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Blossom by Rachel Barclay Smith

I was driving along the M4 the other day when I came to the section of roadworks with a 50mph speed limit. You may have been caught there yourself - it goes on for miles and there is little evidence of anything being done. I dutifully moved to the slow lane and put my limiter on only to be overtaken by numerous cars obviously exceeding the speed limit. 50mph does seem very slow when there is no obvious hazard but life is too short for a second speed awareness course so I stuck to the imposed limit. Then there was another sign – “Slow down – reports of animals”. Suddenly, the cars that had been overtaking me slowed down, as if the driver’s love of animals was far greater than any duty owed to fellow motorists. There was no evidence of animals on the road so perhaps it was a cunning plan by the Highways Agency to cut down on speeding motorists.

I did wonder if that was the reason behind the new sign on Cufaude Lane. When I first read the article on page 9 I wondered if it was a late April Fool but I am reliably informed that the sign exists and Mr Toad is very grateful. Not all animals are as fortunate. A wood pigeon recently came to a nasty end in Beaurepaire Close as you can read on page 14.

As I write this I am looking forward to what is promised to be the hottest day of the year so far and I’m hoping the good weather will last until the St George’s Day fete. I currently have two blank pages in the magazine waiting to be filled with photos of the fete so let’s hope the weather is/was kind. Last year I recall having to buy a scarf from the stall next to mine as it was so cold!

If you are looking for the answers to the crossword and codeword I can assure you that they have deliberately been printed upside down. This was at the request of a reader who inadvertently saw some of the answers before she had completed the crossword. I wouldn’t have thought of this so thank you for the feedback and good luck with this month’s challenges. Any other feedback is most welcome – good or bad!

Finally, please note that the deadline for the next magazine is the 14th rather than the 15th. This is to ensure we can get the magazines delivered during the bank holiday weekend. We will be back to normal in June.

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith - Editor

The world has held great Heroes,
As history-books have showed;
But never a name to go down to fame
Compared with that of Toad!

The clever men at Oxford
Know all that there is to be knowed.
But they none of them know one half as much
As intelligent Mr. Toad!

The animals sat in the Ark and cried,
Their tears in torrents flowed.
Who was it said, ‘There’s land ahead?’
Encouraging Mr. Toad!

The army all saluted
As they marched along the road.
Was it the King? Or Kitchener?
No. It was Mr. Toad.

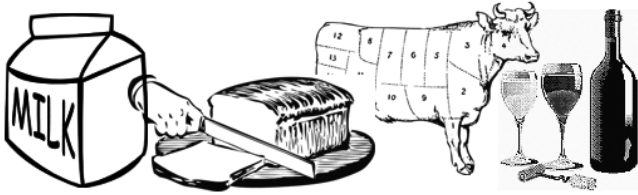
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6th	Sixth Sunday of Easter
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
10th	Ascension Day
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
13th	Sunday after Ascension Day
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
20th	Pentecost
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – <i>Discipleship Explored 1</i>
10.30	<i>Discipleship Explored 1</i> and shortened Holy Communion
27th	Trinity Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion
9.00	Sunday@nine – <i>Discipleship Explored 2</i>
10.30	<i>Discipleship Explored 2</i> and shortened Holy Communion

...and June

3rd	1st Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – <i>Discipleship Explored 3</i>
10.30	<i>Discipleship Explored 3</i> and shortened Holy Communion
10th	2nd Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – <i>Discipleship Explored 4</i>
10.30	<i>Discipleship Explored 4</i> and shortened Holy Communion
17th	3rd Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – <i>Discipleship Explored 5</i>
10.30	<i>Discipleship Explored 5</i> and shortened Holy Communion
24th	4th Sunday after Trinity
	No early services
10.30	Open Air Songs of Praise – Clift Meadow Everyone welcome!

A BIG THANK YOU!

Now that the new bell ropes have been fitted and adjusted I would like to thank personally all the bell ringers who helped in any way:

Jonathan Barclay Smith

Rachel Barclay Smith

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Jonathan Large

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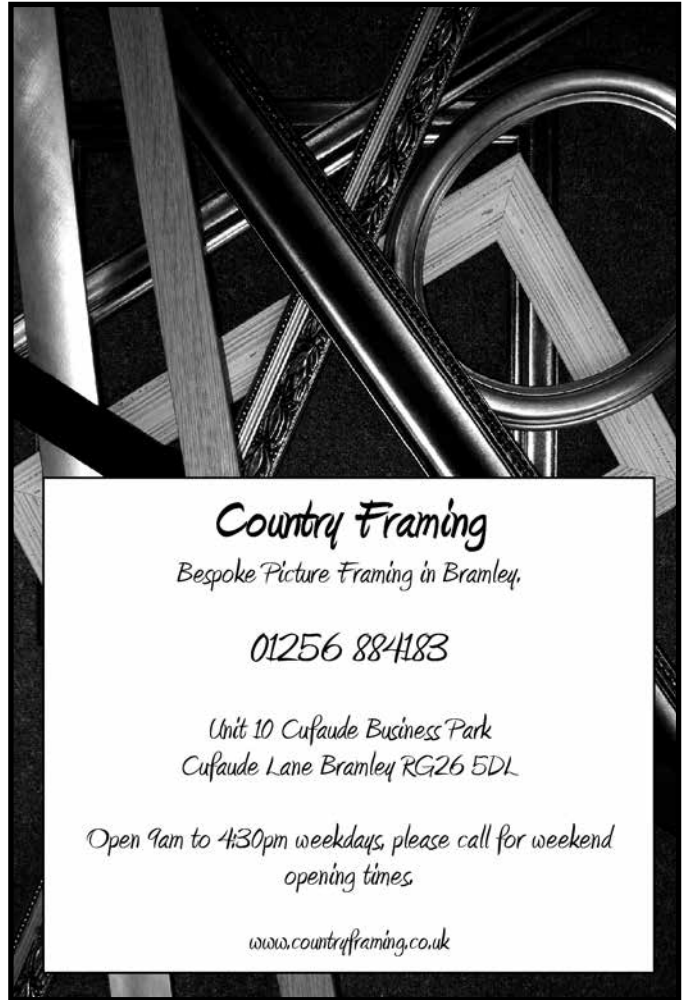
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I wrote last month about the poet, actor, writer and above all, story-teller, **David Kossoff**, who told Bible stories in a way that engaged and entertained people of all ages.

In fact, although I still enjoy reading his Rabbi Mark stories, I suspect it's partly because somehow I still hear his voice in my head, recounting them in that quintessentially Jewish style that combines a dry humour with that strong underlying tug on the heart-strings.

Kossoff's own life was touched by tragedy. He and his wife, Jennie, had two sons, Simon and Paul. Paul was a rock musician, and by all accounts, a very fine blues guitarist. He played with a band called Free.

Sadly, Paul became a drug addict. Twice in late 1975, his life was saved by the skill of young, dedicated doctors when he overdosed on heroin.

"For given back you were, my Paul.

Fought for, by young doctors and tireless nurses

with swift competent hands.

You died, my Paul. You were dead.

We will call things by their right names.

You were dead; and then alive again.

Gone away, and brought back.

By doctors and nurses, and God."¹

In thanksgiving for the medics' skill "and to the Almighty, who helped also", Kossoff decided to give performances of his two famous one-man shows "without fee, for charity, throughout 1976". We can only imagine the thankfulness of David and Jennie and the gnawing, powerless anxiety they felt as Paul recovered and returned to the rock music scene.

"Soon to go home, soon to re-enter your world and lifestyle

Where lurked such danger.

