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Editorial

If I was the editor of Vogue, The Cricketer or Hello magazines there would be a theme to all the articles: 'What to wear in Autumn/Winter 2025', 'Who should be in the team to beat Australia this winter?', 'See inside the homes of the Strictly Come Dancing contestants'. Village magazines are a bit different; we cover everything from flower arranging to fetes, doctors' appointments to scarecrows. I never really know what topics will be covered in the magazine as it all depends on what you, the readers, send in. This month, however, there is a bit of a theme going on: a lot of the articles focus on the outdoors and our environment. Perhaps the Bramley Magazine is turning into Country Living – until the extra 650 homes are built and we merge with City Life.

The aerial view of Bramley on the front cover highlights the long, dry summer we have had. I'm not sure I remember Clift Meadow looking so brown. The photo was taken by Phil McCabe using a drone, and there are more of his pictures on page 17. On page 10, we can see what a great job the Parish Council has done in restoring the area along the Cinder Track, and Wilder Bramley have been busy looking after our environment too (page 21). Michael and Tracey Turlin have created the beautiful garden you can see on page 10 and the Guides have enjoyed lots of outdoor activities (page 19). One Bramley resident who did so much for nature and our environment was Debbie Grey, who sadly died in August. Debbie lived near the church and was a great supporter of our churchyard; it was her idea to start the wild area, and she often looked after some of the neglected graves close to her house. There is a lovely tribute to Debbie on page 27, written by representatives of Wilder Bramley and the Toad patrol, two causes close to her heart.

According to a survey I read in Tesco magazine (yes, gone are the days of reading glossy magazines like Cosmopolitan!) over 7 million people started gardening during the two peak years of the pandemic and 54% of young people (18-34) prefer garden centre visits over nightclubs. If that's true, there should be lots of flowers and produce on display at the Bramley Show on Sunday 14 September. Turn to page 11 for more details of this annual event, and don't forget to enter the scarecrow competition.

I sometimes think the drivers who speed through our village are getting ideas from Motor Sport magazine. If you have concerns about speeding, SpeedWatch is looking for volunteers on page 12, and Wilf Matos has started a campaign to reduce the speed limit to 20mph in the Kirby Drive area. You can find out what motivated him to do this on page 13.

If you notice an eerie silence over Bramley on Tuesday evenings, it's because the bells have been removed from St James' Church. By the time you read this they will be in Loughborough bell foundry undergoing restoration. In next month's magazine I hope to have a few photos of the bells being removed from the tower – not an easy exercise as you can imagine. The bell ringers will keep busy by reading that well-known publication, The Ringing World.

I hope you enjoy reading your Bramley magazine.

Rachel

Joint Editor

New deliverer

Can you spare an hour or so a month to deliver the Bramley Magazine to part of Coopers Lane? The existing deliverer is taking on the larger round at St James' Park so we are looking for someone to replace him. The round consists of 74 houses plus 10 magazines for Applewood Care Home. Please email editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk if you can help.

Thank you to Mark and Julie Miller who delivered the magazines to all 200 homes in St James' Park for many years.

*"Like music and art, love of nature is a common language
that can transcend political or social boundaries."*

Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States

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Material for the October issue to be sent (preferably by email) to the editor no later than
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10.00	Family Service – St Mary's, Stratfield Saye
18.30	BCP Evensong – St Mary's, Hartley Wespall
14th	13th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Café Church – Sherfield Park Community Centre
21st	14th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's, Sherfield
10.30	Family Service – St Mary's, Hartley Wespall
	HARVEST FESTIVAL
28th	15th Sunday after Trinity
11.00	Morning Worship – St Leonard's, Sherfield
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...and into October

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Church diary for September...

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From the Registers

Funeral

Frederick William LOCKE

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News from Clift Surgery

Vaccinations

Autumn approaches and it is time to start considering the vaccination programme once again. Eligibility ages change and you need to be aware of the new guidelines. You may no longer be eligible for the one you had last year and other ages are lowering.

Whatever the changes, rest assured the surgery will contact you to book the appropriate vaccination booster.

The Dispensary

Having a dispensary in a semi-rural location is a valuable resource, especially for our older patients, those without transport and those with young children. It also means that if you require urgent medication, such as antibiotics following a consultation, you don't have to face a drive and wait at a pharmacy in Tadley or Chineham. Please support the surgery by using the dispensary. They have access to your prior medication and can refer back to a doctor if needed. To coin an overused expression – "use it or lose it".

Repeat Prescription Reminder

To ensure smooth and timely access to your medication, please follow these important steps:

1. Order Early

Don't wait until you're nearly out. Submit your request well in advance to avoid running out and needing emergency supplies.

2. Using the NHS App (Mobile or PC)

- Select the medication you need by ticking the boxes
- Click **Continue**
- Review your selection carefully
- Press **Confirm and Send**

You can check the approval date under **Requested Medicine**.

Incomplete requests will not be authorised or dispensed.

3. Avoid Delays

Many delays happen because requests are not completed correctly. This can lead to emergency supply requests, which take priority and delay routine prescriptions for others.

4. Wait for a Text Before Collecting

Please do not come to collect your medication until you receive a text confirming it's ready.


Health Awareness Day September

This will be an informative day for those with caring responsibilities for our older generation.

(See poster on this page)

General Practice Community Frailty & Carers Day

Tuesday 23rd September 2025
(11:00-14:00)



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Representing our three partner practices: Whitewater Health (Hook & Hartley Wintney), Chineham Medical Practice and Clift Surgery, we are delighted to invite our patients to our Community Frailty & Carers Day, to talk to our healthcare professionals, GPs and support services:

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- ✓ Alzheimer's Society
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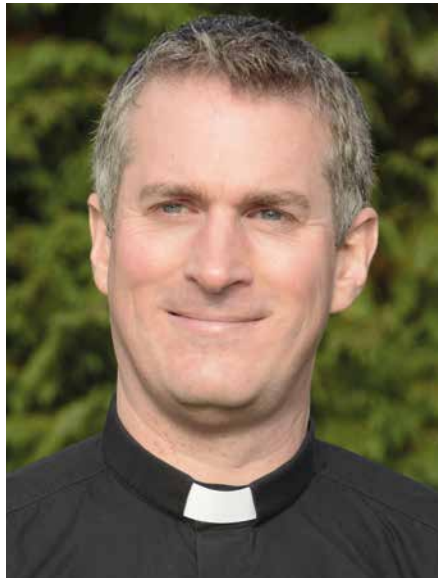
Do you believe in God? It can be difficult but many people do. I believe in God (you'll be glad to know) and God gives me peace and helps me to rest. Many of us will have taken a holiday this summer and I hope you found some peace and had a good rest. It's something God offers to us every day.

Two of my favourite Bible verses are about rest. The first is:

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, Jesus said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" (Mark 6.31) and the second is 'Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11.29-30)

In our busy and hectic lives, we need rest and a quiet place in which to rest. God's invitation is to rest with him, perhaps in the quiet of a church building. Jesus was a rabbi (a Jewish teacher) and their teaching was called their 'yoke'. The teaching of Jesus is meant to lift us up and give us life in all its fullness. Don't believe the Bible is dreary and old fashioned - read one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) and you will find that what Jesus said and did are as relevant and life-giving today as they have been for two thousand years.

