

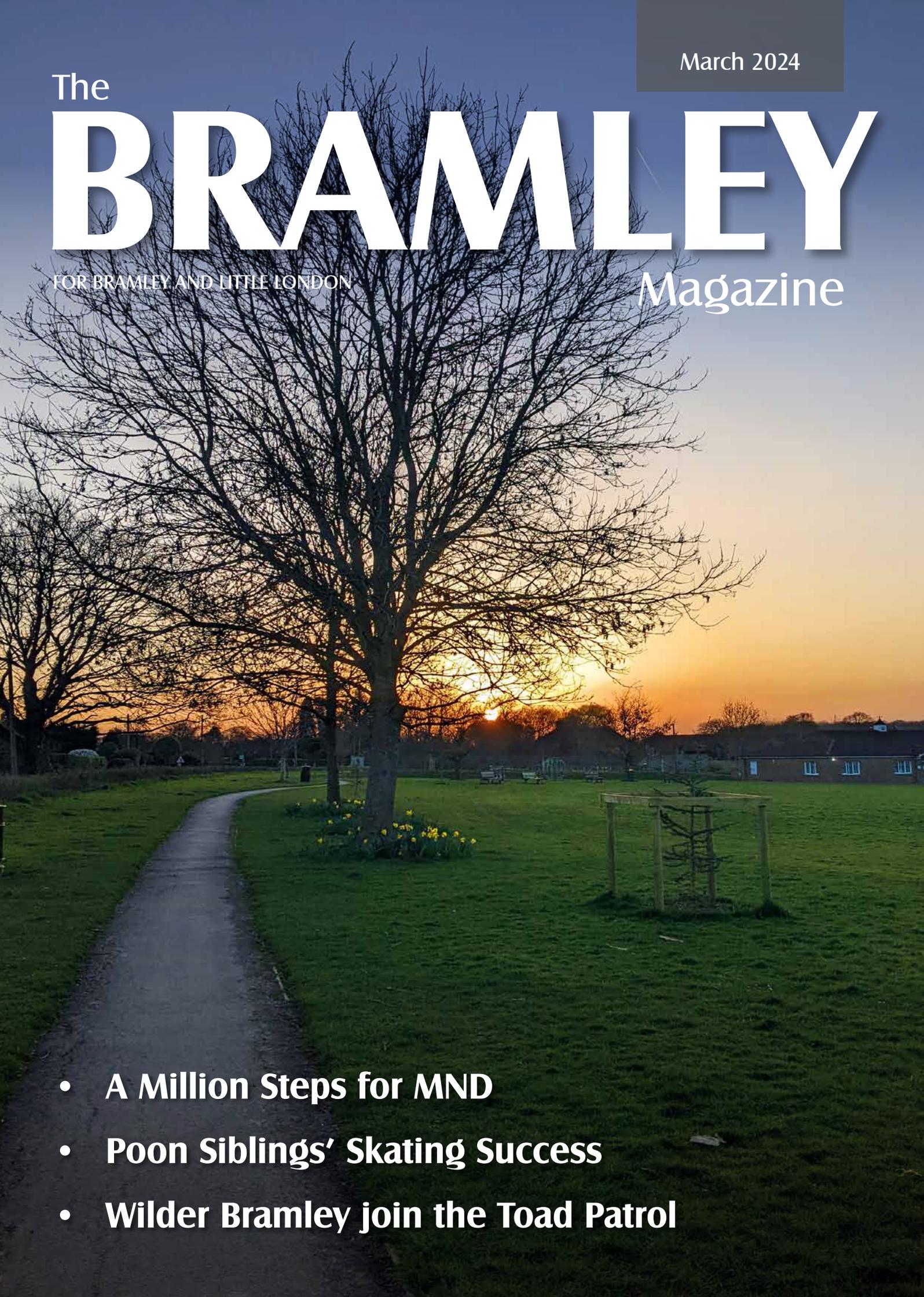
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Editorial

Well, it's March! Spring is here, although technically we have to wait until 20th March for the first official day of spring. Spring is that wonderful time of change, with flowers and trees in bloom and the days are a little lighter and longer. I chose this month's cover photo as it shows the changing seasons – the sun setting later and daffodils starting to show.

Change is a recurring theme throughout this month's issue, including the changing Bramley – Cllr Colin Shimell reflects on how much Bramley has changed and grown since the millennium in this month's Parish Council update (page 11), and further updates on planning can be found on page 12. John Stubbs reflects on Bramley in the Coal Age, some 100 years ago, and how both Bramley and industry has changed since then in this month's Beautiful Bramley (page 25). Rev'd Mark Anderson is reflecting on Lent as a time of reset and challenge on page 7, and Michael Luck is getting nostalgic on page 12.

If you fancy a change, or taking up something new this month, there is lots to get involved in – the March Knitting Challenge (page 17), the Toad Patrol (page 13), or the Bramley Craft Group (page 10). You could also start prepping your entry for the art or photography competitions for the Bramley Show, taking place in August (page 15).

Elsewhere in the edition, we have our usual updates from our local school, pre-school and nursery, Clift Meadow, and updates from our local clubs and societies. We also have some special features too.

I hope you enjoy the season, and the edition.

Georgie

Joint Editor

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

Winston Churchill

Deliverers

Thank you to Margaret Towsey who has been delivering magazines to Cufaude Lane for the last 10 years! Thank you also to Tanya Salah who has taken over this round.

New deliverer wanted: We are looking for a new deliverer for the houses near the Church, from Lantern House to Bramley corner. If you are able to help, please let us know at – editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk. The current deliverer is happy to show the new deliverer the route. Thank you to Andromeda Witchalls for looking after this round for the last few years.

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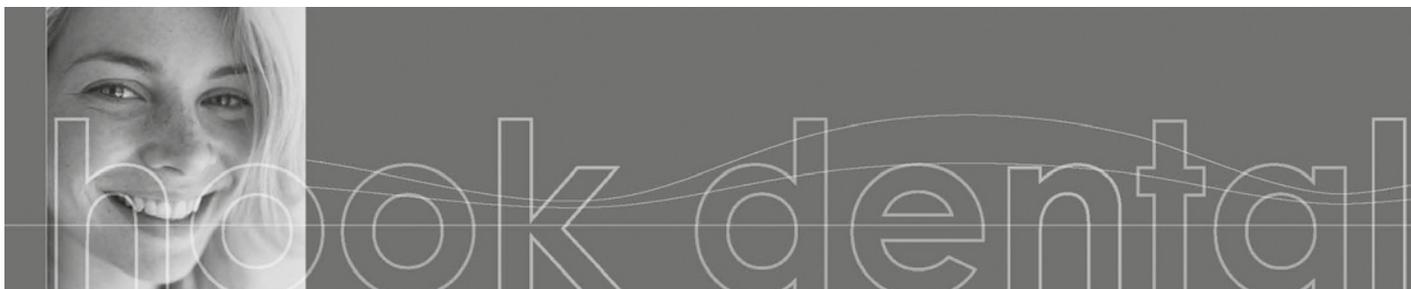
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Church diary for March...

3rd	3rd Sunday of Lent
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP) – St James
10th	4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
10.30	Family Service – St James
17th	5th Sunday of Lent
9.30	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
24th	Palm Sunday
9.30	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
28th	Maundy Thursday
19.00	Supper – Cross House
20.00	Holy Communion – St James
29th	Good Friday
10.00	Children’s Easter Crafts – Cross House
14.00	An hour at the foot of the Cross – St James
31st	Easter Day
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

And into April...

7th	2nd Sunday of Easter
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP) – St James
14th	3rd Sunday of Easter
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
21st	4th Sunday of Easter
9.30	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

New service schedule for St Mary’s Hartley Wespall from April

From April onwards, we are changing the times of the Hartley Wespall Family Service. We will now meet on the THIRD Sunday of the month at 10:30, starting on 21 April. The service on the first Sunday of the month will be BCP Evensong at 6.30pm, starting from 7 April onwards, replacing the service of Matins on the third Sunday.