Soon to restart habits now doubly perilous,

Soon to ignore the warnings of loving friends."²



Rev'd John Lenton

On 19th March, 1976, Paul Kossoff died, "in America, far from us, but peacefully, without pain, and among friends."

Kossoff still went ahead with the charity performances he'd planned, but now as a memorial to Paul instead. He wrote three poems after Paul's death, which were included in his little "sort of prayer book", *You Have a Minute, Lord?*

"You rest in a peaceful place, my son.

In a summerhouse, near quiet pools, with shady trees, and roses.

It's not quite you, but neither would most other last resting places be.

Not much to see; an oaken strip

with carved lettering picked out in black and gold. Most elegant.

Not much to read; your name, your opening and closing dates

and the title of your million-seller,

'All right now'.

How apt now, the words."³

Personally, I've never had to endure the aching loss that losing a child at any age must entail; the grief must seem unbearable, the pain unendurable.

A couple we know and love, Colin and Freda, lost their 17-year-old son, Stephen, when he was hit by a car while crossing the road on his way home from the youth club one Friday night.

There is nothing you can say that can bring comfort to anyone when something like that happens: you can only sit and weep with them. The poignancy of that fateful night was heightened when one of Stephen's classmates rang the doorbell and wordlessly gave his dad, Colin, a little bunch of roses from their class. Colin was an artist (well, he still is, forty years on) and he painted the roses, and made a limited lino-print of his painting. We have one of those prints on our wall, a reminder of Stephen and the grief of parents who lose a child, whatever their age.

If you are among those who have suffered that terrible loss, I'm so sorry. Nothing I say can lessen your pain. But please know that you are prayed for every Sunday at St James's, even though we don't know your name. In fact, there is also a little group of us who meet on a Sunday evening once a month to pray for Bramley and Sherfield (and new members are always welcome); the group's been doing that for years – praying that everyone in our villages would be able to come to trust in God's love and acceptance even in the darkest of times. Because actually, God Himself is a Father who has personal experience of what it means to lose a beloved Son to the bleakness of death.



¹ Kossoff, David, *You have a minute, Lord?* (Pan Books, London, 1978), p. 94

² Ibid, p. 95

³ Ibid., p. 88

In this Month's **Meet the Neighbours** we say **Happy Birthday to Mary Wythe** who was 100 in April. **Christine Rowley**, radio presenter for Hospital Radio Basingstoke, went along to the **Cherry Blossom Manor in Bramley** to meet three of Mary's five children, who spoke very openly about their mother's life.

Mary Wythe was born in 1918 and at the tender age of three was left outside a shop in a push chair in Newbury, unable to walk. Olive, one of four sisters, explained that Mary's mother suffered from post-natal depression and was placed in a workhouse leaving Mary in foster care. It was a sad beginning for such a lovely young girl but there was light at the end of the tunnel when her grandmother was found and took Mary into a loving Christian home.

This amazing story was discovered by one of the nurses, Lynda, who worked



Mary Wythe

at the home and researched Mary's past to help piece her early days.

In the Second World War Mary was called for duty to serve in a munitions factory in Reading, helping to assemble bombs. Ruth, her eldest daughter, explained that this was the only time

her mother wore trousers and make up for safety. Her mother didn't enjoy working in the factory but had no choice to move away to Reading as, like all women of her age, she had to serve her country.

Later in life Mary met her husband Clem and they lived on a farm in rural Hampshire. They had five children; Pete, Ruth, Olive, Ann and Christine who were all at Cherry Blossom Manor on Saturday 7 April to celebrate their mother's 100th Birthday.

Mary has nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren and still loves to sing. Tess, who was Mary's carer when she first moved to the home seven years ago, said "Mary just loved to sing hymns and play the organ, entertaining the other residents."

As a local Hospital Radio Presenter Christine said "I felt very privileged to be asked to put together a special show for this amazing lady whose story touched my heart. It's not often you get to meet a 100-year-old and share special memories with their family."

Do you know someone who contributes to our community, who you'd like us to feature? Please email editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk or tell one of the editorial team.

A few months ago we featured **Dave Holby-Wolinski** and his wife **Lara** in **Meet the Neighbours**. What Dave didn't tell us at the time was that he had been nominated to receive a **British Citizen Award (BCA)**, which recognises exceptional individuals who work tirelessly and selflessly to make a positive impact on society.

As we reported in December, Dave has undertaken dozens of endurance challenges, including seven marathons in seven days, and has raised many thousands of pounds for charity.

Dave received his award at the Palace of Westminster and commented that "It was incredibly humbling to be honoured with this award. It was such an amazing day, hearing all these inspirational stories from people who have made a difference in people's

lives. I felt like an utter fraud having just done a little bit of rowing!" Well, I don't think holding 19 indoor rowing world records and completing a 30-month challenge to row more than 40,000km - the distance around the world - on a static machine can be described as "a little bit of rowing". I'm sure you will agree that Dave's award was well deserved and here are a few photos of the day.



Toads

If you travel down Cufaude Lane, you might wonder what these unusual road signs are in aid of. Read on.....

They are there to help the protection of toads during their migration to breeding ponds.

The Common Toad is no longer a common species, partly due to loss of habitat, but also because of increasing mortality on roads. Toads visit ponds in the early spring to spawn, but for the rest of the year they live in woods, ditches and gardens, where they feed on slugs, earthworms and other small invertebrates.



A large population of toads live in the fields and woods alongside Cufaude Lane, but they all congregate to spawn in the same pond when the weather warms up in late February or March. The problem facing the toads is that they often have to cross roads to get to their ponds, with many of them ending up squashed by the traffic.

Cufaude Lane is no longer a quiet

country road with little traffic and the toads now need our help. Toad patrol volunteers help by collecting toads from the road and moving them to safety, and also warning oncoming traffic of the dangers to wildlife.

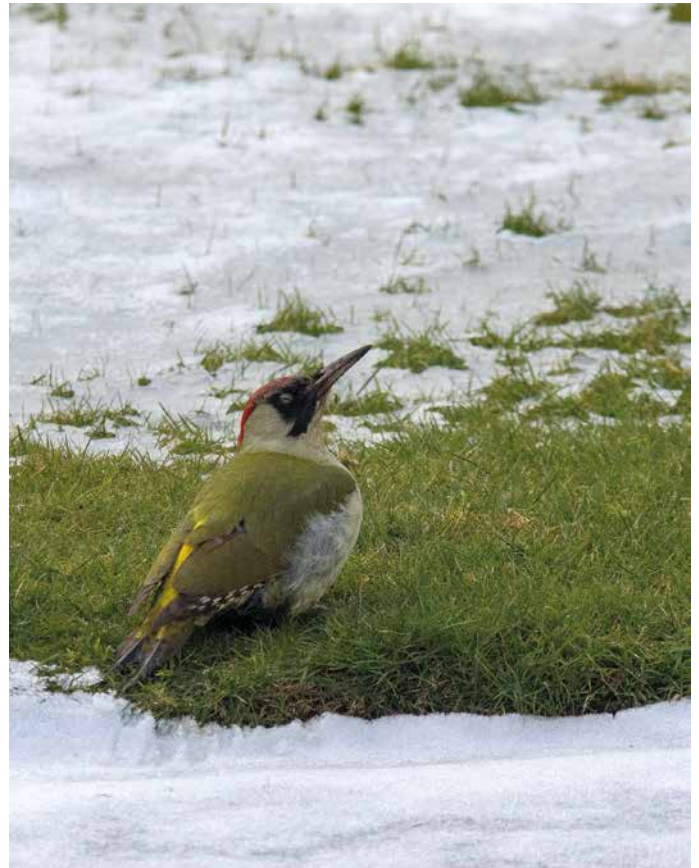
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If you prefer birds to toads here is a photo of a Green Woodpecker taken by Melvyn Lovegrove in Moat Close



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Probus has a Taste of The Vyne

The history of this local Tudor Palace, situated south of Bramley, and its much-publicised roof project were the subject of a talk given by Chris Burrows to the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

Built in 1268 the building was added to over the years. Sir William Sandys had developed the property into a Tudor palace and had the honour and great cost of being a recipient of the King Henry VIII and Queen Anne Boleyn’s “progress” in 1535.