And perhaps you don't even believe in God or have questions such as those that children have like "who invented God?". In 2011, the journalist Alex Renton wrote an article about



Rev'd Mark Anderson

how his six-year-old daughter wanted to ask God 'who invented you?' Renton himself did not feel able to help with the question, so he sent the enquiry to various churches, including the Church of England. A little while later, Lulu received a letter from Dr Rowan Williams, who was then Archbishop of Canterbury. It read:

Dear Lulu,

Your dad has sent on your letter and asked if I have any answers. It's a difficult one! But I think God might reply a bit like this:

Dear Lulu - Nobody invented me - but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked round at the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when

they were very very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected.

Then they invented ideas about me - some of them sensible and some of them not very sensible. From time to time I sent them some hints - especially in the life of Jesus - to help them get closer to what I'm really like.

But there was nothing and nobody around before me to invent me. Rather like somebody who writes a story in a book, I started making up the story of the world and eventually invented human beings like you who could ask me awkward questions!

And then he'd send you lots of love and sign off.

I know he doesn't usually write letters, so I have to do the best I can on his behalf.

Lots of love from me too.

+Archbishop Rowan

Rev'd Mark Anderson

Vicar, St James Church, Bramley



Magnolia Tree

Some of you may have noticed that the Magnolia Tree in front of church has been removed. Unfortunately it had been deteriorating over the last year or so, with branches regularly dying and falling off. Back in November 2024 we were advised by a tree surgeon that the tree was virtually dead and there were no pruning / preservation options available. We monitored the tree over Spring to see if any new life appeared, but the tree continued to decline. It was therefore removed in July. We will be planting a replacement tree in the churchyard in the Autumn.



Rachel Barclay Smith

Churchwarden

In this month's **Meet the Neighbours**, we meet **Howard Peryer**, sound recordist.

How long have you lived in Bramley?

I have lived in Bramley for 9 years. I grew up not too far away in Oakley and always enjoyed visiting a school friend who lived here. I thought it would be a great place to raise a family when the time came.

What do you like about it?

I like being surrounded by countryside - it feels like home to me, but also it's not too remote. I love being able to escape into nature by foot or bike so easily, but I'm still in easy reach of a supermarket and the M4. There's also Silchester walls and Amphitheatre - what an incredible place to have on your doorstep. Now I have two young boys I am very appreciative of the school and nursery - they are both excellent. I am also a massive fan of The Plough pub in Little London.

Tell me about your job.

I'm a self-employed sound engineer. The role can be quite varied, but I predominantly work as a boom operator, which means I hold the big stick with the microphone on it on the set. There's a lot more to it than that of course, but essentially I work as part of the team responsible for making sure you can hear what people are saying on your favourite TV shows. I've also worked at six Olympic Games, installing and operating commentary systems. There are also documentary projects, live shows, sports broadcasts, music gigs, commercials, corporate videos... if it involves sound - I'm interested!

How did you get into it?

I got really interested in music recording at college, and then a chance encounter with a wildlife sound recordist alerted me to the possibility of being paid to travel around the world recording sound for film and tv. I trained at the National Film and Television School.

What projects have you worked on?

I've worked on some mega budget feature films like 'Venom 2' and 'Eurovision' with Will Ferrell, but more commonly I work on TV series. I love working on comedy shows - some recent projects include 'Ludwig', 'The



At the skateboarding for Paris 2024 Olympics

Cleaner' and 'Mandy'. I've also worked at every Olympic Games since London 2012, which I'm very proud of. I've also had some great trips to Kyiv, Rome, Switzerland, Maine and Louisiana where you get to see things perhaps you wouldn't normally get to as a tourist on holiday. Some of the most well-known actors I've worked with are Sir Anthony Hopkins, Tom Hardy and Emma Thompson. The biggest buzz on set I've ever experienced, though, was the day we had Martin Lewis coming in to play himself in a comedy series. I've never seen a crew and cast so excited to meet someone. He was absolutely lovely and very funny - he started out as a standup comic.

What's been your favourite project?

I've been so fortunate to work on many enjoyable projects. One that I always think of very fondly was a documentary about Rembrandt with Simon Schama. We filmed for a week in the Netherlands and visited the Rijksmuseum in

Amsterdam at night when it was closed - it was just us and the security guards there. I just remember standing in front of 'The Night Watch' painting (which is usually crammed with visitors) recording Simon share his wealth of passion and knowledge about it and just thinking - this is awesome. So I guess the thing I enjoy most about my work is I get a glimpse into other worlds. That might be filming in a location not open to the public or maybe meeting someone sharing their love and knowledge about something you never knew about. It opens you up to all sorts of experiences.

What do you like to do when you're not working?

I love hanging out with my two boys, Bill and Rex. We love flinging ourselves around the many parks around here. I like going climbing in Reading and cycling around the countryside, and I also just absolutely love sitting with a beer or a nice coffee and listening to the cricket on the radio - pure bliss.



Working on 'Bad Education'

If you enjoyed reading this, how about writing some articles yourself? Julian Boulter is stepping back from writing Meet the Neighbours so we are looking for someone to take his place. Basically, it gives you an excuse to be nosy and find out more about people in our community! Please contact Rachel on editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk if you would like more information. A big thank you to Julian for all the interesting people he has introduced us to over the years.

Bramley is Blooming lovely

Congratulations to Michael and Tracey Turlin who won the Bramley in Bloom competition. As you can see from these photos, they have a beautiful garden, full of colour and interest.

The competition was organised by the Bramley Show and there were lots of impressive entries. Here's what the organisers had to say:

It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many front gardens in Bramley.

There are big expanses, and tiny patches; there are those with lawns and shrubs, some with stone figures, some with bird houses, tubs and hanging baskets and some even



grow vegetables. Some have benches and some a table and chairs. All deserve recognition.

Front gardens belong to the house owners, but sometimes we forget that front gardens can bring so much pleasure to passers-by on a walk or journey, but in fact they are a natural art gallery for those who take the time to look and enjoy.

Gardening can be expensive but with clever planning, taking cuttings and sowing seeds everyone can make something special that welcomes owners, visitors, postmen and delivery people.

The winners of this year's Bramley in Bloom are Michael and Tracey Turlin in Walsh Road. This small garden is an exquisite example of what someone can do with careful planning, a well thought out colour scheme and the use of various heights. The lights in the evening are another bonus. Well done.



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These are the words written on Lise Meitner's headstone in the graveyard of Bramley church. Many people visit her grave to pay tribute to a woman whose research led to the discovery of nuclear fission.

We frequently walk through the graveyard on our way to church so it was sad to see the tombstone in poor condition. We asked Rhyddian Vaughan, our County Councillor, who would be responsible for its maintenance, the Church or the Parish Council.

Before we had time to approach the Parish Council, he reported it and they took immediate action.

So many thanks to the Parish Council for restoring the headstone of our famous scientist.

Sarah Marianos



The grave before cleaning



Lise Meitner



Now much clearer

Bramley Parish Council have had a busy summer as **Cllr Iain James** reports.

Some of the things your Parish Council have been up to in the last couple of months

The big news is of course the announcement that the Wellington Estate is consulting on a large housing development to the north of the village. Your Parish Councillors attended all of the recent workshops and will be issuing a statement later. Be assured, we want to hear your views, but even though we have very little say on what happens next, we will make sure we do our best to make views heard.

Meanwhile, what else has been going on?