Benefice Services

March

3rd	3rd Sunday of Lent
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
10.00	Family Service – St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall
10.00	Family Service - St Mary’s, Stratfield Saye
10th	4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)
10.00	Café Church – Sherfield Park Community Centre
17th	5th Sunday of Lent
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
10.00	BCP Matins – St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall
24th	Palm Sunday
10.00	Morning Worship – St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
10.00	Family Service – St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall
28th	Maundy Thursday
19.00	Light Supper & Holy Communion – Church Room, St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
29th	Good Friday
11.00	At the foot of the Cross – St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall
31st	Easter Day
9.00	Holy Communion – St Mary’s, Stratfield Saye
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
10.00	Holy Communion – St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall

April

7th	2nd Sunday of Easter
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
18.30	BCP Evensong - St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall
	No service at St Mary’s Stratfield Saye
14th	3rd Sunday of Easter
10.00	Café Church – St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
21st	4th Sunday of Easter
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard’s, Sherfield on Loddon
10.30	Family Service, St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall

**Hampshire County Councillor Report
Spring 2024 – Calleva Division**

County Council Budget Consultation

You will no doubt have seen the publicity about councils ‘going bust’ in the last few months. The latest was Nottingham City Council and closer to home, Southampton City Council is close to declaring it cannot deliver a balanced budget. Hampshire County Council is not in that position, yet. Unusually for many councils, it projects its finances ahead by a number of years. These projections show that while it will be able to balance its budget for the next two years, by 2026 there will be an anticipated shortfall of £132 million.

The County Council has a legal responsibility to carry out certain functions. Examples of this are social care costs for older people, support for those with disabilities, the care of vulnerable children and young people and school transport for those who meet the necessary criteria. These mandatory services are increasingly expensive without sufficient government support to fund them fully.

Other services are discretionary; the council chooses to do these. HCC therefore has to consider ways by which it can balance its budget going forward. As a result, it has now launched its consultation on how it might change its discretionary services to meet that budget shortfall. These include:

- *School Crossing Patrols* - HCC does not have a legal duty to provide school crossing patrols. It does, however, have a legal duty to ensure children can travel to school safely.
- *Winter Gritting Routes* - these have not been reviewed in many years, so it will be testing whether the current network is needed.
- *Community Transport and Bus Services* - there is no legal duty for the County Council to support community transport or to subsidise bus routes. However, both of these can play a vital role in combatting social isolation and enabling access to vital services.
- *HWRCs* – I talk more about this below.

You can read more about the consultation here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation>

I do encourage you to take part – do not rely on others to do so.

Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Hampshire is the best served county in terms of its waste and recycling centres; we have more per square mile, per head of population and open them longer than any other area. As a Waste Disposal Authority, the county council is obligated

to arrange for the deposit of household and garden waste at no charge under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In 2022/23, residents made 2.1 million bookings, depositing nearly 120,000 tonnes of waste across our 24 HWRCs, costing over £10 million a year to operate.

The County Council is now consulting on a range of proposed changes to save money, including:

- charging for discretionary services (such as premium booking slots, additional services by site staff and chargeable items like gloves and sacks)
- alternative delivery models, such as handing over management to charities or community organisations, or districts or boroughs managing some sites
- reductions to types of waste accepted at some sites
- reducing opening days and or hours
- reducing the number of sites.

In assessing whether sites should be considered for closure, the Council has split the sites into four tiers, based on their size, usage and the cost of running them and is consulting on three options: no closures, just closing Tier 4, or closing Tiers 3 and 4. Our Basingstoke site is in Tier 1 and is unlikely to be affected.

Not all proposals will necessarily be taken forward, but savings will have to be found, especially following the additional £2m per annum cost as a result of the Government’s ban on charging for DIY waste, as I mentioned last month.

New 20mph Policy

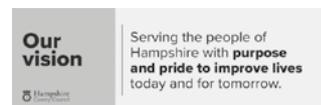
HCC’s new policy on 20mph speed limits has now been introduced. The new policy allows the Council to introduce speed restrictions where there is a proven safety need for them, for example, outside schools. In addition, it allows communities to request the introduction of 20mph zones in their own area, subject to meeting specified criteria.

One criteria is clear evidence of community support, as 20mph zones can be very divisive. Secondly, communities will need to fund the introduction of the schemes they request themselves. This should be possible through the use of Community Infrastructure Levy, or other forms of developer contributions. Given the financial challenges I have referred to above, the County Council does not have the resources to fund these. Communities should also give thought to measures to reduce speed, such as Speed Indicator Devices, as the police will not be able to enforce these proposals.

County Councillor’s Grants

I have given financial support to the following in 2023/2024:

- Sherborne St John Social Club revamp
- Silchester Coronation celebrations
- Bramley Clift Meadow Trust – bench
- Hartley Wespall Coronation celebrations
- Pamber Memorial Hall – Rolls of Honour
- Sherfield Reindeer Trail
- Bramley Magazine
- Sherfield Church Café revamp
- Riding for the disabled
- Silchester Roman town fund
- Ramsdell / Wootton St Lawrence speed indicator device



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In this month's 'On Reflection', Rev'd Mark Anderson encourages us to give something up during Lent, to gain something more

How is Lent going?

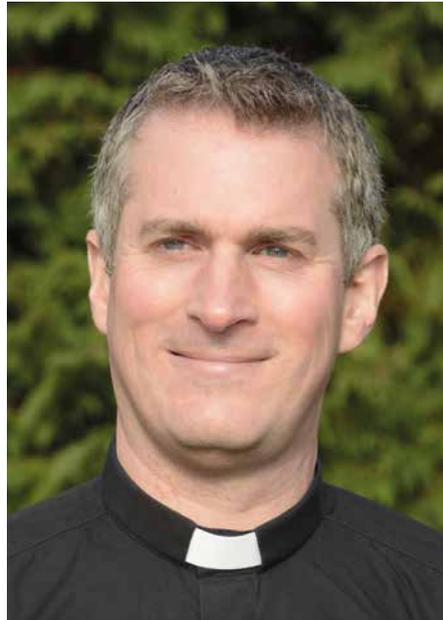
Many people ate pancakes on Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Day). At St James Church, we not only ate them, but raced with them, flipping them and shouting along the way. Many people who enjoy a pancake don't realise it's the day before Lent starts - a day to use up all the choice food before the fasting of Lent begins.

The day after, Ash Wednesday, is when Lent begins - a time of giving things up and the necessary self-sacrifice that involves. Some of us may have given up chocolate or alcohol (or for the brave - both!), or perhaps even social media. Lent is a time to get rid of the distractions in order to focus on what is important, or rather who is important to us, and it's a time to focus on God.

There is much to distract us in modern life, and Lent is an annual reminder to take a step back and reflect on what is really important to us. We can waste time on the superficial and neglect what nourishes life, our relationships and our own mental and spiritual wellbeing. I always try to give up something which distracts and take on something to enhance my life.

Lent is a time of preparation for, and anticipation of, Easter. The big day is on 31 March and our thoughts will turn to chocolate eggs, bunnies and perhaps chicks too. If you've given up something for the 40 days of Lent (Sundays don't count), then you'll be rejoicing when you return to having a treat or tippie or two. The Easter theme of eggs, bunnies and chicks are there because they are signs of new life.

If Lent is a time of giving up things, despairing of our distractions and of self-sacrifice, Easter is a time of hope and new life. We may need to give up our sense of self-reliance and seek God, who offers us all we need to have life in all its fullness. We can give something up to gain something more. The first Easter provided the ultimate sign of new life: Jesus rising from and conquering death. God offers every person this new life. That's why we have Easter - the new life of the risen Christ is available to us.



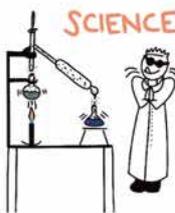
Rev'd Mark Anderson

Jesus brought a message of love, hope and peace. He modelled a better way to live with each other and with our own sense of who we are within ourselves. This is ancient wisdom, which many have forgotten or ignored. It is crowded out amongst the quest for the new and exciting, which competes for our attention in a world of the instant and now.

Lent reminds us that unless we restrict ourselves in some way, we will never grasp the opportunity for the life Jesus offers: an eternal life which starts here; a life which nourishes and sustains, giving us a hope that, as the 14th century Julian of Norwich wrote, in the end, 'all shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well'.

Rev'd Mark Anderson
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For this month's **Meet the Neighbours**, we caught up with **Jan Wright**, volunteer, and one of the leaders of **Bramley Cubs**.

How did you get involved in the Bramley Cubs?

It was really quite funny. We were decorating and some Beavers knocked at the door doing a collection. We just couldn't answer it, because there were ladders, paint and dogs in the way. The radio was blaring out and it was obvious we were home and I saw them walk slowly down the drive – I felt so guilty. So, I posted on the Community FB page that I was sorry I couldn't get to the door, and I hoped they weren't upset, especially as it was obvious someone was in. I mentioned I used to be a Scout Leader in London when my kids were younger, and I was contacted by Jodie, the administrator, and asked if I would like to help out – that was nearly 5 years ago.

What does your work with Cubs involve?