Baron Sandys endowed the Holy Ghost chapel in Basingstoke and is buried there. The painted glass windows from the chapel were installed at The Vyne, some of which underwent restoration in 2016.

Chaloner Chute bought the Tudor palace in 1653, demolished it in 1665 and rebuilt it in the Palladian style. In



of action. Started in 2014 a cover was constructed over the whole building including a lift for materials and passengers. Some chimneys were taken down so that a walkway could be constructed around the complex for the use of 150,000 visitors. February 2018 saw the walkway removed so that the original chimneys could be rebuilt.

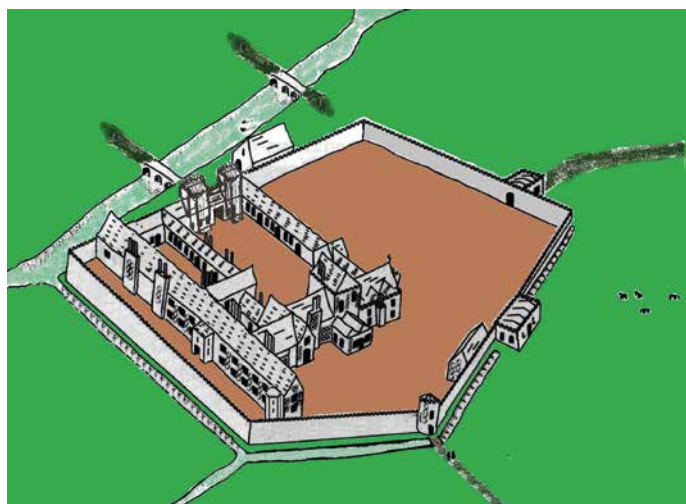
During the restoration project pre Tudor timber roofing was discovered, including the use of part of a staircase, which proved that recycling was in vogue hundreds of years ago. The lead from the gullies has been reformed and reused and new parapets and finials have been carved. Lime mortar

has been used throughout the restoration as it will match the original construction. Special provision has been made for the bats so that they can continue to occupy parts of the roof.

70,000 handmade tiles have been used of which nearly 13,000 were bought by visitors in the “Tagatile” scheme allowing personal messages to be written raising £64,000 towards the budget of £5,400,000.

It will take three months to remove the roof covering and 41 miles of scaffolding but without the use of a helicopter or aerial photographs no one else will be able to wonder at the skill levels used by the renovation team over the last four years.

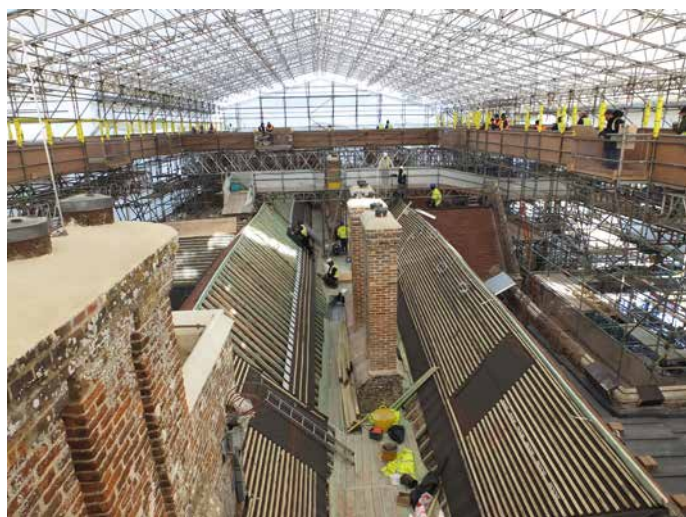
Paul Flint



The Mansion in Tudor times

1767 John Chute began further modernisation and installed the grand staircase that can be seen today. The Vyne was bequeathed, by Sir Charles Chute, to the National Trust in 1956.

After years of patching up the extensive roof it was decided that complete removal and replacement was the best course



The Vyne roof project



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BRAMLEY SHOW 2018

Hopefully the snow and hard frosts have decided to depart for the rest of the spring and the gardens will be able to be planted up with all those flowers and vegetables that will enable you to enter this year's Bramley Show. To give you a start the flower and vegetable classes remain as last year except for number 3 which will be five stems of any one kind of annuals and number 38 will be a misshapen vegetable. For reference, last year's schedule is available on the show website at www.bramleyshow.org.uk.

In the children's division number 71 this year will be a miniature fairground in a seed tray; number 73 will be a monster made from fruit and/or vegetables and number 78 will be a birthday card. All other classes will be the same as last year.

The handicraft division will be the same as last year except for class 47, the charity knit, which this year will be a pair of wrist warmers. The pattern will be available from tel. 01256 881296

As promised last month here is the recipe for the Bakewell Tart which will be the cake recipe for class 60 in this year's Domestic division.

Ingredients:

Sweet Pastry: 4oz self raising flour; 2 and a half oz butter; 1 teaspoon caster sugar; cold egg to bind.

Frangipane Filling: 2 and a half oz butter; 2 and a half oz caster sugar; 10z self raising flour ; 2oz ground almonds; 1 egg; 2-3 drops almond essence; one tablespoon cherry jam.

Method: Preheat oven to 180deg.C/350degF/gas mk 4.

Crumb the flour and butter. Add sugar and bind together with cold egg. Roll out and line a 7-inch flan ring or loose bottom cake tin. Blind bake for 5-6 minutes.

For the frangipane filling cream butter and sugar, add flour, ground almonds, egg and almond essence and mix until smooth.

When the tart has been blind baked spread with cherry jam. Fill with mixture and bake for approximately 30 minutes until the frangipane is golden brown.

Serve with a dusting of icing sugar.

Along with the items given in the February and March magazines, this completes the changes to the schedule for this year's show so there should be plenty of time to practice the baking, paint the pictures, grow the plants and take the photographs enabling you to enter this year. All we need now is for the weather to be kind.

Anne Porter

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Answer That Phone!

I recently listened to a colleague, Ian, answer the phone. The conversation was very short. It was a scam call, which he had realised before answering. Ian merely said hello, and then listened for a short time. He then said, 'Oh, I do seem to have had a lot of car accidents recently... but before we go on, please tell me what details you already have'. Of course, the scammer was calling phone numbers in sequence, and so had absolutely no idea when dialling Ian's number whether it was valid, or who would answer. He therefore cut the call with Ian and presumably added one to the number and dialled again, hoping for a more receptive target - which of course he would eventually find. Too many people, even now, get drawn into these calls and too late they find they have given away lots of information and received nothing in return. Even asking 'How did you get this number?' in an enraged tone is pointless because, of course, the scammer just dials numbers in the hope that they are valid.

