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Editorial

By the time you read this, the election will nearly be over and we will be into the knock out stages of the Euros. Hopefully, England will be in the last 16 even if Scotland were so cruelly knocked out in the 100th minute of their game against Hungary. It wasn't looking that hopeful from their first game when Rev. Mark Anderson wrote his article on page 7. I guess he has now decided that his English roots are stronger than his Scottish ones.

As the month goes on, there will be winners and losers. Many MPs around the country will find themselves at a loose end and, if England doesn't lift that trophy on 14 July, Gareth Southgate may also be looking for a new job. A few weeks after the Euros, it will be time to watch the Olympics and cheer on all those athletes who have been training so hard for so many years. 10,500 athletes will be competing in 329 events and, for many of them, a few seconds or a fraction of a centimetre will be the difference between a gold medal and no medal. Perhaps the quote below will provide some comfort to all those who don't quite make the winners' podium this summer. Those lucky enough to win medals will be taking home part of Paris as all the medals are infused with iron from the original Eiffel Tower. Don't worry, the iconic structure isn't in danger of collapse; the pieces of iron were cut from parts of the tower that were replaced during renovations.

You don't need to go to Germany or Paris to win medals and trophies this summer. You could win a prize by entering the Bramley Show. There are categories to suit everyone as you can see on page 11. If you have a favourite sportsperson perhaps he or she could be your inspiration for a scarecrow. Yes, the scarecrows will be returning at the end of August. There are more details on page 9 and we look forward to featuring the winning entry in the Bramley magazine. If all this talk of sport and competition has worn you out, then there is a more relaxing event taking place at St James' Church at the end of July. You can finally see the embroidered panels we have featured in recent magazines, admire the beautiful flower arrangements and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake. All you have to do is get to church. See the poster on page 9 for dates and times.

However you spend it and however well your team performs, I hope you have a lovely summer. We will be back with our next issue in September.

Rachel

Joint Editor

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for magazine deliverers. I am pleased to say we now have new deliverers for Moat Close, Coopers Lane and Bramley Lane.

And a big thank you to Gwen Owen who is stepping down after many years of delivering over 100 magazines a month. Thank you for all your hard work, Gwen.

"In the end, it's extra effort that separates a winner from second place. But winning takes a lot more than that, too. It starts with complete command of the fundamentals. Then it takes desire, determination, discipline, and self-sacrifice. And finally, it takes a great deal of love, fairness, and respect for your fellow man. Put all these together, and even if you don't win, how can you lose?"

Jesse Owens

Cover Photo: D-Day Commemorations by Jan Wright

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

Lenny's Memory Café Volunteers needed for

Thursday's 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

St Leonard's Sherfield will shortly be opening a memory Café located in the Church Room.

We will provide social and wellbeing care for people with dementia and their carers through music, simple games and a variety of activities.

Volunteers will need to be present from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

We are seeking volunteers for the following roles:

- Kitchen staff to prepare drinks and light refreshments
- A Coordinator for each session.
- Activity Leaders to plan and organise activities.
- Helpers to provide general assistance

Secondary roles that will be provided by the above volunteers are:

- Receptionist
- Fire Warden.



The start date will be announced when we have a full set of volunteers.

Volunteers will need to follow the Church of England Safeguarding procedures and some will need to have DBS checks made.

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10.30	BCP Matins – St James
14th	7th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
21st	8th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
28th	9th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

August...

4th	10th Sunday of Trinity
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10.30	BCP Matins – St James
11th	11th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
18th	12th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
25th	13th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

And into September...

1st	14th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
8th	15th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
15th	16th Sunday of Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

Benefice Services

July

7th	6th Sunday of Trinity
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's, Sherfield on Loddon
10.00	Family Service – St Mary's, Stratfield Saye
18.30	BCP Evensong – St Mary's, Hartley Wespall
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I hope...my team wins

It's Friday and I nearly wrote this before Scotland played Germany in the opening game of the European (Football) Championship. I could have written this with some hope in my soul, for my close ancestors are Scottish. I am actually writing this on Friday night with the knowledge that the team of my forefathers lost 5-1, with a first half sending off and a German goal in the 93rd minute making it even worse. England's first game is on Sunday. When you read this, you will know the score and by then I may have decided which side of the family I will look to for my choice of team to support.

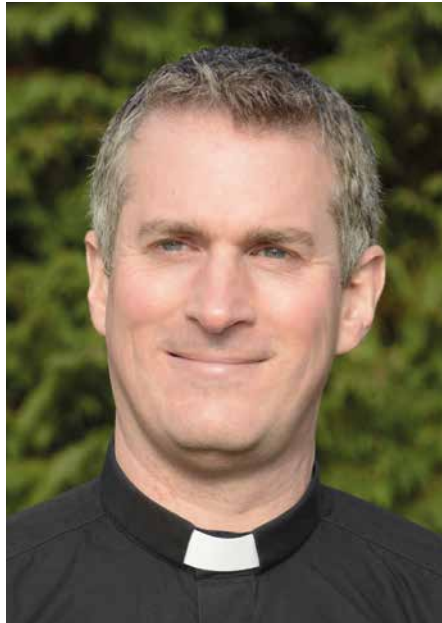
We all need hope. The general election, war in Ukraine, Gaza, climate change and the like can make it very hard to feel hopeful. One of the few places we can feel uplifted or, at least, have a brief reprieve from all the bad things in the world, is sport. There is the thrill of the game, the joy in the camaraderie of supporters, the sharing of emotions: the highs and lows in the game. For some, sport can have a spiritual side; sport can inspire hope and provide spiritual experiences which we haven't (yet) found anywhere else.

As a vicar, am I concerned that sport poses an idolatrous threat to religion? Could it become an idol that distracts people away from God? Rather than a threat, sport can help us be those who make the most of the spiritual side of life. It may give us hope for other things too: social justice, healthy relationships, and fulfilling or exceeding one's potential. Those who play sport and those who watch it are inspired, lifted up. Sport gives us a sense of belonging and meaning. It ignites passions; it gives us hope. That's what Christianity is all about and it's what the church should be about too.

Several Premier League football teams started as church football teams in poor areas of big cities. Vicars knew that sport could transform people's lives, with a healthy dose of physical exercise, selfless ambition and a way to build community and pride in a local area. Manchester City, Everton, Fulham and Southampton football clubs started this way.

Spirituality can be defined as the search for the sacred. We can find the sacred in many things including religions, the transcendent, relationships, music, gardening and even sport.

Hope in sport can unite and empower communities. Nelson Mandela promoted hope and healing through the Rugby



Rev'd Mark Anderson

World Cup in 1995, hosted by South Africa. The severe racial divides in that country were lessened by so many joining together to support their team - who won the World Cup that year.

Sport offers the potential for hope, including the spiritual quality of transcendence: that is, it makes us think there is something more than the everyday; there is something higher, something beyond us, beyond the physical. Sport's spiritual dimension can give us transformative hope if we pause long enough to notice it. And value it.

Where do you experience spirituality? It may be in sport. It may be in another activity where transcendence and hope is found. One thing I know: Christianity and Jesus Christ has all this. It gives me hope. Even if you're not yet ready to go to church, I encourage you to give Jesus a try: read

a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) in the Bible and you may find there is hope and a pathway to the spiritual side of life there.

Read the Bible for free at: biblegateway.com or find the phone app from Life.Church (YouVersion) called 'Bible'. There is an audio version there too.

Rev'd Mark Anderson

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In this month's **Meet the Neighbours** we meet **Liz Waugh**, who has recently formed the first Bramley Women's Football Team

How long have you been in Bramley and what first brought you here?

We have now been in Bramley for 10 years. Before my husband and I moved over to Bramley, we weren't aware of the village. We both worked in Reading and were looking to create some roots, as we'd rented for many years; we found a house in a village called Bramley and thought we'd check it out.... It was the best decision we could have made.

