contemplating marriage.

Marriage is about love and sharing the rest of your lives together, but in the eyes of the law, it is a contract between two people and it deals with the financial consequences of the marriage ending.

Naturally, you are not going into marriage thinking that your relationship might break down, but unfortunately that happens more frequently nowadays, so here are just a few good reasons why you should have a prenup:

If you are much wealthier than your partner, then a prenup can ensure that your partner is marrying you for all the right reasons.

If you are remarrying and you have children from a previous marriage, own a home or other significant assets, then a prenuptial agreement can ensure that when you pass away, your assets are distributed according to your wishes, and that

neither your first family, nor your new family are cut off.

If you own part of a business and your marriage ends, your spouse could end up having an interest in your share of your business if you do not have a prenup. You and your business partners may not want this to happen.

It may seem tough to talk about your loving, committed relationship as if it were a business arrangement and it may seem unromantic, but if you can sit down and discuss your future plans and expectations, logically rather than emotionally, you will find it much easier. This may also prevent highly contested divorce proceedings, if you were ever to separate.

A legal professional like Hayley will help you to understand the different kinds of issues that might be covered in a prenup. The better informed you are, the easier it will be for you to explain things to your intended spouse.

Contact Hayley if you would like any help with this or any other personal matter by calling 01256 854633 or email hayley.eachus@phillips-law.co.uk

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Tuesday 26 March, 2pm/ £4

Squadron Leader Joe Marsden's presentation will concentrate on flying the RAF's first jet bomber - the Canberra. His talk will be illustrated by photos and film clips to show its capability, briefly covering the history but mainly talking about the personal aspects of flying the aircraft.

Gardening for Butterflies

Thursday 28th March, 5pm / £8

This talk will tell the story of Butterflies and their fascinating lifecycles and reveal the problems that many species face within their habitats and how we can attract these wonderful creatures to our gardens.

Willow Basket Workshop for Families

Saturday 30 March: 9.30-11am and 11.30am - 1pm/ £6. For ages 5+ (parent/carer free with a ticketed child).

Join Judith Needham for a fun 90-minute workshop to create a simple plaited basket for your Easter eggs.

****British Science Night****

Thursday 14th March from 6:30pm.

Talks are £5 each, or £8 to attend two talks of your choosing.

Born to Sum

Why I love Maths ... and why you should too. 6:30pm

A musical performance by singing maths-comedian Kyle D Evans. Kyle will take you on a comedic musical tour through some unexpected parallels between maths and pop.

Brain Glue

Sticking it to Dementia. A talk with neuroscientist Dr Mark Dallas (Reading University) 7:30pm

Neuroscientists Dr Mark Dallas tells us how understanding 'brain glue' could hold the secret to detecting dementia decades before the first symptoms appear.

The Electric Universe

A unique and controversial talk on astronomy by Paul Malone 7pm

Originally devised to introduce artists and designers to the wide range of forms we see in modern astronomy, the talk is 'image rich'; being assembled using the latest photographs from Space and explanatory clips for YouTube.

The Theory of Relativity

A talk by Emma Osbourne 8:30pm

In this interactive talk, Emma will take you on a journey through the cosmos using Einstein's theory of relativity, where you will discover the weird and wonderful events that take place in the universe, enabling you to explore the boundaries where science meets science fiction.

Children's Events

Children's Craft

Saturday 16th March: 10am to 12pm

Creative fun for Mother's Day.

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Mixed Media & Metal Embossing

Workshop 'Fantastic-Scape'

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

Tuesdays	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing</i>	St James's
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tuesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Yoga 7.00pm Beginners 8.15pm Continuers</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

Wednesdays	
<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides</i>	Village Hall
<i>Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Baby Clinic plus Stay and Play 2nd Wednesday 9.30-11.00am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>WG Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i>	Cross House
<i>Caterpillar Music 9.45am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pregnancy yoga 6-7pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 6.30pm & 8.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

<i>Clubbell yoga 7.15-8.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
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Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Burlexercise</i>	Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Lunch Club 2nd Thursday</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1st Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Body Tone 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Muddy Fingers 10:00 - 10:50am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6-7pm, 7.15-8.15pm & 8.30-9.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Youth Club 6-8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

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

Saturdays	
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga Meditation, 11am-12.30pm</i>	Village Hall

Sundays	
<i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley & St Stephen's Little London</i>	

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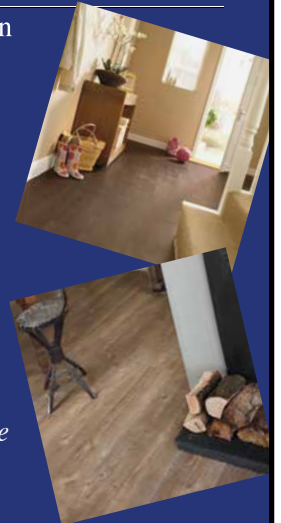
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