Parish Green Project – For those of us who regularly use the Cinder track to and from the station and the bakery, it has been great to see the improvement in the area at the far end. As you may be aware, earlier this year the Parish Council used some of our CIL (Community Investment Levy) funds to purchase and improve this run down plot at the end of Longbridge Road and The Smithy. This CIL fund is provided by developers to local communities affected by new housing, for improvements to the neighbourhood. The broken down fence, dumped bikes and overgrown pathways have now been cleared and the area opened up for residents to enjoy. There has been plenty of space left to nature at the rear of the plot, giving home to the many birds, butterflies and small mammals that make this area their home. The second round of improvements will include:

- Improvements to the gateway into Longbridge Road to allow easy access for prams, mobility scooters etc.
- Re-route the path from the Longbridge Road gate to give a straighter path back to the Cinder track
- Improvement of access to and from The Smithy



The area before the work was carried out (taken on 21 March)



The area on 12 August

Parish Council update continued

Battery Park noise – There have been a lot of complaints over the noise coming from the battery park on Minchens Lane. This infrastructure should be low impact but Parish councillors have been working with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, in particular with ward councillor Cllr Chris Tomblin, and the operator to try and reduce the impact it is having on the community. At first it appears the fan settings on some of the battery packs have reset to factory settings, rather than the reduced settings they should be running with. These have now been corrected and the situation is being monitored to ensure the facility is working how it should be, quietly. Thanks to Cllr Tomblin for his continued efforts on this.

Waste water – The long running saga with the sewerage issues on Centenary Fields continues. Councillor Bell continues to liaise with Thames Water on behalf of the residents. Thames Water have now agreed to meet with residents and the developer to address this complex matter.

Bramley Green – Building on the success of the grassland meadow on Bramley Green, the Parish Council is supporting the proposal to plant cornfield annuals and other wildflowers that are already present in the existing grassland area. Once the cornfield annuals are over in the late summer, the vegetation would need to be cut and removed to allow space for developing perennials. This has approval from the Wellington Estate, and will further improve this area of the village that has become so important for wildlife and biodiversity. The planned area for planting is near the junction with Folly Lane.

Allotments – The work started earlier this year to improve the allotments at Greys Meadow (behind St James Church) is now complete. The upgrade improves this facility not just for the plot holders, but for all of us that enjoy the footpath that runs up beside them. After some work, all our plots are now let and giving much pleasure and produce to all of the tenants.

The car park at the St. James Park site is just for the plot holders. There have been several cars parked in this area

that are clearly not plot holders. Bramley PC ask people not to park there unless they are accessing the allotments.

Grants – The Parish Council supports many activities in the parish through giving a helping hand to improvements, events etc., that benefit as many as possible in the community.

This month we have given support to:

- VJ day flag to be flown near the Clift Meadow during the VJ day period
- Replacing the old & inefficient heating system at Cross House with Air to Air heat pumps similar to those successfully installed at Clift Meadow. This will reduce CO2 emissions as well as reducing operating costs and increase bookings, especially in the winter when the current system makes the hall very difficult to heat.
- Replacement storage shed for Little Apples. The old one was falling down and they have plenty of great playthings to store.

Next meetings – The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for 20:00 on 9 September at Bramley Village Hall. The next full Council meeting will be at 19:00 on 16 September. Everyone is welcome to come and see what we do and ask relevant questions.

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Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

www.basingstoke.gov.uk, 01256 844844. Good for reporting fly tipping issues and issues with local playgrounds.

Planning portal: <https://publicaccess.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications>

Hampshire County Council

www.hants.gov.uk. Good for reporting highways and footpaths issues (including potholes), broken street lights, parking issues and flooding issues.

The Bramley Show – fun for all the family.

Sunday 14 September at the Village Hall.

Entries between 8.30 and 10.30am and open to the public from 1-3.30pm.

When you receive this edition, it will just be two weeks away from the Bramley Show. It has been a challenging year for gardeners but there are lots of classes for all kinds of produce and flowers, plus there are classes for indoor plants. This year we are looking to find the heaviest single potato and the largest squash or marrow. There are also fun classes for adults and juniors, including an animal made of potatoes. Don't forget to check out the art, cookery and craft sections. Details in last month's magazine.

This year there is a class to design a sign to represent Bramley. This should not be a computer-generated sign but one that has been thoughtfully designed. It can be a 2D or 3D image.

Entry forms can be made electronically or downloaded from www.bramleyshow.org.uk. Request a paper copy by emailing thebramleyshow@gmail.com

In the afternoon, we will be judging the scarecrows and there will be scavenger hunts.

This year we are planning a treasure map. Come to the café and enter free of charge; there is a cash prize for the winner.

Painted stones will be hidden in the village the weekend before the show and if one is brought to the Show there will be some lovely toys to claim. Teas will be served all afternoon and there will be a raffle with plenty of prizes for children as well as adults.

So come and bring your entries on the morning of 14 September, no later than 10.30am, and return from 1pm to see what people have entered, have tea with us and find out who has won this year's cups.

Sue Howell

Bramley SpeedWatch



New equipment purchased with a grant from the Anti-Social Behavior fund has now been delivered (yes, speeding is not just dangerous, it is also considered anti-social).

Thanks to the grant, SpeedWatch now have two new SIDs and a much-improved Laser SpeedGun. The SpeedGun is Home Office approved and currently used by many police forces, both in the UK and abroad. SpeedWatch underwent training on the new equipment from the supplier. The SIDs have been put in place and three manned roadside deployments undertaken using the new SpeedGun. Included in the purchase were two solar panels which now enable all SID batteries (new and old) to be charged from solar: SpeedWatch can now claim a small contribution to Net Zero. The Police and Crime Commissioner (Donna Jones) will shortly be joining SpeedWatch during a manned deployment, where she will be able to see the new equipment in action and talk to the members.

Unfortunately, equipment doesn't make drivers drive within the speed limit, it only helps to remind them of the speed limit and advises when it is being exceeded. Adherence to the limit can only come from the driver. Please

Camera Data (May-July):

Month/Year	Verified speeders (=>35mph)	Highest number of offences committed by one vehicle	Fastest hour	Illegal vehicles
May 2025	3169	13	7pm	37
June 2025	2635	12	8pm	68
July 2025	1544	10	5am	40



New Laser SpeedGun

adhere to the speed limits - they have been set to make our roads safer for all of us and not, as the general misconception, for raising revenue.

We need your help! If you're interested in becoming a member of the SpeedWatch Group and contributing to making Bramley roads safer, please reach out to Bramley SpeedWatch at bramleyspeedwatch@yahoo.com. Your support is crucial for the scheme to continue functioning. Don't worry, full training will be provided by Hampshire Police. Thank you for considering joining us!

If you have any questions/concerns regarding SpeedWatch please email: bramleyspeedwatch@yahoo.com, speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk, or visit: www.hampshire.police.uk.

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

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity:

Three manned deployments were undertaken during July. A total of 18 vehicles were reported to the police from the 335 vehicles checked. Top speed recorded was 42mph.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data (June):

SID Location	Days deployed	Traffic direction	% of vehicles exceeding 30 mph	No. vehicles exceeding 60 mph	Average speed
Farriers	30	West	48%	2	31
The Street by Churchlands	30	East	39%	4	29

Do you have a head for figures? If so, your village hall needs you!

Our current, longstanding Treasurer will be stepping down in the New Year and we are keen to find his replacement within the village. This is a key Trustee role, a voluntary position, looking after the finances of our busy village hall. Most of our booking and invoicing processes are automated and much of the Treasurer's time is spent paying bills, managing our bank accounts and preparing our monthly income and expenditure spreadsheet. This takes around five hours per week and there is a commitment to attend the monthly Trustees meeting to report on the state of our finances. At the end of the financial year, the Treasurer prepares the accounts for external audit and, working with the Chairman, submits an annual report

to the UK Charity Commission (again, this is done on-line).