We meet on Mondays and our prime motivation is to have fun. We have a fantastic team of Leaders who meet at the start of each term and work out a programme for the coming weeks and we just let our imaginations run riot. We tie as many of the activities we can to badges, with the intention that all Cubs go up to Scouts having achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award – the highest award available in Cubs. If I'm the one running the programme, my weekends tend to be taken up with preparing things we need for Monday. A recent weekend saw me drilling holes in 24 baked bean tins and making sure a tea light would stay lit so they could make tin can pancakes. It's incredibly varied, and I love learning new skills. I'm learning all the time, though I've yet to master navigation, a skill that seems beyond me. There's nothing more rewarding than seeing a new Cub overcome obstacles knowing that we created the environment that helped them grow.

You were recently nominated as Cubs Volunteer of the Year. Can you tell us a little about that?

It's an incredible honour to be recognised by your peers, and I was put forward by someone in the Bramley Scout Group for the award that's run by Basingstoke East District Scouts. Despite not winning, I was extremely humbled by the nomination, knowing there isn't a single volunteer in the Group that doesn't deserve that same honour.

What else keeps you busy?

I've worked from home long before it became compulsory or fashionable, nearly 40 years, first as a writer, then a photographer. I still do photography and writing, but I'm also a PA and office manager working remotely and have control over how I use my time, which is really useful because I'm afraid I'm a serial volunteer. At the moment, as well as Cubs, I'm a Squirrel Leader, I run several FB groups and pages (not the Community Group), and I also manage several websites. I'm involved with the Friendship Walk on Thursdays, I'm a member of the Patient Participation Group, and I've just joined the Bramley Show Committee again, which I helped run during Covid as a virtual show. I'm also a founder member of Loddon Community Energy. It might sound a lot, but the theme running through everything I do is the community and it's all interconnected. Any spare time I have is spent looking after my house, dogs and cats, all of which help keep me centred.



What do you enjoy about living in Bramley?

I moved to Bramley in 2014 after 30 years in the same house in West London, and I left behind several volunteer roles; I was Chair of Governors, Chair of the Neighbourhood Watch... well you get the picture. I knew moving to a village was going to be completely different, but I fell in love with my house and the countryside surrounding it, so decided that whatever the change, I was going to embrace it. Then when I started volunteering, I fell in love all over again, this time with the community. Bramley is a wonderful place to live, despite all the changes that are happening, and I'm so happy here, I just can't imagine living anywhere else.

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The new year is well underway, and since we last wrote, Butter Daisy has hosted one of its termly 'Parent Information Evenings'. We were excited to showcase to our families what is happening behind the scenes. This month's meeting was centred around children's wellbeing and how we can have a positive impact on their mental health. We demonstrated activities that we do in nursery to help promote their wellbeing, and shared ways to support this at home too.

We really value all of the positive feedback from our parents and passed this on to our team; knowing that their hard work and commitment to educating and nurturing these young children is valued and appreciated.

In the upcoming weeks, we'll celebrate our "Outstanding" qualities and explore ways to further grow, evolve, and enhance our daily practices. Recognising the excellence within our team, we embrace the opportunity to continuously strive for excellence, ensuring we do our very best for every child we welcome into our environment.

This month our children have visited their own spas; flipped pancakes; tried new foods; practiced their yoga poses; put on puppet shows; built obstacle courses; explored the concept of love and the people who are special to us; made dens and hiding nooks; visited the local play park; made bird feeders; been on a treasure hunt; splashed in ginormous puddles and had opportunities for mindfulness and reflection in sensory spaces and with our scented pots.



For further details and information about our setting please do not hesitate to contact us on 01256 882515 or email us at butter@mydaisynursery.com.

Clift Meadow Community Café

On 7th February, we held a 'Febrewary' to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. All the money from that session went to this very worthy cause, and we managed to donate a total of £61.

Look out for posters around the village for a list of sessions and themes - we have puzzles, book swaps, raffles, and so on. On 13th March, the Floral Society have kindly agreed to demonstrate how to make a table decoration. All materials will be supplied, so there will be a small fee for this activity. Spaces are limited, so I will be taking names and money nearer the time.

If you haven't come along before, please don't be shy as someone will always greet you and help you settle in. Sessions are held every Wednesday, during term time, in the Clift Meadow Pavilion from 10:00 to 11:30 - all adults and pre-school children welcome.

Jane Ketteridge



Craft Group

The craft group resumes on Monday 11th March 2024 at 10 am at Brocas Hall, Clift Meadow.

If you fancy getting together with others who like to craft, do come along. Bring something you are working on or join us in a new craft such as clay work, decoupage, jewellery making, crochet etc.

Refreshments will be available.

For further information, email info@bramleyvillagehub.com.



Bramley Parish Council

I have lived in Bramley since before the millennium. Since then, some aspects of the village have remained the same, but there have also been numerous changes. When I first arrived, there was no bakery, traffic was only a fraction of what it is today, and the level crossing had a single half-barrier on each side of the tracks. But I think the biggest change I have seen is in the number of houses in the village, which brings me to the main focus of this article – how to comment on or object to any proposed new development. Comments do not need to be negative; they can also be in support of an application if you consider it is worthwhile.

Firstly, a little background: the Planning Authority (PA) for the area is Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC). When there is a contentious development in prospect, we often get residents attending Parish Council Meetings to have their say and expect the Parish Council (PC) to be in a position to stop a development. The PC is certainly consulted on planning applications, but our comments carry no more weight with the PA than a single resident. Any planning permission is not decided by the PC – that rests with BDBC. By all means, let us know your views on a planning application as it will help inform the comments we eventually make – but do not think that is all you need to do to get your voice heard. The best way to make comments direct to the PA is via Basingstoke’s Planning Portal accessed via the web from <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/view-planning-applications>. The first time you use this you need to register, which is free and only needs to be done once. Thereafter you may comment on any further planning applications without re-registering.

When commenting on applications, there are a number of points to bear in mind:

1. Be very clear whether you support or object to the application. We have seen comments which have voiced serious concerns but because they do not specifically say they object to the development they are interpreted by the planning department as neither objecting to or supporting the application.
2. Numbers matter. The more people who object to an application the more weight the planners will

give to those views. There is no restriction on number of comments from a household, so both members of a couple can comment giving twice the weight of a single comment. Also encourage your friends and family to comment – the more comments the better.

3. Comments should relate to material planning considerations only, such as:
 - a. local planning policies. Local Plan policies can be found on the BDBC website, and Bramley Neighbourhood Plan policies can be found at <https://bramleyndp.org.uk/documents/final-document-versions/>
 - b. the effect on the street or area
 - c. design appearance and materials
 - d. traffic generation and safety
 - e. ongoing noise and disturbance
 - f. size, layout and density of buildings
 - g. adequacy of parking
 - h. overlooking and loss of privacy
 - i. ground contamination
4. Non-planning related issues are not covered by planning law and cannot be taken into account. These include:
 - a. party wall disputes
 - b. loss of property value
 - c. disturbance from construction works
 - d. competition between businesses
 - e. land and boundary disputes
 - f. the identity or personal characteristics of the applicant

There is a guide to commenting on planning application on the Bramley PC website - <https://bramley-pc.gov.uk/planning-applications/submitting-comments-on-planning-applications/>.

I said earlier that numbers matter and one aspect of this is if sufficient objections are received by the PA, the decision is passed to the BDBC Development Control Committee (DCC) rather than being made within the Planning Department. The DCC is made up of councillors and you can apply to speak at the meeting when the planning application is being considered – a powerful way of getting your voice heard.

My final word on planning applications is that Bramley belongs to all of us and the more of us who

actively engage in shaping the way the village develops the better.

Following on from planning applications, the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Local Plan Update has progressed to a key stage, that of the Regulation 18 consultation. At the time of writing, the consultation still has a couple of weeks to go, with the closing date being 4th March 2024. The Local Plan will dictate how many houses are to be built across the Borough in the next few years, and what the key policies of the Borough Council are. More information can be found at <https://consult.basingstoke.gov.uk/consultation/local-plan-update-regulation-18>. One of the key things to bear in mind, is that with the consultation comes a reduction in the land housing supply number that the Borough needs to demonstrate – this drops from 5 years to 4 years. This is good news, since a 5-year land supply cannot be demonstrated at present, but a 4 year supply can. This will hopefully help combat opportunistic planning applications from developers.

Residents will be aware of the recent planning application from Gleasons for Land North of Sherfield Road by Centenary Fields, for 20 houses. Bramley PC has strongly objected to this planning application – more information can be found on the Bramley PC website - <https://bramley-pc.gov.uk/land-north-of-sherfield-road-23-03051-ful-for-20-houses-bramley-pc-objection/>.

