

September 2020

The

BRAMLEY

FOR BRAMLEY AND LITTLE LONDON

Magazine



- Scarecrows
- Clift Meadow gets a haircut
- Bullsdown Camp

Plus all the usual articles
and much more

883388

881312

MEKANIX

Bramley's Garage since 1947

MOT

Servicing

Repairs

Car Sales

Diagnostics

Air Conditioning



**find us next to the
railway station
behind the bakery**



The Bramley Magazine

*for Bramley and
Little London*

September 2020

Chairman of Steering Group:

Rhydian Vaughan MBE
chairman@bramleymagazine.org.uk

Editor:

Rachel Barclay Smith
editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

Schools Editor:

Emily Sykes

Advertising:

Keith Dilliway
bram.mag.adverts@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Nairn Glen
Bramleytreasurer@gmail.com

Minister:

Rev'd John Lenton (880570)
john.lenton@gmail.com
www.stjamesbramley.com

Bramley Parish Council

Clerk: Maxta Thomas (07810 692486)
parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk
Chairman: Anthony Durrant
www.bramleypc.co.uk

Artwork and Printing

Ian Crossley,
Greenhouse Graphics
Unit 8, Cufaude Business Park,
Cufaude Lane, Bramley,
RG26 5DL
01256 880770
www.greenhousegraphics.co.uk

*Produced and delivered by the Church
for the benefit of the community.*

Material for the October issue to be sent
(preferably by email) to the editor no later
than 15 September please.

Cover photo:
Scarecrow by Jan Wright

Well, what a confusing summer it has been for travellers. Yes, you can go to France and Spain, but not Portugal. No, wait, you can't go to Spain any more but France is still fine. Hang on, let's take France off the list too and while we're at it, we'll put Portugal back on. There was a family on the news who rushed back from their French holiday to avoid quarantine, only to arrive five hours too late. They now face 14 days cooped up at home. We gave up on foreign travel and visited York instead. We enjoyed three days of clear blue skies and 29-degree temperatures. Who needs the Med?

On our way to York we passed not one but two Bramleys. One of them was in Rotherham and, guess what, just 3.6 miles away was a village called Little London! Further north, near Leeds, is another Bramley/Little London combination: 5 miles apart this time. If Wikipedia is to be believed, there are 28 Little Londons in the UK, many more than there are Bramleys. There's also one in Jamaica so, in the interests of journalism, I'm planning to head there to write a few in-depth articles about the pros and cons of living in a town with consistently warm weather, nearby beaches and rum cocktails. It has a population of 10,000 and I will obviously have to interview everyone to get a true picture of the place. Six months should do it.

If I visited any of these other Bramleys or Little Londons I wonder if I would come across someone who had contributed as much to village life as Pat Jones. As you read this month's magazine, you will find many references to Pat, who died in July. Pat had lived in Bramley for many years and throughout that time she was involved in numerous village activities: organising the summer fete, starting the Bramley Show with Phyl Davies, acting as Church Warden and President of the WI, attending the lunch club and knitting club and arranging the flowers in church. You can read more about Pat in Catrina Stockwell's tribute on page 13.

Pat was young at heart and I'm sure she welcomed the addition of the scarecrows to the Bramley Show. As usual there was a great range of characters on display, from Worzel Gummidge to Cruella de Vil, whose Dalmatians appeared to increase by the week. I couldn't help noticing that at least two of the scarecrows were rather the worse for drink. Perhaps that's a reflection of life under lockdown! Turn to page 17 to see if you can find your favourite scarecrow.

By the time you read this, the children will, hopefully, be going back to school. Some of them have been away from the classroom for six months and it's been a challenging time for both pupils and teachers. You can read about how Bramley School overcame these challenges on page 9. I have even more respect for teachers now that I have had a go at home-schooling, and am very relieved that I only had to cope with year 7 subjects. Imagine having to help your son with his year 9 science and technology work. Fortunately, Bramley schoolboy Samuel is bright enough to win awards without his parents' help, as you'll see on page 19.

There's lots more to read this month so why not grab a cuppa and read about what has been happening in Bramley and Little London (Hampshire) recently.

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

People are not disturbed by things,
but by the view they take of them.

Epictetus - philosopher 50 to 135 AD

FOR MORE THAN JUST A LEAKY TAP



Niall Catlin PLUMBING & HEATING

EST 1991



Leaky taps to
full bathroom installation
Power flushing | Water softeners
Hot water cylinders

- Boiler breakdowns, repair and servicing
- Boiler replacement
- All allied trades
- All aspects of plumbing and heating



Checkatrade.com



www.niallcatlin.co.uk

01256 818086
07774 741021



explore engage enjoy excite

Registered Charity No. 1045353

Little Apples of Bramley

Your local charity pre-school

Are you looking for an excellent pre-school for your child, where "Children's emotional well-being is fostered by staff who nurture children's confidence and successfully support children to reach their next steps in their learning" (Ofsted, 2020)?

We are a charity run for the benefit of the children of our community by experienced, qualified and friendly staff. We offer excellent care and education in our inviting hall and large garden for children from 2 years old.

Why not pop up for a visit?

Telephone Jo on 07598 588460

Email : manager@littleapples.org

Visit <http://www.littleapples.org/>

or search for our facebook page

Did you know.....?

•You can choose any of our opening hours as EYE grant funded hours, whether your child is eligible for the universal funding of 15 hours per week age 3-4, 30 hours per week or the 15 hours per week 2 year old offer.



HEAT TECH

PLUMBING HEATING & BUILDING SERVICES

Oil, Solid Fuel, Natural Gas & LPG installations

Gas Safe Registration No 74691

We have 41 years experience and can offer the following services at a competitive price:

- **Boiler Upgrades**
- **Plumbing Services – including bathroom installations**
- **Heating Systems**
- **Fault Finding**
- **Power Flushing**
- **Kitchen Installations**
- **Extensions & Alterations**

From changing a tap washer to extending your house no job is too big or too small

No call out charge

Please contact us on:

07774 140325 Phil Leaver

07879 553210 Dan Leaver



Church diary for September...

6th	13th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Matins (BCP) - St James Church
10:30	St James Virtual Service on Zoom
13th	14th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Holy Communion – St James Church
10:30	St James Virtual Service on Zoom
20th	15th Sunday After Trinity
9:00	Morning Worship – St James Church
10:30	St James Virtual Service on Zoom
27th	Harvest Sunday
9:00	Harvest Festival
10:30	St James Virtual Harvest Festival on Zoom

... and into October

4th	17th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Matins (BCP) - St James Church
10:30	St James Virtual Service on Zoom
11th	18th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Holy Communion – St James Church
10:30	St James Virtual Service on Zoom
18th	19th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Morning Worship – St James Church
10:30	St James Virtual Service on Zoom

Notes: For all in person church services, you need to book in with Steve Day, the Parish Administrator. This is to ensure the numbers do not go over our capacity restrictions due to social distancing. If you would like to attend our Zoom services – and you would be hugely welcome to do so! – please contact Steve, who will add you to our email distribution list, which will give you a link enabling you to join us on Zoom week by week.

Steve can be contacted on 07341 552732 or by email Crosshousebramley@gmail.com.

Church opening

The church is now open for a limited number of days and hours for people to be able to come in for private prayer. It will still be essential that anyone who uses it observes all the Government's social distancing requirements. Because this is something of a moving target, as the guidelines change quite frequently, anyone wanting to do this should check the church website (www.stjamesbramley.com) and Facebook for days and times when it will be open.

From the Registers

Funerals

21 July: Mavis Gwendoline MOY at Basingstoke Crematorium

6th August: Patricia JONES at St James's Church, followed by cremation at West Berks Crematorium.

Weddings

31st July - Nicholas Stephen BLAKE & Jessica Lianne BEER

8th August - Benjamin Malcolm Kelvin CHILDS & Jessica Jane JACKSON.

Wanted – Magazine Deliverers!

Could you spare an hour or so a month to deliver some magazines?

We need deliverers for the following roads in the Campbell Road area:



Wallis Drive
St James Close /Sims Close
Officers Row

Please contact
editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk
for more details.

Thank you



01256 882515

**Premium Care
Unique Surroundings**

Caters for children from 3 months to 5 years

Private and spacious village location, with easy access to
Basingstoke and Reading

Open 7:30am-6:30pm 51 weeks a year

Participates in the Early Years Education scheme funding
places for all 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds

Full days and part time sessions available

www.mydaisynursery.com



For a Warm Friendly Welcome

**THE SHOP
IN SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON**

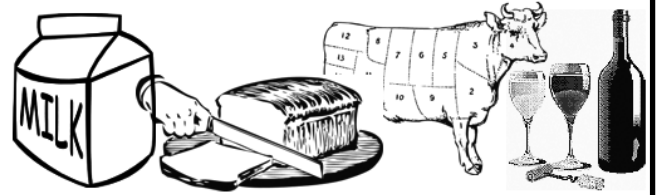
Selling a vast range of groceries including:

Local bakery bread & cakes

Market fresh fruit & veg

Quality fresh meat & poultry

Excellent selection of wines



THE SHOP, Reading Road, Sherfield

Telephone: 01256 882234

Monday-Saturday 7.00am to 7.00pm

Sundays 9.00am to 5.00pm

Orders taken for delivery



Caring dentistry for all the family
We treat people, not just teeth



To experience the difference,
please call us on 01256 762353.

- family dental care ■ NHS dentistry for children
- hygiene therapy ■ Saturday appointments ■ dental implants
- cosmetic dentistry ■ fast & clear braces for adults

Stanley House, London Rd,
Hook, RG27 9GA

hookdental.com

01256 762353

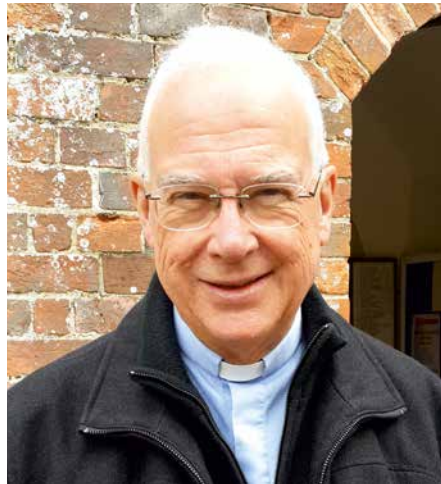
Surprises – don't you just love them? Or perhaps you don't.

Many years ago, my wife had a hairdresser who decided to throw a surprise party for her husband's 40th birthday, although she knew he wasn't very keen on unplanned events. She invited lots of friends, with strict instructions to say nothing to him, to hide their cars nearby and then conceal themselves around the ground floor. When he arrived, all was quiet; as he stepped through the front door, everyone jumped out to greet him: "Happy birthday! Surprise!" Stony-faced, he marched straight through the crowd, up the stairs, into the bedroom and slammed the door. Sadly, the marriage didn't last; no surprise there.