This role would suit a retired or semi-retired person, or someone looking to get back into work or gain fresh experience. An ability to work on-line and use Excel spreadsheets would be helpful but training can be provided. We are a small but very experienced and friendly team and can provide lots of support to the new Treasurer. If you're interested, do get in touch with me for a chat about the role.

Gareth Jones

Chairman, Bramley Village Hall Trust
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Twenty is plenty

Bramley resident, Wilf Matos, spent an unhappy Thursday evening nursing a cat who had been run over by a speeding car on Kirby Drive. Unfortunately, the cat died and the owners had to be contacted on holiday to give them the sad news.

As a result of this incident, Wilf has started a petition to Taylor Wimpey to implement a 20mph speed limit on Kirby Drive, Walsh Drive, Garside Close, Hills Way, and Becket Gardens. Neighbours and other residents have voiced concerns about the speed of cars in residential areas and it is hoped that a new 20mph limit will greatly increase safety, providing a much-needed safeguard for everyone who plays, walks, cycles, drives or lives in our neighbourhood.

Wilf has set up an online campaign that can be accessed via the QR code below or on the Change website: www.change.org/Kirbyat20mph. In this campaign he says:

These roads have lots of parked cars, and it feels that asking drivers (of which I am one) to slow down to protect the community around them is a sensible precaution.



Traffic calming measures have been proven to result in fewer accidents, decreased fatalities, and overall improved quality of life. According to Brake, the road safety charity, a pedestrian hit by a car at 20mph is far more likely to survive than one hit at 30mph or 40mph (Brake, UK). This is



a transformative step that could prevent future accidents from happening in our community.

We need this petition to take to Taylor Wimpey who are the owner of our neighbourhood roads. By issuing them with hundreds of signatures from across our neighbourhood, we can show them the level of feeling for this much needed change and push them to implement a new slower speed limit of 20mph.



(Image courtesy of Vecteezy.com)

Please sign this petition to advocate for the safety and well-being of all residents in Bramley's close-knit community.



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Bramley Village Hall is run by a group of Trustees and this month we get to know a bit more about what they do.

Here at Bramley Village Hall we are lucky enough to have a fantastic group of Trustees whose responsibility it is to ensure the continued running of the facility so that it has an enduring presence in Bramley village long into the future. We are always looking to welcome new Trustees and we'd particularly love to welcome younger Trustees. There are currently two vacancies for a Young Trustee (aged 17-24) and shortly we will have vacancies for two Trustees, including one for a Treasurer, so we thought we'd ask our two newest recruits a few questions so that the village can have a little insight into the role they play.

The 'Two Mikes', Mike Hall and Mike Welch joined as Trustees in late 2022 and early 2023 respectively and have both proved invaluable assets to the Village Hall with a wealth of knowledge between them. Here we ask them a few questions about their time so far:

How did you first get involved with Bramley Village Hall as a Trustee?

Mike W: *I was invited to get involved by an existing Trustee, who happened to be the partner of a friend of my wife. At the time, I was between professional engagements and had a window of availability to contribute to the community my family and I have proudly called home for the past 26 years.*

Mike H: *I was introduced to the Trustee role by the Village Hall chairman (Gareth) and decided that my work background would help out the team with the Hall operational services and maintenance.*

What is your professional background and what skills does that bring to your role?

Mike W: *I'm a professional engineer by training, with a background spanning electronics, electrical systems, semiconductors, smart IoT-connected devices, and OT (Operational Technology) cybersecurity. Over the years, I've held roles in R&D, sales, PR/marketing, executive leadership, and even founded and sold a business. This broad experience brings strategic, technical, and practical insights to my work with Bramley Village Hall.*

Mike H: *My career started with electrical engineering, eventually culminating in Building Facilities Management and Operations. I worked for over 15 years in the financial payments sector, managing a European portfolio of office buildings and a critical processing centre in Hampshire for Visa.*

How many hours a month do you think you work on behalf of the Village Hall Trust?

Mike W: *Typically, I spend around 2 to 4 hours on-site each month, and an additional 1 to 2 working days off-site. That said, the time commitment can vary greatly depending on the season and the issues that arise.*

Mike H: *On average, around 8-10 hours per month depending on any reactive tasks that sometimes need urgent attention.*

What is the strangest thing you've had to do for BVH?

Mike W: *I'm not sure I'd describe anything as particularly "strange," but the role has certainly stretched me to explore topics I wouldn't ordinarily deal with in detail – even within my own areas of expertise. It's been a great opportunity for continued learning.*

Mike H: *I was contacted one evening regarding an issue with the intruder alarm at the Hall. Upon arrival there was nobody to be found at the Hall and no audible alarm. When I rang back the person who contacted me, I soon established they were at the Village Hall in Bramley, Surrey. To this day, I have no idea how they got my contact details.*

What do you enjoy best about being a Trustee?

Mike W: *I really value the camaraderie of our Trustee and Volunteer teams and the chance to contribute to projects beyond my usual professional sphere. A standout example is our curated rewilding project for the BVH grounds. I've particularly enjoyed building links with Wilder Bramley and, through them, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Their guidance has been instrumental in helping us enhance our natural surroundings for the benefit of local wildlife, the environment, and the wider community.*

Mike H: *I always wanted to look for ways to help out within the village community and soon found that this voluntary role fulfilled that intention perfectly. I enjoy being part of the Trustee team and seeing the hall being used by many local groups, families and professional organisations making our efforts worthwhile.*

As our interview shows there is a broad diversity of skills and experience that people can gain through this sort of community involvement as a volunteer. For anyone, assisting with village hall activity and governance can develop skills for careers and life. For younger members it can really add value to future applications, demonstrating commitment, leadership and teamwork, as well as being a great addition to your CV. If you think you might be interested in the roles of Young Trustee, Treasurer or a general Trustee, please email our Chairman Gareth Jones on chairman@bvht.org.uk.



Mike H dismantling the old storage shed at the Village Hall

Another 650 houses in Bramley?

On Thursday 7 August, four workshop sessions run by 3West and Wellington Estate explained their vision for Bramley Meadows, a proposed new housing estate. The sessions were a box-checking formality and a “data grab” exercise favouring the developers. Protesters argue that the development - which includes 650 new homes on greenfield land - threatens the village’s character and puts pressure on local infrastructure. Most of the meeting was devoted to breakout sessions for residents to write their concerns on sticky notes and maps. The meetings were “part of a standard pre-application engagement” and all feedback from residents would be considered.

There is a new Facebook Group - Our Neighbourhood, Our Voice – for those who oppose the development. The protest was also covered in the Basingstoke Gazette on 12 August - Bramley: Protestors rally against proposed 650-home development | Basingstoke Gazette.



A small group of local residents opposing the proposed housing development in the village.



Calling on Bramley's Hidden Talents – Can You Help Our Scouts?

Bramley Scout Group is full of curious, energetic young people eager to try new things, challenge themselves and learn skills for life. Over the past year, our Cubs have built Da Vinci bridges, painted bird boxes, cracked secret codes, learned campfire songs from Scout legends, and even had a go at pheasant plucking! Meanwhile, our youngest section – Squirrels – have been planting bulbs in Clift Meadow, creating Lego masterpieces, going on their very first train trip, and trying soft tomahawk throwing.