To close, some information about upcoming Parish Council meetings: the next Planning Committee meeting will be on 12th March at 7.30pm, with full council being held the week after on 19th March at 7.00 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 26th March. All meetings will be held in the Bramley Room at Bramley Village Hall, and as ever residents are very welcome to attend.

Cllr Colin Shimell

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Supermarionation

I have been down memory lane a lot recently, at least via the TV. As I approach a big birthday in the summer, one of those ending in a zero, I find I look back as much as I look forward. The TV programmes of my childhood are featured a lot on Talking Pictures TV, available on Freeview. I have been watching old episodes of *Fireball XL5*. This is about a spaceship, under the command of Captain Steve Zodiac (pictured), that patrols 'Sector 25' on behalf of World Space Patrol. It is set in 2062. It first aired in 1962, but episodes were repeated all through the 1960s and into the early 1970s on ITV.



My current interest, not quite an obsession I hope, is *Supermarionation*, the technique used to film *Fireball XL5*. I mentioned this to a friend, somewhat younger than me. "Is that something to do with marinating food?", they asked. It is in fact a 'portmanteau' word, formed by putting together super, marionette and animation to create an advanced version of a puppet show. The technique of Supermarionation was created by the husband-and-wife team of Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. The characters were played by electronic marionettes whose mouth movements were synchronised with the voice actors' pre-recorded dialogue. The eyes also moved, but they never really mastered walking. This meant that most of the action takes place with the characters seated, either at the controls of the spaceship *Fireball XL5*, or on the hover scooters with which they explore distant planets. One thing that I never noticed as an 8-year-old was that they don't wear any form of space suit or breathing apparatus, even when engaged on a spacewalk. These episodes were broadcast in the 1960s, against the real-life backdrop of the space race, when we would regularly see the fully suited Mercury and Gemini astronauts doing early excursions outside their space capsules. But we never noticed the discrepancy as children.

And after I have worked my way through all episodes of *Fireball XL5*, I can go back to *Supercar*, on the ITVX

streaming service. That was another Gerry and Sylvia Anderson production. And there are still *Stingray*, *Thunderbirds* (the best of the bunch in my humble opinion). *Joe 90* and *Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons* to be enjoyed. There was even, in the late 1950s, a cowboy series called *Four Feather Falls*.

Fireball XL5 was the last series filmed in black and white, although I saw them all in black and white as we did not have a colour TV. I remember telling my children when they were young, watching some old monochrome programme on TV, that when I was a child, the real world was only black and white and shades of grey, and how lucky they were to live in a colourful world nowadays. The things that dads tell their children!

Michael Luck

Reg 18 – and what it means for our villages

Basingstoke Council has recently submitted Reg 18 of the new local plan. This takes the draft plan to public consultation, so the public get to have a say about its contents.

But it means much more than this, as it changes the requirement for us to have a five year housing land supply (4250) houses to a four year requirement (3400) houses. This figure is set by government and cannot be changed by your local council. Many councils have tried and failed.

We currently have a 4.2 year housing land supply but this can change very quickly depending on how soon developers bring their approved sites forward. There is currently no legislation we can use to make them deliver in a timely manner. This currently puts us on track, which makes a huge difference when the planning committee are making their decisions. Applications which are refused can, and often do, go to appeal at the planning inspectorate. Being on target with the housing land supply becomes a major contributing factor in the inspector's decision. It's a matter of balancing the need for homes against the harm being done to the environment, local community and the load on the local infrastructure. If we are behind on our target, the need for homes is given additional weight. It's called the tilted balance.

As a long-standing member of the planning committee, it means I can now recommend unsuitable planning applications for refusal with some confidence that they will not be overturned at appeal.

The inspector also has the power to remove BDBC's decision making rights if we lose too many appeals. The recommended appeal loss rate for a borough council is no more than 10%. Recently we have been significantly above that due to the number of speculative planning applications we have fought to refuse.

The Reg 18 submission is an early stage of getting our new local plan approved to give us lasting protection from overdevelopment, so it is essential that all parties work together to achieve this goal. Overdevelopment is the biggest threat to our villages, our access to doctors, schools and our transport links via the overcrowded roads.

The fight goes on!

Councillor Nick Robinson

BRAMLEY WI

At our February meeting, our speaker was Claire, who works for Tropic. Tropic is a company which produces skincare products, including sun and haircare. Claire told us how Tropic started; the owner, Susie Ma, drew inspiration from her Grandma, who was a medicinal chemist who taught her that skin needs nourishing healthy ingredients. Later on, Susie went on to the Apprentice in 2011, following which, Lord Sugar invested to become a 50/50 partner. Sue now has bought Lord Sugar out and owns her own business.

Claire brought a lot of products to test, and she gave everyone a hand massage. It was a very interesting talk. Claire told us how many holidays she has had for working for Tropic and the latest is she is going to Bali later in the year - cannot be bad!

The evening ended with the usual official meeting while drinking tea/coffee. This month we also managed to get our walk in. We went over to Blackwood Forest – and we missed the rain!

Next month we are having a craft evening for Easter.

Jane Matthews

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Wilder Bramley

Did you know we have a nationally important population of toads on Cufaude Lane? Well, recently Wilder Bramley welcomed Pete West, of HIWARG, to talk about the ecology and conservation of our native amphibians. Pete taught us how to differentiate between frogs and toads (if it's athletic, slim and smooth-skinned – it's a frog; if it's thick, warty, and somewhat slow – it's a toad) and by the end we could all identify smooth, palmate and gold crested newts.



Learning fun frog and toad facts

The talk was just in time for the annual Common Toad migrations. If you have driven down Cufaude Lane on a wet February-March night, you may have noticed people in hi-vis, equipped with torches and buckets. These are Toad Patrollers, helping our local amphibians in their annual migration to their ancestral breeding ponds. If a road is built crossing their path, unfortunately they carry on regardless! With numbers declining, they need all the help we can give them. There is also a Toad Patrol on Wildmoor Lane, Sherfield and some of our WB people help at both. If you would like to join a Toad Patrol, please get in touch with us at WB below.



Many toads die every year on Cufaude Lane, these were saved.
(Photo: Andrew Cleave)

As part of a major new initiative, Wilder Bramley are joining forces with 'The Greening Campaign' and communities across Hampshire to take positive action against climate change. The campaign is a 5-point programme encouraging communities to drive local change through many small

actions in the areas of: creating space for nature; energy efficient and warmer homes; combatting health impacts of climate change; effective waste prevention; growing local food. This will give Bramley an opportunity to take part in a whole host of exciting sustainability initiatives and events over the coming year. Look out for more information in next month's magazine and on Facebook.

The Village Hall are also doing their bit to create space for nature and Wilder Bramley have been working with them recently to create several new habitats: a bog garden, a mini meadow, a new hedgerow and a log pile. Come join their **Hedge planting event, 3rd March, 10.30am**. Please wear gloves, appropriate clothing, and bring a spade if possible.



WB's Paulina and Adam and Village Hall's Mike Welch have erected some smart new signs

Our other community event: **Wildflower Workparty, 16th March, Clift Meadow Wildflower Area, 9.15 a.m.**

A few people will be able to learn to use a scythe, trained by BCV; others are needed to help rake up the grass to create space for flowers. Please bring gloves, strong footwear, appropriate clothing, and a rake if possible.

Soon you will be able to support Wilder Bramley by joining our membership. More details to follow.

Head over to our Wilder Bramley Facebook page to find more about what we are up to or contact us on: Wilder.bramley@gmail.com/07503 155669.

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Bramley and Romans Flower Club

The 46th AGM of Bramley and Romans Flower Club was held on Thursday 1st February in Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall. The meeting was very well attended by over 40 members.

Linda Dove, Chairman, presented a cheque for £215 to Collette Bibby, from Basingstoke Young Carers. The money had been raised from donations by members for the tea and cake which is provided at each meeting throughout the year. Collette gave a short explanation of the work carried out by the charity, which offers support to children who give care to parents and siblings.



All of the committee members were re-elected at the AGM, including the Chairman, but Linda did give notice that 2024 would be her final year as chairman and she hoped that a different person, with fresh ideas, would volunteer to take on the role and take the club forward from 2025. It was decided that the club's charity for 2024 would be Parkinsons UK.

Linda closed the AGM with details of the year's programme ahead, which will be a mix of demonstrations by qualified NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangers) demonstrators interspersed with a few practical workshops for those members wanting to develop their own skills in the wonderful art of arranging flowers.



Jackie Dimmock had presented Part 1 of her talk at last year's AGM and she returned this year to continue Part 2 about the lighter side of her 30-year life as a police officer on the Isle of Wight and around Basingstoke. Her stories are illustrated by quilt panels that she has handmade herself. There was much laughter as she related some of the various funny and

heartwarming tales about her experiences during this time.