The whole coronavirus experience has been one long series of surprises, when you think about it. In early March, without even thinking twice about it, my wife and I flew off for a long-planned ten-day visit to our son and his family in California. Within less than a week, as news of the rapidly-growing pandemic flashed around the world, we were beginning to wonder whether we'd even be able to get back; when we did fly out as scheduled, the aircraft was half-empty. We arrived back on 13 March, and ten days later, lockdown was imposed in Britain. Time after time, what was completely unthinkable last week has become reality this week.

When I worked for American Express, one of my bosses used to insist on something he called "No-surprise management". In other words, he didn't want bad news ever to come as a total surprise. What made that rather trickier was that he had a bad habit of tending to shoot the messenger, so that the unlucky individual who was responsible for bringing him the first implication that there might just possibly be some unpleasantness lurking in this month's numbers would run the risk of getting grilled and verbally beaten to a pulp for even suggesting it.

Well, I can't honestly say that the coronavirus just sprang another surprise on us, because it didn't really



Rev'd John Lenton

come as a surprise when the British government decided with about 36 hours' notice to impose a two-week quarantine on everyone coming to the UK from France – which is where we are as I write these words. We'd anticipated before we came that it might happen, as infection numbers in certain parts of France were going up. Our biggest fear was not that we'd have to quarantine when we got home – that would be pretty much like what we've been doing in lockdown for the last five months – but that we'd have to do so while in France, which wasn't an attractive thought at all.

France normally adopts a policy which could be described as "le tit for tat" – in other words, "if you quarantine our travellers from France, we will quarantine your travellers from Britain." Oddly enough, they haven't yet done that; the French government unusually seems to think, perhaps, that the British government is acting reasonably in imposing a quarantine. Long may that attitude continue (especially when it comes to the long-drawn-out Brexit deal negotiations). Let's hope that any surprises in that quarter will be pleasant ones, rather than the disagreeable conditions that some commentators are predicting will be in force from the end of this year for travel into the EU.

God, of course, never gets caught by surprise. He knows the future, the Bible tells us, and shapes events to suit His purposes. One of the Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah, writes these words: "... 'I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans

to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.' " The great thing about God's plans is that even when bad things happen, because this world is not a perfect place, He is able to bring good out of them.

In 1967, the authorities in the newly-independent state of Yemen closed down all Christian churches in the city of Aden. Twenty-five years later, in 1992, it was decreed that a single church, Christ Church, could re-open. However, to be able to refurbish and restore the building, the actual title deeds had to be found. Despite lengthy searches in the city's Registry Offices, nobody could find them, and people were becoming very discouraged, but decided to fast and pray about it for several days.

A young man, Mustapha, went back to the Offices to try again, without success. As he was leaving, a blind man was begging on the steps of the Registry, and Mustapha put a couple of coins in his bowl. The man thanked him and asked what he was doing there. Mustapha explained. The blind man said that before he became blind, he used to work in the Registry, and he thought he could remember where those deeds were kept. The two of them went back in and the blind man described where to find them. Sure enough, in a great dusty register, the deeds were found. It's an astonishing story – but actually true. "You will call on me and I will listen to you."

Of course, things don't always turn out well in that way. Deeds get lost and are never found. The residents of Beirut could remind us of how badly inefficiency or corruption can devastate people's lives. Loved ones can be infected with Covid-19 and not get better. People lose jobs and can't find new ones. God doesn't rescue us from every bad situation. But He has promised that even when bad things happen, He is still able in the end to bring good out of it for those who love Him and seek to follow Him. The question is, will we trust Him at those times to keep His promise?

Many of us have found 'lockdown projects' over these past months. **Pete Hutchison** needed to adapt his favourite hobby and found it helped him to **Meet The Neighbours**.

Bramley Magazine (BM): Pete, we've been seeing your lovely black and white portraits of Bramley people in the Community Facebook group. What's that about?

Pete Hutchison: Well, like many people I've had to work from home. I love photography, especially taking pictures of street scenes and people. But there aren't many busy streets in Bramley! So on my daily walk I'd take my camera to see what I could find. One day, on Clift Meadow, I saw this guy with the most amazing beard! And I couldn't resist asking if I could take a picture.

BM: How did he react?!

Pete: He was a bit taken aback at first but he was really great about it. It got me thinking about approaching people to find out how their lives had changed under Coronavirus and tell their stories with a portrait. So that was it ... the idea of a little community project was born. And when people started liking them on Facebook, it just sort of took off.

BM: There are some great pictures - how do you know who to ask?

Pete: I love talking to people, any time and any place. It drives my kids mad! But with a camera in your hand, you have to be a bit careful, in case people wonder what you're up to. Fortunately, people have been really friendly. I don't look for classic model types, I just walk and chat and usually there's something in their character or story that just stands out. It's been a great way to meet people.

BM: What brought you to Bramley?

Pete: I was in the RAF and my last posting was Boscombe Down. From there I took a job at QinetiQ as a design safety engineer for aircraft. Then I joined RPS, a multi-disciplinary consultancy and moved to the Herriard office. I met my partner, Karen, who lives in Bramley and moved here in 2015. We have four kids between us. They're our little Olympics Team, as one was born each Olympic year since 1996!



Pete with his partner Karen

BM: How have you found village life?

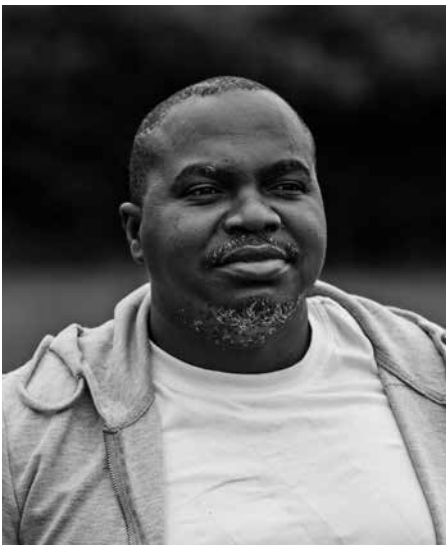
Pete: It's a terrific location, convenient but still right in the countryside. So it's great for walks and bike rides. I sense a lot of unease about all the development. I do think developers should provide better amenities for the places they're building in.

The people are the best thing about Bramley. I've met some really interesting folk through my project.

BM: So will you carry on?

Pete: I hope so. I've been so heartened by the response. And it's great when people have engaged and commented on the Facebook page about how they know the person in the photo, you learn so much. It's really nice when I see them again and we chat about that reaction.

It's been a lovely project to do. And it's made me a lot less fearful about chatting to people and not just being seen as 'a weirdo with a camera'!



Owen is a Psychiatric Nurse at Parklands Hospital. He and Pete spoke about the mental health implications of Coronavirus and the lockdown.



Michaela works at the station ticket office. She's missed talking to commuters and has read all the books in the book exchange!



Simon was made redundant during lockdown. He was a chief financial officer and he's started his own consultancy

Bramley Church of England Primary

Six months like none other

As the cause for concern escalated rapidly from the start of March, it came as no surprise when the Prime Minister announced that schools would close to the vast majority of children on Friday 20 March. Saying goodbye to our friends, colleagues and pupils, not knowing when we'd reopen, was an experience that we'll never forget. Thoughts quickly turned to providing everything from food parcels to our families in need to remote learning opportunities accessible to all. The work of the staff in producing learning packs of high quality whilst providing childcare for the children of keyworkers was exemplary. Thank you to all of the parents who became teachers overnight. I'm sure you all did an incredible job and we look forward to your appraisals in the autumn term!

Partial Reopening

The start of the summer saw some progress. We were thrilled, as well as being naturally cautious, to welcome back pupils in Year R, 1 and 6 on Monday 1 June. Following a smooth transition back, further pupils started attending from 22 June. Although the school was beginning to fill up with children as well as laughter and learning, there was still a vast number of our Bramley pupils who were unable to attend due to the restrictions that were required to follow the guidance and keep everyone safe.

As a school, we set an aim of welcoming back as many pupils as we could safely cater for and started to investigate ways in which we could invite our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 pupils back safely. As a result, there was a lovely excitement around the school as three trucks arrived just after 9am on Friday 3 July carrying two marquees. These were quickly assembled and we were delighted to see many of our pupils return for a few marquee sessions over the final two full weeks of term. As you can imagine, this does come at a cost and I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the BSA. Yet again, their dedication in supporting our school is nothing short of incredible.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our parents and school community. Since the reopening on 1 June, 83% of Year R, 1 and 6 children were attending school. To put that figure into context, the average percentage of Year R, 1 and 6 returning across Hampshire was 42%.

In addition, our percentage of all pupils attending at some point (including the marquees) was 77% whilst the Hampshire average was 28%. This could not have been achieved without the trust and support our families showed us throughout the lockdown. They have respected the decisions that we have made and adhered to the guidelines we have put in place. The support from everyone has been very much appreciated.

In school now....

The school staff have risen to every challenge brilliantly. They have recently reshaped, re-planned and re-resourced the curriculum ensuring that safety is paramount, whilst making sure learning is rich, engaging and purposeful. From the admin staff to our site manager and from the teaching team to the lunchtime staff, each and every individual has been exemplary in their professionalism and their commitment to ensure the very best provision for our pupils in challenging circumstances. As I'm sure many of you will know, we have sent out some very long letters communicating our in-depth plans in the build up to the full opening of school this term, but I don't intend to bore you with the details here.

All that is left for me to say is that we are extremely excited to welcome back all of our pupils and we very much look forward to working together in creating more memories, celebrating more successes and overcoming more obstacles which may be placed in our way in the future.

Steve Moore
Head of School



thehealingtouchway clinic

the essential 'me' time



*'Pssst... Bramley's
best kept secret for
cosmetology beauty
treatments & range
of massage therapies.'*

www.thehealingtouchway.co.uk

Free consultation Tel: 07577107798

by appointment only

27 Longbridge Road, Bramley RG26 5AN

BRAMLEY WI

Last month we lost a very valuable and long-standing member of the WI, Pat Jones. We shall miss her greatly, especially for her quick wit and dry sense of humour. She had been with the WI since the 1960s. She became President between 2005 and 2008 and was a joint member of both Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon. She became Chairman of the Loddon Group and worked very hard with our WI advisor at the time, Sue Atrill. It wasn't an easy role but she made a success of it and got it off the ground.

Pat not only enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of the WI but was able to use and share her own crafting skills and wholeheartedly try out new ones. She loved to crochet and knit and also enjoyed making cards. In later life, Pat developed an interest in pen painting in oils and was recently working on a picture of a hare.

With all these skills she joined many excursions and competitions, including Knitfest when she went up to Heathrow with a group of WI members and enjoyed demonstrating and teaching travellers to knit while they were waiting for their flights. She also contributed her enthusiasm and expertise to Bramley's successful efforts in the Hampshire Federation WI's competition at the New Forest Show.