What attracted us to the village initially, like most people I suppose, was the easy access to major towns such as Basingstoke and Reading; a walk to the train station was a bonus and the close proximity to the country was the icing on the cake.

What has kept us here is the huge community of friends we have been very fortunate to have made.

You've been busy recently with a local sports team. Can you tell us about that?

Football has been consistently in my life for the past 30 years. Before Covid and the arrival of our daughter in 2020, I was looking for a local club to play for and a colleague of mine suggested I coach with him. So, we coached an U13 girls football team for 4 years in Whitley Wood, Reading and I loved it.

Due to the impending arrival of my daughter and Covid stopping us from leaving our houses, I had to stop coaching and wasn't sure if I could continue....until September last



Liz with her husband and daughter

year, Bramley FC posted that they were interested in diversifying their club and starting a Women's Team. I got in touch to see if I could take part and ended up being the lead Manager/Coach.

I'm so proud of what we have achieved as a team in such a short amount of time. We now have around 16 consistent players and have entered a 7v7 league at the Hampshire FA with two teams.

My goal for the team is to be as inclusive as possible, give people a chance to try something new and hopefully love it, as well as have fun. Around a third of the team are brand new to football and some of the ladies have surprised themselves at how much they love it.

We are still welcoming new players to join us, so if anyone is interested, let me know!

What are your hobbies and interests?

My top priority is my daughter, so spending any time with her is my favourite thing. My husband and I work hard to juggle life well to maximise our time together as a family. I also work in tech, in a global role, so I'm fortunate to be able to travel regularly, which is a huge

bonus as travelling and technology are big interests of mine; I love learning about different cultures and perspectives and how technology impacts our world. I'm trying to get the business case together for another trip to Australia, with family in tow!

Something I am passionate about is encouraging young children and girls into STEM subjects. With me "falling" into a tech career and having my own daughter has really sparked something in me to be an advocate of closing "The Dream Gap". If you've not heard of the campaign, you should check it out!

What's the best thing about Bramley for you?

Bramley has grown from somewhere we live, to a big community that we belong to and are a part of. I love learning about the heritage of the village and being a part of the Bramley football club. You can see how much everyone cares about the success of the club, but also the opportunity to evolve and grow, as the village does.

One thing I have also found is that everyone is so willing to help - you can ask the Bramley Community Group on Facebook for absolutely anything and you know someone, somewhere will have it and be kind enough to lend or give it to you.

We feel very lucky to be part of such a community and I feel fortunate that my daughter will grow up with many friends around her.

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The Bramley Scarecrows are coming back

Many of you missed seeing the scarecrows last year so we are pleased to announce that they have been invited back to Bramley.

What: Create a traditional scarecrow using recycled materials. The winner will be the one considered to be the most original in using recycled materials.

When: from Friday 23 August.

Finishes: Sunday 15 September.

How to enter.

Position your scarecrow in front of your house or business, where it can be seen from the road.

Send a photo of your scarecrow to thebramleyshow@gmail.com with details of where it can be found and give it a name.

The main judging will take place over the weekend of 7 – 8 September. This year there is a cup for the scarecrow judged to be the most creative.

Your photos will be printed off and displayed at the Bramley Show, where visitors will vote for their favourite and the winner will receive a prize.

Please consider taking part. Children and adults love following the trail. The village is looking forward to seeing them.



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This month's update from Bramley Parish Council comes from Cllr Malcolm Bell.

Following a number of councillors standing down, we have co-opted one new Councillor; we welcome Sue Howell to the Parish Council and are sure that she will contribute considerably to the challenges facing the Council in the coming months. She takes on the specific role of looking after the Burial Grounds and Allotments.

The month of June saw the 80th Anniversary of D-Day 1944 on 6 June. Bramley Parish Council would like to thank everyone who attended the D-Day80 event. The event was all about remembering those who have given us a today and we believe Bramley residents came together and did just that. There is a full report with photos of the event on pages 16 and 17.

Moving on to a talking point of so many people: the weather over the past months! We are all craving a bit of warmth and to see the sun. No less than nature. Fortunately, with a slight but late change in the weather, Bramley is now beginning to see the rewards of the Wilder Bramley Volunteers with the new "Grasslands Meadow Trail" across Bramley Green, the magnificent colours in the gardens at Clift Meadow and the "Clift Meadow Garden". Thanks to all those keen volunteer gardeners who lovingly tend these projects and brighten up Bramley. Particular thanks go to the Wilder Bramley Team and Bramley WI.

With the new Parish Council now in place we are ready to meet the challenges facing Bramley. Now that the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Local Plan Update consultation is complete, the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan needs to be updated to remain in line with it. We ask any residents who have an interest in the future of Bramley to consider becoming a member of the Neighbourhood Plan working party – if you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk. The existing plan has played an important role in certain areas concerning development in Bramley but has not been able to control the number of houses built in excess of the "200 at least" allocated in the present Local Plan. This has been because Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council has not been able to consistently demonstrate a 5-year land supply availability, a statutory requirement as laid down in the National Planning Policy Framework. Consequently, developers have played on this shortfall and said that the new housing in Bramley is "a contribution to the housing shortage in the Borough" without any consideration to the lack of the local infrastructure. Whilst the Local Plan Update is in the consultation phase, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council is currently required to show a 4-year land availability, at least until it is fully adopted. Bramley has been allocated zero houses in the emerging Local Plan Update due to existing approved housing developments.

In the light of the Local Plan Update, there are two planning applications which will have a significant impact if given permission. The most recent is for 50 houses on land at Bow Brook Farm, Vyne Road, Bramley, application 24/01165/OUT. The other is for 20 houses next to Centenary Fields – application 23/03051/FUL. We encourage all Bramley residents to look at these applications and make your views known as to whether you consider Bramley needs these houses by visiting the Borough Council planning portal - <https://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>. The response of Bramley Parish Council is one view only and individual Bramley residents are more than welcome to respond so that Officers can take a final informed decision on this and any planning application.

After a long legal process driven by our local Borough Ward Councillor Tony Durrant and the Bramley Parish Council Clerk, the "Care and Share Library" in Coopers Lane was officially opened on the 18 May, replacing the previous flimsy Library that was damaged last spring. It is a purpose-built library and available for children to go and swap books and share their love of books. We are sure it will bring great pleasure to children.



Bramley Parish Councillors give their time and effort freely to make and maintain Bramley as a pleasant, comfortable place to live. We meet once a month on the third Tuesday, and the next PC meeting will be held on 16 July at 7.00pm in the Bramley Room at Bramley Village Hall. We welcome residents' views at any time – please contact the Parish Clerk if you have anything you want to raise. Residents are also welcome to attend PC meetings to discuss any item on the agenda.

Thank you

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- Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council – tel: 01256 844844, website: www.basingstoke.gov.uk
- Hampshire County Council – website: www.hants.gov.uk

The Bramley Show is approaching fast

We have reached the longest day and that means the Bramley Show is just two and a half months away. The growing season has been very slow but it is still not too late to be planning your entries for the Show. Whether it is flowers, fruit or vegetables there is a class for you to share the results of your hard work and inspire the next generation of growers. The full schedule and details on how to enter can be found on the front page of the Bramley Village Hub <https://bramleyvillagehub.com/the-bramley-show>

But remember there is much more to a Village Show than horticulture. There are opportunities to demonstrate flower arranging, cookery and crafts. The Children's classes are always fun and this year entries are free of charge, as cost should not prevent or deter children from entering. This is being funded by the 50p entry fees for adults.

Here is a reminder of the other classes.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs must not have been previously exhibited. Photographs to be submitted digitally **no later than 5pm Friday 23 August**. Entries are limited to 2 photos per class.