The club meets on the first Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall at 1:30 pm. The cost for visitors is £7 and they are made extremely welcome by our friendly members and committee. For more information you can visit our Facebook page or contact Dusty on 01256 881420 or via email: TayMab1@aol.com.

Photography and Art classes for 2024

Now is the time to start thinking about your entries. There is something for everyone – a first timer or experienced - so have your brushes, pencils and cameras at the ready!



Art

1. A Landscape or Seascape
2. A Portrait
3. A Still Life
4. An Abstract Composition
5. A mixed media picture



Photography

1. Along the Loddon
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A Million Steps for Motor Neurone Disease Association

On 15th September 2023, Bramley Village lost their resident litter picker, Lynne McLoughlin, to Motor Neurone Disease, a cruel disease that takes away the physical ability of the person, little by little over time.

In her time of health, Lynne would be out and about around the village, collecting litter that had been dropped, usually with her little sidekick dog, Piper. Lynne has even joined her family members on the Big Litter Pick to continue to make Bramley a beautiful place to live.

My Mum, Chris Barton, Lynne's sister, decided she wanted a challenge to help raise money for Motor Neurone Disease Association, a charity who offer help and support to people who are affected by the disease. So, Mum's challenge was to walk a Million steps in November and December (MND) to raise money and awareness of the disease.

Mum fought through bad weather and illness to complete this challenge, occasionally with members of her family, but mostly with her dog, Herbie. Mum even walked Basingstoke Parkrun on Christmas Day to keep her step count going! She raised £1,105 for the charity.

As a family, we are so proud of every step Mum took on this challenge, which we know was so difficult for her when dealing with the loss of her sister.

Auntie Lynne will always be in our hearts, for every ladybird or daffodil we see around the village, and for each piece of litter we pick up for her.

Louise Onslow



Louise, Chris and Lynne



Chris on her walk with Herbie

Lynne dressed as Mary Poppins for a party with her husband, Jim



Lynne out on her Big Litter Pick

This is Us: Bramley Figure Skaters Take Sweden

Ten-year-old Nathaniel and his 12-year-old brother Sebastian, dedicated figure skaters from Bramley, had an unforgettable experience showcasing their talents in a Christmas-themed ice show titled “This is Us,” with a Michael Jackson theme. The event, held at the Husqvarna Garden Arena in Jönköping, Sweden, brought together skaters from various backgrounds to celebrate the holiday season through the art of figure skating.

Accompanied by two fellow skaters from Basingstoke and their coach, the Poon siblings embarked on their journey to Sweden in early December, spreading joy and excitement through their performances. Despite it being February now, the memories of their time in Sweden still resonate strongly with them.

Upon arrival, the group collaborated with Swedish skaters from the Jönköpings Skridskoklubb (JSK), dedicating a week to learning and rehearsing their program under the guidance of their Swedish counterparts. Their hard work paid off with two spectacular performances, captivating an audience exceeding 1500 people.

Sebastian and Nathaniel wowed the crowd with a duet set to the iconic music of the Jackson 5’s “I Want You Back,” showcasing their skill and dedication to their craft. Additionally, they participated in various group performances, adding their flair to the festive atmosphere.

Having trained at Planet Ice Basingstoke since the age of 6, the brothers continue to commit 4 to 5 days a week to their training regimen. Balancing their rigorous schedule, which includes competitions and schoolwork, has always been a challenge, but with unwavering support from their schools – Bramley Church of England Primary School and Eggar’s School in Alton—they’ve been able to pursue their ambitious dreams.

The brothers’ recent successes in national competitions organised by British Ice Skating further demonstrate their talent and dedication. Nathaniel secured the top spot in the National Boys Level 2 free skate category at the prestigious Robin Hood Trophy in Nottingham and the Guildford Open in January. Meanwhile, Sebastian achieved his personal best score in Nottingham, earning a well-deserved



Silver in the National Boys Level 3 category, and later clinching Gold in the same category at the Guildford Open.

As they continue to spend countless hours honing their craft at Planet Ice Basingstoke, Nathaniel and Sebastian remain hopeful for the future of the rink, as it plays a crucial role in nurturing their passion and allowing them to chase their dreams even further.

Howon & Vivian Poon



Fancy joining thousands of others knitting and crocheting through the month of March and getting creative for a cause? Versus Arthritis are back with their knitting challenge and would love you to join!

The March Knitting Challenge is a chance to create, connect, and fundraise for a future free from arthritis. Whether you’re a knitting or crochet fanatic, or newly picking up those needles, everyone is welcome to take part.

This challenge is all about setting your own creative goals for March. Finish that project, learn a new stitch, or simply knit every day – the choice is yours!

It would be great to do this as a Bramley Branch team challenge. I am setting up a JustGiving page for the Bramley Branch so that we can form a team, and into which any of your sponsors can donate to you as a team member. The funds will then be sent up to HQ as a whole.

To learn more, email me on 1catrina.stockwell@gmail.com

Clicky clacky, get those needles (or crochet hooks) moving!

Catrina Stockwell

Bramley School: SIAMS Inspection – ‘At Bramley, everybody matters.’

As a Church of England School, in addition to the usual Ofsted inspections, Bramley C of E Primary School is also eligible for a Church led inspection. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school’s distinctive Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community.

On 25th January, we welcomed an inspector into our school to share our Christian vision and values, and to show them how we use these to develop our curriculum and school ethos. The inspector spent time before the visit analysing our website, school performance data and improvement plans to decide on key lines of enquiry for their day in school.

During the day, he met with our senior leaders who were able to explain how our new values of Compassion, Friendship and Respect had already been embedded into school life and drive our curriculum and teaching every day. *“Leaders are passionate about nurturing the ‘Bramley citizen’ and growing the ‘Bramley learner’.”* He commented that he couldn’t believe how quickly they had become part of the fabric of our school. *“The values are skilfully woven and mapped into all subjects in the curriculum. The Christian vision is at the heart of and drives all aspects of the work of this church school.”*

He had the pleasure of spending time with groups of children to discuss how our Christian values played a part in the way they learn and interact with one another – underpinning our vision of **Showing Kindness to all**. *“Pupils behave well and support each other lovingly. Despite its size, a real sense of unity and nurture permeates. At Bramley, everybody matters.”* The children also shared their experiences from our curriculum and Religious Education learning. The inspector reflected how the children had a strong knowledge of Bible stories and a good understanding of a range of religions and worldviews.

We also welcomed members from our school community in to share their views on how the school supports their children and families. *“Parents share their admiration that ‘differences are normalised and celebrated’.”* This is a statement we are incredibly proud of at our school – it sits firmly within our three values and our vision for children to be **Confidently Me**.

Although he was pleased with the developments we already have in place to ensure children understand the concept of justice, this is an area we feel is important to develop further, supporting the children to understand that they can **Make a Difference**. *“Leaders ensure that pupils develop an understanding of their place in the world. This is beginning to support their understanding of their role as agents of change.”*

Like Ofsted, at the end of the inspection process, the inspector produces a written report which includes areas for development as well as a narrative describing the school based on their findings. SIAMs inspections no longer provide a ‘grade’, instead they share a statement sharing whether the school is living up to its foundation as a Church school, or if it isn’t.

We are proud to say that:
The inspection findings indicate that Bramley Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school.



Little Apples

At Little Apples, we will be celebrating “World Book Day” on Thursday 7th March. The children will be encouraged to bring in their favourite book to share and dress up as a character from it. There will be a prize for the most imaginative costume.



Reading with young children is extremely important, for many reasons. Some key ones may be:

- **Bonding:** Reading to your child fosters a special kind of bonding. It’s a time of mutual understanding and a break from the daily grind. A 2008 study shows how reading helps parents and children develop a strong bond that gives them a sense of security and affection.
- **Listening Skills:** Both understanding and listening skills are required when hearing a narrative read aloud. The evolution of language depends on these abilities. Stories are beneficial to youngsters even before they can read for themselves.
- **Cognitive and Linguistic Development:** Story time is a time when children learn language. According to a 2013 study, reading to and conversing with infants enhances their cognitive and language development. Verbal exchanges continue to support greater language and IQ scores into adolescence, up to the age of 14.
- **Increased Vocabulary:** Children who read are exposed to a wide range of terms that they might not come across in regular talks. Your shared reading of books helps them expand their vocabulary.
- **Empowerment and Imagination:** Reading gives children a sense of independence, fosters their creativity, and establishes the groundwork for success in life. It’s about opening doors to other worlds and ideas, not just words on a paper.
- **Self-Esteem and Security:** You show a child that they are important when you offer them your whole attention and time during story time. It enhances their sense of self, stimulates their creativity, and even helps them sleep better.

