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Morris dancers at Clift Meadow fete

Have you booked a holiday this year? If you are thinking of having a staycation or are waiting for a last-minute deal, you're not alone. Holiday bookings are down dramatically compared with this time last year. No prizes for guessing why – it's that B word again. Having a holiday in your own home doesn't sound that relaxing to me; you would still have housework to do, the grass would need cutting and who's going to do the cooking? Then again, the money you save by not booking a holiday could be spent on a cleaner, a gardener and lots of take aways or meals out. You could visit all those places nearby that you've been meaning to see since you moved here, or see a film as soon as it has been released rather than waiting until it is only being shown on the smallest screen, once a week at 10am. Experts (well, Costco magazine actually) suggest buying some new toiletries as if you were staying in a 4-star hotel and even buying new fluffy towels for a spa-like feel. They also recommend hiring a sports car for a few days but I think that has more to do with promoting their car hire business. Fun though.

Well, the good news is that if you decide on a staycation there will be no shortage of things to keep you occupied as there is so much going on in Bramley and the surrounding villages in June and July. I think I counted at least ten events and they are all advertised in the magazine. We have school fetes, a coffee morning, a motorcycle stunt show, a circus and the Music Festival in St James's Church. They are all in aid of good causes so you can enjoy yourself and help others at the same time – a win win! There are also a couple of important anniversaries to celebrate in July. It's 20 years since Bramley Out of School Club started and they will be celebrating with a party in the playground. Five years earlier Cross House was opened and this will be marked with a thanksgiving and barbeque.

And there is one more reason to stay at home - we are expecting lots of special visitors in July. They may be celebrities, film characters, even animals. Yes, the scarecrows are coming back! They will be popping up all over Bramley so you've got a month to start thinking about your entry.

Next month's magazine will be the summer issue, covering July and August, so if you want any articles or photographs included please email them to me as early as possible. The deadline is 15 June but if you leave it that late you may be disappointed!

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

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 10.30 Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
- 9th Pentecost**
 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
 9.00 Sunday@nine – Cross House
 10.30 Holy Communion – St James
- 16th Trinity Sunday**
 8.00 Holy Communion – Little London
 9.00 Sunday@nine – Cross House
 10.30 Morning Worship – St James
- 23rd 1st Sunday after Trinity**
 8.00 Holy Communion – St James
 9.00 Sunday@nine – Cross House
 10.30 Holy Communion – St James
- 30th 2nd Sunday after Trinity**
 NO early services
 10.30 **Open Air Songs of Praise** with the Tadley Band on Clift Meadow: *Come and sing your heart out with us!*

... And into July...

- 7th 3rd Sunday after Trinity**
 8.00 Holy Communion – St James
 9.00 Sunday@nine – Cross House
 10.30 Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
- 14th 4th Sunday after Trinity**
 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
 9.00 Sunday@nine – Cross House
 10.30 Holy Communion – St James
Celebrating 25 years since the opening of Cross House – exhibition of photos and memorabilia, as well as thanksgiving for Ella Tubb, whose legacy enabled the building of Cross House.
 12.00 **Church Family BBQ at the Vicarage – all welcome!**

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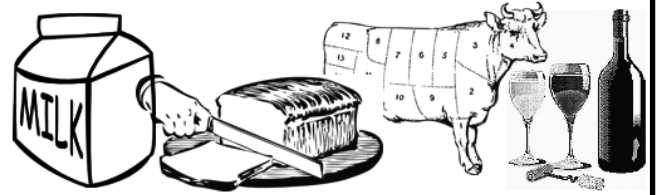


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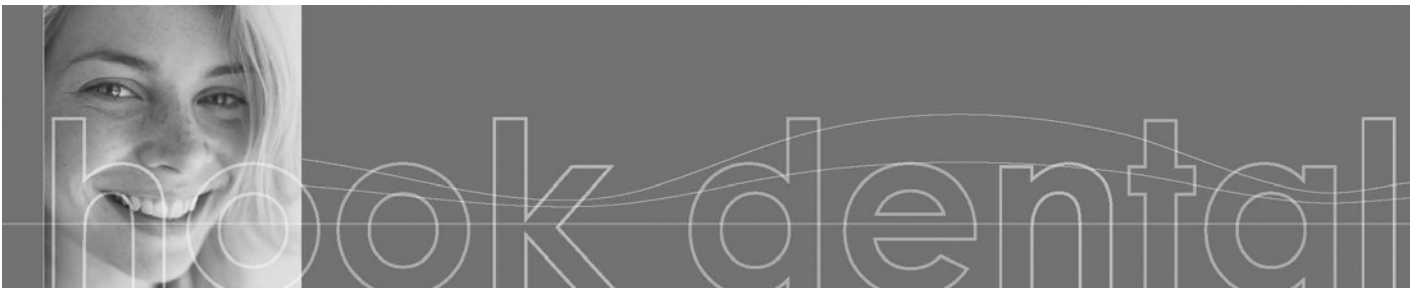
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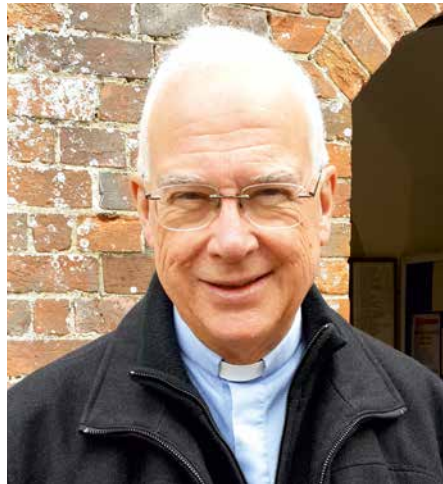
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I had a birthday this week, a fact which I can now safely reveal, since it will be a couple of weeks before you get to read this piece, so you won't need to feel any obligation to wish me 'Happy Birthday', as it will be much too late to bother. It wasn't a significant birthday, in the sense that the number of years didn't end in a zero or a five, or even an eight or a one, as in 18 or 21. But we celebrated it, all the same.

Funny things, birthdays. When you're a child, the distance between them seems to last forever, and the most important thing about them is that you get presents. I can still remember the enormous excitement I felt on my eighth birthday when my mum and dad gave me a Brownie 127 camera, despite the fact that it only took black and white photos, had a single fixed lens and only had 8 shots on each roll of film. For me, it was the peak of technology, and it actually served me pretty well for a number of years, though I could seldom afford to buy film or to get the films developed afterwards.

But if the really important bit when you're a child is the presents, the really important thing when you grow up is the way you mark the day. I didn't realise that all on my own; but I am immensely fortunate in being married to someone who is a real party animal. She delights in planning and throwing surprise parties, and my years have been marked with a succession of them. And of course, nowadays they seem to go on getting closer and closer together.