This started me thinking about how we answer the phone. When I was a child, people would answer the phone by stating the name of the telephone exchange and the number, like this: 'Croydon 1234'. There were several reasons for this. The old telephone exchanges were not completely reliable and often calls were wrongly connected. The first task was to establish if the caller had reached the intended number. Next, in those days there were many more people than phone numbers, so the caller would ask to speak to a particular person in the house or office. The reply sometimes was 'Speaking', or 'This is she'. Sometimes the recipient might recognise the voice and say 'Hello Mum!'. Shortly after moving into a flat with a phone already installed, I received a call. 'Hello Michael, this is your Mother!', a very grand voice proclaimed. It sounded like my mother so I said hello, but for some reason she was putting on a very affected accent. After a minute it dawned on me that this really was not my mother. The previous tenant had also been called Michael and had not bothered to tell his own mother that he had moved out!

Gradually the old telephone exchanges named after towns were changed to numbers and over the years the numbers got longer to make more lines available. As one number per person became common, people started answering with their name. Americans in particular would answer with a 'This is Sandra!' or similar, while we Brits would use the full name more often than not. In business situations there was often a 'How may I help you?' following the name.

These days we have reached the point where there are more telephone numbers than people. It is common for a person to have both a work and a personal mobile number, maybe a dedicated desk phone in the office and a home telephone which, although not used much, is essential (certainly in Bramley) to give broadband access to the internet. It is so much easier to look at the phone display and see if it is a person you know, so the conversation can start immediately. And because of the curse of scam calls, any unrecognised or withheld number will just get a curt 'Hello'. It would have seemed very rude to answer like this in my parents' and grandparents' generation. But in the early days of the telephone in the 1880s, 'hello' became an everyday word for the first time because it was the recommended way of answering the telephone. Although Alexander Graham Bell wanted to use 'Ahoy!' - but that's another story.

Michael Luck

BRAMLEY LUNCH CLUB

We were back in Cross House on 12 April, starting with the usual tea and coffee at 10.30. The club is still missing Caroline but others set quizzes and the raffle tickets got sold. As there was a committee meeting after the lunch Judy arranged the food earlier than usual and the choice was liver or sausages with good helpings of vegetables. The dessert of chocolate brownie and cream was delicious. After the raffle was drawn and a last cup of tea served it was time for members to make their way home. The committee then had time for a business discussion.

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Murder Mystery in Beaurepaire Close

On the evening of Friday 13th April, the assailant struck. The attack was not observed but the assailant soon returned to the murder scene. The victim was a plump Wood Pigeon for whom Friday the 13th was truly a bad day. For the assailant, it was a very good day. The Wood Pigeon had been too slow to escape the talons of the assailant. To enjoy the prize catch, the assailant had much more work to do. His or her evening meal was not pre-prepared like a chicken breast from the supermarket. This catch needed a lot of preparation in the form of plucking to get to the meat. A large pile of feathers built up on the lawn as the assailant prepared his or her evening meal. The prize had been so good and plump that it could not be carried away that evening.



The next day, the assailant returned to the crime scene to enjoy his or her breakfast, after some more plucking in preparation. The assailant was disturbed during breakfast by the editor's husband and daughter, who walked past observing the body and large pile of feathers but missing the assailant who was sat in a tree very close nearby. The assailant returned shortly after, to continue to enjoy his or her breakfast.

The postman arrived and immediately assumed that a cat had struck and created the mess on the lawn. A cat was my first thought (as a dog lover) but the assailant was not a cat. The assailant was a magnificent bird of prey.



We are very fortunate to live in Bramley and close to wooded and open areas which provide sanctuary to a wide variety of birds including many birds of prey. We are all familiar with the Red Kites that soar above and are very easy to

identify with their forked tail and white wing flashes. We are also familiar with the larger Buzzards and the easily identified hovering Kestrels. We regularly hear an Owl and occasionally sight them and others such as the distinctively swooping Hobby. The assailant that killed the Wood Pigeon in Beaurepaire Close was none of the aforementioned birds.



The assailant may be identifiable from the description of behaviour earlier. I am sure some of you will have guessed by now. The assailant was not a cat; was not a fox; but was a bird of prey. It was a bird of prey known to strike and catch smaller birds in parks and gardens.

This bird of prey kills can be identified by a tidy pile of plucked feathers. A fox, for example, will not leave a tidy pile of feathers around the carcass. If you see a tidy pile of plucked feathers around a carcass it is most likely to be this assailant – a magnificent Sparrowhawk.



We have found several piles of feathers and carcasses over the years and always assumed it was the work of a cat (apologies to cat lovers). We now know better having observed the magnificent Sparrowhawk at work. He or she had dinner on Friday and breakfast and dinner on Saturday on our front lawn before removing the carcass once it had been reduced to a manageable size. We could have cleared away the carcass straightaway but decided to let nature take its course and observe the behaviour of the Sparrowhawk at close proximity. It was a rare and unique opportunity and it was good to know that the Wood Pigeon did not die in vain but fed a Sparrowhawk for at least two days. We have numerous Wood Pigeons and many are currently building nests nearby, so there will be more available and we hope to see the Sparrowhawk again.

Gary Smallbone

Bramley Parish Council

Housing Developments

The Parish Council continues to monitor the progress of the housing developments in Bramley Parish. This last month has seen a meeting with Planning Officers and Borough Councillors concerning the Development of Upper Cufaude Farm. Besides the 315 houses approved and being built on sites bordering the Bramley Policy Settlement boundary, there are a large percentage of houses at Razors Farm that fall within the Parish and there are the 390 dwellings to be phased on the land at Upper Cufaude Farm between 2019-20 to 2025-26. This is land allocated in the Local Plan. The Meeting was a Liaison meeting to discuss the constraints associated with the Upper Cufaude Farm development. One of the main constraints is that it is being given access to Cufaude Lane which is a country Lane. The site will come forward through the preparation of a masterplan taking into consideration points raised. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Bramley PC web site.

The responses to planning applications and the state of applications in the pipeline can be found on the BDBC website www.basingstoke.gov.uk/view-planning-applications or on the Bramley PC website under Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting.

WWI Commemorations

We are moving forward with preparations. We will be having a soup kitchen on the evening which will be kindly run for us by Bramley WI. The Silent Soldier is being reproduced and we shall have more information on this by next month. The Silent Soldier is not a permanent commemoration so we will be going ahead with a Commemorative Bench which will be suitably sited within the village for everyone's benefit. We have had one response from a resident suggesting suitable sites, much appreciated.

Bramley Spring Clean

This was a great success and the PC would like to congratulate Wendy Castle for organising this event on the 24th March. A thank you also goes out to all those volunteers who joined Wendy in clearing up the rubbish left around the village. As well as employing a part time Litter Warden, the PC supplies bins around the village, but we cannot force people to use them so it is great to see residents wanting to take a pride in the village and getting it tidy. Hope we can keep it that way.

Policing

The PC would like to thank PCSO Nathaniel Johnson for his support whilst assigned to Bramley and wish him the best in

his new assignment and welcome PCSO Richard Fisher to Bramley. We trust that we will have his continued support in tackling problems of ASB, vandalism and burglaries that occur across the village and affect the quality of life of the residents of Bramley. Please remember to report any incident to 101.

Pot Holes

A nightmare in the village and surrounding area but all we can do to get them repaired is to contact Hampshire Highways. A simple form can be filled out online here: www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems - The more the merrier, that is complaints, and we might get some action.

Visit the Bramley PC web site and get all the news, www.bramleypc.co.uk.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on the 15th May at 19.30 and the Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday 24th May at 19.30, both held in the Bramley Room at the village hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Malcolm Bell
Vice Chair Bramley Parish Council
On behalf of Bramley Parish Council

Clift Surgery

The growing population of Bramley is putting increasing pressure on the surgery, as some of you will have been discovering to your cost. As most of you will know, the surgery is in the process of being extended and we will keep you informed about the progress there.