Her outgoing personality delighted in visits away, whether they were educational or recreational, such as time spent at the Manor House in Okehampton, crafting and socialising with other members of the group. She was also involved in the Bramley Belles who entertained us with comedic sketches and plays, with much ad-libbing, fun and banter.

Pat's legacy as part of the WI was not only her enthusiasm for it, but her dedicated contribution to it, especially here in the village and the wider movement in Hampshire. She represented what the WI is and should be – friendship, fun, commitment, self-development and family.

We gave her a good send-off on the 6 August at St James church when we formed part of the guard of honour with her other friends, each holding a flower for such a lovely lady.

Jane Matthews



Pat Jones

On a beautiful August afternoon, a guard of honour made up of ladies from Bramley WI, Bramley & Romans Flower Club, the Church Flower Team and her many friends from the village and Ringshall Gardens bade farewell to Pat Jones. Despite Covid-19 restrictions, it was a most moving service with some of her favourite music.

Rhydian Vaughan

FYNE FLOORING

A big shout out to Stuart Brownen and his very able assistant from Fyne Flooring who have been helping the Basingstoke food bank during the pandemic by delivering loads of food every week to vulnerable people across Basingstoke. They have been real heroes.

I'm sure lots of our other advertisers have been going out of their way to help too, so do let us know. We would love to celebrate you!



HORIZON SOUND & VISION

Family Run Business Est 1988



- **Aerial & Dish Installations**
Freeview, Freesat, Sky & European.
- **Additional TV Points**
Magic Eye control & HD. Phone and ethernet points.
- **TV Wall Installation**
Free site survey. System planning & advice. Hidden cabling.
- **Tuning and set up of your equipment**
Cable tidying. Weak/low signal improvement
- **WiFi Signal Improvement & Network Cabling**
Advice and Solutions for WiFi dead zones in your home
- **CCTV Installations**
- **Audio & Speaker Systems**
Home, Outdoor & Workplace

Checkatrade.com

01256 841860

Visit us at Essex Road, Basingstoke

www.horizonsoundandvision.co.uk
info@horizonsoundandvision.co.uk

Abbreviations

It's been a funny old year so far... some would say that's a massive understatement. News stories and everyday life have featured a new abbreviation: PPE. Personal Protective Equipment. Or maybe not so new: Many Oxford graduates in PPE are now rushing to update their CVs, to point out that when they studied at their venerable university, PPE was the accepted term for Politics, Philosophy and Economics, lest they be mistaken for experts in medical hygiene techniques. Although maybe if we had a few more of those experts in government...

PPE this year has superseded the most irritating abbreviation used in radio adverts over the last few years, PPI, or Payment Protection Insurance. Did you have PPI? Aargh!

This set me thinking about abbreviations. I used to work for a major American computer company. Three letter abbreviations were known as TLAs, and when I started, I was given a book with definitions of all the TLAs in use in the company. Some were ludicrous: those of a more irreverent nature, i.e. the Brits, invented some. OAP: not what you think, but Outside Awareness Panel. A window, which was what every manager had to have in their office.

Sometimes new abbreviations cause disruption. In the 1980s we all became aware of AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. But there was a well-established dieting product called Ayds, which had to be renamed. All of the slogans about losing weight with Ayds suddenly seemed macabre and became unusable.

Sometimes a word enters the language and we all use it without realising it started as an abbreviation. Scuba equipment is used by divers – but it started out as Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. Likewise, Radar, which is derived from Radio Detection and Ranging. My dictionary points out that this is appropriately a palindrome, the same forwards and backwards, just like bouncing radio waves and getting them back. Its close cousin is sonar, Sound Navigation and Ranging. Because Radar has now become a word, my dictionary now gives RADAR, in capitals, as the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation. So it has assumed a second life in a new context.

The purpose of abbreviations is to shorten what is said or written, to save time and space. Not all abbreviations do that. When you see www at the start of an internet address, what do you say when reading it out? Double-u double-u double-u. That's nine syllables. Now say 'world wide web'. That's only three. The ultimate time saver, the web, is actually playing a joke on you every time you say it.

Text messages are a great source of new abbreviations, many of them not suitable for this magazine. My favourite story concerns David Cameron, while he was Prime Minister. He saw people using LOL quite a lot, and thought it was a great way to say 'Lots of love' at the end of a message. He only discovered that LOL means 'Laugh out loud' when he sent a message saying 'So sorry to hear about the death of your Dad LOL'. I don't think he says that any more.

Michael Luck

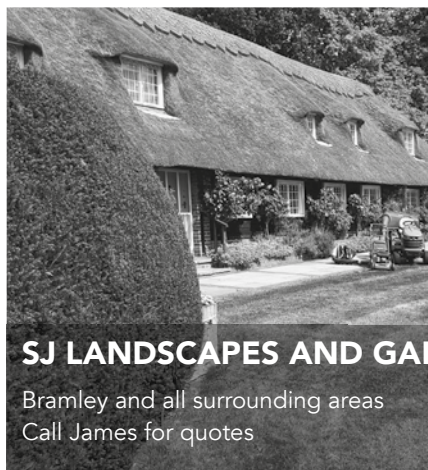
Clift Surgery Update Carer Awareness September 2020: We Want to Care for You

23 March 2020 has become a date burnt on all our memories as the day lockdown started. At the Clift Surgery it was to be the first day of our week-long Carers Awareness campaign, to help identify those patients who are carers. A carer is anyone, of any age, who supports a friend or loved one who has a physical or mental disability, or just someone who needs that additional support as they get older.

The lockdown has highlighted the number of vulnerable people that needed to "shield" themselves and the amazing community spirit that evolved as individuals and groups acted as street champions, to look after those isolated in their homes without family to support them. We have all become more aware of our neighbours and hopefully got to know them a bit better. This is therefore an opportune moment to reignite our Carer Awareness Campaign.

Throughout September we will focus on encouraging carers to self-identify themselves to us at The Clift so we can offer them support. We will offer them a yearly health check-up as this often gets downgraded in favour of those they care for. There will also be a carers' pack of information, including details of in-house support through our Social Prescriber, MIND appointments for mental health and details about our new Dementia Support worker. Our hope is that, before the winter hits, we will have a better awareness of those in need and will be able to support and deliver focused care to the vulnerable AND those who they are dependent on.

Understandably, the COVID pandemic means that we cannot rely on footfall at the surgery and have to spread the message by word of mouth and electronic communication. So, when chatting to your neighbour or dropping off medication/shopping, please spread the word to help us care for the carers in our community. If you are a carer simply let Reception know and we will be in touch. There will also be information on our surgery website.



Garden Maintenance/
Refurbishment
Hedging & Small
Tree Topping
Lawn Care/Cutting
Power Washing
Garden Waste
Removal

SJ LANDSCAPES AND GARDEN SERVICES
Bramley and all surrounding areas
Call James for quotes **07515 389733**



Update from our MP

Official guidance continues to evolve; however, the information in this article was correct as of 4 August 2020.

In my last update, I explained that HM Government is doing all that it can to help you see more of your friends and family, get businesses back on their feet and get people back to work. This is no easy task. But, as the Prime Minister said: "As we plan for the worst, I strongly believe we should also hope for the best."

We are recovering. The current R-rate across Britain is between 0.8 and 0.9. We now know much more about the virus – our intelligence network is in full flow thanks to the NHS track and trace scheme, which means we can see where it is spreading and target it through localised restrictions. To make sure we can react quickly, we're devolving powers to local authorities, enabling them to close specific premises, shut public outdoor spaces and cancel events to stop the virus in its tracks in cases of localised 'spikes'.

Further guidance has been updated and I have condensed it below:

Face coverings – Currently we must, by law, wear a face covering on both public transport and in shops. From 8 August, we need to in other indoor settings such as museums, galleries, cinemas and in places of worship.

Self-Isolation – The self-isolation period has been extended from 7 to 10 days for those in the community who have coronavirus symptoms or a positive test result.

Travel – Spain and Luxembourg [and now France] have been removed from the travel corridors exemption list, meaning you must self-isolate for 14 days if you arrive back from these countries. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has updated its guidance to reflect this change and now advises against all non-essential travel.

Sports and outdoor activities – We can now participate in team and other sports where the sport's governing body has issued guidance on how to do so safely.

Swimming – I know that my daughter has missed her swimming lessons terribly, so it's fantastic that indoor swimming pools and water parks can now re-open. Outdoor pools and water parks have been open since 11 July.

Outdoor theatre – Outdoor performances in front of a live audience, and indoor rehearsals, can take place in Covid-secure venues.

Beauty – Close contact services, such as nail bars, salons, spas and massage parlours, can open for some services that can be conducted within Covid-secure guidance.

Thank you once again to everyone across North East Hampshire for following the guidance. I don't pretend it's been easy. Nor do I presume that we've been able to do everything that you might have wanted us to do. But it is because of your sacrifice and our fabulous community spirit that we are defeating this terrible virus and getting back to a sense of normality.

Ranil Jayawardena MP

Lunch Club



Sorry to say not much has changed since last month!! A few of us have had coffee together in our various gardens, self-distancing of course, so we did at least get a change of scenery. Seven members managed to get together on the green at Sherfield-on-Loddon for a picnic lunch and social chatter on Thursday 13 August. It was pleasantly cool under the trees and we even managed to arrive home just before the first few spots of rain began to fall! We are quite hopeful that Cross House will be open come September, in time for our next meeting, so please keep your fingers crossed this does actually happen.

We are pleased to hear that Val's broken wrist is on the mend, and look forward to seeing her soon.

We were all very sad to hear of the passing of Pat Jones, a long-time member. She was always helpful, cheerful and very knowledgeable when it came to the quizzes. She will be greatly missed. Her funeral was held on 6 August and was very well attended and organised in light of social distancing. The flowers were so pretty and filled the church with colour. As the coffin was carried to the church door, many of Pat's friends lined the path holding pink flowers. Two lovely eulogies were given from the Flower Club and Knitting Club and Catrina gave a very interesting eulogy on Pat's extensive travels with husband Keith, and her other interests. The music in church was a pleasant mix and at the crematorium music from the final act of Swan Lake was played, reminding us of Pat's great love of ballet and Swan Lake in particular.

We look forward hopefully to seeing everyone next month.

Freda Clark



Making Families Fit



FAMILY FITNESS COACHING

MORNING FITNESS CLASSES FAMILY EXERCISE CLASSES

PERSONAL COACHING

KIDS HOLIDAY CLUBS & PARTIES

At TNT Family Fitness our motto is 'Making Families Fit'.

We know that when you exercise together, spend time together and have fun together you 'fit' together as a family.

At TNT Family Fitness we enjoy creating an environment where this can happen.

The benefits of exercise are widely researched and well known. Joining both fun and fitness together will do more than increase fitness, it will increase the way you and your family FIT together!



07542 075672



andy@tntfamilyfitness.co.uk



tntfamilyfitness.co.uk



tntfamilyfitnessuk



Pat Jones – Our Neighbour and Friend

30 August 1937 – 14 July 2020

In July, Bramley lost a valuable member of the community, who had been instrumental in the setting up and running of many village activities.