We're so proud that six of our Cubs earned the Chief Silver Scout Award and six Squirrels achieved their Acorn Badge – the highest awards in their sections. But alongside these big milestones were hundreds of small moments of discovery, joy, and teamwork – from visits by the police and the Kites of Wessex, to live-action Cluedo, wizard walks to water fights.

To keep our programme fresh, exciting, and full of variety, we're calling on the skills and talents of our village. You don't need to become a Scout leader (or have been a Scout yourself!) to get involved. You just need something you can share – even if it's just for one evening.

With an age range from 4–14 years old, there's a place for everything from playful, hands-on activities for our youngest Squirrels to more challenging skills and adventures for our older Scouts. Whether it's teaching them how to tie knots, bake bread, fly a kite, build a bird box, or crack a secret code, your knowledge could be the spark that inspires their next badge – or even a lifelong passion.

Do you:

- Have outdoor skills like camping, map reading, or wildlife spotting
- Enjoy crafts, woodworking, or creative projects
- Play an instrument or love to sing
- Have some dance moves you'd like to share
- Work in a job that could inspire young people
- Have a hobby like baking, photography or coding
- Know somewhere we can visit locally

Whatever your skill or passion – from parkour to painting, from fishing to first aid – we can find a way to weave it into our activities. Our young people love hands-on experiences and hearing from people who've done interesting things, whether that's climbing mountains or designing apps.

Why it matters

Your time and knowledge can help shape confident, curious, and capable young people. Even one session could spark a lifelong interest or open a door they didn't know existed.

How to get in touch

If you have something to share, big or small, please email Jan at jan.wright@bramley-scouts.org.uk or message us via our public FB group by searching Bramley Scout Group – Hampshire.

Together, we can make Bramley Scouts' programme as exciting, diverse, and inspiring as our village itself.

Bramley Scout Group



Bramley from above

Thank you to Phil McCabe who took these fascinating pictures of Bramley. Phil has lived in Bramley for 25 years and is a keen amateur photographer. These shots give a different perspective of our village. You notice how many trees there are, and still quite a few fields, but you can also see the battery storage area and the beginnings of the Stocks Farm development. I am hoping to feature more photos from Phil so we can keep an eye on the changing face of our countryside.



Bramley Solar has launched a £50,000 fund to deliver direct investment into local projects and initiatives over the next 12 months.



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We are inviting community groups, charities and schools to submit their project ideas and apply for funding by going to our web site.

The fund will be administered by local representatives led by the Parish Council.

<https://www.bizgive.app/public/bramley-solar-community-fund>



1st Bramley Guides Summer Fun

The lovely summer weather we have enjoyed allowed the Guides to get outside for some fun in the fresh air. We have some Guides from the Loddon School attend meetings, and the school let us meet in their grounds for some of our outdoor activities.

Cooking a meal over open fires was very popular: beans and sausages cooked in a large tin can, bread squirls cooked on skewers, and the ever popular bananas and chocolate cooked in foil in the embers.

Pitching tents the following week was great, the only disappointment being that the Guides were not actually going to sleep in them.

Bramley Guiding (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers) had a stall at the Bramley Fete at which the public could make giant bubbles, have glitter tattoos, make friendship bracelets or have a go at axe throwing, which really brought out the competitive spirit within some families!



Backwoods cooking

A nature walk around village footpaths presented a challenge of thinking of items from nature for every letter in the alphabet.

Some activities challenged the Guides to learn new skills, such as experimenting to find what materials would make the best water filter, creating their own compass to use in compass-based games, and using knots to create floor-standing catapults.



Cardboard box cooking

During Wimbledon fortnight we held a tennis skills evening, practising hand-eye co-ordination, and range-finding through group games, rounded off, of course, with strawberries and cream!

Some of the Guides joined a Hampshire North weekend called the Midsummer Night Challenge. There was cooking over open fires, wide games, and building and sleeping under bivouacs.

One of our more unusual evenings involved cooking with a disposable barbeque in a cardboard box (foil-lined!) to form an oven! The Guides prepared a chocolate tray-bake, which cooked remarkably well in these ovens, and with a chocolate icing/sauce poured over, everyone enjoyed eating the results.

All the activities involving fire also ended traditionally, with marshmallows cooked on skewers, of course.

Some of the term's activities resulted in the Guides gaining interest badges, and some of the Guides had worked on badges at home in their own time, which is something they are all encouraged to do throughout the year.

Now, we are looking forward to the Autumn term. We shall be welcoming new Guides coming up from Brownies, and enjoying a packed and varied programme leading up to Christmas.

Woodpecker, Unit Helper

BRAMLEY WI

The July meeting was our birthday, so the committee decided that we would have an old-fashioned party in which we played games such as pass the parcel, a beetle drive and a quiz. We also had scones, jam and cream together with birthday cake and, of course, wine. A fun evening.

In August we went on a narrow boat along the Kennet and Avon Canal pulled by a lovely horse called Monty. The weather was lovely, and it was quiet and peaceful on the canal. Some of us stayed on the boat when we went through a lock while others stretched their legs and had a look at the countryside. Afterwards we all went to the Berkshire Arms for lunch. A good time was had by all.

Our next meeting is back in the village hall and a speaker from the Rotary club will talk to us about the Christmas boxes which are sent abroad for children, a cause we support each year.

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Royal British Legion

As we resume activities after the summer break, some of our members are visiting the Somme battlefield - the site of one of the fiercest battles of WW1 in 1916.

Their guide is Rhyddian Vaughan, our branch chairman. We will have a report on this next month.

Another significant event commemorated this month is the Battle of Britain, fought in the skies over the Channel and southern England between July and September 1940.

After the miraculous evacuation of the Dunkirk beaches in June of that year, Germany needed to win air superiority over the Royal Air Force and the Naval Air Service prior to a planned marine invasion of our islands.

This was the first ever major aerial combat and despite being massively outnumbered, our pilots and ground crews gained the upper hand. Pilots who flew the legendary Spitfires and Hawker Hurricanes were not just from Britain but also from many Commonwealth countries, under the inspired leadership of Air Marshall Sir Hugh Dowding of Fighter Command. September 15 is regarded as the day when the tide of battle turned in our favour and the second Sunday of September is now observed as Battle of Britain Sunday. This year's civic

BDBC service is at St Mary's Church Tadley at 11am supported by Hampshire Lieutenantcy, the Lord Mayor of Basingstoke, other civic leaders and members of local ATC Cadet units. All are welcome.

We are now beginning to gear up for this year's Poppy Appeal. This officially launches on 25 October. Our main activity is providing the Poppy stall in reception at Basingstoke hospital.

Please contact me if you could spare two hours any weekday from 27 October to 8 November. You will meet lots of people and help in providing a great service to the veterans whom the appeal supports. We anticipate a get together for all helpers before the appeal.

Finally, we are hoping to arrange a visit to the Poppy factory at Richmond on Thames.

Here you can see poppies being made and some of the large, special wreaths for royalty and other national leaders to be laid at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. The staff are all service veterans finding a way back into employment. It is a wonderful and heart-warming place to visit. Again, drop me a message if you would be interested in this.

John Morley

Vice President, Bramley & District RBL
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News from Wilder Bramley

Twenty local people enjoyed a beautiful and sociable walk with Wilder Bramley along the banks of the River Loddon and its tributaries recently. Walking from Mill Lane along the public footpaths past Lillymill Farm and over to the A33, we all enjoyed a morning being in nature. Our leader was Jacqui Bean, who also runs our Loddon water testing project and volunteers with the HIWWT Watercress and Winterbournes project to protect seven chalk streams in Hampshire. As we gazed into the quiet waters, we heard about the global importance of Hampshire's precious chalk streams and the threats they face. We even saw seven brown trout and a chubb fish! You can find more lovely local walks on our website: Information-Documents.