The other way in which the problem is being addressed is by working with the Chineham and Whitewater (Hartley Wintney and Hook) surgeries to offer appointments on weekday evenings and during weekends. You will be able to access these appointments by ringing the surgery in the normal way. You will then be offered an appointment at the Clift Surgery or whichever one is on duty. There will be problems, for example some patients have limited access to transport. But this group of surgeries is one of three in North Hampshire trialling the service, which is called Improving Access, before it becomes available nationally in October. This will allow for it to be developed and adapted. So please come back with any suggestions and complaints during this period (either directly to the surgery or to the PPG.)

Victoria Clarke
Patient Participation Group

BRAMLEY KNITTING CIRCLE

KNIT FOR PEACE

There was a good attendance at Vectis on 27 March. The main object is still to knit for the needy but as there is a local "Poppy Project" some members work on this and Dusty collects their poppies. Much work is still done on jumpers, cardigans and rainbow blankets and this was heaped up on Phyl's table. A visitor came from Sherfield and was given helpful advice by Dusty on repairing a special jumper. Thanks, Dusty. Absent members were thought of with wishes for continued recovery and it was good to have Judith knitting away with us again. Freda gave her usual good report and with help from Jill and Gillie we all had tea and some lovely buttered tea cake from Freda. The next meeting will be on 29 May. Keep knitting!

Phyl Davies
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theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

BRAMLEY WI

This month we had a visit from a delightful lady called Valerie Chambers. She is a wife of a Captain in the Army, and she talked about 'Fiends and Felon' - Life of Crime.

It was a most enjoyable talk. She told us all about her life, obviously in different places, but the main topic was her work with youth offenders. She dealt with some difficult young people but also had some wonderful results. She made the talk very entertaining and very funny in places. Afterwards we had the usual raffle and refreshments.

Unfortunately, due to the weather, we have not been able to go out for walks but hopefully the spring and summer will come soon and we can start our evening walks!

A number of us went to Portsmouth for the Spring Council meeting, where the guest speaker was Anton Du Beke, the dancer from Strictly Come Dancing. He was hilarious had us in stitches and we all got a bit of inside information.

We have started thinking about the New Forest Show in July, so we are all busy working out what we are going to make.

The next meeting is the AGM in May when, after the official part, we are going to learn a bit of Pilates.

As mentioned in the April magazine we are having a Hampshire Centenary Craft Fair on the 29 September in the Village Hall. We are opening to all who would like to have a table. The cost is £18.00 for a large table and £15.00 for a small table. If anyone is interested in having a table, this does not mean it has to be all craft work, it can be produce or a tombola, games etc.

So please contact Linda Dove on 886024
or e-mail dovelinda16@yahoo.co.uk

How not to do DIY

Last month I rather unfairly referred to how long it would take my husband to fix a broken toilet. This prompted the following response from a reader who will remain anonymous.

As for it possibly taking a day for your husband to fix a broken toilet, it took me three weeks. Saying that, it only took me a couple of hours to replace all the copper pipework and fit a "complete" new bathroom suite. Unfortunately, in my haste to admire my handiwork and switch the water on, I'd forgotten that the bidet hadn't been delivered. Upon returning upstairs I was greeted with a 8ft geyser bouncing off the freshly plastered bathroom ceiling. Having turned around and run back down the stairs to the isolation valve, I somehow snapped off the stop-cock valve. Some 30 minutes later, after I had located the 3ft pole I needed to access the stop-cock in the street outside the house, I managed to turn the water off. Took me the next three weeks to dry out the bathroom joists, replace the ceiling plasterboard in the bathroom and kitchen below and re-plaster the ceiling. And now every job I undertake begins with "Are you sure you want to do that? Why not get an expert in?"... Even I was amazed how many swear words I'd picked up in my time in the Royal Navy...



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FRITH FOREST FUN CLUBBERS EASTER NEWS!

It was wonderful to see children operating with such confidence and independence in the forest. An entrepreneurial group created their own currency using leaves, sticks and hazelnuts to exchange their wares!

A common bartering system developed across the group: dens became shops selling wood, woodland currency was used to “sell” a go on the rope swing they had made, or time on the hammock. Digging developed into deeper excavations where clay was found and worked into natural clay balls to “sell” on to others.

They created a “tricks area”, with a cleverly concealed trap covered in leaves! Bending down to examine an old birds nest in the base of a tree resulted in a downpour of leaves from a bucket, suspended high up with rope and tipped from a distance!



The children surprised us in so many mischievous, memorable ways with their imaginative ideas. A house was marked out with sturdy logs, a doorway, a mat, fire square and logs piled up for the fire. There was even a coat stand, made from a forked

log securely dug into the earth. Everyone’s endeavours were valued by others; as they took pride in sharing and explaining their ideas.

We were kept busy teaching sawing, fire-lighting and rope tying skills. A hot lunch cooked over the campfire provided a sense of community and maintained energy levels.

Becky and Sarah joined the team, enriching the experience with their expertise. Linda worked with Sarah at Kindling Forest School, based in Twyford. Becky’s reputation speaks for itself, through her work at our local school: the children were delighted to see her! Thank you Carine, Sarah and Becky for making Easter holiday club such a success!

We return at half term: Thursday 31st May and Friday 1st June.

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Whether it was pure luck or a reward for all the hard work, we were all very grateful to have such good weather for the St George's Day Fete. It's always a bit of a gamble going so early in the year so it was a huge relief that the weather held until the thunderstorms kicked in overnight. While I know I am biased, I think we had more people out this year than in any other year and it was great to see so many families enjoying themselves and supporting their village event. I wrote earlier in the year about what the fundraising is in aid of but following such a good response I think it is worth repeating. The two beneficiaries are St James Church and Clift Meadow Trust. The support that the Church provides not just to our community but those further afield is selfless and guided by strong Christian principles which we can all appreciate. The Clift Meadow Trust will use the funds to maintain the buildings and keep our rental prices as low as possible.

Both organisations are not for profit and rely on the input and effort of volunteers who give of their time selflessly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that made such a contribution on the day including The Aldermaston Squadron ATC who were the very first to arrive and the very last to leave - a credit to their Corps; Bramley Scouts for their tireless work manning the car parks, kindly aided by Bryan Taylor; Team Bucket for manning the donation buckets all day in the heat; George Aitchison for a remarkable bushcraft stand showcasing years of knowledge and experience, Liam for all his excellent help on the field, Hazel Green who not only helped manage the arena throughout the day but also gave the Bramley Milers a highly energised warm up; Tom Treble our 'Field Marshall' who with Chris 'Jingles' managed and oversaw the field and never stopped smiling despite the endless requests for help;


Helen Wallace for looking after the two buildings; Ben Burton-Brown and his army of helpers who fed hundreds of you with Steve the Butcher's delicious sausages and burgers, the volunteers from Butter Daisy nursery, Stuart Morris for his faultless diction and clarity as Mr P.A (Stuart generously provides all his own equipment too). Then there were all those in the Arena who entertained us so well; Petite School of Dance, Dancephaze, C&M Gymnastics, Rob Sowden, who strummed and sang for us and got us shaking those booties, and Carolann Dyson for providing such an excellent Dog Show. My sincere apologies for any omissions, but, last and utterly not least - all of you who turned up to make it such a great day. Here are some photos taken by John Stubbs and Debby Pringle.

See you next year!