I first met Pat because she was a member of the village branch of Versus Arthritis, but our friendship blossomed because of our joint love of animals, and especially cats. When Pat and her husband, Keith, went away, we cared for her cats (usually four at a time); in return she cared for our menagerie, gamely taking on guinea pigs, hamsters, fish and stick insects (and our cat). She also loved dogs, which cemented her friendships with other neighbours.

She was keen to become computer literate, and enjoyed making her regular order to Mr Waitrose.

Pat shared the last few Christmas lunches with our family. On confirming that she was to join us one year, our 17-year-old niece commented “Oh great. She’s cool!” and she was – she was fun, she joined in the conversation, took an interest in the kids’ lives and entertained us all with anecdotes and her candid humour!

Pat met challenges and difficulties with stoicism, and she did not lose her good humour as her illness progressed, having a smile to the end.

Many neighbours have said to me “Pat was never in!” Most days, she could be seen coming or going with friends as she went to lunch club, the knitting group (where she preferred to crochet), swimming, WI and its spin-off activities and, recently, the village coffee morning.

Pat was an active member of Bramley & Romans Floral Society for some 40 years: she served on and off the committee, helping with fundraising and meeting and greeting.

She was also part of the church flower team, especially enjoying dressing the window for special occasions. She loved her garden, which was reflected in her naturalistic style of flower arranging.

She was a regular at the 8am Communion Service at St James and was a Church Warden at the time of the interregnum in the 1990s, which involved a huge amount of work. She had been a life-long Christian, although, when young, her motives were a touch dubious – she said that as a child she went to Sunday School with whichever church had the best outings!

With Phyll Davies, Pat was a driving force behind the establishment of the modern Bramley Show, which we still enjoy today, and she helped to run the village fete for many years.

Even at home, Pat was busy: she was an avid reader, especially of detective novels, and was a keen painter. She also enjoyed fine wine, fine chocolate, and a good sirloin steak.

Some of our neighbours have sports cars and Pat enjoyed them accelerating down our short cul-de-sac, and encouraged the owners to rev the engines in the road. Pat liked fast cars!

Pat and Keith travelled extensively. Pat had made a list of all the countries that she had visited – there were 28 on that list! She held a passport from the age of 18 and travelled overseas every year after that. On one of her early travels she met her friend Margaret and they remained friends for about 50 years.

When young, she took on an extra job sorting the Christmas post to pay for her holidays. There she met a group of girls who loved the ballet and opera, and so began a life-long interest in the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. The first time the Bolshoi Dance Company came to the ROH, Pat queued all night for tickets.

Pat worked for IBM for 31 years and still kept in touch with ex-colleagues. She valued all her friendships and she will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Catrina Stockwell



Maplebrook Wills®

The future can be written



Fixed fees and free home visits

- Will writing
- Trusts and probate
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Guardianship for children
- Care home fee protection
- Pre-paid funeral plans

Contact **Tony Spencer-Smith**
Tel: 01256 247 185
tony.spencersmith@maplebrookwills.co.uk
www.maplebrookwills.co.uk/basingstoke/





Elm Park Garden Centre

www.elmparkgardencentre.co.uk

Tel 01256 850587



Like and Share us on Facebook



Garden Furniture • Outdoor Living • BBQs
Birdcare • Plants • Bedding • Seeds • Compost
Pots • Hanging Baskets • Tools • Fencing
Sheds • Garden Gift Vouchers • Coffee Shop

Aldermaston Road, Pamber End, Tadley RG26 5QW

CHOOSE AT HOME CARPET SERVICE

We come to you!

Get the red carpet
treatment in the
comfort of your
own home



**SAVE
£££'S**

WITH NO
SHOWROOM
OVERHEADS WE
PASS THE SAVINGS
ON TO YOU

- We come to you with a range of samples.
- All leading makes supplied.
- The price we quote is the price you pay, no gimmicks and definitely no misleading special offers.
- All our installations are carried out to the highest standard.
- We can move your furniture and uplift old flooring if required.

- You pay the balance only when the work is complete and you are entirely satisfied.



Got a written quote from another company? We can often better it!

Make an appointment today on: 01256 686229

FREE ADVICE FREE MEASURING FREE ESTIMATES

• Contract & Domestic • Commercial & Residential • Carpet & Flooring Service



All Seasons Window Cleaning



Reliably serving the
community for over 20 years

Additional services include:

- Driveway cleaning •
- Cladding/signage cleaning •
- Gutter/fascia/soffit cleaning •
- Conservatory roof cleaning •
- Pure water - no chemicals •



Call **STEVE** on
01256 353727



Email: info@allseasonswindowcleaning.com
Web: www.allseasonswindowcleaning.com

TB Tranquil Beauty Clinic

Advanced skin treatments, hair removal &
beauty, with mature & experienced therapists

Advanced Skin Treatments

A range of treatments that significantly reduce lines & wrinkles, rejuvenate skin texture and increase firmness with Microdermabrasion, Cryo-cooled Oxygen, Hyaluronic Serum and Microchanneling. See before & after pictures of our Real Results on the website

BOOK A FREE SKIN CONSULTATION

Skin Blemishes

Quick removal of Skin Tags, Thread Veins, Milia & Angioma's in just one treatment

Hair Removal

Strip and hot waxing (Lycon) and Electrolysis hair removal

Beauty

OPI polish and Shellac gel manicures and pedicures,
Brow and Lash tints, Lash Lift, Crystal Clear facials



To book
call 01256 885012
[online TranquilBeauty.co.uk](http://online.TranquilBeauty.co.uk)
4 Granary Court Stratfield Saye RG7 2DL

Time for Clift Meadow to get a hair-cut

It has been considerably longer than six months since the Clift Meadow trees last had a haircut, but thanks to the generosity of St James Park resident Tom Mason, that has now been rectified.

Tom grew up in Tadley but moved to St James Park in 2019. He trained as a Tree Surgeon in 2010 and has run his own tree and woodland management business since 2017. While walking his cocker spaniel, Lola, across Clift Meadow he could immediately tell that the trees needed some long overdue TLC, so he volunteered to help.



We tend to take trees for granted, assuming they will take care of themselves, but the environment we place them into does mean that they require some attention, along with help to preserve their shape and encourage growth. In woodlands, trees grow straight and tall, competing with each other for light as they stretch up to the canopy. Placed on their own there is no competition for light so trees grow their branches much lower. A number of the trees in Clift Meadow were planted as Memorial Trees and were correctly given a protective cage, but most have now outgrown their cages. As well as removing these cages for us, Tom has cut back some of the lower branches to encourage the trees to



grow more upright and to re-establish their shape. There are a number of varieties including cherry trees by the pub, a willow by the path to St James Park, ash trees planted in memory of loved ones and lime trees along the footpath.

Our grateful thanks go to Tom for his generous offer to look after the trees. Next time you are making your way across the Meadow perhaps detour to the nearest tree and admire his handiwork.

Simon Gill



Unfortunately, it wasn't long before some of the hard work was undone by this mindless vandalism of memorial trees.



PILATES



Clift Meadow Pavilion
Minchens Lane, Bramley. RG26 5BH

<u>Monday</u>	11am-12pm	Mixed Group
<u>Tuesday</u>	7-8pm	Ladies Only
<u>Tuesday</u>	8-9pm	Mixed Group
<u>Thursday</u>	7-8pm	Men Only
<u>Friday</u>	1.30-2.30pm	Mixed Group

Beginners, Osteopath/Chiropractor/Doctor recommendations welcome

PRIVATE 1 to 1 LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE & ONLINE SESSIONS

Pilates elongates, strengthens, improves muscle elasticity and joint mobility. A body with balanced strength and flexibility is less likely to be injured.

Contact Jo **(07557) 412400** to book your place
From £7 per session (payable in 6 weekly blocks)



VJ DAY 75

To remember the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, we held a short wreath laying ceremony in St James Church, Bramley. The Last Post was played followed by a two-minute silence, Reveille and the Kohima Epitaph.

Lock down prohibited a larger audience but the church flower ladies were in attendance and one commented, *"Thank you so much for today's commemoration. It was a touching reminder that the freedom we enjoy today was at the expense of so many who lost their lives in this conflict. We all appreciated being with you for these few special moments. Thank you, God Bless"*.

A wreath was also laid at the War Horse outside the Plough, Little London.



Ian Evett CBE, Steve Day and Rhyddian Vaughan MBE at the wreath laying ceremony



Scary things have been happening in Bramley!

The challenge this year was to make us smile and Bramley certainly did that! What a wonderful group of visitors we have had this summer. I am sure everyone noticed the amazing scarecrows as you drove along the main road, but if you looked a bit closer down the other roads, you would have come across lots more.

The Festival really captured the imagination of the residents and what efforts were made to keep Bramley smiling! Such a wonderful range of characters from the traditional straw scarecrows and characters, interactive displays, through to television and film characters and the legendary "Fred's legs". The winner, chosen by the public vote, was The Tractor on Campbell Road roundabout, which features on the front page of the magazine.

If you didn't get a chance to see all the scarecrows, Jan Wright has created this brilliant collage of all the entries. Can you find yours?

On behalf of the Bramley Show we would like to thank you for taking part and we are very much looking forward to next year's Festival which will start on Monday 5 July 2021.

Sue Howell – Chair

Disclaimer: Bramley Magazine is intended to provide readers with information they may find useful and of interest. We take all reasonable steps to keep this information current and accurate, but errors can occur. The editor reserves the right to make changes to any contributions. Bramley Magazine is not responsible for and does not endorse any advertising, products, or opinions expressed in this publication and shall not be liable to any party as a result of information published herein. All photographs are included with kind permission and may not be reproduced.

Struggling with an injury or persistent pain?

Sport, occupational and lifestyle injury management specialists

squareone

FOR ALL AGES

Physiotherapy • Injury Assessment and Rehabilitation • Acupuncture • Sports Massage
Shockwave Therapy • Sports Therapy • Pre & Post Natal Physiotherapy

www.square-one.uk.com Odiham | Hannington 01256 541515

Bramley Parish Council

Clift Meadow – The new playground at Clift Meadow is now complete, and open to users. Early signs are that the playground has been a tremendous success with both parents and children. There are a few teething problems with the gates, but these are being addressed. A cradle swing seat is on order, and should be with us and installed in early September. Our thanks go to the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Local Infrastructure Fund for assisting with funding this Parish Council initiative.

Planning – the Parish Council continue to represent residents on planning matters. Major planning decisions of note from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council include permission being granted for the outline application for Manydown, and also for Basingstoke Golf Course.

One recent application of particular note in Bramley is 20/02113/ENSC, an application for screening for a proposed solar farm by the Bramley electricity substation at Bramley Frith. Details of this can be found on the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council planning portal <https://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>. The Parish Council would encourage all residents to take a look and comment on the application via the planning portal.