My 21st birthday was a blast. I was in my first year at Oxford, sharing rooms with an American Rhodes Scholar, Walt. My beloved fiancée, as she was then, conspired with Walt and various others



Rev'd John Lenton

to get me out of the way while they set up a surprise party. Both Walt and Ann thought that they were responsible for buying a case of sparkling white wine (Veuve du Vernay, remember that?) so for the first time in living memory at a student party, there was a super-abundance of fizz to go with the birthday cake. We popped the corks out of the window onto the quadrangle grass, and a very, very good time was had by all. I actually still have one or two black and white photos of that party, which went on well into the night. (Could those photos have been taken with the Brownie 127?)

Big surprise parties also marked my 50th, 60th and 70th birthdays. The 50th came just after I'd given notice that I was going to take early retirement from my job at American Express in order to take up some kind of Christian work, so there was a slight feeling that this was going to be the last hurrah, a kind of 'farewell to all that'. Little did we know. Anyway, my beloved as usual kept the celebration a total surprise. No sooner had I set off for work that morning than she gave the signal to a lorry waiting round the corner with a marquee, which was rapidly set up in the big back garden, and joined in succession by tables, chairs, caterers, even circus performers and finally

the best part of 100 guests. You may imagine my astonishment when I walked through the front door at 5.30, having been sent home early by my PA.

I won't go into detail about the party my beloved organised for my 60th in the North London vicarage garden (jazz combo, a curry buffet from our favourite Indian restaurant in the neighbourhood and lots of good friends and family, as ever) or the 70th (a wonderful gathering of much-loved people to eat gorgeous Italian food and drink wonderful Italian wine at the Red Lion in Mortimer West End.) But it's obvious that the element that all of these events have in common is that you're surrounded by people you love to be with, all celebrating with you the fact that you've made it through another year – and just by being there with you, they're saying that your friendship and your existence matter to them.

The Bible, of course, has wise words to say on how we should be marking out the years. In Psalm 99, the Psalmist says: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." In other words, it's wise to take account of time passing, to acknowledge that life here on earth won't go on for ever, to mark the milestones. God has given us an awareness, a longing, an instinct that there is something more to life than our temporal existence, says the book of Ecclesiastes: "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart..."

Even more than that, Psalm 71 reminds me why we're here at all: "Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvellous deeds. Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, my God, until I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." And what better time or place to do that, than at a really good birthday party?

For this month's Meet the Neighbours we spoke to **Fiona Draper** and **Kate Mitchell** who both work at Bramley School and recently completed the London Marathon.

Bramley Magazine (BM) Was this your first marathon and what made you do it?

Fiona Draper - This was my first ever marathon. It was something I had always wanted to do but never ever thought I would get a place, let alone be able to run such a distance. I only took up running a year ago! When I was 12, I was amongst the St John Ambulance volunteers who helped at the second London Marathon and since then I have been an avid fan of the race. Watching the marathon on telly every year made me determined to put it on my bucket list and my husband Jon really encouraged and supported me when my place was confirmed last year.

Kate Mitchell - 2019 was my second London Marathon. I also took part in the 2018 London Marathon, which was the hottest on record! Because of the heat last year, I didn't achieve the time I had set my heart on, so I entered again as I felt I had unfinished business. I got into running after having my second child, when I joined a group of local mums who ran with their little ones in pushchairs. A few of us decided to enter a 5k race. This then escalated into a 10k race, a 10-mile race, a half marathon, then the London Marathon!



Fiona ran the marathon in aid of Whizz Kidz

BM: What was it like taking part in the London marathon?

Fiona: It was an amazing but emotional experience. So much hard work goes into training and even though I had not run the full distance before, somehow the adrenaline and support from the crowd and fellow runners helped me complete the 26.2 miles. Seeing my family in the crowd towards the end helped to keep me going and running towards the finish line on The Mall was a moment that I'll never forget!

Kate: It is such an amazing experience; the noise and encouragement from the crowds of spectators is overwhelming. There are steel bands, jazz bands and people shouting your name and words of encouragement. Spectators also held up motivating and funny banners. I found it very emotional and loved every minute!

BM: You were running in aid of Whizz Kidz and Asthma UK - why are those charities important to you?

Fiona: Whizz Kidz is a fantastic charity that helps provide wheelchairs and mobility equipment for children. They also run clubs and training sessions to help children become

more independent with their mobility. As a 1:1 learning support partner for a young girl who uses a wheelchair I can really appreciate how important the correct equipment is. It is amazing how expensive wheelchairs can be so hopefully the money I have raised will help to fund another child's independence.

Kate: I ran both marathons for Asthma UK, as my youngest son was diagnosed with severe asthma at the age of two following several long hospital admissions. It's so important to me to help fund research into treatment and eventually a cure, as there are 5.4 million people with asthma in the UK and every 10 seconds someone is having a potentially life-threatening asthma attack.

BM: And you both work at Bramley School?

Fiona: Yes, I have worked at Bramley School for the last 11 years and it is a job I really enjoy! I am also one of the governors and it has been wonderful to be part of the school's fantastic growth over the last few years.

Kate: And I am a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant at Bramley Primary school and have worked there for five and a half years.

Fiona and Kate: During our marathon training the support from the staff and children was outstanding. They all took part in a sponsored run/walk to help raise money for Whizz Kidz, Asthma UK and Oliver Warner's fundraising campaign.



Kate with her marathon medal



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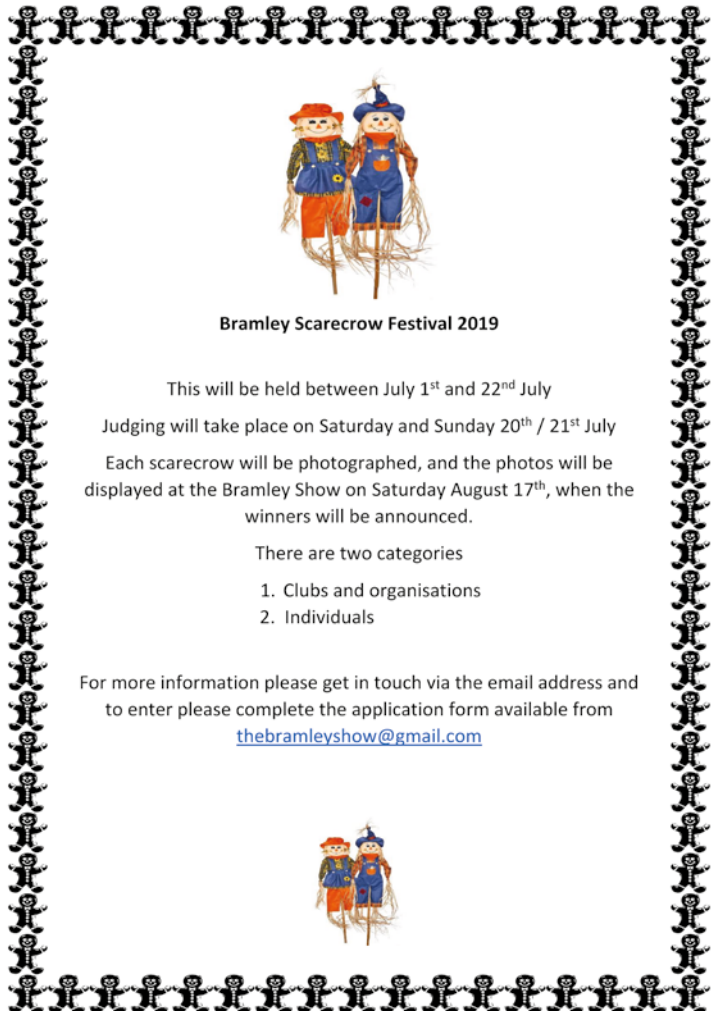
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Air quality monitoring – The Parish Council takes the problem of air quality in our community seriously. We have been in discussion with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) for some time and we are getting some traction. The officers concerned are interested in the equipment we are using at the level crossing and want to compare it more closely with the simple tube system they use. Across the district, BDBC are launching a clean air initiative. The Parish Council will be actively supporting this. You can too. If you're going to be waiting in your car for more than a minute, turn your engine off. It cuts pollution and saves you money.