Wilder Bramley were fortunate to join Natural Basingstoke, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Rangers and Mill Field Conservation Group for this year's Bioblitz nature event. Mill Field is a 33-acre public green space and Local Nature Reserve in Old Basing, comprising wooded meadow, flood plain and grassland, through which the River Loddon also runs. It's a fantastic area for wildlife flora and fauna. We were one of 16 nature groups exhibiting there, attracting 150 visitors of all ages, with various activities throughout the day including a bat walk, bug, butterfly and reptile hunts and nature surveys. 355 different species were identified there, including birds such as a peregrine falcon, amphibians such as slow worms, and wildflowers such as yellow rattle and woolly thistle. The cause of greatest excitement was spotting an increasingly rare dormouse – with three babies!

Sadly the ongoing drought is threatening the new woodland planted at Clapper's Farm Livery Yard. So over the last few weeks a small band of WB volunteers has been helping to mulch the young saplings. There are still many more to be done; please contact us if you fancy an hour or so helping nature in this way: wilder.bramley@gmail.com.

In June, we purchased a moth trap to help monitor local biodiversity. The 'trap' is a light source that attracts moths harmlessly onto a soft fabric background where we can view and identify them. Moths are vital pollinators and a key food source for birds and bats, making them excellent indicators of ecosystem health. We surveyed St James' churchyard, which proved to be a rich habitat for wildlife. Churchyards often offer undisturbed green spaces with old trees, rare wildflowers and stone walls—ideal for insects and small animals. Moth trapping helps us understand local species and support our conservation efforts. Our work parties to maintain our meadows for wildlife will take place in September/October. Come and join us! Watch out for the dates on social media and our website (no special skills needed).

Sherfield & District Gardening Club

Our calendar restarts on Monday 15 September when we'll welcome back all existing members for the short AGM followed by our guest speaker. New members and guests are very welcome.

Annual subs are due at this meeting: still only £10 per person for the year; then just £2 per meeting for members, £5 per meeting for non-members and guests.

We're delighted to welcome Gillian Taylor back to Sherfield by popular demand. Known for her helpful and practical tips, Gillian will speak about "The Walled Garden".

Sherfield Village Hall. Doors open 7.15pm: talk starts 7.30pm, followed by Q&A, refreshments and our gardening-themed raffle.

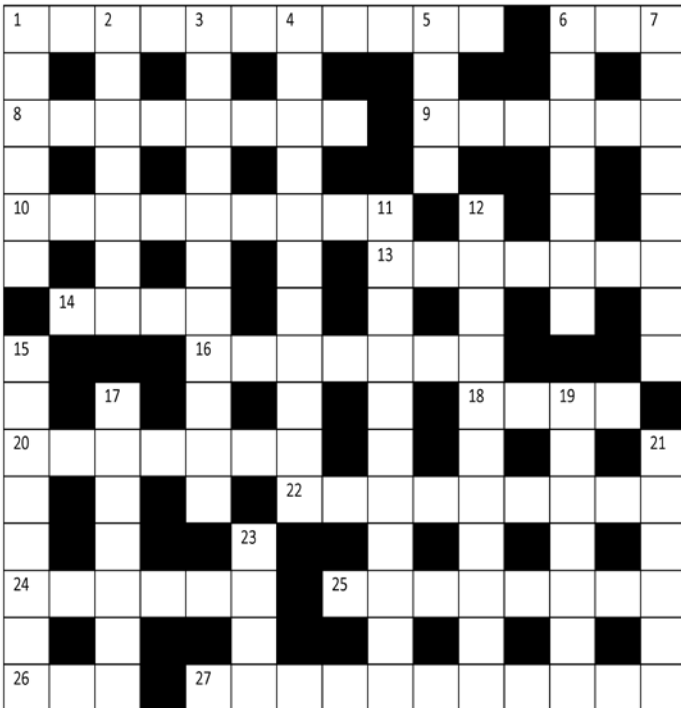
Thanks to everyone who enjoyed our impromptu Summer Social in July. Prosecco & beer, strawberries & shortbread created a convivial evening to discuss new topics and ideas for future garden visits. Our thanks to Ruth Johnston for her excellent presentation (at very short notice!) on "Drought-tolerant plants for our gardens". David Green will speak on "Radiation in the Soil" at our February meeting.

Happy gardening and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Lauren Dotor

Cryptic Crossword No: 91

See page 30 for the answers.



Across

- 1 Tuber favourite as root at top arranged. (5,6)
- 6 Mammal mimic. (3)
- 8 Let lute stay done craftily. (8)
- 9 The director of film hid churchman. (6)
- 10 Swapped, former altered appearance. (9)
- 13 She clips everything discretely to put into shadow. (7)
- 14 Lazy to keep ticking over. (4)
- 16 Oil man could be a boring person. (7)
- 18 Brother's victim sounds competent. (4)
- 20 Good buy, despite obstacle followed by profit. (7)
- 22 Acerbic bursar cast icon within. (9)
- 24 That vermin sector contained creature. (6)
- 25 More bands stir ripe complication. (8)
- 26 Fresh newspaper inside. (3)
- 27 Relaxed position despite being angry and nearly running off. (11)

Down

- 1 Andrea derelict to hide student. (6)
- 2 Preventative used against harmful chemicals perhaps. (7)
- 3 This shape when having four faces. (11)
- 4 Duties compelled old boy tied up arteries. (11)
- 5 Rotate or change direction. (4)
- 6 Try at tempting inside job. (7)
- 7 Listening device or a lobe perhaps. (8)
- 11 Red flag teas burns off suddenly. (11)
- 12 Ultimate colour of the sea perhaps. (11)
- 15 I am bit on around for drive. (8)
- 17 Nervous cutter possibly. (7)
- 19 Allowing or leasing. (7)
- 21 Made a mark by putting the ball in the net. (6)
- 23 Look into starting astronomy course to find a sun. (4)

CodeWord No: 77

See page 30 for the answers.

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In previous issues of the Bramley Magazine, Graham Mellor wrote about the St James' Way and the pilgrimage route to Santiago in Spain. We therefore thought it would be interesting to hear from someone who has actually walked the whole route. John Stubb's grandson, **Thomas Page**, did just that, and here is his account.

As you wander to the newsagents, walk the dog, or—heaven forbid—go for a run, there's a surprisingly good chance you're tracing the footsteps of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims.

Bramley lies square on the St James' Way, an ancient pilgrimage route between Reading Abbey and Southampton, walked for centuries by peasants, shepherds, monks, merchants, noblemen, and the odd prisoner under penance – each bound for the holiest site in Europe, Santiago de Compostela. Even today, a quiet stream of people flow down this archaic route. Disproportionately, inexplicably, Californians!?, and also, a few weeks ago, me.

Unlike your average Pilgrim, perhaps a monk, armed with steadfast resolve and perishing sandals, I stepped off the Purple 17 Bus with a bulging nylon exoskeleton full of gear, and equipment, and started to walk. The way follows the canal through Reading, before diving under the M4 and shooting through endless quaint, posh villages. Managing to dodge Basingstoke, it slows to meet the river Itchen, and meanders through Winchester, pausing at the cathedral, before following the river into Southampton. Our monk would have eaten and slept in the churches and abbeys regularly dotted along the way, in exchange for a donation or manual labour. I generally nipped in, as they're mostly unlocked, to rest, and mark my credencial (a little booklet that proves you actually did the walk) with the custom ink stamps they leave out for walkers. I slept in woodland and between fields, carefully ignoring whatever was going on outside my tent, in case I didn't like what I heard.