- Along the Loddon
- A black and white photo
- Shadows / reflections
- Fur and feather (animal/birds)
- The Forest Floor

ART

Exhibits must not have been previously exhibited and must be titled on the day.

- A Landscape or Seascape
- A Portrait
- A Still Life
- An Abstract Composition
- A mixed media picture

CRAFT

- A Christmas stocking – any material. Must be usable, max length 45 cm
- An item made from one block of airdried clay and decorated.
- A knitted or crocheted toy
- Sewing – make an item that can be worn
- A handmade birthday card
- A transformation – re-invent a pillow case
- I made this! Any item that does not fit into the above categories.

COOKERY

- A Victoria Sponge – with raspberry jam and dusted with castor sugar
- A courgette cake – recipe given at end of schedule and on this page

- 5 jam tarts
- A vegetable pasty
- A fruit tart – size 20cm - fruit of your choice
- Jar of jam, jelly or curd
- Jar of chutney, pickle or kimchi.
- Jar of marmalade
- 6 Welsh cakes (men's class) - see recipe in schedule and on this page
- A decorated birthday cake – decoration only to be judged.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

(3 age groups: Infants/Junior/Secondary - School year must be stated on the entry form)

- A Lego model of your own design. Not a premade kit. Max base size 40cm x 40 cm. No height restriction.
- 6 decorated Krispie cakes
- Design and make a bug hotel – maximum size 40 x 40cms (*to be judged by Wilder Bramley*)
- A model from **one** block of airdried clay and decorate it.
- A hanging Christmas decoration.
- Two friendship bracelets, in contrasting colours.
- Something made from a crisp tube.
- Art: Age groups according to Infant, Junior, and secondary school ages
Infant: A picture of a pet
Junior: a space picture
Secondary: Create an original manga/cartoon character in a scene.

The new class for adults and children is the **best decorated Flowerpot**. Let your imagination run wild and there is a monetary prize for the winners of both sections.

Details of how you can enter can be found on www.thebramleyvillagehub.com/the-bramley-show

Other things that are happening at the Show: a generous raffle with lots of prizes, a craft table with lots of affordable gifts, afternoon tea with home-made cakes and a sale of produce at the close of the Show. There will be payment machines for those who don't carry cash.

The winners of the children's potato challenge, the winner of the Scarecrow competition and the winner of the visitors' favourite scarecrow will be presented with their prizes and there will be a display from the photographic competition.

Make sure the date is in your diary - Sunday 15 September

Entries received from 8.30 – 10.30 am on the day of the Show at The Village Hall and will be open to the public 1pm – 3.30pm.

We can't wait to see you.

Welsh cakes recipe

225g/8oz self-raising flour
110g/4oz salted butter, diced
85g/3oz caster sugar, plus extra for dusting
handful of sultanas
1 free-range egg, beaten
milk, if needed
extra butter, for greasing

Method

Sift the flour into a bowl and add the diced butter. Rub with your fingertips, or pulse in a food processor, until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

Add the sugar, sultanas and beaten egg and mix well to form a ball of dough, using a splash of milk if needed.

Roll the dough out on a floured board to a thickness of about 5mm/1/2in. Cut into rounds with a 7.5–10cm/3–4in plain cutter.

Rub a bakestone or heavy iron griddle with butter, wipe away the excess and place on the hob until it is heated through.

Cook the Welsh cakes a few at a time for 2–3 minutes on each side, or until golden-brown.

Remove from the griddle and dust with caster sugar while still warm.

Courgette cake

80ml/2 3/4 fl oz vegetable oil, plus extra for greasing
150g/5 1/2 oz light brown sugar
2 free-range eggs
160g/5 3/4 oz courgette, coarsely grated
180g/6 1/2 oz plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp fine salt
2 tbsps demerara sugar, for sprinkling

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6. Grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin and line with a long strip of baking paper.

In a bowl, mix together the oil, light brown sugar and eggs until smooth. Stir in the grated courgette.

In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Tip the dry ingredients into the courgette mixture and stir until just combined.

Transfer the batter to the prepared loaf tin and sprinkle the top with demerara sugar.

Bake for 45–55 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the loaf comes out clean.

Leave to cool in the tin for 20 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool.

News from Clift Surgery

We are so lucky to have Clift Surgery in Bramley. The staff are working very hard to look after everyone, but it isn't easy to cope with the recent demand for appointments. Urgent appointments are available if needed, but patients should fill in an eConsult, which is available during surgery hours. This will be triaged by a trained member of staff and a doctor to decide who is the most appropriate person to help. You may not need a doctor but a physio, social prescriber or a nurse. There is a wait for routine appointments and Clift Surgery is like all other surgeries in the country, where there is increased demand for health services, so please be understanding of the situation.

Margaret Towsey, who has worked at the surgery for many years is retiring in June. She will be much missed by her patients, but she will continue to support diabetic patients one day a week and be involved in training the new nursing team. We wish her well.

The number of missed appointments in May was 111, which could have been released to those who needed them. Please cancel any appointments which you no longer need.

You may have to wait a little longer for a blood test at the moment, as the surgery is short of HSA appointments due to sickness, and the hospital is also short of blood test appointments, so please be patient. You will get an appointment.

The dispensary is under pressure due to the number of prescription requests and being occasionally short staffed. It may take a little longer for your prescription to be ready for collection and so it is advisable to put in a repeat prescription a little earlier.

The COVID boosters have been given to those eligible. The uptake is less than it was, with some patients thinking they have had enough vaccinations in the past, but the doctors say there are mutations of the virus all the time and you may not be protected against the current virus, so please continue to take up the offer of a booster if called.

From the Patient Participation Group

The garden at the surgery should be getting a tidy up soon. Many thanks to the PPG members and friends who have helped keep the approach to the surgery looking smart.

Earlier in June, Whitewater Loddon PCN held a Mental Health Awareness event in Hook. This was an interesting combination of talks and information stalls concerning areas of mental health and what support is available. The PCN hopes to offer similar days in the future.

A Heart Health Project is being considered in conjunction with the surgery and the PPG, focussing on patients aged over 45. Heart disease is a common condition, and you can do things to help prevent it. More details will follow in the coming months.

NWR (National Women's Register)

The purpose of NWR is to promote friendship, self-education and a better understanding of others' points of view. We meet monthly (usually on the last Wednesday of the month) at different venues.

The Bramley group will next get together on 24th July for a BBQ.

Please contact 01256 881723 if interested in joining us.

Heather Davies

Bramley WI

In May we held our AGM and as all the committee agreed to stand for another year, the official part was very short, which I think went down well for the members; we then could enjoy ourselves!!

We arranged for numerous board games to be put around the hall, so if you wanted to you could swap around. We also arranged for wine to be served with nibbles.

The June meeting was our usual picnic at Clift Meadow where we bring our own lunch, but the British weather had something to say about that. Yes, you've guessed it – cold, windy and then the rain came, so we went inside and ate in the pavilion. One of our members had a special birthday so we had a cake to celebrate.

The next meeting is our Birthday Party in July where we have a speaker and the usual strawberries and cream, together with.... yes, you've guessed it, Prosecco!

As the Village Hall is closed in August, we are going on an outing to Chawton House.

Jane Matthews

Off-peak visits and open-air events at The Vyne

Visitors to The Vyne can take advantage of off-peak visits between now and the end of July when the schools break up for the summer holidays. With National Trust members entering for free, visitors can wander the rooms in the historic house open daily 11am-3pm and take a break in the Brewhouse tea-room located next to the gift shop. The sprawling gardens are open daily 10am-5pm.

From the end of June, a new display in the house will explore a completed project to conserve the Tomb Chamber stained-glass windows and shed light on other 18th-century glass items from the collection.

This summer a series of evening open-air events are coming to The Vyne's north lawn. On 12 July, Illyria will perform The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle and Adventure Cinema will screen Pretty Woman (15) on 1 August, Grease (PG) on 2 August, The Greatest Showman sing-a-long (PG) on 3 August and Top Gun (12) on 4 August.