Waste water - There has been concern over the capacity of the waste water system in Bramley to be able to cope with all the recent developments. Much to the surprise of the Parish Council, the conditions concerning the waste water laid down by Thames water have been discharged without the improvement in the infrastructure. The Parish Council is chasing up with BDBC to make sure the promised survey work is completed before this becomes a problem.

Allotments – It's spring clean time at the allotment ground. All the plot holders have been busy and the whole area now looks set for another productive year. The Parish

Council has done its bit too. The saggy and broken fencing has been replaced and the site given a general tidy up. We now have 12 people on the allotment waiting list. With new allotments on St James Park due when the developers finish, we hope we can get more people accommodated.

The **Neighbourhood Policing Team** in Bramley has been actively responding to a rise in reported anti-social behaviour in our area. The police monitor patterns of crime, but they need our help to do it. If you see or experience anything, ring it in on 101 or Crimestoppers - 0800 555111. It does make a difference because your information adds to the big picture.

Get involved with the **local plan** - In last month's magazine there was a map of potential sites for development. We have a local plan that takes us to 2029, but we need community involvement to make sure we have something in place after that.

If you do have any questions for the Parish Council, or want to see how we work, why not come down to our regular sessions at the Village hall. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm. It's a friendly environment and we welcome input from all members of our community.

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Cross House @ 25

On behalf of the Benefice, the parish and PCC of St. James, Bramley and St. Stephen's, Little London, I can confirm that a thanksgiving and celebration of the twenty-five years of Cross House will take place on Sunday 14 July. Each morning service on that Sunday will have its own form of thanksgiving in celebration of this anniversary. A family barbeque will take place after the services.

Please do come and support this moment; everybody's contribution and experience is valued however short or long. We plan to have a display/interpretation of the conception and building of Cross House, past, present and future. Confirmation of timings for this will be made and advertised as soon as possible. I hope some of the extracts below regarding Cross House and Ella Tubb, give some idea of what is being aimed for, and indeed the ideas and thoughts which continue to shape the use of this and other buildings nearby.

Jonathan Large

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Extract from Bramley Magazine, August 1994

We were pleased to welcome the Bishop of Winchester to dedicate Cross House, our new church rooms, on Saturday 16 July. We started with a full band of ringers heralding a Festival Evensong, at which Jubilate gave a strong lead, as well as singing an introit and an Iona setting of Psalm 8. After the sermon, Mr Ben Tottenham, Chairman of the Planning Committee, and Mr Richard Wood, Churchwarden, thanked those who were principally involved in the building of Cross House, and made some presentations. After a final hymn and blessing, the bishop led us in procession to Cross House, where after a prayer of dedication he untied the ceremonial ribbon. Everyone then had a chance to look around the building before coming together to see the bishop cut the cake made specially to mark the occasion. As vicar, I would like to thank all who worked so hard beforehand getting the church yard immaculate, cleaning Cross House and preparing displays of work and flowers, as well as those who served the refreshments. We also much appreciated the card sent by Rev. Roger and Mrs Ros

Cossins to celebrate the day. I am sure that all who came would agree that it was a most joyous occasion, and marks a new and important chapter in the life of our church and village.

Robert Toogood

Memories of Ella Tubb from a Bramley resident, April 2019

I've lived in Bramley almost 41 years and my first welcome to the village was from Ella Tubb. She rode by on her bicycle and stopped for a chat. At the time she was a Sunday School teacher and encouraged my two youngsters, 10 and 12 years to join Shell Club, which they enjoyed very much. We always had a friendly wave.

After Ella's death there were plans to extend the church for a "meeting area" but this was not popular with many. The vicar transferred elsewhere and Cross House was built in due course, I think by Beveridge, a well-known firm.

Interesting Fact

Tuesday 16 July 2019, which is the actual 25th anniversary of the formal opening of Cross House, is also the fiftieth anniversary of when Apollo 11's successful programme began to put a human being on the moon. The astronauts left behind the "Apollo 11 goodwill disk", a silicon disk the size of a fifty-cent piece. It contained welcoming messages from different countries, as well as the words of Psalm 8. As you will see from the above extract from the Bramley Magazine, one of the sacred pieces of music used in the service to dedicate Cross House was a setting of Psalm 8.

Bramley Knitting Circle

The last meeting was held on 30 April at Gill's and attended by 17 knitters. A lovely coffee cake, made by Sue, was enjoyed by all as we knitted and nattered. Freda said she had sent 15kgs of goods to Knit for Peace in March, consisting of blankets, jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarves etc. She had received a letter of thanks, which was circulated.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 25 June