As our historical monk-pilgrim reached Southampton, he'd have waited days in a religious hostel or hospital, until he could barter passage aboard a merchant vessel. The crossing was long and dangerous, in a rickety, low-decked boat with groaning timbers, so many didn't survive the rough journey across the Bay of Biscay. Personally, I just went with P&O.

Arriving in Spain, the pilgrims would follow one of an interconnected network of routes which stretch across the country like a map of high speed rail in China, but far less



Thomas' trusty tent

impressively. I began on the Camino del Norte, walking from Santander to Oviedo along the coast, before joining the Camino Primitivo, the oldest route, first walked by King Alfonso in the 9th century. Today, most pilgrims stay in albergues, basic hostels reserved for those walking the Camino. This system was formalised in 1993, congealing a scattered and informal patchwork of church porches, monasteries, barns and spare rooms into accommodation that takes cards and has a website, although I still preferred slinging my tent in a hedge somewhere.

Having finally arrived in Santiago, our pilgrim, sunburnt, weathered, and raw, trudged through the narrow streets, perhaps hearing the bells ahead, catching glimpses of the cathedral towers rising above the rooftops. Along the final stretch, traders, locals, and fellow pilgrims all seemed to drift in the same direction, drawn downhill along the cobbled slope, the then-new buildings pressing in on either side.

I wandered down, along the strip of gift shops adorned with tat, and ducked into a little shop to buy a Pepsi.

The pilgrim's procession thickened as the path narrowed into a stone corridor, flanked by tall, ornate buildings. Walls of clipped hedgerows funnelled walkers forward toward a chiselled tunnel, cutting through the grand facade ahead. Steps led down into the bright, cool passage, where a violinist played beneath a ceiling of archways, his upturned hat quietly collecting coins. Walking past, our pilgrim took his final few steps as the square opened up before him, a vast plaza of pale stone, with the Santiago de Compostela wrapping around, enveloping, enclosing the pilgrim; an immense monument to the aches, prayers, and quiet hope that carried him here.

I stepped out of the tunnel and onto the square, idly clutching my Pepsi.

"Good stuff," I thought. "...Really need to sort out my car insurance."

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Is it a wasp, is it a beetle?
John Stubbs enlightens
 us in this month's article - a
Cryptic Creepy-crawly

By my reckoning, the common wasp, though cursed with a very bad rap, is one of the most mimicked bug styles around. Why should this be? Isn't it better to copy our more comely, popular friends than to dress up like a real nasty? Well, it seems that in the awful complicated field of animal mimicry, no, it's not so good. This eye-catching beetle, the four-banded longhorn, pretends to be a wasp, banking on the fact that in general, birds just don't put wasps on their menus. And lots of other insects have latched onto the same strategy: several other longhorn beetles, lots of hoverflies, some moths, even some bees play this card, having somehow worked out the various odds involved. For example if you, a tasty morsel, were to imitate a less common evil-tasting compatriot, the predators may not have experienced biting one. So they might well try you for lunch, to no bad effect for the predator, but not so favourable for the prey. Bit of a gamble, unless you know the local fauna census.

Another form of mimicry arises when a range of different un-palatable insects adopt a similar uniform: in this case the object is to reinforce the message 'don't mess with any of us, or you'll regret it'. They could each, presumably, have developed their own warning dress-code, but it must be quicker and more reliable to adopt the industry standard, as it were; in this case, bright yellow with black stripes. We humans also use it for workers needing to be conspicuous – and though it's also seen on politicians doing pretty safe on-site visits in a hard hat, it's not so clear how it helps on these occasions.

One of many problems with these tactics is that they assume the predator learns what's nasty, and remembers it well enough. But how does a predator identify prey types: visually, shape, size, colour, smell, or what? Is it good enough just to look a bit like a wasp, or is it better to go the whole hog – some moths are extremely difficult to distinguish from some wasps, the waist, wings and colours all conforming. So, could it be that one purpose of such mimicry is to avoid predation by wasps? These social insects are a formidable force, and predate large numbers of other insects – surely best



avoided by any insect that could be a potential meal? They naturally don't attack their own species; they don't have to learn not to eat their sisters, it's innate, hence one less hazard for the masquerader, if you're good enough at the deception.

Wasps are not the only insect with a bit of a bad name: longhorn beetles themselves have something of an image problem in some quarters. Their lifestyle is in most cases entirely benign; the eggs are laid in the cracks and holes of dead or dying wood, the grub on hatching then spends a couple of years or so tunnelling in the soft, decaying wood doing a grand job of re-cycling forest detritus. The adult beetle hatches, and then has just a few weeks to spend beetling around, as it were. The problem is that, as in other families, tastes vary, and some individuals hit the hard stuff: no-one minds soft, rotten wood being chewed, but if it's into the tougher, living or structural wood, it's not going to be at all popular. In fact, of the 70 odd species of longhorn in the UK, only a handful rate as pests: the occasionally visiting Asian longhorn is one of them, sometimes imported in the wooden

pallets used for garden stone from the far east. Though similar in shape to the waspy one in the photo, which appeared one afternoon from our woodpile, the Asian beetle is black with white spots. It's rare in this country but should be reported if found.

With increasing world-wide trade, the spread of alien species, to areas where normally evolved controls such as predators or specific diseases may be absent, is a very significant problem. In the US, the damage due to invasive wood-borer insects is reckoned to be hundreds of millions of dollars. But these little beetles spend their life either hidden deep inside the wood, or flying out and about. How can they be traced and controlled? One promising approach is with dogs trained to sniff them out: in tests they've been able to pick out the particular longhorn species, distinguishing their scents from native forms of longhorn quickly, reliably, and comparatively cheaply. That could be a very effective way of finding where pesticide should be used, rather than wholesale precautionary treatment: much cheaper and less damaging.

Bramley and Romans Floral Society

Our July demonstrator, Helen Temple, looked no further than her own family for the inspiration for the theme of her demonstration entitled 'My Family and those Animals'. Her household is probably a little unusual as her love of animals has led her to give a home to quite a menagerie of small animals over the years, due to her inability to refuse an unloved or homeless pet. The stories of how they came into her possession and how quickly some of them multiplied provided an endless supply of delightful tales, especially when combined with some of their more amusing antics.

As she described how she had acquired a number of Koi carp and her small garden pond was extended into a much larger one after accepting an unwanted fish, a vertical arrangement with a Japanese influence developed. A base of foliage, fatsia, choisia and phlomis seed heads, was extended vertically with a passion fruit vine which was interspersed with pink phalaenopsis orchids. Fans repeated the shape of trimmed trachycarpus palm leaves in the base.

Another of her arrangements also had a fishy theme as she talked about the family's aquarium. For this she used a mixed bunch from a supermarket,



which included protea, mini gerbera, and mini gladioli. This was perfect to depict the watery scene, and once again a demonstrator showed us what can be achieved with relatively inexpensive supermarket flowers.

Her colourful yellow and blue arrangement reflected the colours of her budgerigars. A few turned to many, over 30, as they settled very happily into their newly built aviary in her garden. Bright yellow sunflowers, surrounded by blue irises, stocks and pale yellow mini gladioli, featured in this parallel design with a base of variegated euonymus and osmanthus.