At Little Apples, families are offered books from our library daily. They can select a book, take it home for as long as they want or even swap it for one they are finished with, if they can’t bear to part with it!

If you are interested in registering a child for Little Apples, please get in touch as soon as possible. We are experiencing very high demand for places at the moment. You can call us on (07598) 588460 or email manager@littleapples.org. Our website is www.littleapples.org.

Little Apples accepts all children from two years old including those in receipt of two-year-old funding and the 30 hours funding offer. Please ask if you need any information or help with the different funding options.

Global Citizens at The Priory

Recently The Priory Primary School enjoyed International Week. This is an important event in the Priory curriculum and calendar as it helps the children to develop knowledge, skills and important attitudes about being a global citizen.

The children celebrated differences and similarities between countries across the world and travelled around the world to get their learning passports stamped at the end of the week.



The Priory Primary School

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Royal British Legion Update

A few members visited Tony Evans to celebrate his 85th birthday at the end of January. Tony was our branch President and Standard Bearer for many years and Luke Holdcroft, our present SB brought the Standard along, which produced a little tear in Tony's eye.

Michael Luck gave a fascinating talk to us last month on record album covers. These have developed since the 1950s when they were fairly plain with printed text about the artist(s) involved on the record- 78rpm of course - to becoming works of pop art by many artists who brought their talents to the designs. There is a resurgence of interest in them today and some rare ones sell for large sums at auctions.

The meeting began with lovely homemade soup and crusty rolls, and ended after Michael's talk with other refreshments.

This month, our meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March at The Four Horseshoes pub in Sherfield at 12.30pm, when we can order a meal and afterwards meet Holly Church, our new County Engagement Officer. She

will explain her role, update us on RBL activities in Hampshire and further afield in 2024 as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of a number of events towards the end of WW2. Do join us and bring along any interested friends.

As we move to British Summer Time at the end of this month, our meetings will resume on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. We are looking to arrange a visit to RAF Odiham in a few months' time, so look out for details!

John Morley
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Celebrating Community and Creativity with Bramley Scouts' February Activities

It was the Reading Runners Road Race on 11th February, and once again Bramley Scout Group volunteered to help at Water Station 4, just outside Bramley School. It was the perfect day for the runners and a perfect day for us too. No wind to blow the cups over, and no rain, but that's not to say we didn't get wet. Distributing water to moving runners requires a careful balance of



timing and coordination and despite the focus on the cup in the volunteer's outstretched hand and the runner's attempt to grab it, the exchange doesn't always go smoothly. It wasn't unusual for us to get a cup of water knocked over us – accidentally of course, and to their credit, despite the exhaustion, they still apologised for the soaking. But we didn't mind, it's all part of the fun. Well done to all the runners who took part.

Earlier in the month, Bramley Cubs made tin can pancakes. These are exactly what they sound like. Pancakes, made on a tin can, drilled with holes and placed over a tea light. Cubs struck matches and lit the tea lights themselves, with some overcoming their fears.

You'd be forgiven for thinking this was a celebration for Shrove Tuesday, but no – it was in celebration of World Nutella Day, which was on 5th February – who knew! So, we made pancakes to eat with the Nutella – yes it was that way round. There were other fillings available too, like the more traditional lemon and sugar, and also honey, with chocolate sauce for those who didn't like or couldn't eat Nutella. There was enough time to cook up to 4 pancakes during the meeting and some Cubs decided to create triple and even quadruple deckers using all of the fillings. Our Cubs went home very happy and slightly livelier than usual – I wonder why?

If you'd like to get involved with the Bramley Scout Group, we are looking for volunteers to help support our sections, please get in touch with our Administrator Jodie at Jodie.Saunders@bramley-scouts.org.uk. You'll be joining an amazing team.



Bramley Volunteer Drivers need you!

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Volunteering is a lovely experience, getting to know our seniors, and not-so-seniors too, with their fascinating stories. Helping those who need a hand, and a friendly face is good for our mental health as well as for theirs.

This, from Cat, one of our lovely drivers:

"Driving for BVD has been such a wonderful experience as I have met so many people that I wouldn't otherwise have met in my normal day to day life. They are always really interesting people who have all lived full lives and

have many stories to tell. I'm so pleased I joined this fabulous group. It feels very rewarding to be giving back to the community in this small way."

And this is from Judy, one of our lovely clients:

"On the occasions I've had to attend hospital appointments and diabetic eye screenings, all the drivers have been very helpful and very friendly."



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Looking After Your Health

Recently there have been some TV adverts reminding us about our health. If you are over 70, you can get a shingles vaccination and for young people, the MMR vaccine is something that can help the current rise in measles cases. If you have children under the age of 18, then the Healthier Together App is the quickest way to get help and advice. Another reminder that the NHS app / website is very useful. Once registered you can order prescriptions, review blood test results, see appointments and find documents related to your health. There is a short video on the surgery’s website that explains it www.cliftsurgery.co.uk.

Friendship Walks

If you think you would benefit from walking and spending time with others, then the Friendship Walks could be for you. There are three levels of walk: faster and longer, medium, or a gentle stroll. We meet at 10.30 on Thursday at the Pavillion, Clift Meadow, followed by refreshments. Contact: ppgclift@gmail.com



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Bramley Speedwatch

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data:

The SIDs were in full use throughout January (see below table). If anybody would like traffic speed monitored in a specific location, please let us know via bramleyspeedwatch@yahoo.com.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) data (October):

SID Location	Traffic Direction	% Speed Violations (+30mph)	Max Speed Recorded
Farriers	West	49%	60
Village Hall, The Street	East	35%	79
Farriers	West	49%	60
Village Hall, The Street	East	36%	71
Farriers	West	50%	60
Village Hall, The Street	East	38	66

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity:

4 manned deployments were undertaken during January. A total of 33 vehicles were reported to the Police from the 416 vehicles checked – a hit rate of 8%. The top speed recorded was 45mph.

Can you help?

SpeedWatch currently need additional volunteers. It is not onerous and is a great opportunity to meet people, catch up on the latest village gossip and of course, help with the deterrence of speeding through the Village. If you think you would like to help, please contact Graham White bramleyspeedwatch@yahoo.com.

Speed Camera Coming to Bramley

Bramley Community SpeedWatch Group, in conjunction with the Parish Council, have been given approval for the installation of a camera system that automatically records speeding vehicles. It is NOT an enforcement camera; it does not issue fines or directly penalise a speeding motorist. It’s like having a Community SpeedWatch team at the roadside, but for longer hours. Unlike ‘yellow box’ enforcement cameras, the cameras software distinguishes between vehicles that are habitually speeding and those vehicles where the driver has made an occasional mistake. This allows the police to prioritise their resources.

A number of these cameras are being installed across Hampshire under licenses issued by Hampshire Highways. This project has taken 2 years to come fruition and has involved many people. Community SpeedWatch would like to thank all of those who have supported the project.

The camera will be positioned on The Street, by the Village Hall where speeds of more than 70mph are being recorded. Once a speeding vehicle is recorded the data is then transmitted to a central server to which Community SpeedWatch and the Police have access to.

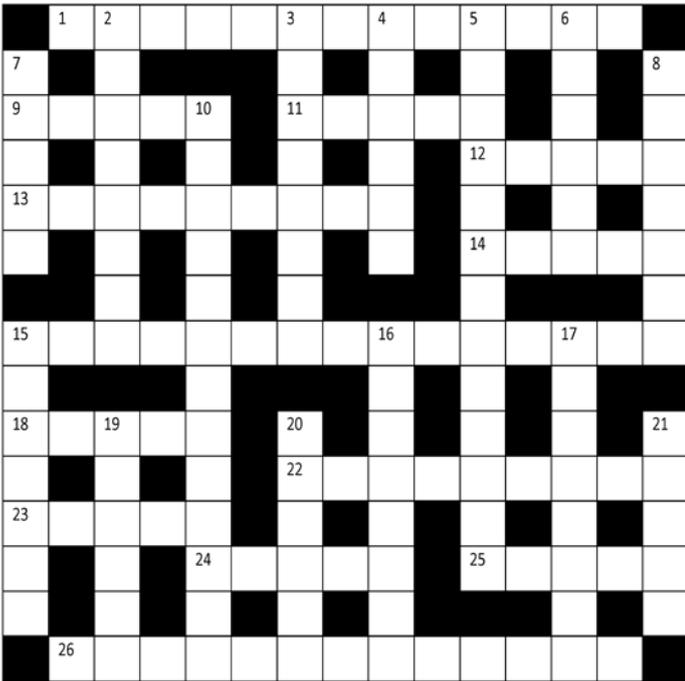
Trials using the system at Beech, Hampshire, showed a significant reduction in incidences of speeding, hopefully we will see the same in Bramley.