Simon Gill








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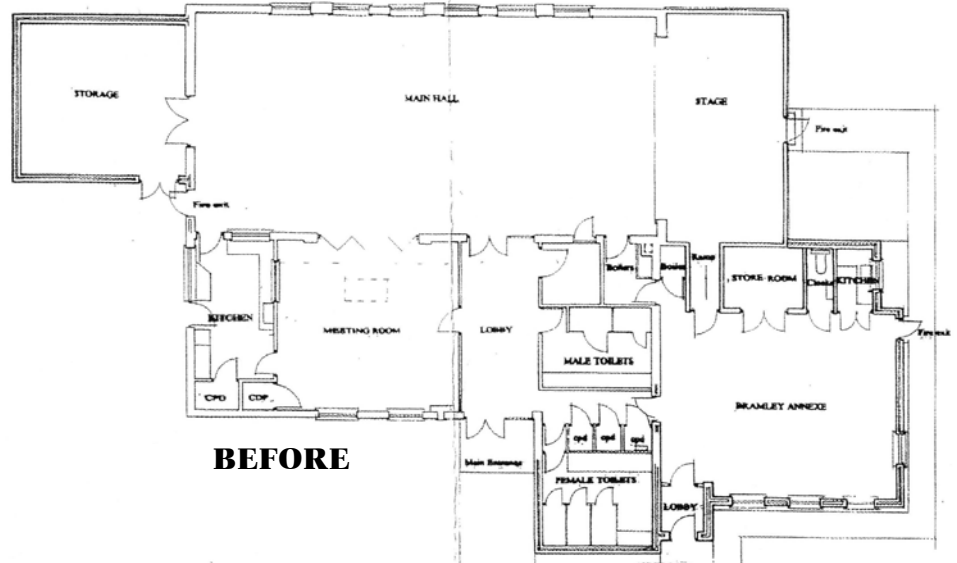


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EXCITING DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUR VILLAGE HALL

In 2014 the Trustees commissioned a Feasibility Study to examine how the Village Hall might be improved, refurbished and made more accessible to all who use it. The study reported last year and the current Trustees agreed to take the project forward. Here are the proposals:

The current male and female toilets will be revamped. A new Accessible Toilet and a Caretaker's Room with Belfast sink and storage will be created. As the new toilets will become accessible at all times to customers using the Bramley Room, the current Bramley Room toilet and kitchen will be amalgamated to provide a bigger kitchen. The current Accessible Toilet will become a cloakroom and a nappy changing room for the Preschool staff and children.



BEFORE

AFTER



A proposed extension to the front left of the building will have a set of infant toilets useable by all hirers with young children, a cloakroom and an office-cum-small-meeting-space for use by regular hirers when they are in session and one-off bookings when requested. 'Before' and 'After' plans are shown below. The plans may also be viewed at www.bramleyhampshire/village-hall.org.uk by clicking on the link in 'Bramley News' section on that page.

It is proposed that the development will be funded by grants from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

The Trustees invite you to send them any comments or questions you may have regarding the development. All positive comments received will help our bid for funding. We urge you to email your comments to bookings@bvht.org.uk or write to Village Hall

Development, Bramley Village Hall, The Street, Bramley, Tadley, RG26 5BP
Philip Lewis
Chairman

Cryptic Crossword No: 18

See page 31 for the answers.

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Across

- 2 A period of recreation found by combining an adder and a break away. (6,7)
- 8 Gathers from mixing pears. (5)
- 9 Term of endearment found within. (4)
- 10 Famous clock and short girl I discovered to be a native or language. (7)
- 11 Begin or jump. (5)
- 12 Very truthful but reversed an owl's call and mixed up stone. (3,6)
- 15 Past single vibration as measured on wrist. (6)
- 18 Huge bear concealed cuddle. (3)
- 19 Decorate a ship ? (6)
- 21 Draw attention to a lofty position not dark. (9)
- 24 You may or not run for this office. (5)
- 26 Name for cunning creature becomes dry near confusion. (7)
- 27 Girl's name or a beginning. (4)
- 28 Look for a spa in this country. (5)
- 29 Algebraically, the result of x minus x . (6,7)

Down

- 1 Bits or leaves. (5)
- 3 Common judges of cricket and tennis. (7)
- 4 Sincere fellow possibly ? (6)

- 5 Honk and gong, use both to fetch port. (4,4)
- 6 Mind Ian will discover a native. (6)
- 7 Three foot piece of wood no doubt will have your measure. (9)
- 13 Initially old Graham really enjoyed being a giant. (4)
- 14 Besides, at the start everyone loses some earnings. (4)
- 15 A strip of territory or cookery equipment ? (9)
- 16 Desire at length ? (4)
- 17 Real arrangement lead to nobleman. (4)
- 18 A classic western to be seen at peak time ? (4,4)
- 20 Deceased kitchenware leads to a straight face. (7)
- 22 Displaced organ leaves her in a confused state. (6)
- 23 The rat produces a level of menace. (6)
- 25 Phones or bands. (5)

CodeWord No: 5

See page 31 for the answers.

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Bramley Bumps and Babes

Several years ago, Helen Wallace and I set up a little group for mums and babies at the Clift Meadow Pavilion which runs alongside the monthly weigh-in clinic with the local health visiting team (the second Wednesday of every month from 9.30 to 11.00am). We have around 20 babies each time and many of the mums, dads and grandparents stay for a chat while their babies play. We enjoy getting to know them all and seeing the babies grow through their first milestones, and we love the fact that we know so many of the little ones in the village as a result!

Sadly, I am leaving Bramley to live in Fareham very soon and Helen may also be moving on. That means that if the group is to continue running alongside the weigh-in clinic we need someone else to take it on. I'd love to hear from you if you think you might be able to help. It's more of a joy than a job and it only takes up around 2 to 3 hours a month.

If you are interested, or if you would like any more information, please email me on richardwadsworth382@btinternet.com or phone 01256 881767. Thank you in anticipation.

Caroline Wadsworth



Youth Club Activities

3 May – Bramley Stones

10 May – Slime Workshop

17 May – Karaoke

24 May – Tie Dye

31 May - Bowling

7 June – Man Hunt

14 June – Volleyball Week

21 June – National Selfie Day

28 June – closed

Every Thursday @ Clift Meadow
6pm-8pm £2 Entry Fee

For more information and weekly updates please head over to our facebook page: @bramleyyouthproject



News from Butter Daisy

This month we have been celebrating Science Week, St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter at Butter Daisy.

The Baby Suite have been on some spring walks this month where they found lots of different spring flowers, with daffodils being a firm favourite. Upon their return they got busy creating some beautiful daffodils themselves using glue, paint and tissue paper.

The Toddler Suite got really involved with Science Week activities and had a great time 'breaking out' some of their favourite Duplo people from ice blocks. They explored cornflour slime, which was coloured green with glitter, and used different tools to explore the textures; including their hands which got very messy! For Easter, the Toddler Suite made some very tasty chocolate Easter nests to take home.

Pre-School transformed their discovery table with a spring theme. They have also been looking at

flowers and attempting to draw their favourites. They have used spring checklists to see what they can find outside in the garden too, as well as exploring a spring 'tuff tray' which was made into a farm.

This month has also seen the start of Kayanne's Cookery Club, where each week Kayanne our chef is cooking with one of the Suites. So far, alphabet pretzels and pizzas have been made!

The Butter team are excited to be joining the community fun at the Bramley St George's Day Fete this month and helping to make poppies with the British Legion. During the month ahead we will be celebrating St George's Day, alongside the theme of Fairy Tales and Legends.