Judith Harris



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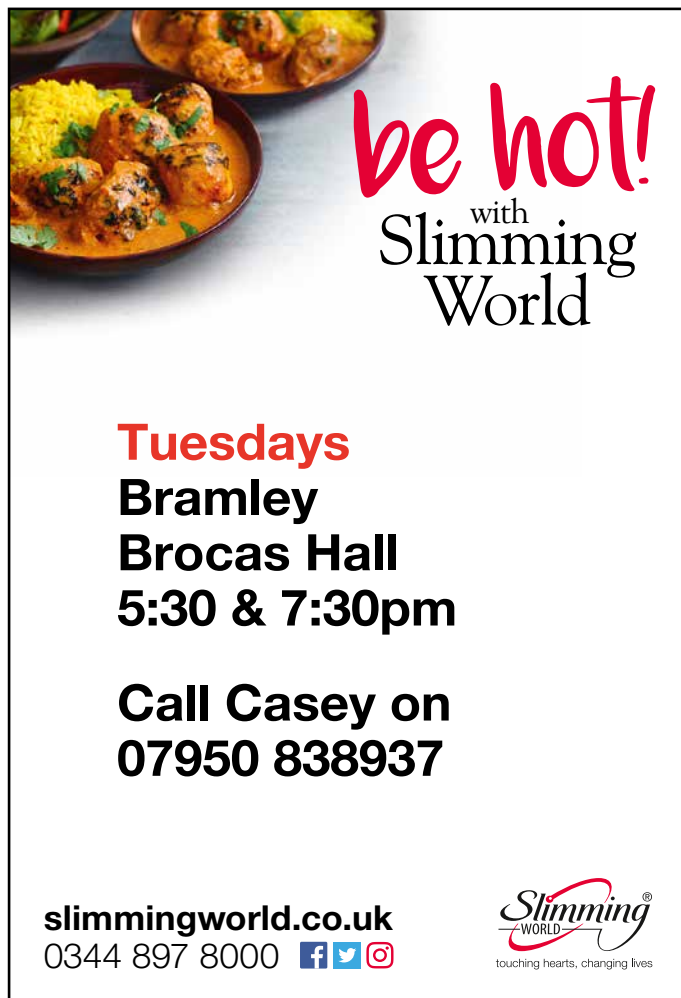
As I am writing this, I am reminded of the talk given to the Branch Meeting on 14 May, by our Secretary Bryan Jenkins, about the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force in World War I. To think of the way the country got behind the "New" technology of air warfare in a relatively short period of time is amazing. The meeting was well attended with 19 members and non-members present, including one of the care home residents. On behalf of the branch, I would certainly like to thank Cherry Blossom Manor Care Home for hosting our meeting for a second time.

We have a few events coming up that I would like to mention. We will be hosting our second summer BBQ on Saturday 27 July 2019 and I hope to see many of you there (more of that in next month's magazine). Also in the diary is a Branch visit to the Normandy battlefields to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day which will take place towards the end of August and our Branch Annual Dinner on Friday 4 October 2019 (please see advertisement on page 17 in this magazine).

In the very near future we will be blessing our new Branch Standard, along with the laying up of the old standard. This will take place in St James' Church, Bramley in the coming weeks. Please watch out for this event.

Steve Day – Branch Treasurer – 07341 552732




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An Untold D-Day Story

During June we will be remembering the D-Day landings. On 6 June it will be 75 years since thousands of Allied servicemen set forth on what was to be the pivotal moment of World War 2. There are not many men left who took part, but some of those who did, from the USA, Canada, Australia and many other nations, will make what is probably their last journey to commemorate what they did for us all. Of those who set out, many never returned and are buried in the military cemeteries across Normandy. These cemeteries are a moving and humbling sight, if ever you should visit.

Operation Overlord was the code name for the Normandy invasion. A huge planning and logistical exercise went on from 1943. All along the south coast of England, military camps were established. One centre of activity was around the town of Selsey in Sussex, where there was a large presence of Canadian servicemen. My brother is a member of the Historical Society there and he told me this story, related to him by one of the older residents.

Telegrams were delivered locally by 'telegram boys' after being received via telegraph at the post office in Selsey. These boys, leaving school at 14 in those days, but too young to be conscripted, rode bicycles in order to get the messages to the recipient quickly. One day a telegram came in for a house in the hamlet of Church Norton, adjacent to Pagham Harbour just east of Selsey. The postmaster gave it to the telegram boy, with the expectation that he would be back within an hour at most.

The lad rode off and soon reached his destination, along the only road that led to Church Norton. Having delivered the telegram, he rode back, and was surprised to see a convoy of large cars preceded by soldiers on motorcycles coming the other way. Not only was the road a dead end, but petrol was rationed quite severely, so to see so many vehicles was unusual. He noticed a barrier across the road ahead that was not there on his outward journey and as he reached it a policeman stepped forward and stopped him.

Lunch Club

There were sixteen members this month and after tea or coffee we played four or five games of "Countdown". Everyone concentrated so hard you could hear a pin drop! This was followed by a quiz of 30 questions, some were easy and others needed a little more thought; top scorers were Jo and Robin.

This was followed by a tasty lunch of beef pie, cabbage, carrots and new potatoes, and refreshing dessert of fresh fruit salad and cream.

Birthday celebrations this month were Jo, Sheila and Freda. (Thank you for my plant.)

We left in a terrible downpour, so one member made a very elegant rain hat from a plastic bag!!

If you would like to join us, please contact Christine on tel. no. 884065. If you have a transport problem, lifts can easily be arranged.

Freda Clark



'No-one in or out, lad, until the visitors have left the area'.

'What visitors?' enquired the lad.

'If you didn't recognise the man in the back of the big car, the one with the big cigar, then I would have to ask where you have been these last few years'.

'You mean Mr Churchill?' said the now incredulous youth.

'It's a state secret. Don't tell anyone that you saw him' warned the policeman.

After waiting for the return of the vehicle convoy, the youth was finally allowed to go on his way.

'Where have you been all this time?' asked the postmaster.

Deciding that he would get his ears boxed whether he kept the secret or told his frankly unbelievable story, the boy kept quiet.

Churchill had been at the harbour seeing one of the early Mulberry harbour components, the Phoenix. These were large reinforced concrete caissons, effectively concrete tanks, that could be sunk until needed. Displacements were from 2,000 to 6,000 tons. These were stored at Pagham Harbour and other places until after D-Day, then emptied of water so that they could be floated across and sunk off the Normandy beaches. They would form the foundations of the temporary harbours that allowed troops and supplies to be landed after the beaches were secured. I believe the old chap who told my brother the story was in fact the telegram boy.

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Music Festival latest

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To give you an idea of the sort of music you will be listening to, Signum Brass, who are performing on Friday, are playing ten pieces ranging from William Mathias' Summer Dances to Irving Berlin's Putting on the Ritz.

You're too late for Graffiti Classics on Saturday night as they sold out last month, but we do have tickets for Signum Brass on Friday and for Prince Charles' former harpist Claire Jones on Thursday. She will be appearing with her husband, percussionist Chris Marshall. They were brilliant last time so I'm sure they will entertain us royally once again. Come to think of it, Prince Harry may wish Claire was back at the Palace and able to soothe Archie when he is refusing to sleep.

For tickets phone Rachel on 07570 972425 / 01256 541251 or email rbarclaysmith@gmail.com

Bramley Out of School Club 20yrs party

Bramley Out of School Club is 20 years old this year. To celebrate we are holding a Party in the Playground event for current members of the club and for new members and their families who are starting in September. We would also like to invite any former members, staff and committee to join us with their families to celebrate on 12 July at Bramley Primary School. We've entertainment lined up to keep all the family happy. If you would like more information please email the club at info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com and see the advert on page 17.

Julie Wilson, Club Manager

Bramley WI

As our April meeting was near Easter we thought we would have an Easter theme, so we all made some boxes from coloured and patterned thick card and then we decorated them with chocolate eggs and chicks. It was good fun and lots of chocolate eggs were eaten during the preparation and chat. We had the usual raffle and refreshments. Everyone went home with an Easter egg.

The May meeting was our AGM where the committee and President were elected. The previous committee all stood again, together with Christine as our President.