Parish Council meetings – the Parish Council are not planning to hold physical face-to-face meetings for the foreseeable future. However, we do plan to meet virtually from September onwards. There will be an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 1st September, with our regular meeting being held on Tuesday 15th September. The regular Planning Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 9th September. Details can be found nearer the time on the Parish Council website www.bramleypc.co.uk

Maxta Thomas
Clerk to Bramley Parish Council



Civic Improvements

Hampshire County Council & Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council have strengthened the security of the green at the top of Coopers Lane; this is to help prevent unwarranted incursions and reduce the scourge of litter left behind.

Chatting with local residents, they feel a great deal happier with the new fencing in place.

<http://fb.com/tellrhidian>

Bramley Mums

Running Group

**Starting week beginning
21 September**

Free RunTogether group for beginners, meeting twice weekly (Saturday/weekday mornings). Led by qualified UK Athletics Run Leader

- Challenge yourself and set new goals (at a pace that works for you)
- Meet new people, make friends and see the beautiful local area from a different perspective
- Improve your fitness, feel and look amazing!

Please email Wendy for more information and to register interest.

wendy2hall@yahoo.co.uk



Kala The Arts presents....
BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASSES

Fridays 24th Sept, 1st, 8th, 15th
& 22nd Oct from 6.00pm - 7.00pm

ONLINE BOLLYWOOD CLASSES
Led by Senjuti an acclaimed
Bollywood Artist
Kala the Arts is a local Arts Charity
based in Basingstoke and just
celebrated 20 years
£3.00 contribution per session and
all monies go to Mayor's Charity.

Please register by 20th Sept :
admin@kalathearts.co.uk
tel 07725838419.
www.kalathearts.co.uk
www.odysseyjourney.co.uk
(Classes run based on 12 participants)

Kala THE ARTS 20 YEARS 1998-2018
SOUTH ASIAN DANCE

**WORTING HOUSE
SERVICED OFFICES**



- Period boardroom with meeting and training rooms with Wi-Fi
- Full reception services
- Personalised telephone answering
- Unlimited FREE parking
- Flexible terms

Probably the best value offices in Basingstoke
01256 817640 • www.wortinghouse.co.uk

It's been a tough few months for students, many of whom have been forced to study on their own, away from their friends and teachers. So, it is good to read about the achievements of **Samuel Amos-Osebeyo** from Bramley who has won not one but **two awards** recently.

Samuel, who is in Year 9 at Reading School, won the TeenTech Safety and Security Award for his cost-efficient Search and Rescue Robot design. TeenTech is an organisation that helps young people to understand the opportunities in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) industries.

Although search and rescue robots already exist, Samuel wanted to improve their design and make them more affordable by producing them with 3D printing technology. By decreasing costs, the robots can be used in low-income countries to help rescue people from natural disasters. The robots contain sensors that provide helpful data such as air quality, heat and humidity and gas readings. This data allows search and rescue personnel to get an immediate understanding of the environment after a disaster has occurred, allowing them to prepare the correct equipment, healthcare and more. The sensors even allow you to map the inside of a collapsed building.

All of the judges provided positive feedback on Samuel's work. Here's what one of them said: *"This project is extremely technical with a fantastic level of detail around what this safety robot would look like and how it would function. Nice to see a prototype too, great work."*

Samuel's next prize was won with a fellow student, Ryan. They both spent much of their free time developing a pollution monitoring device, something we could do with at the level crossing! Their complete working prototype won them the Raspberry Pi finalist award and a £250 prize to purchase products for the school's Computer Science department.

Talking about his work, Samuel said *"Our project was inspired by the world's rising levels of harmful air pollution and greenhouse gases. We created a device that lets people access live data about pollution levels in their area from an app. We believe this is important since people need to see the data if we're to raise awareness of climate change and increasing pollution levels."*

Congratulations, Samuel! It's great to see your hard work recognised in these two important areas.



Samuel with his TeenTech award

07717 272969 / 01256 958075

E. john@jrglandscapes.com

www.jrglandscapes.com

JRG Landscapes & Garden Services

Garden Makeovers, Garden Design, Planting, Turfing, Artificial Grass,
Patios, Decking, Small Tree & Hedge Works
Always a 5 Star Service - Fully Insured & Competitively Priced



Get away to South Brittany

In the lush river Blavet Valley between Pontivy and Lorient
Quiet hamlet with two self-contained gites each for four people
Many places to explore in this historic region
40min from Beach, 10min to nearest supermarkets and restaurants

For more info and rates call Peter on 01256 881382

WiFi • 12x6m Heated Pool • UK & French TV • Dining shelter • Table Football/Tennis • BBQ
 Bicycles • Local Canoeing & Fishing • Laundry and Cleaning • One Hectare site • Petanque alley

PPE and Nature

The recent global spread of the Coronavirus has focused attention on the vital need to protect ourselves against infection. Many will be at greater risk than others, none more so than those whose work brings them in close contact with infected patients. The urgent need to provide adequate personal protection where needed has therefore become essential.

As a practising doctor I became well acquainted with the importance of encouraging maximum protection against a whole host of potentially harmful influences to humans. All creatures have a will to live: to survive in various ways if they are to successfully propagate themselves: bacteria and viruses are no exception.

During this present pandemic we all depend on the integrity of our innate immune systems - a highly sophisticated means of producing antibodies against this virus, at least until an effective vaccine becomes available. Other creatures have evolved an infinite number of ways of protecting themselves, and here are two astonishing examples.

Whilst on holiday with my wife last year, in Bali, Indonesia, we visited a butterfly sanctuary in which a host of flying insects were housed and studied. Two of these insects, the Giant Leaf Insect (*Phyllium giganteum*) and the Giant Snake Head Moth, both grow to a length of 8 inches and have successfully adapted to protect themselves against predators in their natural environments - survival of the fittest!

James Witchalls



Giant Leaf Insect



Giant Snake Head Moth (look at the top of its wings)

Cross House

These excellent church rooms are available for private hire



Ideal for functions such as birthday parties, baptism teas, keep-fit classes, presentations, wedding receptions, boardroom meetings and classes of various sizes.

Large Hall, main meeting room, further rooms, fully equipped kitchen, Wi-fi.

For further details or to book ring Steve Day on 07341 552732 or email crosshousebramley@gmail.com

Cakes by Seyitan

Specialising in
FRESHLY BAKED CAKES, CUPCAKES,
CAKE POPS, & BAKES FOR WEDDINGS,
BIRTHDAY PARTIES, CELEBRATIONS & CORPORATE EVENTS

CONTACT US FOR A PERSONAL QUOTE

📞 07515746915

📷 @CakesbySeyitan

✉️ Cakesbyseyitan@gmail.com

COLLECTION AND DELIVERY
Based in Bramley village

MANYDOWN PLANNING APPROVAL AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR VILLAGES

In July, outline planning was finally granted for 3500 homes, phase one of the Manydown housing development. In addition, there is now valid planning permission for 1000 homes on the site of Basingstoke golf course and 750 opposite the golf course at Hounsme Fields. That's a total of 5250 homes to be built the other side of Basingstoke.

So what does it mean for us?

Basingstoke has been growing by about 2500 people per year just from its own population; that's the difference between our birth and death rate. There has also been some migration from other parts of the UK, as this is a very popular place to live. 2500 people will, on maturity, need about 850 homes to live in, which strangely enough is the annual new homes target set by the Secretary of State and very similar to the figure that would be set by any other political party: this is driven by maths not politics.

850 houses doesn't seem too bad but that's per year, so 8500 over the next ten years and only just over half of them accounted for the other side of town. There are other sites identified around the borough, and offices being converted to flats will contribute, but BDBC still has to find more available land to meet the target so nowhere is safe if there are land owners willing to sell. Failure to meet the target renders our local plan and therefore our neighbourhood plans invalid, which in turn leaves us all open to speculative planning applications in all sorts of unsuitable locations, such as our villages.

To those of you who wrote objections to the Tudor Farm application and Gladman's application, well done and keep it up for any future unsuitable applications. We need to make sure we don't take more than is absolutely necessary. There are other locations in the Borough which can withstand additional development, and residents there will be fighting their corner so we will have to fight long and hard to keep our quality of life and our rural environment.

Nick Robinson

Cllr.nick.robinson@basingstoke.gov.uk

Probus and the Love of Bank Notes

Basingstoke is the headquarters of Thomas de la Rue, the world-famous producer of bank notes and Probus Club of Basingstoke member, John Swain, was employed in that specialised printing industry all his working life.

Leaving grammar school at 16 he followed his father into the printing trade and undertook an apprenticeship of five years as a camera operator. On becoming a journeyman he joined security printer Bradbury Wilkinson in New Malden and, as John says, "learned about making security documents and how to spot and prevent forgeries."

An intended advancement to head up their photographic studio did not proceed as the company was taken over by Thomas de la Rue, but instead he became the general manager of the New Malden plant.

"All I had to do was to reverse a deficit of £12 million which in five years turned into a profit of £2 million."

Moving to Basingstoke in 1990 to head up a new, large photographic and proofing department was a continuous learning curve as the printing of the latest style of notes can involve over fifty security features, as well as three different printing processes with visible and invisible fluorescent inks and holographic images.

Visiting overseas plants of De La Rue was regularly undertaken. On one occasion the standard documentation John carried failed to impress a Customs officer and as printing plates of currency and ink looked suspicious the officer demanded the plate box and ink be opened. Despite explaining it contained specialist indelible ink and should not be touched, the officer got ink on his fingers and made the situation worse by using a tissue to spread it over his hands.

John smiled at this recollection. "That was a good few years ago, so I guess it has worn off by now."

Paul Flint

News from North Hampshire Hospital

Locally the level of virus is now very low, such that at the time of writing there have been no people testing positive since the beginning of July, despite the level of testing ramping up significantly. So the hospital is working particularly hard at present to get back to close to normal, whilst still maintaining tight infection control.

The hospital is stressing that for anyone feeling seriously unwell, the hospital is open for them. For many such patients, early treatment can make a major difference to the outcome.