If you are interested in coming to visit the Butter team please call on 01256 882515 or visit www.mydaisynursery.com

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Health Costs

Most NHS treatment is free, but there are a number of things for which there may be charges. This information tells you what you might be able to get help with, and whether you might be entitled.

Health costs for which you can get help

You may be able to get help with:-

- prescription charges
- NHS dental charges, including check-ups
- sight tests
- vouchers towards the cost of glasses and contact lenses
- travel costs to and from hospital for NHS treatment
- travel costs if travelling abroad for treatment
- wigs and fabric supports, for example, abdominal and spinal supports, and support tights.

You will need to show evidence to prove you are eligible for help. You may be able to get some prescriptions and treatment without proof, but you will usually have to provide it later. If you can't do this, you may have to pay the original costs plus a penalty charge.

Help with health costs if you get Universal Credit

If you're getting Universal Credit (UC), you'll only be entitled to help with health costs if:

- you get UC and had no earnings or net earnings up to £435 during the assessment period
- you get UC which includes an element for a child and/or limited capability for work or limited capability for work-related activity, and had no earnings or net earnings up to £935 during the assessment period

If you're entitled to help with health costs, you can get:

- free NHS prescriptions
- free NHS dental treatment
- free wigs and fabric supports
- free sight tests

- help with travel costs for NHS treatment
- help with the cost of glasses and contact lenses

If you were getting UC up until 31 October 2015 and you paid NHS charges for any of the health costs above, you may be able to claim a refund for these costs

Need further information or Help?

Citizens Advice Basingstoke, (located within Basingstoke Discovery Centre) can help you with queries you have on budgeting, benefits and debt, relationships, immigration, employment issues, and consumer rights. We operate a drop-in service 10-3.30 Monday to Friday (except Thursday which is pre-booked appointments only) and Saturday mornings 10-12.

Wednesday evenings we are open until 6.30pm

The Advice Line telephone number is 0344 111 306

The Citizens Advice Basingstoke website can be found at www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk

Online help from Citizens Advice can be found at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

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Madama Butterfly

Thu 3 May, 7.30pm The Anvil

One of the world's most popular operas, Puccini's Madama Butterfly tells the story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results. Highlights include the melodic Humming Chorus, the moving aria One Fine Day and the unforgettable Love Duet.

Sung in Italian with English surtitles.

TICKETS: £38, £34, £30; Over 65s £2 off, under 16s and f/t students £20, £18, £16

Jools Holland

Wed 9 May, 7.30pm The Anvil

& his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

Featuring Gilson Lavis with special guest Marc Almond. Guest vocalists Ruby Turner, Louise Marshall and Rose Mae.

TICKETS: £44, £38

Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Thu 10 May, 7.30pm The Anvil

The brilliant male choir invoke the soul of South Africa with their powerful, uplifting songs, and intricate rhythms and harmonies.

TICKETS: £37, £27

Mary Chapin Carpenter

Fri 11 May, 7.30pm The Anvil

Five-time Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Mary Chapin Carpenter is on the road celebrating 30 years in the music industry.

With support from Emily Barker.

TICKETS: £34, £29.50

Spira Mirabilis

Sat 12 May, 7.45pm The Anvil

The extraordinary ensemble perform Beethoven's Symphony no 7, its joyous energy and rhythmic impetus making it among the most popular of all symphonies.

TICKETS: £25, £20, £15, £10

Nils Lofgren

Tue 15 May, 8pm The Anvil

Celebrating his 50th year of touring, E Street Band member and solo artist Nils

Lofgren makes his first return to the UK in three years, accompanied by multi-instrumentalist Greg Varlotta. Drawing from an expansive repertoire of a lifetime in rock 'n' roll, and sharing many memorable stories along the way, Nils will pick up on the magical experience of his last tour.

TICKETS: £44.50, £34.50

Dresden Philharmonic Orchestra

Fri 18 May, 7.45pm The Anvil

Michael Sanderling conducts the orchestra in a programme of Beethoven's Symphony no 5 and Shostakovich's Symphony no 5.

TICKETS: £40, £36, £29, £22, £14; Under 16s and f/t students £10

Ben Folds and a Piano

Tue 22 May, 7.30pm The Anvil

with support from Matt Holubowski

Taking to the stage with just a grand piano for company, cult hero Ben Folds plays tracks both classic and current. Hear Ben Folds Five favourites followed by stripped back renditions of his more classical-leaning repertoire.

TICKETS: £37, £27

Silchester Primary School

The Robin Scott Band returns to Silchester!

Silchester Primary School PTA are delighted to announce the return of The Robin Scott Band to Silchester Village Hall on Saturday 9 June, doors open at 7.30pm.

This phenomenal group of talented musicians have taken the village hall by storm for the last two years! This year's line-up is: Christabel Cossins – Vocals, Robin Scott - Keys/Vocals, Tom Walker - Guitar/Vocals, Gavin Scott - Bass and Barry Cook - Drums/Percussion.

Between them they have recorded/toured with many artists such as Cat Stevens, Barry White, Jermaine Jackson, Mcfly, Barry Manilow, Jocelyn Brown, Lesley Garrett, The Waterboys, Rod Stewart, Gloria Gaynor among many others.

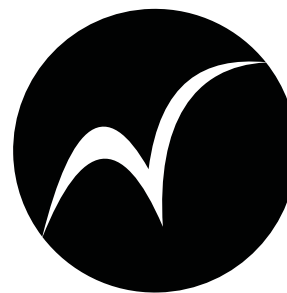
They have also supported artists such as Shania Twain, Cher, Sting, Alanis Morissette, The Spice Girls, Kylie Minogue, Deep Purple, Green Day, The Corrs and many more.

Hopefully you don't need any more convincing to join us for what is set to be a fabulous evening and on your doorstep! Not only will you have a fantastic night out but will help raise precious funds for the school.

Tickets are £20 per person and include a free drink on arrival. Available in advance from The Calleva Arms and the Silchester School Office.

Find out more about the musical maestro, Robin Scott, who the PTA are indebted to for helping coordinate the event, visit www.robinscottmusic.com.

For more information on tickets contact Sarah on 07929 732166.



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What is the best fuel for avoiding pollution and are drivers obeying the new signs at the level crossing? **John Stubbs** investigates

One of my favourite photos, this: road traffic through Bramley sometime before 1895, from a print lent by William Clift a while back. A bike, a trike, and a trap – all the railway staff and their dog out to watch. Very little in the way of queues backing up, and really no need for checks of air quality: any emissions could easily be accommodated on the local roses.

A little more recently, as I walked across one morning I counted a modest ten cars on this approach, and seven of them had stopped their engines. Now that was something I'd never seen before: have the new signs actually made a difference, or was it just a random co-incidence of conscientious drivers? Eerily quiet, and nicer to breathe, for sure. Over the next few months the extremely clever air sampling equipment now at work down there should be able to tell us more of the facts.

The trouble with this sort of environmental problem is that there are always going to be plusses and minuses for any course of action. For instance, while the crossing hangs up vehicles right in the middle of the village, without the resulting delays there'd be a lot more through traffic – with all the problems that would entail. And with some older cars, stopping and restarting the engine may produce more pollutants than when they're left running, as the catalyst cools down. In general, though, I reckon that if you can't see a train, switch off.

Another of the imponderables is making the choice between diesel and petrol, and whether to get a newer car, if you can, of course, or to keep the old one a bit longer. In terms of toxic emissions, there really isn't much between a new petrol or a new diesel car – the current EU6 emission limits are very similar for the two engine types: older diesels are not so good, though. For urban use, hybrid or electric vehicles have got to be favourite; out round here the fuel efficiency of the diesel suits larger vehicles, the petrol engine perhaps better for smaller cars. Making a new car inevitably involves the release of some 10 to 20 tonnes of carbon dioxide – depending on where it's made, how the metals and plastics are produced, and what energy sources are used – old coke furnaces in south Asia, or hydroelectric in Europe, perhaps. To save that amount of CO2 you' might have to drive something like a quarter of a million miles – that could take a while, for most of us.