More information at: nationaltrust.org.uk/the-vyne

House highlights – Inside, explore a celebrated pre-Reformation chapel with jewel-like stained-glass windows and an 18th-century Staircase Hall, with ornate neo-classical plasterwork. On the first floor, the Tudor Oak Gallery showcases rare-surviving 16th-century wood carvings.

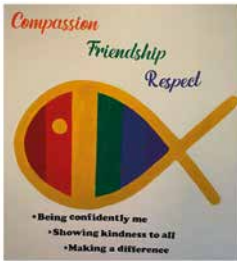
Garden highlights – Outside, the bee-friendly walled garden offers a plethora of sensory delights, with fragrant sweet peas, borders absolutely bulging with sleepy lilac catmint and deep purple salvias and a herb garden choc full of aromatic specimens.

Strolling up the Lime Avenue, visitors will encounter the Hundred Guinea Oak. Over six hundred years old and still just about standing, this leaning, broad-trunked tree is much-loved by regulars. It sits right next to another landmark, the 17th-century Summerhouse with its distinctive domed roof and Grecian cross floorplan which is mirrored in the central flowerbeds in the summerhouse garden outside.

Taking the main path through the wild garden, visitors can make their way to the bird hide and Morgaston Woods enjoying views of the wetlands.

Bramley Arts Week...

We decided to kick start the second part of summer term at Bramley School with an Arts theme week across the school. Each class chose a part of the world to explore the art and music that is typical of that area – developing their understanding of different cultures and lifestyles.



We hold regular theme weeks and days at Bramley to develop a rich, interesting and broad curriculum. These days also support the embedding of our core values and learning behaviours.

Children in EYFS looked at the sounds created by didgeridoos and made sea turtle artwork using coloured sand. In

Year 1, they focused on China, looking at the cherry blossoms and Ming vase designs. Within Year 2, they investigated Indian artists and created scenery sketches to which they included photos of themselves as part of the completed image.

The Caribbean was the destination for Year 3, where they looked at the textures and colours of the exotic fruit - creating images of them using mixed media collage. Year 4 headed to eastern Europe where they studied a range of pattern and paper art work, recreating pieces in their own styles. Closer to home in France was the focus of the Year 5 children, who looked at a range of Van Gogh's work before spending much time diligently trying to recreate the Lily Pads painting using oil pastels and water colours. The tropical rainforests of Thailand were the focus for our eldest children; they worked carefully to create 3D versions of

tropical flowers and created a range of props to be able to recreate famous Thai paintings in real life.

Across the school, we now have beautiful displays of vibrant and imaginative work from all across the world.



The younger year groups also had an extra special end to their theme week. In class, they had been learning a range of uplifting songs to perform to their parents. The playground was full of adults to share the experience with their children and excited singing and dancing pupils. They had also worked so hard to learn the sign language for the songs!

This Arts Week was an example of our curriculum enrichment to broaden the children's knowledge of the world and interest in different arts. It also developed their core school values of Being confidently me, showing kindness to all and Making a difference.






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Bramley Scout Group – Reflecting

As we approach the last few meetings before the summer holidays, the Bramley Scout Group are looking back on what has been an amazing term for all of our sections. Scouts did light painting, the Monopoly run and made edible badges; Cubs celebrated World Nutella Day and made tin can pancakes, planted daffodils in the surgery garden and completed their Astronomy badge; Beavers built dens, had silly Olympics and had a visit from the police (no-one was arrested!).



Cubs making tin can pancakes



Beavers making dens

The youngest section of the Scout group, our Squirrel section, enjoyed visits to St. James' Church and the Bramley Dairy Farm and did a litter pick around Clift Meadow. But this is only a snapshot of what the group has been up to in the last year. On top of this, all Sections have



The Scouts at RAF Odiham



The Cubs in the mouth of a Chinook



Squirrels enjoying a tractor ride

enjoyed District Events such as camps, hikes and BEASTLY, which is a full day of activities ranging from rifle shooting and wall climbing to zorbing and dirt biking. The older groups had a once-in-a-lifetime visit to Odiham RAF base seeing Chinooks up close!

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our Scout volunteers. We are giving 4–14-year-olds in the village a sense of ownership and responsibility, a sense of belonging, and in doing so we are equipping them with skills and confidence that they will take with them throughout their Scouting career and into adulthood.

We now find ourselves in need of more volunteers to continue giving the young people in the village these amazing experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime. You can shape the future for children in the village by giving up some of your spare time and joining an amazing group of volunteers doing this every week. Your involvement not only supports their growth but enriches your own life, bringing a sense of accomplishment and community connection. Volunteer with Bramley Scout Group and make a difference. Contact our administrator at Jodie.Saunders@bramley-scouts.org.uk for more information.

On 6 June Bramley Parish Council held a special event on Clift Meadow to remember the **80th Anniversary of D-Day 1944.**

The Commemoration was given the dignity it deserved with the presence of the cadets from Basingstoke & Deane Sea Cadets, the Vyne School Combined Cadet Force and 2403 (Aldermaston) Squadron RAF Air Cadets, who put on a superb display for the evening. Reverend Mark Anderson did a sterling job as the Town Crier and retired officer Chris Holland brought some gravitas to proceedings with the 'International Tribute.' The event finished with the Lighting of the Beacon and the playing of the National Anthem. Those attending enjoyed the complimentary fish and chips, the entertainment from Tin Pan Allies and the availability of drinks.

Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan supplied an excellent display explaining the events of D-Day, along with the presence of the British Legion. Thanks go to all who made this evening a memorable tribute. Here are some photos of the event taken by Jan Wright.







RBL News

Could this be YOU? We are looking to appoint a Deputy Branch Standard Bearer. Luke, our wonderful Standard Bearer, is employed in the H&IOW Fire & Rescue Service and is not always available to cover when the Standard is requested for local events, funerals, etc.

This position is open to anyone aged 18 or over and training will be given. Please contact me in the first instance and I will arrange for you to meet with Luke who can give you more information.

We are trying to arrange a station visit to RAF Odiham in the next few months so keep an eye out for more information on this.

After our BBQ this month, our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10 September at 7.30pm. Please look out for details of the venue when you get your September magazine.

John Morley
Branch Chairman
revjmorley@talktalk.net
07900 892566



D-DAY 80

D-Day 80 Donations: Thank You!

We have now counted and banked all of the donations to the Royal British Legion at the D-Day 80 beacon lighting, and I am pleased to be able to tell you that the total raised in cash and via our QR code was **£613.72**. Each week the RBL spends about £1.4 million on helping our service men and women and their families in their time of need, so this is greatly appreciated. And I'm writing this on Father's Day – my father was a so-called 'D Day Dodger', a title they treated as a badge of honour, who served at the battle of Monte Cassino in 1944, so I am wearing the RBL commemorative badge for that battle in his honour today.

In other news, I have recently had confirmation that our Poppy Appeal 2023 accounts have been audited, and Bramley and District (SBA14) raised **£14,457.40**. Thank you to anyone who helped in any way with that – you are too numerous to mention by name.

Michael Luck

SUMMER GUIDING

We have been having a brilliant time at Guides so far!

Recently, we have done a thrilling Escape Room organised by the Bramley Rangers, and many Skills Builders including a fun game about cheering people on and even learning basic taekwondo!

As well as this, we have occasionally been splitting into groups to work towards our separate Skills Builders – Camp and Live Smart. These have been very exciting to do and are a great way of learning new skills.

Also, with the amazing things that we've already enjoyed, we are all looking forward to going to Go Ape to face fears and climb to new heights with all our

friends. We are all very excited about the new opportunities we will get during the rest of the term and year!