We were thoroughly entertained with these engaging stories, and wondered at the many different and varied subjects covered by our demonstrators when talking about flowers. Do come along on the first Thursday of the month to Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall at 1:30pm if you'd like to spend an afternoon with friendly company, entertained by talented and interesting NAFAS qualified demonstrators.

For more details visit our Facebook page or contact Dusty on 01256 881420 or email: TayMab1@aol.com



Debbie with Chris Packham

Good bye Debbie, we will miss you!

Bramley wildlife enthusiasts will miss Debbie Grey, who left this world earlier in August.

Debbie believed that we need to do everything we can to protect wildlife, however small the act. Her presence at and advocacy for local wildlife activities was nothing short of incredible. She was an active volunteer toad patroller on Cufau Lane and a passionate supporter of Wilder Bramley. Our local counsellors and politicians knew her well for always sticking up for what was right when it came to the natural world.

Her vision led to a small group kickstarting the mini meadow at Saint James' Church. In fact, the hay meadow was set up close to a bench erected in memory of her dear sister. As Debbie's own health deteriorated, she continued to take part in the group's efforts to scythe and rake the meadow. She would always find the energy to make a cup of tea for volunteers and offer words of encouragement.

Her commitment to nature sets an example for us all. When Debbie first learned of the Cufau Lane Toad Rescue Group (CLTRG) she knew she wanted to help out but was not very keen on touching toads or their tendency to hop. Pushing through her own fears, Debbie decided she could lend a hand helping out with road safety. Her first night out on patrol this plan was abandoned. The moment

she spotted a toad attempting to cross, Debbie immediately rushed to save them. Over the years she was involved with the group it was rare for her to miss out on the nightly patrol. She joyfully shared her toad rescue stories to motivate others, and her dedication continued on to the end. Her hard work and inclusive nature have played a huge part in the group's ability to organise. She has saved many toads, frogs, and newts from heavy traffic, with her most favoured rescue being a rather large female toad she fondly named the "Queen of Cufaude Lane".

Last summer, she got to meet one of her heroes, Chris Packham, another fierce advocate for nature. This was a proud moment for Debbie, and a memory she cherished dearly. When visited at St Michael's Hospice, Debbie was found reading Paul Sterry's book *The Biodiversity Gardener* (2023). Her own garden was a haven for wildlife. A colourful oasis, with an abundance of Gnomes (yes, you read that right) that she repainted each year before putting them out/storing them away in the colder months. From wizards, to unicorns, and fairies, her taste for garden ornaments was much like her spirit, joyful and unapologetic.

So, if you walk past the mini meadow in Saint James' why not pause and remember Debbie? If you drive down Cufaude Lane during toad migration season (February/March) why not slow down and take care in her honour? If her love for the natural world inspires you, perhaps join Wilder Bramley for a work party to protect wildlife and ensure her legacy lives on.

**Lucy from Cufaude Lane
Toad Rescue and Matt from
Wilder Bramley.**

Will the Steward of **Basing House** manage to stay out of the Civil War? Read the next instalment of **Jordan Rollinson's** historical fiction series to find out

John Paulet, fifth Marquess of Winchester, Steward of Basing House had resorted to his hunting lodge as a safe, low-profile shelter. He'd wanted to stay out of the war, minimised the area that his fingertips touched and hoped to not raise too large a target on himself and his household. With him in the lodge were a skeleton crew of staff and his immediate family; with so few numbers, all ate well from the winnings of the daily hunts. Two or more servants hauling back a deer, or large bird to later carve up and dish out were common sights. As was right, the Winchesters always took the crown of the available cuttings. Paulet had devoured his meal, slouched comfortably as his stomach worked. The servants had pulled away to their barrack, a single room in the lodge where they shared the floor in slumber. Likewise, his family were resting their eyes. Amber, pinkish light bled through the shuttings, the sunset's warm light stretching long shadows across the space. Paulet felt himself relax, sinking into his chair.

A twig snapped.

Paulet bolted up, immediately thankful that he hadn't lit any of the room's candles. Praying to not stir a creak, he slunk his way to the semi-shut window and peered through the parting in its curtains. With the sun set behind the dense foliage, it was impossible to see much of anything. Paulet's brain ran circles, rationalising the noise as no ambusher, but an emboldened stag looking to spread his territory.

Another *snap*.

Animals who lived as prey did not make the same mistake twice. Anxiety welling in his gut, Paulet silently hurried to the lodging of his servants. All were men, to better hunt. He didn't bother to knock. The door swung open, the hinges eerily silent, freshly greased.

"Ready yourselves," Paulet hissed, "we are found." Wordlessly, each man, five in total, weighted his hands with one of the six remaining muskets, all that was left of Winchester's arsenal. The rest were forced to be sold by Parliament's decree, rather than be in the possession of a Catholic. Taking his own firearm, Paulet readied its barrel. Without light, he missed the mouth and spilled powder over the floor. He thought to curse, but the presence outside welded his lips shut. Its ball went in without a hitch, the cold metal rattling down the shaft like a bucket down a well. By now, all but him had readied and primed their weapons, kneeling beneath the windows. He joined them.

Snaps popped off three times in rapid succession.

Whatever - whoever was outside were approaching loudly: perhaps they heard commotion from inside, perhaps they smelled blood. Nods were exchanged, and bodies rose. Paulet too raised his musket, levelled at the window's pane. His frontmost servant, Joshua, thrust his barrel through the glass, shattering it. His musket discharged, a scream sounded from outside. Four other fusils flashed, the light nearly blinding Paulet. He fired his own, praising God when the retreating footfalls faded.

Get set for food waste collections from October

Working with their waste collection contractor Serco, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will introduce food waste collections during the week beginning Monday 6 October, ahead of the Government's mandatory deadline of April 2026.

Food items including fruit and vegetable peelings, meat and fish and bones and shells, tea bags, eggshells, pet food and all uneaten food and plate scrapings will be recycled and turned into greener energy and fertiliser.

When the new service starts, residents will put out their food waste caddies each week on the same day their rubbish and recycling containers are collected, unless they are contacted separately to tell them otherwise.

All households will be provided with:

- one grey indoor caddy
- a roll of liners
- and an information leaflet to help them use the service.

Containers for outside the home:

- residents who have wheeled bins collected from the kerbside will also receive a green outdoor caddy
- those people with communal waste bins will be delivered a large, shared food waste bin separately.

Residents should contact the council if all of their immediate neighbours have received caddies and they are the only ones who have not.

For more information on food waste recycling in Basingstoke and Deane visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/food-waste

Mondays

<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>NHS Health Visitor</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pregnancy Yoga with Sam 6pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 5-6pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<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>Body Control Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bramley 0-5s 10am – 11.30 am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<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>NHS Health Visitor</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>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Thursdays

<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday 1.30 - 4.00pm</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bath Babies 10.30 & 11.30</i>	Village Hall
<i>Friendship Walks, 10.30</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Dance Vibes - adult fitness class 5.30-6.15pm</i>	Cross House
<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>WG Pilates 12-1pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Youth Club 5pm</i>	Brocas Hall

Saturdays

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

Sundays

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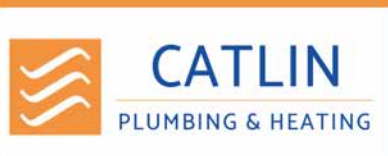
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