After the formality, we had a slide and talk show on the Architecture of Remembrance from Rhydian Vaughan. It was so interesting and he explained how the war graves were started and why it was better for the fallen to be buried abroad rather than repatriated. Three of the greatest architects designed the cemeteries, together with a number of ex-servicemen. They also had celebrities helping them, for example Rudyard Kipling and Gertrude Jekyll, who was nicknamed Lady Bumps. The graves look so magnificent even after all this time. They are all white and very well looked after. Thank you, Rhydian, for such an interested talk.

We had a walk again this month, over to Micheldever, and also went to the Haymarket to see 'Oliver', which was excellent.

Next month we are having a speaker who is going to talk about 'Much to do about nothing' which I gather is going to be hilarious.

Jane Matthews



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The event will comprise pre-dinner drinks followed by a 3-course meal and conclude with an address by our guest speaker. Smart clothing should be worn. (As a guide, jacket and tie for the gentlemen would be appropriate). Miniature medals should be worn by those entitled to do so.

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Simon Gill





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BARRISTER: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

BARRISTER: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

BARRISTER: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

BARRISTER: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the circus was in town I'm going with male.

BARRISTER: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

BARRISTER: ALL of your responses MUST be oral, OK?

What school did you attend?

WITNESS: Oral.

BARRISTER: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, very close to your IQ.

BARRISTER: Do you recall the time you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 pm.

BARRISTER: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.



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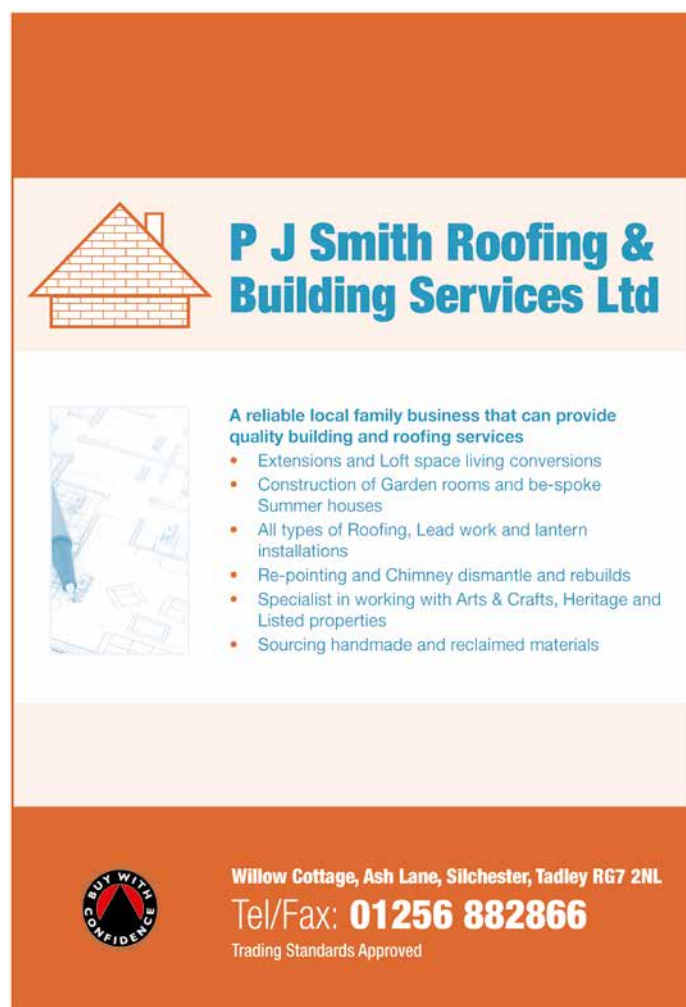
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Community priorities — a message from our Inspector

Hello — I would like to say a very big *thank you* to PCSO Emma Page for giving up her time on Saturday 30 March. She set herself up in the library car park and spoke to adults and children, allowed them to explore the police van and try on a police helmet and riot helmet. She was kept very busy for the few hours she was there. This is such a great way of reaching out to the community. The feedback from everyone was very positive and we hope to do it again very soon.

Many thanks to all of you who helped us with our recent Community Priorities Survey. We received 634 replies, which is an amazing return. Many of you remain understandably concerned about burglaries, theft from motor vehicles and criminal damage within your local area. I accept that these are areas that we must be fully aware of, but I am also aware that the reporting of these three types of offences appears to be lower than the figures in our last quarterly review.

In making a decision on what type of crime we should focus on in your local area, I have to use the resources I have in the most effective way I can. I also have to look at what our own, wider priorities are and what our current crime figures tell us about crime in Tadley Central, Tadley South, Pamber, Silchester, Bramley and Sherfield. While crimes of violence or serious harm still remain relatively low in Basingstoke, our principal focus, as you may well be aware, centres on preventing the most serious types of **violent offences**, whether they are linked to knives, drugs, domestic violence, the sexual and criminal exploitation of children and the protection of other types of vulnerable people, such as those who are

repeatedly being reported as missing. Given this, I have decided that focus for this quarter will aim to reduce the overall number of **violent offences** resulting in injuries to victims. Please do continue to report all types of crime. Your local beat officers will continue to act to reduce the number of all types of offences in your local area and we will continue to monitor any emerging trends in offences.

Inspector Hannah Luchesa

Bobby Buddies

We are seeking knitters in our community! This is a force initiative to get members of the community to knit these ‘Bobby Buddies’. This initiative will allow police to share your lovingly knitted bear with a child going through a distressing experience.



If you have knitting skills and some spare time, please consider helping us knit some Bobby Buddies. If you would like the knitting pattern, please contact your local neighbourhood team (basingsstoke.rural.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) and we will send you a copy. Any knitted bears can be handed over to the front counter of Basingstoke Police Investigation Centre (Jays Close, Basingstoke) or to your local PCSO.

Pamber and Silchester

We are investigating an incident in which a man was assaulted following a burglary in Little London. It was reported that a large quantity of cash was stolen from inside The Plough in Silchester Road at around 10.30pm on 14 April. Following this, a man in his 30s was assaulted in the car park and was taken to hospital with a head injury.

Enquiries into the exact circumstances are ongoing. Three people have been arrested in connection with this incident. They are a 31-year-old man from Didcot, a 17-year-old boy from Reading and a 27-year-old man from Reading.

Rogue traders called on an address in Pamber Heath. An elderly couple handed over £50 to workmen who said

that they had come from Tadley Town Council to cut back trees. PCSO Emma Page has recently provided talks in the community on how to protect yourself from this type of fraud. If in doubt, keep them out!

Two vans were stolen last month, on 9 April in Stephens Road and on 12 April in Mortimer West End. Two thefts from motor vehicles have also been reported at Cheriton Close and Linton Close.

There have been several incidents where commercial batteries have been stolen from telephone masts. If you have any information, contact PC William Butcher who is your local Country Watch officer. william.butcher@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

A man was arrested and charged with a drink-driving offence at Stratfield Saye.

Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon

We have been receiving reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) from the Parish Council and have been patrolling the area alongside Community Safety Patrol Officers during shifts throughout April. If you are affected by ASB, report it by calling 101. We have been able to identify several young persons who will be receiving follow up contact from the team.

The level of ASB reports appeared to have fallen throughout the month, however over the Easter weekend there was an incident reported where a tree trunk in Bramley Green Road was moved to the middle of the road. We also received reports of ASB at the railway crossing, with one youth described as pushing the level crossing up and down, and a concrete bollard has been ripped up at the entrance to Clift Meadow. Vandalism has also been reported to the cricket pavilion building.

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Cryptic Crossword No: 28

See page 31 for the answers.

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Across

- 1 Old relative with common name makes fruit. (6,5)
- 6 Warning colour or political persuasion. (3)
- 8 Glean ten various objects to involve in complex issues. (8)
- 9 Pole should come to nothing. (6)
- 10 Adjacent person sounds like negative South African. (9)
- 13 Anna dug around for an African. (7)
- 14 Handout cards or broker an agreement. (4)
- 16 Succeed with a greek character in front of first lady. (7)
- 19 Plant that got up. (4)
- 21 Army type not on mixing rice. (7)
- 24 Audio equipment sounds like a Cockney's idea of being present and in bits. (9)
- 26 Meal made noise on North East Rail initially. (6)
- 27 Leaned or feel sympathy with a particular direction. (8)
- 28 Cereal sounds to describe a sense of humour. (3)
- 29 Sir Cupid set out to find foot people. (11)

Down

- 1 Environmentalists or vegetables. (6)
- 2 Raid set apart. (7)

- 3 Casual calm with no chance about local area network. (11)
- 4 Favourite cowboy haunt soon contains gangster. (6)
- 5 I, being inside explosive brings about a shade of colour. (4)
- 6 Football team holding tattered garment gave greetings. (7)
- 7 Held back from action holding a tin of sorts. (8)
- 11 Prunes contain not just a stone, but a mysterious symbol. (4)
- 12 Many legged creature can provide food and drink before a vertical structure. (11)
- 15 Holder and us carry the burden. (8)
- 17 Employ or rent. (4)
- 18 Aloof fencer hid resentment. (7)
- 20 Two are needed for a duel when there is not much time left. (7)
- 22 Description of the unexpected with metal in charge. (6)
- 23 A-Teams out of the way. (6)
- 25 Lady Brienne was wise to hide her cheese. (4)

CodeWord No: 15

See page 35 for the answers.

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depicting foam, flowed down to the next arrangement 'Stately Home', a pedestal of pink roses, green carnations, blue delphiniums and, of course, the resident bunny. We then went on to some heat with a distinct arrangement depicting sunrise and sunset. The demonstration finished with 'Fire', an arrangement in black oasis comprising brown twigs with dark red roses and carnations mingled with green foliage edged with red.

After this we stopped for a very welcome cup of tea, home-made cake and raffle.

Our next meeting on 6 June is a

demonstration entitled 'All kinds of Everything' by Mrs Carol Bennett

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Pamber Parish Council Monthly Meetings

Annual Parish Meeting - 13 April

The Chairman reported on progress of the Affordable Housing for Local People Scheme in Pamber Heath and thanked all those on the Council who has worked so hard for 10 years to bring this scheme to life.

Hampshire County Councillor Vaughan gave his report, pointing out that the county had lost £476 million in Government funding and is required to make further savings of £80 million in the years 2020/2021. He spoke of the Hampshire 2050 - a vision of the future. Bus transport was discussed and he said that the No.14 route was the only one in the County wholly financed by the County.

Councillor Tyson gave a full report on Pamber Forest and encouraged volunteers to join the regular Friday working parties.

The Chairman of St. Stephen's Hall Committee gave a full report including the survey report which was mainly positive, but did point out that an asbestos survey was required as it was believed that the roof covering contained asbestos. It was confirmed that a meeting between members of the Committee and the Council was planned to discuss this item.

Annual Parish Meeting - 13 May

There were no requests to speak during Open Forum

Two parishioners requested to speak during Public Participation. The first made allegations of breaching the Code of Conduct against a Councillor. The Chairman said that the Council would provide a written response.

The second questioned when St. Stephen's Hall Committee would be holding their AGM. A further question was asked concerning the posting of accounts and again the Chairman said the Council would provide a written response

Discussion took place regarding planning application 18/00858/OUT (4 houses on Ramsdell Road) which has now gone to appeal. The Council voted to object again and accepted reasons to object proposed by Councillor Kingston.

Planning applications 19/00523/FUL (Rehweise, Silchester Road) and 19/00898/HSE (Fairacre, Bramley Road) were discussed and the Council voted to make no comment.

The Council voted to sign cheques for the payment of items, including £780.00 for the survey of St. Stephen's Hall, and noted the receipt of the Parish Payment

from BDBC. The Council voted to accept an increase in rent for Pamber Park of £7.60 per quarter.

The Council decided to install the new notice boards in Pamber Green and Pamber End. The installation of village gates will take place once the Highways Department has agreed the siting and the Council has checked with the utility companies.

Considerable discussion took place concerning the continuing problem of speeding traffic on the A340. The Council reported that they were still awaiting a promised meeting with the Highways Engineer.

A written report was submitted by PCSO Emma Page. The parishioners were told that the Speedwatch Scheme was officially launched on 24 April and a request was made for further volunteers.

The Clerk reported that Twitter and Facebook accounts have been set up for the Council which have proved popular with parishioners. Parishioners were also told that a Chairman's Report will be added to these pages giving a synopsis of decisions made by the Council prior to the release of formal minutes the following month.

Councillor Greaves presented a progress report on the Neighbourhood Plan.



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Queen Anne's Lace, or Cow Parsley? That is the question posed by John Stubbs.

I've got a rather uncomfortable feeling that even mildly disputing the accepted wisdom could prejudice my broader comments. Nevertheless, here's a proposition: *a rose by any other name will not necessarily smell as sweet*. In fact, put that way, it rather traduces Juliet's sentiment. She had just twigged that it'd all be a whole lot easier if her boyfriend didn't appear under 'M' on her phone (or whatever they had) - she'd still right swipe. Manipulating image is how advertising works, for better or worse, and there is the possibility that the word 'rose' primes the nose to launch a specially scented path in the brain. I reckon Queen Anne's Lace is a lovely, delicate harbinger of early summer. Cow parsley, however, is a rather gross bank of overgrowth along too many of our roadsides. But I can hold these two views at the same time ok. They're not the same plant, in fact, but quite similar and the distinction between the real Queen Anne's Lace and its cousin is often not made.