Modern electric cars use a range of specialist metals such as nickel, copper, lithium, and in particular cobalt; much of this last metal's ore being dug by hand in the DRC by anyone in need of \$2 per day. That's not in itself a reason to shun the technology, but it does raise issues over the way markets ought to reflect the true cost of materials, all the way through the supply chain. In the not too distant future the use of fossil fuels will have to be drastically reduced: remarkable health improvements were achieved sixty odd years ago by the introduction of The Clean Air Act, which had the effect of cutting urban smog from fossil fuels. At the time, the exact causes were unclear, but deaths spiked dramatically during the particularly bad smog in 1952. Later it was found that nitrogen dioxide catalysed the reaction of sulphur from coal fires to form sulphuric acid. This was the main killer, added to the smoke particles and the fog.



The particles in present-day pollutants, for instance from diesel vehicles, can be much smaller and hence invisible, and nitrogen dioxide is still a significant toxin in urban streets. It occurs when combustion generates very high temperatures, as inside a diesel engine cylinder: modern designs use a range of technologies to reduce its emission, but the legislated limits have not cleared the air as quickly as had been expected. Though fuels now have very much less sulphur, nitrogen oxide emissions are still associated with adverse health effects, depending on the concentration and the length of exposure. One of the problems is that emissions comprise literally hundreds of different compounds – and these can interact and change rapidly once they escape and meet air, moisture and sunlight: establishing precisely which chemical is the main health culprit is no easy task.

When the photo above was taken, there'd have been more electric vehicles around than internal combustion engines, and fuel cells were invented in 1839. No one can be quite sure whether it was technical necessity, sheer chance, or the efforts of the oilcos that nailed the swing to gasoline. As to the way things may now go, it's well encapsulated in a remark used by, if not originated by Niels Bohr: *It's difficult to make predictions, especially about the future.*

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Bramley & Romans Floral Society

Our March meeting was cancelled because of the snow but was rearranged two weeks later. The demonstrator was Graham King and he called all his arrangements 'Experimental'. He produced five very different and quite exotic arrangements using intricate accessories, which he had made himself. Here are a few of the arrangements.

On to our April demonstration by Keri Walker. Her arrangements were more traditional, celebrating the journey of a love story. The first showed flowers in a box, depicting the first flowers a boy sends his new girlfriend after a blind date. Next was a table arrangement for when both families meet for a meal at Christmas. There was a box of red roses for Valentines day and an arrangement in a tall wine glass to depict the wedding. Keri finished with a two part arrangement of yellow and pink for the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl.



We had our usual homemade cake and tea after the first three arrangements and finished the afternoon with the raffle. We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon Village hall at 1.30pm

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There are legal steps you can follow to get the tenant out of the property.

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The first step is issue a 'formal notice that must be correctly drafted and properly

served. You cannot just take back possession without following the legal process otherwise you could find yourself in trouble with the law.

If the tenant refuses to leave the property once the notice expires then you will need to apply to the Court to obtain a Possession Order.

Unfortunately court cases are not always quick, due to the workload of all courts, so the sooner you issue a notice and deal with matters the better. If the tenant does not leave the property once a possession order is made, then the Court can instruct a bailiff to carry out the eviction.

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Air Defence of the UK since 1940

Tuesday 15 May: 2pm / £4

Looking at the technology from the basic Radars of 1940 to the high-tech digital displays of today, this talk will explore how valuable Fighter Controllers are to maintaining the safety of the skies around our shores 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Talk led by Squadron leader Joe Marsden.

Dementia Awareness Week

Monday 21 May – Sunday 27 May 2018 / FREE

A range of organisations will be visiting and offering advice, support and free drop-in sessions for those who are affected by dementia or who just wish to find out more. Visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre to find out about the full programme of events.

Last Known Sighting

Tuesday 22 May: 7pm – 9.30pm / £7.50

In this fully interactive simulated CSI experience, discover how forensic techniques are used to put together clues from the evidence left behind. Using text messages, personal effects and witness statements, will you find your missing person in time? Led by Anna Chaussée, Dr Carolin Esser-Miles and Nicky Booth from the University of Winchester. Bring a notebook and pencil

Suitable for ages 14 – adult.

Foster and Adoption

Thursday 31 May: 4pm – 8.30pm / FREE

Could you foster or adopt? The Finding Homes for Hampshire Children's Team are hosting a free adoption and fostering information drop-in event between 5-8pm. Not only can they answer all your questions, they can help you take the next step along your journey. One of our foster carers will also be available to share their experiences.

Library-supported courses

DOTS: iPad Lending with training and support

Tuesdays 15 & 22 May: 9.30am – 12.30pm / FREE

DOTS (Digital Options Training Support) is for people who would benefit from acquiring basic digital skills on an iPad. Participants will be loaned an iPad for four weeks to use and practice on at home and will receive two training sessions plus support from the DOTS team during the loan period.

To find out more details and check you would be eligible, please ask a member of Discovery Centre staff. Places MUST be booked in advance

Cryptic Crossword No: 18 Solution

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ELSE	14	PULSE	15
OGRE	13	TOOHONEST	12
YARDSTICK	7	STAR	11
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Mondays	
<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
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>Dance Club (Petite School)</i>	Village Hall
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Slimming World 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 6.50 for 7pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
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
<i>HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30</i>	School Hall
Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Lunch Club 2nd Thursday</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Body Tone 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<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>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
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>ARO Kickboxing 7.00pm</i>	Village Hall
Saturdays	
<i>Dance School</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Farmers market 1st Saturday</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Sundays	
<i>Dinky Disco</i>	Village Hall
<i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley & St Stephen's Little London</i>	

Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

Organisation	Name	Tel No	Email	Remarks
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Active Mums Post Natal Exercise	Emma Perkins	07973 389407	emmatraining@hotmail.com www.emmaperkins.com	
Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
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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 www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com	
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Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
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Exercise classes	Caroline Sherlock	07845 217901	caroline@this2thisfitness.co.uk	
Farmers market	Jo Kemp Williams	07557412400	jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com	
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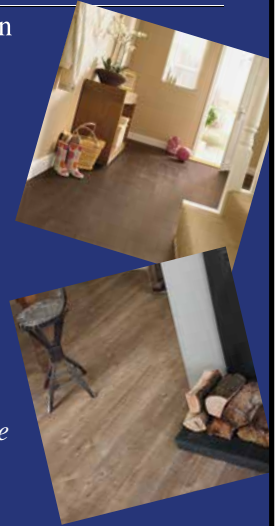
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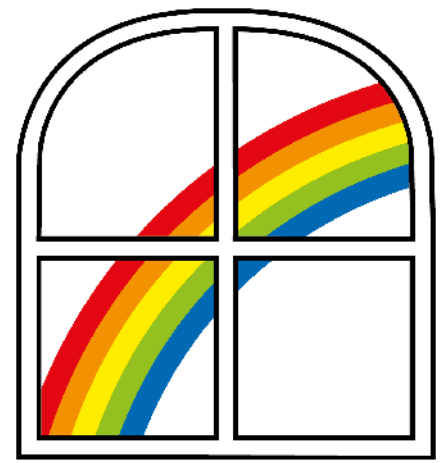
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