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Keep Safe and Watch Your Speed
Graham White, Bramley Speedwatch Co-ordinator

Cryptic Crossword No: 76

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 Moore and Curtis TV series, coaxing perhaps. (3,10)
- 9 Flower created from Desmond Tutu lipbalm. (5)
- 11 Publish PR intelligence insider information. (5)
- 12 Throw out former partner with short pelt. (5)
- 13 Award gong with large cat. (9)
- 14 Table or finger perhaps. (5)
- 15 Form of football down under. (10,5)
- 18 Go over again regarding top. (5)
- 22 Bear smiles without mother watching people who slide down ropes. (9)
- 23 Bad when paw full inside. (5)
- 24 Agree to become keen. (5)
- 25 Who would you expect to meet in an empty room. (2,3)
- 26 Paper point for cable support. (9,4)

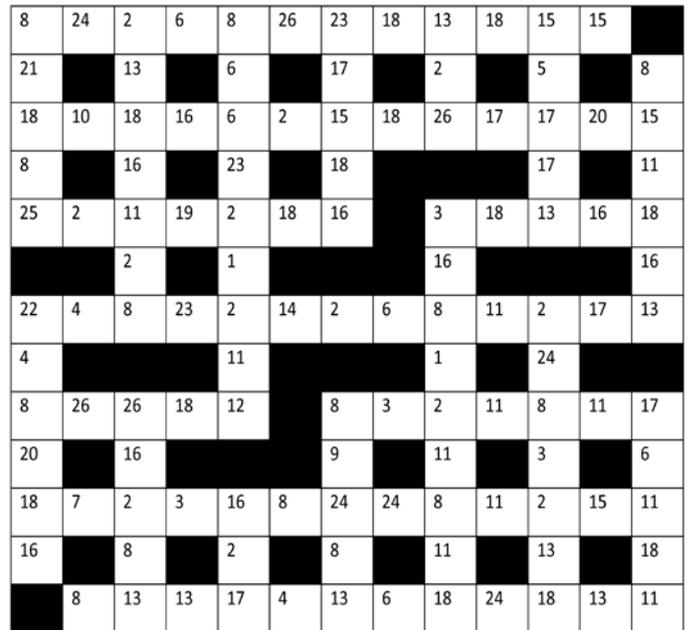
Down

- 2 Vacations almost sounding like religious times. (8)
- 3 PR is real when reworked for retaliation. (8)
- 4 Marriages or workers groups. (6)

- 5 Dior attire one led to decline. (13)
- 6 Dipper becomes torn. (6)
- 7 Post item or something to do with your foot. (5)
- 8 Rex's ale loosens and calms. (7)
- 10 Poppy Len Royle turned into plastic. (13)
- 15 In a way, bear sat on the ball. (7)
- 16 Gases clear essential for a landing. (8)
- 17 Dead aim for last minute score. (4,4)
- 19 Beverage broadcast as a hack charge. (6)
- 20 Animal or bait. (6)
- 21 Strength as set to be found inside. (5)

CodeWord No: 62

See page 31 for the answers.



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Divorcing and Maintaining Separate Lives

If you want to rely on a period of separation to support an application for divorce, you will need to show that you are maintaining separate lives, despite living under the same roof. To comply with this, you must no longer share day-to-day activities such as sharing a bedroom, joint food shopping and eating meals together.

If your relationship has ended but you are still living in the same house and expect to apply for a divorce in the future, it is sensible to plan how you will ‘live’ under the same roof to make sure that there is no doubt about when you separated.

Separated but Living in The Same House After Adultery

You cannot use grounds of adultery as a reason to divorce if you have continued living in the same property for six months or more after you learned of the adultery, unless that physical relationship is continuing.

Separation Agreements

There are two situations when you might want a separation agreement.

The first is if you cannot yet or do not want to apply for a divorce but want to make it clear when your relationship ended or make short-term financial arrangements. Although not a legally binding court order, a separation agreement can give the court a clear indication of how you wish to deal with financial assets.

The second situation is if you live in the same property but separate as an unmarried couple. A separation agreement of ‘Deed of Separation’ is created by both you and your former partner. It can cover on-going maintenance, especially if you have children, and what will happen if you were to sell your home, setting out how the money from this will be divided too. It can also detail how your belongings are going to be divided and how bills are going to be paid.

The separation agreement is useful to have in place should either of you decide to get married to other people in the future or if either of you do not fulfil your responsibilities under the agreement.

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John Stubbs reflects on changing energy use in the UK, in this month's **Beautiful Bramley**

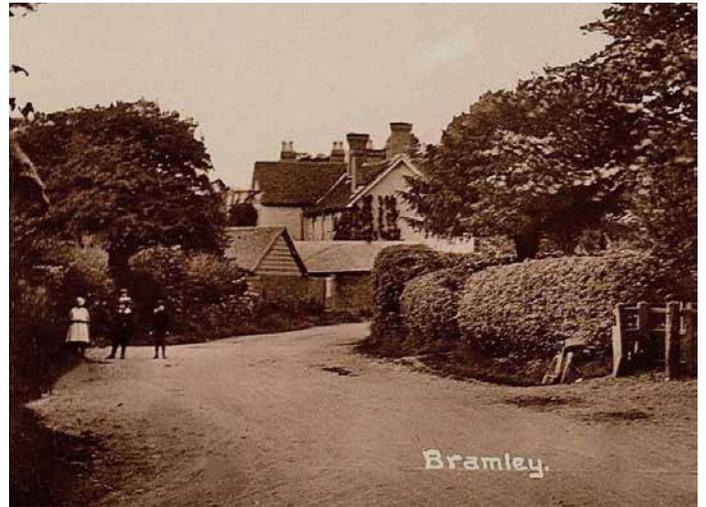
This is a shot of Bramley Street, sometime around 1920. The location is not easily recognisable now, as the road junction changed and several of the buildings are long gone, but it's a pretty typical sort of scene of the period. If you look carefully, there are something like eight or nine chimney stacks, which means perhaps 20 or more chimney flues just in this little patch. Each main room would have had a fireplace, upstairs and down, as well as in the washhouse outside: a modest semi might have had five. Not that all would have been in use of course, as the wood would have to be cut and dried and the coal hauled by cart from the station – hard work and expensive.

Back then, just about every activity depended on coal; travel by train or ship, home heating, production of steel, cement, and textiles. Wind and hydropower were very minor players and even horsepower was declining. Industrial growth meant prosperity; coal was king. In the UK, the average carbon emission per head was just over ten tonnes per year, and none of this was due to people jetting off on holiday. The trouble was the awful inefficiency of the technology, and the lack of alternative options. Need to shoe the nag, cook breakfast, make the beer, wash the smock, bath the baby? Well then, shovel some more coal on the various fires, many of them burning continuously, with nearly all the heat going up the chimney. You wouldn't expect to be warm in winter, just chilled on one side, lightly singed on the other, if you're lucky.

As industry grew, we in the UK became the worst carbon emitters in the world - until the late 19th century, when we were overtaken by the US. There was also the dreadful toll in terms of mining and pollution-related deaths, but these effects were just lost in the background of life's hazards, part of the price of progress. Come 2020, the perspective changed, though measures such as GDP, indicating economic activity, are still much used as a measure of life quality. Our per capita carbon output in the UK is now less than five tonnes; it halved over the century, despite vastly improved living standards. How come, when there's this fear that adoption of new technology for environmental benefit will knock us back into the stone age?

In the UK, we benefitted greatly from cutting reliance on coal and adopting gas and nuclear for electricity generation, though at the time reducing carbon emissions wasn't widely seen as a priority. Gas of course is a fossil fuel, but the combustion technology allows much better thermal efficiency. The bad news is that overall global carbon emissions are showing no reduction as yet, the world population is still rising, and the stats don't include emissions from international trade and transport. There are also some rather disappointing aspects, such as the fact that in many cases significant efficiency improvements have led to only modest carbon reductions, where the cost-savings may encourage greater usage. It's so much lower-consumption now – why turn stuff off, why not buy a bigger one? This is the Jevons Paradox, formulated by the perspicacious economist William Jevons in the late 19th C. when, ironically, the concern was the exhaustion of coal resources.

It doesn't mean that increased efficiency is a problem, it just means that incentives and legislation need to be intelligently crafted. The much bandied 'net zero' can be a convenient palliative – used to avoid changing to better options. In many cases, any offsetting benefits promised are going to be illusory,



or too remote in timescale. The good news is that global peak carbon could be reached this decade. The technologies to achieve the emissions reductions needed exist in most industrial countries, and some are becoming cheaper all the time. Awareness of the issues has never been so high; denial is increasingly implausible.