One problem is that Cow Parsley is one of those survivors that thrives on nutrient-rich soil, and as so much excess fertiliser now washes onto the roadside verges they cannot but take full advantage of the bonanza. Other native wildflowers cannot compete - they need poorer soil, more light, and well timed cutting. Competitive stressing inevitably favours a few robust growers - hence we see a whole lot of bramble, nettles and cow parsley. The blossom is of course very welcome to insects for the nectar, and the rapid growth in the spring months gives cover for a lot of smaller creatures. It has a following in the flower arranging movement, with its intricate, delicate white flowers: looking closely at an opening umbel never ceases to please. May we not, though, sometimes have too much of a good thing? Best practice in the case of managing verges could include removing cuttings and timing the cuts to favour a mix of wildflowers, which might in the long run be easier to maintain.

The fact is that we need more insects for pollinating and to support the whole fabric of wildlife: supplies of pollen and nectar from nettles, brambles and cow parsley are valuable, but the over-use of pesticides is causing declines in a whole range of species -



and again there's the possibility of the wrong species becoming dominant: flies and cockroaches, perhaps not. Soil quality is in many places suffering from mono-culture: the reduction of mixed agriculture and removal of trees and hedges, the heavy use of fertilisers and pesticides and increased land drainage is threatening the very life of the soil. Estimates seriously give us some sixty odd harvests at the present rate of degradation: soil loss also leads to increased carbon emission, as does fertiliser manufacture and use.

It's all a bit odd that climate action has to be hoisted by popular protest onto apparently reluctant politicians: it is encouraging that it's being done, but also it's worrying that such means should be necessary. Expert, rational advice has been ignored, while we still have substantial subsidy of fossil fuels; GDP is king. The studies, the data and the possible remedial actions are all there, and have been around for years: some options are less attractive and many will require significant changes in the way we do things, but the earlier

the action the less drastic the measures need be. They say that the best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago, but that doesn't mean it's now too late - the sooner it's done, the better. We need a lot of new trees, a lot of cow poo (though less cow methane). We need more wetlands, less heavy machinery, and better use of natural pest control methods and soil improvement.

If we didn't see the Attenborough researchers looking for evidence of climate damage busy filming around Bramley, that wasn't because we're exempt - it's because we really are extremely lucky. We've not had the worst of the storms, the floods, the droughts, the fires or the freezes; here we're protected, for now, mainly by our geography and resources. The less fortunate worldwide are feeling the worst effects of climate change first. Our so very advantageous position, though, should give us the ability to take the initiatives - rather than relax at the forward end of the boat while the after end sinks.



Probos Spring Ladies' Lunch

The annual Spring Ladies' lunch was the latest formal gathering of the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers. Organised once again by Alan and Liliane May they came up with the goods when they arranged this occasion for members and their spouses. It was held at the Test Valley Golf Club. By working closely with the chef they ensured that all forty one attendees received their pre-ordered food and they produced printed menus and table name cards as well as two separate quizzes. And if that wasn't enough that also ran the raffle.

Alan has been the Honorary Treasurer of the Probus Club of Basingstoke for over a decade. In that time he and Liliane have become experts at successfully arranging not only this lunch but also the club's Christmas dinner. While these are the two formal events to which wives/partners are invited there are many other social occasions during the year when the distaff side of the family are involved.

Guest of honour was Janet Fagg, the President of Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club, who was welcomed by Vice President Richard Wood. She was equally at home on this occasion as the wives of some members of the men's club belong to the Ladies' Probus Club.

For more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or for an informal chat contact their Secretary, Paul Flint, on 07770 886521. For enquiries about Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club contact Janet Fagg on 07986 133382.



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Hello Everyone from Little Apples

We were very excited to have our new play surface laid in the Easter holidays. Our fundraising, including a super Easter raffle, raised over half the cost and we would like to thank everyone who has supported the appeal so far, including the team and customers of The Bramley and many more villagers. The new play surface offers a much cleaner play area than the old rubber chippings and bark and doesn't generate the same mess for other hall users. We have also taken the opportunity to redevelop our nature area, which has spring flowers, blossom trees, a sensory garden and bug hotel.

When we returned to pre-school after Easter, the Little Apples celebrated St George's Day, with a castle and making shields decorated with their choice of shapes and colours. We now have started our focus on minibeasts and we are thinking about all sorts of bugs and creepy crawlies. We are exploring the life cycle of butterflies in lots of different ways. We are learning the words to describe the different stages of a caterpillar's life and we are having fun trying to spot butterflies in our flower garden, especially when the sun shines. We will be having our own caterpillar eggs soon that we will care for through the different stages until the excitement of releasing the fully matured butterflies.



The summer term is such a busy time, with our coach trip to Four Kingdoms Park in June and our family fun sports afternoon. All pre-school aged children are invited to the afternoon, which begins with a family picnic, so we will be hoping for good weather. Please contact us on manager@littleapples.org if you are interested in any information about this. We are also allocating spaces for next academic year now, so please register your pre-school child now to avoid disappointment. Information on help with childcare can be found at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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News from Butter Daisy

We have had a busy month here at Butter Daisy, and have had so much fun taking part in lots of different activities!



The Pre-School Suite have been taking part in 'Dramatots' once a week for the past 6 weeks, which has really captured the children's imagination. Each week a different theme has been explored with our final theme being Easter. Each of the children tried on rabbit ears and bonnets, then danced and sang along to some Easter themed songs.

To celebrate Easter, all of our Suites have been making Easter crafts to take home to their families, the most popular craft being the Easter nests with some tiny Easter chicks! Everyone made a card to take home to their families too and we had lots of fun creating different collages and designs.



On one of our many walks into Bramley Village this month, the children met our Community Police Officer, Emma Page! The children were so excited to meet her and were even lucky enough to sit in her police car. It was the topic of conversation for the rest of the week as we spoke about how the Police help to keep us safe.

During April, we celebrated St Georges Day and all of the Suites created flags to wave in celebration, using a variety of different materials. Stories were told about this dragon-slaying tale and Pre-School Suite dressed up as our very own knights, princesses and dragons as they re-enacted this famous legend about the country's patron, St George.

If you are interested in coming to visit the Butter team please call on 01256 882515. There is lots of information about all nurseries within the company, our mission statement, opening times and fees on our website www.mydaisynursery.com



Divorce reform to end blame game



Hayley Eachus

Divorcing couples will no longer have to blame each other for the breakdown of their marriage thanks to a new law announced by the government.

The Family Law team at Phillips welcome a recent announcement from the Justice Secretary David Gauke who said the aim of the new law is to help reduce family conflict.

The move follows a 12-week public consultation which showed widespread support for no-fault divorce.

New legislation will be introduced to Parliament to update the current 50-year-old divorce law which has been shown to exacerbate conflict, working against any prospect of reconciliation as well as being damaging to children by undermining the relationship between parents.

The issue was highlighted in the media last year when 68-year-old Tini Owens’ appeal for divorce was rejected by The Supreme Court. She wanted the Court to grant her a divorce on the grounds that she is unhappy with her marriage.

Mrs Owens maintained that her relationship with her 80-year-old husband Hugh had broken down irretrievably because of his unreasonable and controlling behaviour.

However, Mr Owens refused to divorce and denies the allegations from his wife.

The couple who were married over 40 years ago have lived separately since 2015.