Alice, Guide



Bramley Guides with a paper chain from a Skills Builder Activity



Bramley Guides working out a clue in the escape room



Clift Meadow Community cafe

The Clift Meadow Community cafe is open every Wednesday, during term time, in the Clift Meadow Pavilion from 10:00 to 11:30. We are open to all adults and preschool children with their parents/carers. Hot and cold drinks, homemade cake (Sue's chocolate cake is legendary!), and biscuits are available for a cash donation. Our aim is for people to have somewhere to meet up with friends old and new, and there will always be someone to welcome you so why not come along?

If you have any questions then please email Jane Kettridge at jk.cmcc@btconnect.com

The Meadow Garden Update

The Meadow Garden is doing well. The tomatoes and chard have been planted for a while and there is wonderful fennel, thyme, borage and Welsh onions among poppies, lavender, and strawberries. The remaining vegetable plants from the Bramley Show Fete were planted in June, including beetroot, climbing beans, and squash. We hope visitors to Clift Meadow enjoy seeing its progress.



Pilgrims

Last month, Grahame Mellor wrote an article about the St James' Way. During June, the majority of people signing the church visitors book were walking the St James' Way, including these two gentleman who took it very seriously and wore historical medieval dress!





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Bramley and Romans Flower Club

Sandie Draper, our demonstrator on 6th June, was originally booked in 2020, which of course had to be cancelled, but the wait for her demonstration 'Full of Eastern Promise' was well worth it. She took us on a delightful trip around the Far East, starting in India, stopping off in Thailand and China and ending in Japan. Her arrangements depicted places or significant events from each country. Surprisingly, few members of the audience had been to many of these countries apart from Thailand.

Demonstrators have many other talents, besides arranging flowers, and turn to a variety of objects to aid the viewers' interpretation of their designs. If nothing suitable can be found, then they often create something themselves. Sandie had made one of the containers used in one of her arrangements to represent India from 'modroc', a plaster of Paris bandage which she had moulded around a bowl to make the container to suit her design. When it was dry, she painted it pink and orange to illustrate the vibrant colours of saris worn in the fields of Rajasthan. She also made wooden 'mountains' to represent the mountainous terrain of Japan and beautiful additions of wire and wool to enhance her designs for Thailand and China, as seen in the photos (right).

Sandie included some of the national flowers and emblems: lotus seed heads, chrysanthemum, blossom and orchids. She also varied the mechanics, using chicken wire to support one of her arrangements and expertly demonstrating how to construct a hand tied bouquet which was absolutely gorgeous, packed with roses, carnation, hypericum berries, cymbidium orchids and alstroemeria. She made it seem so easy that I am tempted to have a go at making one myself!



We love to see new faces so visitors are always made very welcome. The club meets on the first Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall at 1:30 pm. The cost for visitors is £7. For more information you can visit our Facebook page or contact Dusty on 01256 881420 or via email: TayMab1@aol.com

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Probus Club Holds 44th AGM

With 45 years of continuous operation, the Probus Club of Basingstoke has just held its 44th Annual General meeting.

It was formed in 1979 under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Basingstoke to provide fellowship for retired professional and businessmen. Today, membership consists of men with a wide array of backgrounds from ex- military, legal, scientific, medical, civil engineering, insurance, local government, civil service, car dealerships, small business owners and managers with international experience.

The newly appointed president, Stephen Thair, is a retired solicitor and the vice president, John Swain, was a bank note design manager. Secretary Andrew Barton worked for five years at the EC in Brussels, followed by an international oil company. Treasurer, Dr Jeff Grover, was a nuclear scientist, Publicity officer, Paul Flint, had a design and printing business in Basingstoke, and Outings Organiser, Chris Perkins MVO, retired from the RAF with the rank of Squadron Leader.

The club's officers are completed with Michael Luck as Programme Secretary (speaker finder) who was a consultant specialising in credit card payment systems, and Dr Nick Waring, a retired GP, is the Welfare officer. Paul Miller will provide specialist support in some circumstances.

When the Equalities Act came into force, it gave protected interest groups freedom to choose their rules about membership. There were some Probus Clubs across the UK that decided to accept women members, however, this was not the case in Basingstoke. Although the decision reached was to remain purely as a club for retired men, this was assisted by having a well-established Ladies' Probus club in Basingstoke, that also decided to remain true to their founders and not to admit men to their ranks. That is not to say that the genders remain separate as most months there are occasions when they meet up, or the wives of members join their menfolk for meals and outings to interesting places.

The Probus Club of Basingstoke have their business meetings at the Test Valley Golf club followed by lunch. Their July meeting has as their speaker, member David Wickens, whose subject is 'Lord' George Sanger – who, in his day, was described as Britain's greatest showman. August sees their annual Summer Pub lunch which includes the ladies, due to take place at the Bolton Arms in Old Basing.

See www.probusbasingstoke.club for more information or phone Andrew Barton on 07814 937202 for an informal chat.



President Stephen Thair with his committee



New president Stephen Thair receiving the chain of office from outgoing president Dr Jeff Grover

Bramley SpeedWatch

Bramley officially slower in 2024!

It was great to see the kids (and big kids) at the village fete running in the Bramley Community SpeedWatch Great Run Off. The official outcome was that Bramley is slower this year than in 2023. The top speeds recorded this year were:

Richie (Adults) – 16mph

Isaac (11-15 years) 16mph

Jack (0-10 years) 14mph

In total there were 630 attempts, with a top speed of 16mph and an overall average speed of 9mph. Well done all. Last year the top speed was 18mph.

Camera Data (May)

Month/Year	Verified Speeders =>35mph	Max Speed Recorded	Highest number of offences committed by one vehicle	Fastest Hour	Hour most speeding recorded
May 2024	2752	58	15	7-8pm	4-5pm

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity:

Four manned deployments were undertaken during May. A total of 54 vehicles were reported to the police from the 560 vehicles checked - 10%. The top speed recorded was 44mph.

If you have any question/concerns regarding SpeedWatch please email:

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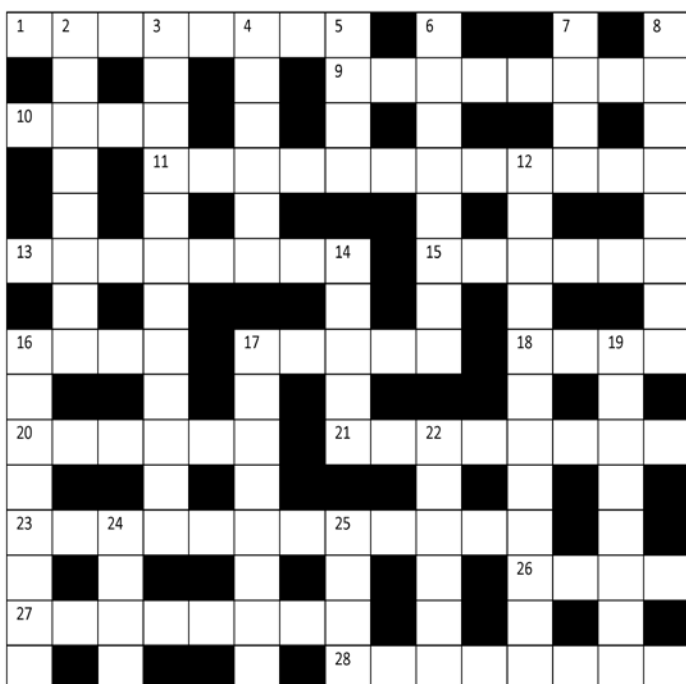
Keep Safe and Watch Your Speed
Graham White, Bramley SpeedWatch Co-ordinator

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data (May)

SID Location	Days Deployed	Traffic	% Exceeding 30mph	No. Exceeding 60mph	Max Speed Recorded	Average speed
The Street by Churchlands	28	East Bound	47%	9	73	31
Farriers Close	19	West Bound	46%	2	60	31