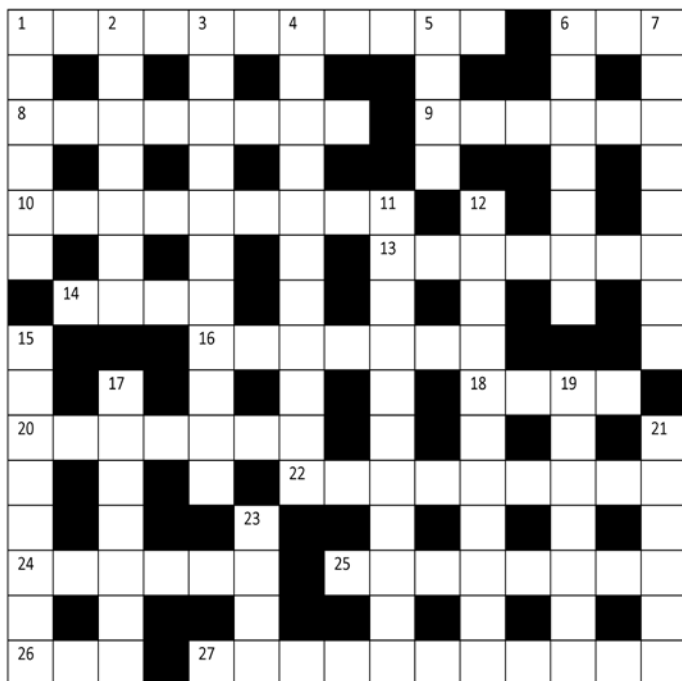
It is particularly urging any person with suspected cancer to immediately make contact with their GP, as at present

the level of cancer referrals from GPs to the hospital is well below normal even though the hospital is fully open for helping this group of patients. It has confirmed that all cancer referrals are being handled with an initial face-to-face contact, before establishing what future treatment is required.

As many may know, Basingstoke's microbiology team developed a rapid test for the virus very early on during the pandemic. Although this test was not chosen for national roll out, the Trust has now been funded to create a mobile 'Test in a Van', which is now being used around care homes.

Cryptic Crossword No: 40

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 The socks far from evolving into earth tremors. (11)
- 6 Help to be found in air raid shelter. (3)
- 8 Rented again or let go. (8)
- 9 Road surface to be found in HD 93083, the star Macondo. (6)
- 10 Rid corset renewal for those who are owed money. (9)
- 13 Wear an umbrella initially being ignorant. (7)
- 14 Backward nuts can shock. (4)
- 16 Post delivered by person sounding doubly confident of sex. (7)
- 18 Plumb abyss to find child. (4)
- 20 Educated person who can turn fife end into something mutual. (7)
- 22 Nag at work to reveal the City of Temples. (6,3)
- 24 Tug air to play instrument. (6)
- 25 With a dozen mesh, Edward managed to get trapped. (8)
- 26 Backward component of 9 finds a rodent. (3)
- 27 Come, paste two opposing points to make amends. (11)

Down

- 1 Strong liquor found in barracks. (6)

- 2 Highest everyone found in exam. (7)
- 3 Ordering again or changing ones position. (11)
- 4 Ah, I mope with hail to reveal blood condition. (11)
- 5 Toy or mark of quality. (4)
- 6 Dam liar turned out to be a person of rank. (7)
- 7 Short month before a dip described a moral decline. (8)
- 11 Going under may mean standin to combine 100 between two points. (11)
- 12 Agents who deal in men on board perhaps. (11)
- 15 Youth will agree ten is difficult. (8)
- 17 A foul fiend let it catch the initial means to cause suffering. (7)
- 19 Maritime stop and search technique perhaps. (7)
- 21 Set due to produce short musical compositions. (6)
- 23 Threesome found at Rio de Janeiro somewhere. (4)

CodeWord No: 27

See page 31 for the answers.

16	4	5	16	4	2	15		7	8	21	19	4
23				3		25		10		19		17
24	10	14	11	8		12	10	16	20	4	17	2
23		10		11		16		10		4		8
11	15	16	4	4	6	10	16	12	24	16	10	22
2		16		12		19		4				17
	4	25	4		10	14	7		13	23	18	
26				10		8		2		17		4
10	16	6	15	12	19	6	15	4	2	2	4	2
1		23		23		10		10		4		11
26	23	19	16	17	10	14		1	10	11	9	23
10		16		8		14		4				7
16	8	11	4	2		25	10	17	20	4	4	2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					C							
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		R										

Each number represents a unique letter from the alphabet and all 26 letters are used. Two letters are given to make a start.



Dog grooming services:

ANGIE'S PAWS DOG GROOMING

- Bathing
- Clipping/ scissoring
- Handstripping
- Nail trimming
- Ear cleaning
- Pick up / drop service
- City of Guild Trained Groomer
- Canine first aid
- Emmi pet toothbrush cleaning - makes no noise, or vibrations.
- £5 off first groom

Please contact me on 07566 255890

SILVASURFER COMPUTERS

TUITION & REPAIRS



- PC/Laptop Tablet Printer Setup
- Malware/Virus help/Slow PC help
- Backups, XP Upgrade

TUITION for All ages - SENIOR CITIZENS friendly

- Email, Documents,
- Keyboard, Mouse
- Internet, Uploads, Downloads etc.

Mon – Sat/Sun incl eve. Tel: 07564 935 178

There can't be many folk lucky enough to live near an **Iron Age copse**, now an Ancient Monument, where man settled almost **2000 years ago**.

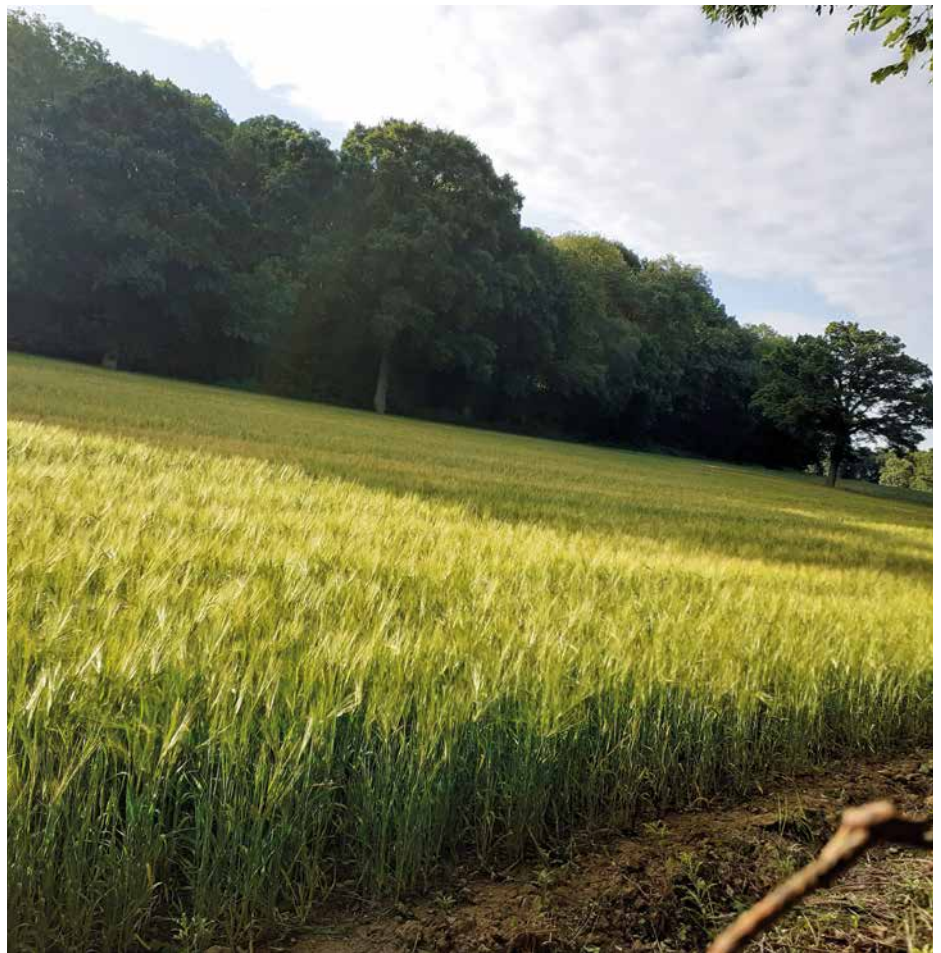
BULLSDOWN CAMP OS SU 6708 5838

Surrounded by farm fields, the oval-shaped dense mixed woodland, surrounded by oak, ash and hazel, must have many tales to tell. Who knows what lies beneath the earth, unexcavated and unseen, since the days Celts farmed the meadows and carried water from the streams and brooks of the river valley.

Situated on a raised promontory between Silchester and Winchester, it had a prominent position and may have belonged to Iron Age peasantry, as the larger settlement of the Atrebatas lay three miles away at Silchester. As a hilltop camp, the settlement would have commanded views over lower fields, thoroughfares and routes, giving any dwellers perfect vantage points and a safe enclosure from neighbouring tribes. Ditch and bank barriers would ensure their cattle could not stray far from rescue.

In the heart of the silent copse, where a few pheasant pens rest and the deer hide up in daytime, eight or ten roundhouses may have been alive with movement and the sound of families going about their daily tasks. Listen hard for the sound of hammer on anvil ringing out from the wind-blown trees. You may imagine the blacksmith fashioning an iron tip for the rough plough or Ard to scratch the surface of the earth in fields beyond, before seed was scattered for crops of wheat, barley or rye. There would be plenty of wood for smelting iron with charcoal and plenty of clay from which to form pinch pots or pots on a wheel, kiln-fired for storage of food and liquids.

Men would have honed their iron tools and weapons and carvers would have created handles, spokes and wooden wheels and made hazel hurdles to help manage the hedgerows. Celtic women may have been weaving sheep's wool and dyeing it with moss, plants and herbs gathered by the children, to make simple clothes. Some would have used froth from the men's beer to make loaves of bread with the



Bulldown Camp is on the right-hand side of the road as you leave Bramley and drive towards Sherfield-on-Loddon

flour they ground using quern and handstones. Iron sickles would have been wielded in late summer to reap crops for the grain store.

Inside the thatched roundhouses it would have been dark and airy, with a warm hearth for the fire in the middle and a large central hole in the roof for smoke to escape. One homestead may have had a much larger hearth for boiling, baking and cooking for feast days and gatherings.

Iron Age men were warlike and skilful in fighting, there would have been fierce huntsmen and look-outs, in skin shoulder capes, pierced by a thorn, or perhaps a tribal leader with iron brooches, in winter wearing skin leggings bound with woollen ties. The women would wear simple clothes woven from nettle plants or flax, to make linen shifts and woollen cloaks for warmth. Marriage was a serious matter, with the man bringing a dowry of horse, ox, cattle or a wheeled cart or waggon, and the bride would provide weapons for her husband's gift. There would have been feasts, drinking, singing, and dancing.

Did the clash of iron echo out from the copse with marauding tribes in battle with spear, sword and shield? Death and sacrifice were part of everyday Iron Age life. Sacrificial items and offerings would have been thrown into Bow Brook or the Sher and the Lyde rivers, often to invoke the gods of weather or nature. There may even have been a priest or priestess in the settlement who conducted druidic ceremonies in thanks to Mother Earth for her blessings and their preservation.

Now the deer browse on the camp's edge, while cries of the pheasant, woodpecker, magpies and crows call across the millennia. Look up through the leafy tracery, where kites circle and buzzards mew on thermals overhead. Go on your way re-energised and soul refreshed to think what the new day holds in 2020 ahead.