Although sympathetic to her situation, The Supreme Court’s decision meant that Mrs Owens must remain married until 2020.

The reason for this is that under the current law, unless a person can prove their marriage has broken down due to adultery, unreasonable behaviour or desertion, the only way to get a divorce without a spouse’s consent is to live apart for five years.

Welcoming the much-needed changes, Hayley Eachus, who is a family law specialist at Phillips Solicitors, said: “The news will help move family law in this country into the 21st Century.”

“The change will mean that separating couples will no longer have to apportion blame for marriage breakdown, which can be very painful not only for the separating couple, but also for their children and wider family.”

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Adult events

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ARTSOTRANS

Saturday 22 June: 12.30pm/£3

Facing transphobia and providing solidarity – a guide to better allyship in 2019.

A workshop and Q&A session focused on debunking myths and common misconceptions about the transgender experience, as well as how to provide support for transgender people in general. Hosted by trans activist and director of a local Hampshire community arts venue, Devin Valentine, alongside Georgie Williams who is a gender researcher currently working at the University of Southampton.

Diary of a Drag Queen

Saturday 22 June: 2pm/ £5

This is an adult only event with Author Crystal Rassmussen. Crystal takes you through a year in the life of a Northern, working-class drag queen. Her book covers topics such as gender pronouns, ownership of words, and the impact of RuPaul's Drag Race on perceptions of drag and trans issues.

This is where the unspeakable turns into the estimable - a one of a kind depiction of the queer experience. The Author pulls no punches with her use of language in a very frank and honest session.

Hidden Basingstoke Walk: Basingstoke Churches

Tuesday 25 June: 10.30am/ £5

Back by popular demand and following a sell-out walk in April, Phil Howe and John Hopkins from Hidden Britain Tours are back to do an additional date for their Basingstoke Churches walk, leading you through the town to explore parts that are often overlooked. Basingstoke has a wealth of church architecture, ranging from battle scarred ancient churches with mysterious medieval graffiti, to the peculiar Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, to tin tabernacles. This gentle town walk examines the town's places of worship and explains at least some of the stories behind the stones.

Meet at the Information Desk in Basingstoke Discovery Centre and please dress for the weather.

Children's events

Elmer Interactive Storytime

Tuesday 25 June: 1.30pm & 3.75pm/ £3.75

Come dressed in your brightest colours & join in the celebrations.

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Drawing for All and teacher

Fridays 7 June – Friday 12 July (a 6 week course): 10am – 12 noon/ £60

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Drawing in Charcoal – a one day workshop

Saturday 15 June: 10am – 4pm/ £30

A 6 hour workshop. Learn how to draw in charcoal and develop techniques to create a piece of artwork to take home. Suitable for beginners or those with some experience.

Just Watercolours!

Tuesday 11 June – Tuesday 16 July (a 6 week course): 4pm – 6pm/ £60 (+ £2 per session payable to the tutor)

This course will introduce learners to creating unique and innovative art based on watercolours. Learn in a creative and friendly environment, supported by local artist and tutor Jacky Purtill.

Creative Sewing for All

Saturday 29 June: 10am – 4pm/ £30

An opportunity to have fun learning and improving your sewing skills. Whether you want to upcycle or create a new garment, this workshop will give you lots of ideas and support. For all abilities. With local artist and designer, Sarah Pinnell.

Cryptic Crossword No: 28 Solution

GREENS	1	GRANNYSMITH	1
ASTRIDE	2	RED	6
NONCHALANCE	3	ENTANGLE	8
SALOON	4	NOUGHT	9
TINT	5	NEIGHBOUR	10
REGARDS	6	UGANDAN	13
DETAINED	7	DEAL	14
RUNE	11	ACHIEVE	16
CATERPILLAR	12	ROSE	19
SHOULDER	15	OFFICER	21
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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 8pm</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 7.30pm</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>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 6.30-7.30pm</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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Basingstoke Lions Club

This month we celebrated the Club's 52nd birthday at the Basingstoke Golf Club. It was attended by His Worshipful

The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Counsellor Sean Keating who is a joy to have at any event - the epitome of warmth, wit and wisdom. We were particularly delighted to hear that the Children's Hospice, Naomi House, is one of his favoured charities this year as Lions Clubs International and local clubs contributed £150,000 when it was originally being set up.

We spent a total of £1185 last month. The majority of this was spent on white goods and furniture to assist families in need and in one case to alleviate the effects of a ceiling collapse. We also made a contribution to the moving expenses of Spotlight Basingstoke, a charity which aims to improve the life experience and prospects of children.

Annual expenditure £20, annual expenditure £19-19-6d = happiness. Annual expenditure £20, annual expenditure £20-0-6d = misery. Thus spoke Mr Micawber in David Copperfield. We, I regret to say, are miserable!

Although our April Quiz raised £430 our subsequent event at QMC, ABBA Sensation, did not perform as well financially. This was no fault of the group who gave a superb rendering of all the original hits and kept the dancefloor busy all the time. But, as Robert Burns once wrote "facts are chieils that winna ding" (facts are indisputable) – we did not do nearly as well as expected.

So now we are relying on a group of true originals "The Moscow Drug Club" to redress the balance. The allure of the smoky voiced siren and her virtuoso group of musicians can set anyone's blood racing. So come and get in the mood with some gypsy jazz at QMC on 20 July. Tickets are available from Maurice Hockley email: mauricehockley@hotmail.com or telephone 01256 421867, Toucan Travel at Chineham or direct from our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk This will also allow you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter. **But, don't just "follow" us – JOIN US!**

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Ramblers Association

The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group is part of the Ramblers Association. We walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside.

The group walk on Tuesday, Saturday and there are occasional Thursday walks which are sometimes a bit shorter for those who do not want to walk the longer distances. The walks cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield.

Our Tuesday morning walks are typically 6- 7 miles. We have recently walked around Hinton Ampner, Windsor Great Park, Ellisfield and Old Basing. We usually end with walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. Last quarter we walked around Hayling Island. It was a clear day and we had spectacular views of Portsmouth.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys social activities, which include an annual Summer Picnic, Boys' lunches and Ladies' walks and lunches.

The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates.

If you are new to walking and want to give us a try, or already walk, you would be given a very warm welcome by the group. We hope to see you soon!

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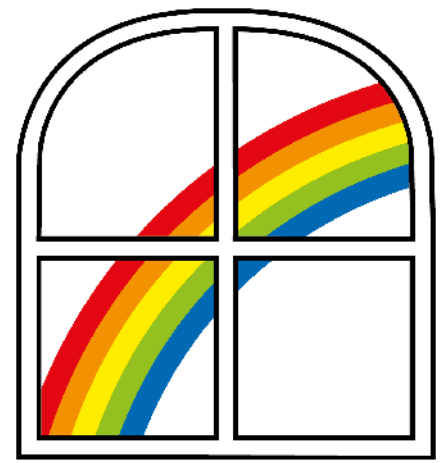


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