Cryptic Crossword No: 80

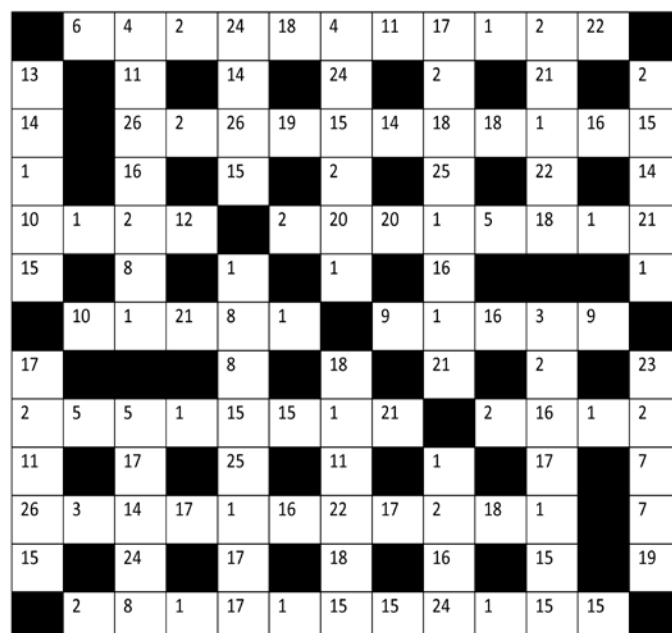
See page 31 for the answers.



- 3 Group of compounds not environmentally friendly. (12)
- 4 A sewing tool to irritate. (6)
- 5 Single and hiding in so low a place. (4)
- 6 Character set starting with two greek ones in part. (8)
- 7 Far inside Japan is found a pacific island country. (4)
- 8 Tall sins arrange to fits. (8)
- 12 Magic fence in arranged splendour. (12)
- 14 Jump or begin. (5)
- 16 Alter deep ship for animal cleaning vessel. (5,3)
- 17 Detached art ? (8)
- 19 A tin vice becomes unmoving. (8)
- 22 One in pursuit perhaps. (6)
- 24 Consumes idea Tsar hides. (4)
- 25 Young beast that may use 16 down at sometime. (4)

CodeWord No: 66

See page 31 for the answers.



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

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

Across

- 1 Arranged same chin to get devices. (8)
- 9 Old boy four in large cat being forgotten. (8)
- 10 Worker or part of limb. (4)
- 11 Someone who broadcasts pharmaceutical products perhaps ? (12)
- 13 Farmyard cowardly beasts ? (8)
- 15 Degree altered gulf for quantity. (6)
- 16 Al Capones car hides his mark. (4)
- 17 To change a design and part through initially. (5)
- 18 Flowery part of eye ? (4)
- 20 Joints that require room occasionally. (6)
- 21 Aim to an end, tact I called to use inside. (8)
- 23 Broadcast sounds like a relief. (5,7)
- 26 Pin down or something to be manicured. (4)
- 27 Corn item used for communications device. (8)
- 28 Canal workers perhaps who push their way through ? (8)

Down

- 2 Ran a chic arrangement to be rebellious. (8)

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Butter Daisy

Wonder is a remarkable part of our humanity. It drives us to explore the world around us, from the tiniest organism to the mightiest mountain, and understand our place within it. Children embody this sense of wonder perfectly. They question where the plane flying overhead is headed, how tall their sunflower seed will grow, and even what happens when they push boundaries. With limitless imagination, they share their curiosity through their ideas, creations, and conversations.

As practitioners, it is our joy, privilege, and responsibility to create abundant opportunities for children to experience awe and wonder. We encourage them to ask questions, provide the resources to investigate, and challenge their thinking, helping them become problem preventers, not just problem solvers. Wonder can be risky and requires experienced guidance and support.

Our Babies have received new outdoor resources to make this environment even more accessible to them. Our Toddlers particularly enjoyed a National Cheese Day tasting session. And our Pre-School children invented new ball games to play together, setting themselves challenges and testing the adults too.

This month, we reflected on our setting's impact on learning and development during our 10-year celebrations and time capsule ceremony. As we received items and photos, we reminisced about our growth and were touched by the positive memories shared.

Additionally, we hosted a Parent Information Evening, where our Area Manager and an Early Years Teacher explained how we support children's transition to school, starting from their first day with us. Our goal is for each learning experience to be a stepping stone towards becoming confident, independent, resilient, kind, and curious individuals, empowered for their school adventure with joy and wonder.

If you would like to hear more about Butter Daisy Nursery, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01256 882515 or email butter@mydaisynursery.com



Little Apples

Whilst the weather hasn't really delivered the summer we've hoped for yet, the children have been loving spending lots of time in our garden. We are really lucky to have access to a large, safe, enclosed garden, thanks to Bramley Village Hall trust. The garden has two large safety play surfaces and a grassed area, along with a wildflower garden and a Nature area. A mature tree and two large gazebos provide shade from the sun or, more often, shelter from the rain! In our garden the children can learn and develop across all areas of the EYFS. (<https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>)

Personal, social and emotional development – fresh air, the freedom to run and shout, feeling the weather and playing with friends are fantastic for the children's emotional health and well-being. The children also come together for outside group time, promoting a sense of belonging.

Physical development – we have recently invested in solid wood climbing equipment. The children have ample opportunities to develop balancing, climbing, jumping and running skills.

Communication and language – our large mud kitchen is always popular



and it's a great place for the children to communicate with each other in a relaxed and fun environment. Staff are on hand to provide new vocabulary, particularly when we spot an exciting bug or a different type of bird. We also have song time with Makaton in the garden in the afternoons.

Literacy – the children enjoy a range of books in the shade of our tree and practice mark making on the chalkboards or in the sand.

Mathematics – giant weighing scales give children opportunities

to experiment with weights and measures. Numbers are everywhere in the garden, from traditional hopscotch to counting challenges.



Understanding the world – the range of insects, birds, animals, and bugs we spot in the garden is fantastic and the children love nothing better than a bug hunt.

Expressive arts and design – natural resources are on hand for the children to engage in "transient art", arranging shells, pinecones, interesting pebbles and other resources to make their own beautiful creations.

(<https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/features/article/eyfs-best-practice-all-about-transient-art>)

I hope this is a little insight into the joys and benefits of outdoor play for children in the early years. Our next article won't be until the new academic year so please do get in touch if you would like to look round or register a child for next year. We recommend reserving your preferred sessions as soon as possible. This is easy to arrange by contacting Jo on 07598588460 or emailing manager@littleapples.org

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What Happens When My Fixed Rate Mortgage Expires?



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If you are a homeowner with a fixed-rate mortgage, you have likely enjoyed the stability of consistent monthly payments over the years. However, all good things must come to an end, and that includes your fixed-rate mortgage term. In this post we will explore what happens when your fixed-rate mortgage expires and what steps you should take next. If you find yourself in this situation, remember that our experienced conveyancing team at Phillips Law is here to help you navigate the legal process to enable you to complete a re-mortgage.

Understanding Fixed-Rate Mortgages

Before we explore what happens when your fixed-rate mortgage ends, let's quickly recap what a fixed-rate mortgage is. A fixed-rate mortgage is a type of home loan where your interest rate remains unchanged for a specific period, typically ranging from 2 to 5 years. This means your monthly mortgage payments stay the same, providing financial predictability.

When your fixed-rate mortgage term is coming to an end, there are several crucial things you need to be aware of:

- 1 **Transition to a New Rate:** At the end of your fixed-rate period, your mortgage will automatically transition to your lender's standard variable rate. This rate can be higher than what you were paying during your fixed period, which would result in increased monthly payments.
- 2 **Shopping for a New Deal:** To avoid potentially higher payments, it's essential to explore your options before your fixed rate expires. You can start looking for a new mortgage deal several months in advance. Your current lender may offer you a new fixed-rate deal, or you can choose to remortgage with a different lender for a more competitive rate. You should take the advice of a mortgage broker or financial advisor at this stage.