Karen Bentall

Butter Daisy Nursery

The children at Butter Daisy have been enjoying a Summer of Fun

Baby Suite have been exploring senses in a range of ways; dancing to music, exploring different sounds and trying out ways of moving. They spent time mark making with a range of tools, trying to copy the marks that the adult made and getting messy with some body painting, with children giggling as the paintbrushes tickled their toes! They particularly enjoyed making marks in different media, using various utensils, pots and pans. The Babies have also been keeping cool through ice and fruit play, using tools to break the fruit out of the ice.

Toddler Suite enjoyed being builders, dressing up in builders' outfits, singing and dancing to 'Bob the Builder' and building with bricks and shaving foam. They used the den building kit to create some houses too. They have painted a brick wall using wooden blocks and they counted as they stamped the blocks onto paper, working as a team. They built a cave in the garden using crates and blankets, prompting many role play scenarios including 'Going on a Bear Hunt' before using their fine motor skills to colour in tools on a large piece of paper, allowing the children to colour alongside one another.

Pre-School Suite explored repeating patterns through superheroes, fantasy, vehicles and safari pictures. They used pegs and different coloured shirts to hang up patterns as



though they were hanging washing. They have also practised counting up to high numbers as they made patterns on skewers using rainbow hoop cereals; they discovered that you can fit 43 hoops onto one skewer! The children have been doing some experiments, creating a volcano using papier-mâché and adding vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to make it erupt. They then experimented with bubble paint and learnt that blowing through the straw harder created a volcanic bubble eruption.

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

Sherfield Village Market



We're back!

Local food, produce and crafts

10:00 - 1:00

Free entry

**Next market
20th Sept**

Sherfield Village Hall RG27 0EZ

Charity No: 1178256

sherfieldvillagemarket.org.uk

network by @peddina

EST 1982
OAKLEY
CARPETS & FURNITURE

Showroom
The old Station Andover Rd Oakley Basingstoke RG23 7HA
Tel: (01256) 782070
OPEN 9am - 5pm MONDAY - FRIDAY
CLOSED WEDNESDAY SATURDAY 10am - 4pm

😊 SERVING BASINGSTOKE FOR OVER 35 YEARS 😊

CARPETS, VINYL, WOOD, LAMINATE, BEDS, DINING SETS, LOUNGE FURNITURE, BEDROOM FURNITURE, STUDY FURNITURE.

New Oak Ranges Spring / Summer 2019

This year we launch a new British made modular furniture range with almost endless possibilities

CARPET EDGING SERVICE CARRIED OUT IN OUR STORE
ORDER RUGS ANY SIZE TO SUIT YOUR ROOM
www.oakley-furnishing.co.uk

The local ants are doing more flying than us at the moment and have already got their social distancing measures in place, as **John Stubbs** explains in **Anticipation**

They're probably the most common or garden animal we've got. But no one notices them, unless they've built a nest somewhere without approval, or when, once a year, they organise an aerial display team for their grand event – the nuptial flight. I found these black ants getting ready for launch one warmish morning mid-July: volunteers up for the metre-high club. This may sound quite a modest flirtation, but bear in mind that each nest can produce several thousand fliers, and each newly promoted queen ant, on landing somewhere handy, will then be able to lay eggs for a whole season in a new home, possibly living to be 25 years old. That's no casual encounter.

There's no one day on which the flights take place. The weather, particularly the temperature, wind, and humidity, has to be right – hence very often lots of nests launch at the same time. This can lead to massive swarms with clouds of bugs dense enough to stop traffic, as drivers can't see for squashed ant. The plan is not just to keep warm and dry; the effect of the synchronisation is that their predators will be overwhelmed. Birds and dragonflies certainly have a field day, but this 'all you can eat' offer means they soon get fed up. If the ants trickled out over a period, they'd be picked off much more thoroughly.

Just how the nest gets the message to don their wings at the right time is one of those strange aspects of the 'super-organism' that is the ant colony. No one individual makes the decision, not even the queen – she's busy reproducing, and doesn't particularly run the admin. Chemical signals such as pheromones carry the news, but the decisions are evidently collective, like a sort of extended brain. It must be planned some time in advance to have the wings up and ready – so there'll be weather forecasting as well. I wonder, though, if these chemical messages are not always totally unambiguous, because while the chosen fliers climb out to the flight deck, lots of the workers join them and mill around apparently at random. It could be that they know something's up, but they're not quite sure what: either that, or perhaps they're the flight controllers, though I've never seen their table-tennis bat things, so that seems a bit unlikely.

I suppose a lot of people are not actually anti-ant, but really perceive no benefit in them. This is one of their PR problems: unlike their bee cousins they aren't so visibly out there pollinating flower and fruit. Actually, though, ants do a lot of seed dispersal – around one third of flowering plants cunningly attach a form of nutrient package to their seeds – a compound that the worker ants recognise as a good food-source for their larvae. So the seeds, being relatively light and coated with this baby-food, are carried back to the nest's nurseries. When licked clean the seeds will be cleared away by another caste of worker ant and dumped in the communal midden where, in due course, they may germinate fertilised by the frass and deceased of the community. In this way the ants help propagate a range of plants, if over relatively short distances – this has the side benefit of leading to more isolated plants, which tends to increase the development of differing varieties of a species.

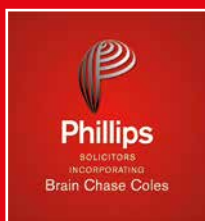


These ant colonies, then, comprise many thousands of individuals living in very close contact with each other – ideal conditions for communicable diseases. So, how do they manage that threat? Possibly better than we sometimes do. Trials on ant nests show that they've developed very effective social distancing procedures. Ants given a fungal disease have been monitored, showing that if numbers of workers are infected, the nurses will move the larvae further down and they'll all reduce contact with each other, particularly the queen, allowing just slight exposure to pathogens to give some immune response. Terminal cases will leave, and the external foraging ants will not be allowed back into the centre of the nest, whatever the reasons for their expedition. Seems very reasonable, how else could you run it?

• • • **Bramley Osteopaths**

• • • **Becky Hall** MSc (Paed Ost), BSc (Ost Med), ND, Dip SMT
• • • REGISTERED OSTEOPATH

7 St Marys Avenue, Bramley, Hants RG26 5UU
email: beckyhall@bramleyosteopaths.com
www.bramleyosteopaths.com
phone: 01256 884139



When occupying the same space as your partner sends you into orbit, you need shuttle mediation....



Sheila Parkes

Mediation is a well-known way for couples to resolve issues at the end of their relationship and generally involves you both being in a room with your former partner and a mediator to discuss matters. It can be quicker and cheaper than alternative dispute resolution methods. Mediation encourages couples to compromise and helps reduce conflict which is known to be beneficial for children of separating couples.

Sometimes the barrier to mediation is that the relationship has deteriorated to such an extent that you cannot contemplate the prospect of sitting down together in a room even with an independent mediator to address issues in mediation. Shuttle mediation gets you round that barrier and yet has all the advantages that the mediation process offers. It is simply a variant of the more usual mediation model.

With direct shuttle mediation, you are in separate rooms and the mediator moves

between the two rooms to facilitate discussion and help you reach a compromise. Separate arrival and departure times are arranged to ensure that the risk of contact is minimised which can be reassuring for those of you with concerns. It can make the process possible but less stressful.

Even with Covid-19, shuttle mediation virtually is still an option. Using Zoom as the online platform, breakout rooms can replicate shuttle mediation as you can opt to be in separate "breakout rooms" while the mediator moves between the two virtual rooms helping you both achieve an agreement that is right for you both. The use of the "waiting room" is also good if you are mediating jointly online but just need a break within the meeting if feelings are running high.

At Haymarket Family Mediation, which is part of Phillips Solicitors, we can offer all options and are happy to discuss any concerns with you before you commit to the process. Feel free to contact Sheila Parkes by emailing sheila.parkes@phillips-law.co.uk or call 01256 854652.

Alternatively, visit www.phillips-law.co.uk/haymarket-family-mediation

When contacting Haymarket Family Mediation or Phillips, please mention that you have seen this advertorial in The Bramley Magazine.

Write Now!

Launch of the 2021 BMAF Creative Writing Competition

September sees the 59th launch of the annual Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival. The three Festival Performance and Awards weekends aren't until March next year, but now is the time to start thinking about your entry to the Festival's Creative Writing competition. The entry deadline is Monday 14 December.

At that point, entries are sorted by competition category – articles, letters, poetry, sonnets, short stories, scripts and 'flash' fiction. After adding a unique ID number, the 'anonymous' adults and children's entries are sent to the competition's two independent adjudicators for review and marking.

As part of the entry fee, entrants are invited to attend the Creative Writing Awards Ceremony that next year, will be held during the afternoon of Sunday 21 March in the Main Hall at Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke.

This exciting event is when the winners are announced (some will be read/performed) and trophies or prizes handed over, together with Certificates and written adjudicator feedback designed to help each writer optimise their writing skills.

If English isn't your first language there's even a category – Poem into Poem – that offers the opportunity to translate a published or your own work into English. Registered assistance is also permitted to ensure the competition entry is accessible to all.

For more information please visit the BMAF 2021 website at www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk (available from Mid-September). On the home page selecting the 'sections' page



This is Ellie, one of last year's winners

will enable you find the Creative Writing Section together with all of the other festival disciplines including Singing, Piano, Speech and Drama, Choirs and Ensembles.

Specific questions on the BMAF Creative Writing competition can be addressed to BMAF Section Secretary Tony Corbin via email at: tonycorbin@kempshott.plus.com or via phone to: 07801 166223.

GENERAL DOMESTIC MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Decorating
- Doors & Gates
- Outbuildings

Steve Canning
21, Hawkley Drive, Tadley

01189 820477
(home)

07818 422191
(mobile)

steve.canning@dsl.pipex.com



BLUE WILLOW COACHING

Executive, Career & Life
Coaching

- Do you feel stuck in your personal or professional life and need support to work out the right way to turn?
- Do you want to learn how to challenge your "inner critic" and build your emotional resilience?
- Do you want to increase your confidence and presence?
- Do you want to get in touch with who you are and what you truly want to do?

Siobhain Whitty is a professionally trained Coach, accredited by the International Coaching Federation and Academy of Executive Coaching.

Book a FREE 30 minute, no obligation sample session

Contact Siobhain at:

info@bluewillowcoaching.co.uk

www.bluewillowcoaching.co.uk

07894 209 698

Conversations with a purpose



Live in Care at Home

We care passionately

For many people the questions about care don't arise until suddenly, there is a need.

Bluebird Care can provide 24 hours live in care, supporting you to remain as independent as possible, living the lifestyle you choose.