A hundred years back, all those chimney flues wouldn't have made Bramley's air anything like as bad as that of the big cities, thick and yellow, but I'd guess there'd have been a distinctly sulphurous tang on a cold still day. It wasn't until around 1990 that Bramley had domestic mains gas, so our *lums* no longer *lang reek*, possibly disappointing Robbie Burns' fans, but much improving both our atmosphere and the local carbon budget.

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We had some heavy rain in February resulting in flooded roads. Jan Nice took this photo on Folly Lane.



In December, we published a poster asking for you to donate your used chocolate tubs for recycling. An amazing 192 tubs were donated! Thanks to Becky Kirby for organising this for Bramley.



Beautiful skies by Eleanor Larkin



Rachel Healy caught this lovely shot of the snowdrops outside St James' Church.



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Bone Health

From the ‘look after your body and it will look after you’ series

I see many patients in clinic for a free back health consultation. I look at posture, muscle tone, skin health and hydration, flexibility and symmetry, scar tissue performance, injury to muscles, as well as bone traumas, inflammation and oedema. I also check that the skin and moles are healthy. Once I have carried out these tests, I then suggest specific treatments through a wide range soft tissue massage technique. I recommend exercises and stretches, that can easily be incorporated into daily life to strengthen and protect the spine and maintain flexibility.

Bone health is very much part of the consultation and I check for any misaligned vertebrae, hip positioning, sacral joint health, and signs of spine compression due to shrinkage (compressed osteoporotic) and forward curvature (kyphosis) of the thoracic spine. Scoliosis of the spine (snaking) is often previously undiagnosed, and a root-cause of discomfort. I see the early signs of hypokyphosis, a swollen inflexible hump at the base of the neck, causing stiffness in the neck, a flattening of the thoracic spine and shoulder discomfort.

These issues may be the result of previous accident/injury, occupational/lifestyle, poor posture, a genetic disposition, as well as diseases of the bones, such as osteoarthritis - that result from historic bone trauma. Women are particularly vulnerable to bone density loss, caused during pregnancies, as well as the menopause. Both stages involve hormone change, resulting in bones becoming less dense and more brittle and therefore prone to fractures.

The health of our bones is key for an active and fulfilling life. Here are some simple ways to stay healthy:

- Carry out regular weight-bearing exercises, ranging from simple tasks such as taking the stairs to working out with weights and running.
- Choose calcium and magnesium rich foods and avoid alcohol, carbonated drinks, fast foods and nicotine.
- Maintaining a healthy weight. A poor diet or an eating disorder can impact on your bone health and our energy levels. Being overweight also puts a strain on our joints and weight bearing leg bones.
- Certain medications may increase the risk of bone density loss. Ask your GP for help to combat the effects these drugs have on our bones.

If there is a family history of osteoporosis, ask your GP for a DEXA scan to measure bone density, to check for signs of risk of osteoporosis. Early-stage detection is important in order to get the support you need through your Health Care provider.

I hope this material is helpful and you keep happily healthy! Contact me via the below details to book your free back health consultation.

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BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

The meeting held on 7th February was the first meeting of 2024. Members were reminded about the upcoming AGM, post AGM lunch at the Conservative Club, and a trip to Arundel Castle in April.

Our speaker in February was Fred Swift, ‘The Wiltshire Beekeeper’. Fred said that last year had been a difficult one due to the unpredictable weather, probably due to climate change. This is also contributing to the appearance in the UK of the Asian Hornet which can have a devastating effect on hives, with one hornet killing hundreds of bees at a time. For this reason, its spread throughout the country is being closely monitored. Despite all the setbacks, he was pleased to report that the honey yield had been normal. Fred also brought along items for sale made with the honey he collects including different types of honey, hand cream, candles and honeycombs. His website www.thewiltshirebeekeeper.com gives more information.

The outing to Arundel Castle and Gardens is on Thursday 18th April and the cost is £50 (£52 for non-members). The coach will leave Oakley at 09.00 and Basingstoke Leisure Park at 09.15 aiming to arrive at 11.00.

At our next meeting on 6th March, following the AGM, our speaker will be Peter Robinson from Neighbourcare Basingstoke. Our speaker for April will be Daniel Cowling, whose talk is titled ‘Should we follow the leader? Leadership in Challenging Times’.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about the meetings and trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

Margaret Atkinson

Basingstoke Deane Rotary – Ridding the world of Polio

In the early 20th century two diseases, smallpox and polio, killed large numbers of people around the world. By 1990, cases of polio in the UK were down to single figures – proof of how effective vaccinations can be.

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In overseas countries, to identify the children who had been vaccinated, their little finger was painted with a purple dye, hence ‘Purple 4 Polio’. Rotary uses purple crocuses to publicise and fundraise for the eradication of Polio. Recently, local Rotarians have planted crocuses at Turnpike Cottages in Overton, the Silk Mill in Whitchurch and we hope to see the crocuses we planted last Autumn in bloom in Stratton Park.

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Mondays	
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>NHS Heath Visitor</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pregnancy Yoga with Sam 6pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Yoga with Sam 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Classical Pilates, 6.45-7.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	Brocas 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 Church
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Body Control Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bramley 0-5s 10am – 11.30 am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 5.45pm – 6.45pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Scouts 7-8.30pm</i>	Brocas 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>1st Bramley Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Wednesday Club 10am to midday</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>1st Bramley Guides</i>	Village Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Community Cafe
<i>Squirrels 5-6pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>NHS Heath Visitor</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Friendship Walks, 10.30</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Lynden School of Dance & Gymnastics 3.30 to 7.15pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Classical Pilates - 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.40 for 6.45pm (April-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Fridays	
<i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i>	Cross House
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Youth Club 5pm</i>	Brocas Hall

Saturdays	
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tennis (age 7-13)</i>	Clift Meadow
<i>HIPP Pilates 9.30-10.30m</i>	Village Hall
<i>Karate 11.00-12.00pm</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Live Country Music with Dance 8pm 1st and 3rd Saturday each month</i>	Village Hall

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

Do you have a listing on this page? If so, please can you check that the details are correct and let me have the timings if they are missing. Any corrections or additions can be emailed to editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

THANK YOU

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Cross House	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
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Triumvirate of Chains of Office: Mayor, Mayoress and Probuc President



Dr Jeff Grover, Probuc President, with Jenny Mallin

Before lunch, they enjoyed a trip down memory lane as they were entertained by speaker Jenny Mallin. She gave an insight into how the BBC television centre was designed

and what TV production life was in the seventies. This was through her experiences gained over seven years working at the BBC Television Centre at White City in Wood Lane.

The name 'White City' came from the white painted buildings specially constructed for the Franco British exhibition of 1908 on a site of 140 acres near Shepherds Bush in Western London. Over the years, various sectors were redeveloped including the White City stadium, which was home to the 1948 Olympics, with its famous dog racing track and the television centre for the BBC.



BBC Television Centre

Known as the 'Doughnut' because of the circular central core, it was the most technically advanced and fully embracing television production centre with eight studios.

Despite such comprehensive supporting facilities, there was an increasing use for some broadcasts at the nearby Shepherds Bush Green Empire that needed an audience. Eventually, the BBC purchased it, then becoming known as the BBC Television Theatre. Programmes broadcast from here included the Billy Cotton Band Show, What's My Line, Juke Box Jury, Crackerjack, the Black & White Minstrels, That's Life and the Generation Game, among many others. Jenny recalled her time on the Generation Game as a Contestant Researcher and Games



Deviser; to three years on Mastermind with Magnus Magnusson; to working with a myriad of disc jockeys on Top of the Pops and revealed whether songs were sung live or mimed.

Jenny also explained how news programmes were put together, with split second decisions on what to drop from the programme when breaking news events demanded to be featured. News film took up to an hour to process, even after arriving at the BBC. Then there was the introduction of ENG, electronic news gathering, with the use of camcorder type recordings taken by outside reporters.

Memories were stirred as Probuc members enjoyed this nostalgic view of a simpler life when the only decision to be made about what to watch on the "telly" was whether your choice was on the BBC or on ITV.

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16	AIRSTRIPE	13	MEDALLION
15	ABREAST	14	INDEX
10	POLYPROPYLENE	15	AUSTRALIANRULES
8	RELAXES	18	RECAP
7	STAMP	22	ABSEILERS
6	RIPPED	23	AWFUL
5	DETERIORATION	24	EAGER
4	UNIONS	25	NOONE
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