- 3 **Early Repayment Charges:** Check your mortgage contract for any early repayment charges that may apply if you decide to switch lenders before your fixed-rate term ends. These charges can vary, so it's essential to understand the financial implications.

Your Next Steps

As your fixed-rate mortgage approaches its expiration date, it's essential to plan. Here's a simple checklist to follow:

- 1 **Research New Mortgage Deals:** Start researching new mortgage deals well in advance of your fixed rate ending. Compare interest rates, terms, and fees to find the best option for your financial situation.
- 2 **Consult with a Mortgage Advisor:** Seek advice from a mortgage advisor who can help you navigate the market and find the most suitable mortgage product for your needs.
- 3 **Engage a Conveyancer:** Contact our experienced conveyancing team at Phillips Law in Basingstoke. Our experts can assist with all the legal aspects of your mortgage transition, ensuring a hassle-free process.
- 4 **Budget for Potential Changes:** Prepare for potential changes in your monthly mortgage payments and budget accordingly.

Conclusion

When your fixed-rate mortgage term comes to an end, it does require careful planning and consideration. By exploring your options, consulting with professionals such as a mortgage advisor at the outset, and engaging a conveyancer, you can smoothly navigate this transition.

If you have any questions or need assistance with conveyancing services during this period of transition, don't hesitate to contact our conveyancing team. We're here to provide expert guidance and support you every step of the way.
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John Stubbs explains why the **Lime Hawk Moth** is one of his favourites

I've always been much impressed by hawk moths. Probably the most powerful of our native moth species, obviously built for speed, and pretty much in a class of their own for size and distinctiveness. This is a Lime Hawk, early one evening at the end of April, only very lately emerged from its pupa. It hasn't yet completed its drying-out process, when the wings stretch and stiffen, before it can fly.

Quite importantly, the antennae are still unextended, and are held underneath the body, until they're fully operational. The way the 'feelers' work in this animal is quite extraordinary. Hawk moths are arguably the Olympic Champions of acrobatic flying. House flies are very clever – they can land upside-down on the ceiling and take off instantly. Dragonflies can hover, fly backwards and upside-down; that's awful clever, too. But hawk moths can do all this, in the dark: this is rather like the famed quote of Ginger Rogers accomplishing all the dance steps of Fred Astaire, backwards, in high heels. Rather trickier. So, just how can they do this?

Well, this species has evolved a means of orienting itself without reference to visual signals. When you're doing intricate manoeuvres at the speeds they can achieve, particularly in low-light conditions, the eye-to-brain-to-flight-muscle control pathways are just too slow. Over hundreds of millions of years, they've adopted a system of vibrating their antennae at a regulated frequency, using the sensors at the base of each one to detect the resulting gyroscopic forces, feeding back turn and direction control signals. Evolution, of course, can't just think up a useful plan and then build the necessary body bits – but insects' antennae, it seems, were originally developed from a pair of front legs, so they had sensing cells and muscles that could be re-purposed. Flies and the like use a similar gyroscopic control system, but using the rear pair of wings modified as dedicated sensors. Hence, it's a form of convergent evolution, where a common goal is reached by different creatures by quite different routes. Antennae can also sense smells, at extraordinary distances – and taste, touch, temperature, humidity



and, most importantly, pheromones. Spiders didn't bother with antennae, and kept eight legs: that's fine, if you don't like flying.

Oddly enough, it seems that in the case of the very early creatures from which both insects and their forebears evolved, the heads were formed from a couple of front leg segments. Now there's a thought: it can be seen, though, in the (to us) rather odd way in which insects and the like show enormous variety in how their mouthparts are formed. Lots of crustaceans, and others lacking a skeleton, have various types of sucking, piercing, cutting or shredding mouth equipment. Our Lime Hawk moth has opted out completely – though most hawk moths have a long proboscis, this one doesn't feed once in the adult form, using the reserves inherited from the caterpillar stage to keep themselves going. But, if it doesn't need to hover like some hawk moths, and lots of other insects, to suck nectar from flowers, how come it's got such elaborate flying skills? Dragonflies and the like are agile predators, and need to catch all sorts of flying prey, so they need the full works, though only in the daylight.

If the lime hawk just wants occasionally to catch another lime hawk for company of an evening, surely they could do without such high-spec performance. One benefit might be in escaping birds and bats, of course, though this moth has probably got the best camouflage of any of the hawk moths. Its stylish camo gear would blend with any of our military styles used either as fashion or professional combat field patterns: the scalloped rear edges of the wings, just like a rather tattered leaf, the broken colours with light and dark, greens, browns in distracting shapes, and some lime green in there, of course. Individual moths show a fair amount of variation, and the females generally tend to show more brown tints. This guy happened to choose a brick wall on which to rest while preparing for flight; if he'd landed on the lime tree, the caterpillar's host, we'd probably never have spotted him – and it could have been an error fatal for a helpless young moth.

But there he was, on proud display: but where? Well, Lime Tree Cottage, of course.

Bramley's new Grasslands Meadow Trail

Have you walked across Bramley Green lately? If so, you may have noticed the new 'Grasslands Meadow Trail'. For the past few years Wilder Bramley have been working closely with the Stratfield Saye Estate and Bramley Parish Council to manage the green as a traditional hay meadow, as it was in historic times. In hay meadows the grass is left uncut or ungrazed during the spring and summer, allowing the grasses to grow long to produce hay, (unlike a pasture where grazing takes place all year round). This management benefits wildlife and biodiversity. Our volunteers have put up signs so you can learn more about the history of the Green as well as what you might see. We'd love to hear about your wildlife experiences on the Green, via facebook or e-mail: wilder.bramley@gmail.com.



We were delighted to meet so many of you visiting our stall at the Bramley Fete. The wildlife quiz was very popular and

the lucky winner received a pond starter kit, kindly donated by DH Water Gardens. The cuddly owl and hedgehog in the naming competition now have two great names from their thrilled new owner: Hooty and Spike. See you again next year!

The Great Big Green Week was the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Basingstoke Council helped to promote and coordinate events in the Malls and we teamed up with Wilder Hook and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to form a "Team Wilder" stall. It was a great opportunity to reach more people, building on our experience at the fete. We had a great response to our wildlife quiz and 'random acts of wildness' too, although it was a bit scary to be close to all the skulls and bones presented by Natural Basingstoke! We also networked with other wildlife, conservation and sustainability groups across the borough and swapped ideas.



We had a very successful Bird and Wildlife Walk recently. Led by the extremely knowledgeable Peter Hutchins of Basingstoke RSPB, fifteen of us had special access to Clappers Farm and then the public footpaths/lanes beyond. High in the skies were many raptors: kestrels, buzzards, red kites and even peregrine. We also saw whitethroat, blackcap and a skylark, many swifts and a live swallows' nest. Three hares, a rare rose chafer beetle, even, in true SpringWatch style, remains of a greater spotted woodpecker!

You can now support Wilder Bramley in a new way by becoming a formal member, so that we can all help to achieve the objectives of the group: to connect local people who care about nature and to increase the biodiversity of our surroundings. Please visit our new website wilderbramley.org for more details.







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Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Increase in Rogue Traders



There has been increased reports of Rogue Traders operating in the area. One tactic has been to call on elderly

people with solar panels, claiming roof insulation is touching wiring and causing a fire hazard, with the person paying a deposit for work which is not necessary and not completed.

If someone calls at your door unexpectedly offering services or goods, remember: Protect yourself by:

- Don't feel pressured or hand over money at the door. Take time to think about it and talk to someone you trust.
- Find reputable companies via the Trading Standards website: <https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/>
- Obtain 3 written quotes before choosing a trader.
- Only pay for work once it has been completed and you are satisfied with the job.