Find out more about our Live in Care service today:



01635 36953

newbury@bluebirdcare.co.uk

bluebirdcare.co.uk/newbury

We are independently regulated

Mondays

<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Boxercise</i>	Cross House
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<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>Slimming World</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tuesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Yoga 7.00pm & 8.15pm</i>	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>	Primary School Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Caterpillar Music 9.45am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 6.30pm & 8.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Trail Runners 7.30pm

Clift Meadow car park

HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30

School Hall

Thursdays

<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Lunch Club 2nd Thursday</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1st Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Body Tone 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Pregnancy yoga 6.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Activ8 youth club Years 3,4,5 and 6: 4pm - 5.30pm Years 7 8 and 9: 5.30pm - 7pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Zumba 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Fridays

<i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i>	Cross House
<i>Muddy Fingers 10:00 - 10:50am</i>	Brocas Hall
<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>Good for Mums Hiit Fix</i>	Cross House
<i>Ladies Boxercise</i>	Cross House
<i>Petite Dance</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

Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

Organisation	Name	Tel No	Email	Remarks
Parish Council	Maxta Thomas	07810 692486	www.bramleypc.co.uk parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk	Not for bookings
Clift Meadow	Eileen Gulston	881125	e.e.gulston@gmail.com	Bookings
Cross House	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
Village Hall	Catriona Hayward	07464 749997	Bookings@bvht.org.uk	Bookings
School Hall	Alison Tarrant	881339		
Activ8 youth club	Colette Bibby		colette@bdyc.org.uk	
Active Mums Post Natal Exercise	Emma Perkins	07973 389407	emmatraining@hotmail.com www.emmaperkins.com	
Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Jodie Saunders	881113	jodie@bramley-scouts.org.uk	
Bell ringers	Terry Cooper	881102		
Bramley Out of School Club/Holiday Club	Julie Belam	07711 339306	info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com	
Bramley United FC	Mick Walsh	07802 912615/ 01256 881241	michael.p.walsh@openreach.co.uk	
Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
Brownies	Katie Slater and Jayne White	07545 319342	bramley.brownies@gmail.com	Now Weds only
Caterpillar Music	Jasmine McCarthy	07952 935021	jasmine.mccarthy@caterpillarmusic.com	
Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
Floral Society	Joyce Rawlinson	889040		
Guides	Ailsa Stockwell	07584 676931		
Hatha Yoga	Jacqui Morris	07539 432228	jacqui.morris28@gmail.com	
HiiTFix (Postnatal Exercise)	Helen Hill	07766 554599	helen@goodformums.co.uk www.goodformums.co.uk	
Hipp Pilates	Jo Kemp Williams	07557 412400	jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com	
Ladies Boxercise	Helen Hill	07766 554599	helen@ladiesboxercise.co.uk www.ladiesboxercise.co.uk	
Little Apples	Jo Whatley & Sian Davies	07598 588460	manager@littleapples.org	
Lunch Club	Chris Woodward	884065		
Muddy Fingers	Lauren Dotor Cespedes	07775 594463	info@muddyfingersgardenclub.co.uk	
Naturally Yoga with Sam	Samantha Webber	07713 349227	www.naturallyyoga.co.uk sam@naturalnook.co.uk	
Perform	Gemma Payne	07825 916496	gemmapayne@perform.org.uk	
Petite Dance	Louise Pain	07877 890673	misslouise.petite@outlook.com	
Pilates	Heather Lewis	07785 254313	hsfitnessuk@mac.com	
Pilates	Kelly James	07789 487499	kkellyjames@aol.com	
Pilates (WG Pilates)	Wendy Gill	07961 102535	wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk	
Royal British Legion	Rhydian Vaughan	07774 681516		
Short Mat Bowls	John & Pauline Walker	881065		
Slimming World	Casey	07950 838937	ww.slimmingworld.co.uk	
St Stephen's Hall	Doreen Quilter	850394	doreen.quilter@btinternet.com	Bookings
Thula Mama	Rebecca Cooch	07971 798945	rebecca.cooch@gmail.com	
Trail Runners	Richard Perkins		richardperkins@yahoo.com	
Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship	Julie Wilson		juliebelam12@gmail.com	See Facebook: Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship
WI	Pat Cole	881715	gpcoles37@gmail.com	
Yoga	Mark Golding	07969 890722	goldingyoga@gmail.com goldingyoga.com	
Zumba	Gisella Soulsby	07704 918050	zumbagisella1@gmail.com	
o-5s club	Olivia Shepherd	07976 131638	Omshep@outlook.com	

CLASSIFIED ADVERTS

To advertise in the classified section and reach 2000 homes in and around Bramley for as little as £2 per line. Contact: Keith Dilliway
 bram.mag.adverts@gmail.com

Traditional Plasterer (Dave): All aspects of plastering. Small works welcome 07958 670774 - 01256 364991

Dog walking/pet sitting services. Insured, DBS, Pet First Aid Qualified. Call Claire, Rocky's Rambles, for free consultation 07588 130799

To advertise here email Keith on bram.mag.adverts@gmail.com

 **Sally's Pipe Dream**
07711 808 977
 www.sallyspiredream.co.uk

**Plumbing • Central Heating • Bathrooms • En suites
 Taps • Toilets • Radiators • Immersions • Leaks**

For further information or a quotation contact Sally on

01256 881 496
 or email at sallyspiredream@gmail.com

Basingstoke Window Cleaning Services

We use a pure water, reach and wash system which allows us to clean even the most difficult windows

We also offer the following services:

- **Windows cleaned inside**
- **Conservatory roofs cleaned**
- **Guttering cleared and cleaned**
- **Soffits and fascias cleaned**

For a free no obligation quotation, please give us a call

on **01256 886241**
 Simon **07852 117361**
 Dan **07712 885345**

www.BWCS-Online.com



Call us now to book your **FREE** consultation

Edmonds Accountancy
 www.edmonds-accountancy.co.uk

Free Consultations, Fixed Fees and a Friendly Local Team.
A FRESH approach to your accountancy needs

We can help you now with:

- Limited Companies and Partnerships
- Individual and Sole Traders
- VAT Returns
- Payroll & CIS
- Business Start-ups and Company Formations
- Management Accounts
- Full Bookkeeping Service
- Quickbooks & Sage Specialists

0118 988 5822

Mention this advert and receive a **10% discount** on your fees

www.edmonds-accountancy.co.uk
 admin@edmonds-accountancy.co.uk
 Riseley | Reading | RG7 1SD

Spencer & Peyton

Established 1961

3rd Generation family owned and run
 Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons

24 Hours

Our family serving your family for 55 years

380 Worting Road, Basingstoke, RG22 5DZ
01256 323165
 The Flower Girl Florist on site

7 London Road, Hook, RG27 9DY
01256 761717

Trading Standards approved
 Pre-paid funeral plans discussed without obligation
 spencerandpeyton@btconnect.com

 **www.spencerandpeyton.co.uk**

01256 412723 - 0771 721 4521
 E: info@jcooklandscapes.co.uk
 www.jcooklandscapes.co.uk

 **J Cook Landscapes**

Garden Design & Build, Planting, Decking, Fencing, Turfing, Patios, Driveways, Tree Work, Artificial Grass, Maintenance & Clearance

Professional & Friendly Service - Fully Insured



- ✓ Fully insulated
- ✓ Custom made & British built
- ✓ Free no obligation quotations
- ✓ Best Price Guarantee
- ✓ Free 7 year motor warranty

FREE
7 YEAR
MOTOR
WARRANTY

T. 01256 962660

Roller Garage Doors Centre
(Part of Access and Security Systems Ltd)



Police Preferred Specification
Manufactured by SWS UK

www.rollergaragedoorscentre.co.uk



High quality and friendly MSK, Back and Neck
Pain with professionals who listen

Annette and Gordon Linscott

35 Years in Basingstoke, Specialists in
Long Term or Recurrent Back and Neck pain

If you have a long wait for treatment or it has not
worked come and talk to us



PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

Cryptic Crossword No: 40 Solution

27	COMPEENSATES	1	AFTERSHOCKS
26	RAT	6	AID
25	ENMESHED	8	RELEASED
24	GUITAR	9	TARMAC
22	ANGKOR WAT	10	CREDITORS
20	EFFENDI	13	UNAWARE
18	BABY	14	STUN
16	MILITMAN	16	STUN
14	STUN	17	ADFLICT
13	UNAWARE	19	BOWSHOT
10	CREDITORS	21	ETUDES
9	TARMAC	23	TRIO
8	RELEASED		
6	AID		
1	AFTERSHOCKS		
		1	ARRACK
		2	TALLEST
		3	REALIGNMENT
		4	HAEMOPHILIA
		5	KITE
		6	ADMIRAL
		7	DECADENT
		11	SUBMERGENCE
		12	PAWNROKERS
		15	TEENAGER
		17	AFFLICT
		19	BOWSHOT
		21	ETUDES
		23	TRIO

CodeWord No: 27 Solution

S	E	E	K	N	A	Y		S	E	T	I	R
P				E		L		I		R		A
O	Z	T	A	M		L	A	N	R	U	O	J
T		E		A		A		O		O		M
S	E	S	S	E	H	C	U	D	H	C	A	R
E		N		S		I		A				J
	W	O	V		P	L	A		E	Y	E	
N				E		U		D		R		S
G	A	R	B	D	R	A	C	E	E	R	H	T
I		E		A		R		T		A		O
S		N	E	K	A	R	D	A	L	T	I	B
N		U		A		Y		X				O
E		Q	I	P		H	S	E	R	F	E	R

Taking the sting out of nettles

Thanks to their sting and vigorous growth, stinging nettles are much-maligned by many gardeners and visitors to the countryside. But it has not always been this way.

Historically, nettles were an important source of food, and they were also put to a great variety of other uses. They were used as an analgesic, an animal feed supplement, dye, cloth, and food wrap for cheese, fish, and meat. Even today you can find nettle listed as a key ingredient on the supermarket shelves on anything from shampoo to cheese and beer!

Stinging nettles support at least 40 different species of insect including some of our favourite and familiar butterflies. Peacock, red admiral, small tortoiseshell and painted lady butterflies all have caterpillars whose only, or main, source of food is the nettle.

Nettles can also be used by gardeners to make their own nitrogen-rich nettle fertiliser. Simply half fill any watertight container with nettles, top it up with water, give it an occasional stir, and wait! After a few days it will start "brewing" – try adding some rosemary to offset the offensive smell. After three or four weeks of bubbling, strain off the solids to the compost heap and dilute the remaining liquor at one part nettle fertiliser to ten parts water, and your garden plants will love it!

**28 Years
serving the local
community**

RAINBOW

DOUBLE GLAZING LIMITED



1992-2020

Your truly local double glazing company

28 successful years



Energy Window	
Energy Index (W/m²/K) 0	UK
Thermal Transmittance (U_g) 0.45	0.45
Solar Factor (g_g) 0.60	0.60
Effective Air Leakage (n₅₀) 0.00	0.00

**Windows • Doors • Roofline
Conservatories • Orangeries
Entrance Porch • Garage Conversions
Rainbow Warm Roof Conversions**

No deposit

No hassle

Energy 'A' Rated

10 year Guarantee

Payment on completion



For a free no-obligation quotation please call FREEPHONE:

0800 026 46 42 or 0118 970 1770

www.rainbowdoubleglazing.co.uk