Big Conversation Survey 2024

The Hampshire and IOW Youth Commission have launched their Big Conversation survey 2024. If you are aged 14-25, or a parent, carer or someone who works with young people of this age range, please encourage them to give their views on priorities chosen by the group for this year. It only takes a few minutes to complete:

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90712447/Youth-Commission-Big-Conversation-2024>



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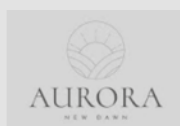
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Online Self Help Tool Centre

This month, Get Safe Online has launched a new 'Self-Help Tool Centre' which includes nine free, easy-to-use tools to help keep you and your family safe, secure and confident when using the internet.



The tools enable you to check a website, a photo, a physical location, data breaches, your social media footprint and strength of passwords among other things. It can be accessed on the following page: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/selfhelpcentre/>

Remove valuables from vehicles

Reports of theft from vehicles can increase over the warmer months, especially in public car parks when people are enjoying outside spaces. Even items of little value may tempt a potential thief to break into a vehicle, to see what else there may be worth stealing.

- Where possible park your car in an attended car park, or look for public car parks approved by the Park Mark Scheme.
- Do not hide valuable items. Take them with you or leave them at home
- For information on alarms and locks speak to your manufacturer or visit <https://www.securedbydesign.com/>



#NoPlaceforHate Neighbourhood Watch Campaign

The latest campaign from Neighbourhood Watch is sharing resources and information on hate crimes. Anyone can be affected by hate crime, you don't have to be a member of the group which the hostility is targeted at. They have a devastating impact on the victim and their loved ones. To find out what you can do to help tackle hate crime take a look at the campaign: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/hate-crime-and-incidents>



Crimestoppers and Fearless

Fearless is Crimestoppers' dedicated youth service for 11- 17 year olds to access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality.

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Information can be given using the online form or by calling 0800 555 111. Fearless is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. They can also deliver free workshops in schools. Please see their website for further information: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless>



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Mondays

<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>NHS Heath Visitor</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pregnancy Yoga with Sam 6pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Yoga with Sam 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Classical Pilates, 6.45-7.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Tuesdays

<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing 8pm</i>	St James's Church
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Body Control Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bramley 0-5s 10am – 11.30 am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 5.45pm – 6.45pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Scouts 7-8.30pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis – 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

Wednesdays

<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>1st Bramley Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Wednesday Club 10am to midday</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>1st Bramley Guides</i>	Village Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am and 12.30 – 1.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Community Cafe
<i>Squirrels 5-6pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Thursdays

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

Fridays

<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Youth Club 5pm</i>	Brocas Hall

Saturdays

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

Sundays

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

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

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Clift Meadow	Bookings Team	01256 260270	bookings@cliftmeadow.org.uk	Bookings
Cross House	Anne Smith	07713 895553	admin@stjamesbramley.org.uk	Bookings
Village Hall	Catriona Hayward	07464 749997	Bookings@bvht.org.uk	Bookings
School Hall	Alison Tarrant	881339		
Activ8 Youth Club	Ed Ives	07964 069390		
Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
Bell Ringers	Jonathan Barclay Smith	541251	rjbarclaysmith@gmail.com	
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Classical Pilates	Naomi Baker		naomi@nbkpilates.co.uk	
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Clift Meadow Youth Football (Loddon Sports)			loddonfcsecretary@outlook.com https://www.loddonsportsfc.com	
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Royal British Legion	Rhydian Vaughan	07774 681516		
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Basingstoke & District Young Carers Supported by Freemasons

A charity that supports young carers has received financial backing from a Basingstoke based Freemasons' Lodge. Elvetham Masonic Lodge has presented a cheque for £1,500 to Basingstoke and District Young Carers to support this charitable organisation in its provision of care for young people who have responsibilities looking after family members.

The cheque was presented by Peter Foster, the charity steward of Elvetham Lodge, at the recent Sherfield on Loddon fete.



Young Carers are defined as 'Children and young people under the age of 18 who provide regular and ongoing care and emotional support to a family member who is facing long-term health challenges including illness, disabilities, or addiction.' It is estimated that there are at least 700,000 young carers nationwide with those resilient young people having to shoulder care giving responsibilities that impact their lives in profound ways.

Locally, as many as 1 in 5 children and young people are carers attending to household tasks such as cleaning, cooking and laundry. Many undertake personal and intimate care, including medication administration and mobility assistance.

These young people provide emotional support and childcare for younger siblings and manage household affairs such as bill paying and hospital visits. All this impacts on the young person's life in many ways, not least their inability to freely socialise with their peers due to time constraints attending to the needs of their family member.

This is where Basingstoke & District Young Carers come in by providing facilities to support young persons which enable them to mix with others with the same experiences. One such way is a social club held at the Winklebury Youth Project situated next door to the Hampshire FA in Winklebury where different sessions are held for diverse age groups.

Their administration is based alongside other charitable groups at The Orchard in White Hart Lane in Basingstoke where three full time members are based. Jade Withers and Holly Fowkes support the Youth Team Leader, Colette Bibby who said, "We are grateful to Elvetham Masonic Lodge for this donation of £1,500 as it will provide an invaluable injection of funds for subsidising our summer activities for all age groups. It will help cover the cost of transport for those Young Carers who do not have the means to get to, or from, the centre so that they can attend the Respite Clubs and be part of the close-knit team of Young Carers."

Whitchurch Silk Mill

Our Latest Exhibition

Our latest exhibition, 'Janet Phillips & the Weavers of Whitchurch', is a truly special event bringing together the early work of our Weavers, Weekend Demonstrators, and some of our alumni Whitchurch Weavers, along with some stunning woven pieces by Janet Phillips. This exclusive exhibition is included in your entry tickets and housed in our dedicated exhibition area.

Our Silk Ribbons Go on a Trip to the States!

Our collaboration with Jane Austen's House in Chawton has led to their representatives taking our ribbons to the States next year as part of the American Jane Austen Society's celebrations of the 250th anniversary of her birth.

The Sex Lives of Kings, 9 July, 7-8.30pm

This illustrated talk by former Beefeater Tony Stafford will show how, for almost a thousand years, the sex lives of England's Kings, or indeed the lack of them, have affected the day-to-day life of ordinary people. Even today, many supporters of the Whitchurch Silk Mill start and end their day influenced by the nuptials of the Merry Monarch. Why is that? Tickets are £15 and must be pre-booked. Doors open at 6.30pm, and tea and coffee will be available for donation.

Weftival Textiles Festival, 5-6 July

For the last couple of months, we've been advertising our plans for the various events that will make up our 2024 Weftival Textiles Festival, and now it's upon us.

Festival of Transport '24

The Rotary recently brought the Festival of Transport to the Memorial Park, when we were again blessed with a sunny day. An estimated 20,000 people attended for a great family day out. Huge thanks to our members and the nearly 100 volunteers. Funds raised will allow us to continue to support a few international humanitarian projects and many local charities

supporting those less fortunate in our community.

This year the HIOW Air Ambulance was our key charity. They brought their simulator, enabling many budding helicopter pilots to have a go. In addition to the funds they raised, we were able to give them a substantial donation.

We offer a few of the charities we regularly support a free space for

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21	TACTICAL	17	ABSTRACT
20	ELBOWS	16	SHEEP DIP
18	IRIS	14	START
17	ADAPT	12	MAGNIFICENCE
16	SCAR	8	INSTALLS
15	BAGFUL	7	FIL
13	CHICKENS	6	ALPHABET
11	RADIOCHEMIST	5	SOLO
10	HAND	4	NEEDLE
9	OBLIVION	3	HYDROCARBONS
1	MACHINES	2	ANARCHIC

Down

Across

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