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This month we are looking back on the big events in November: Bonfire celebrations (p. 16, 17), the Remembrance Service at St James' (p. 9) and looking ahead to what's coming up in December. While we haven't seen the end of Covid-19, it's great that we can have something approaching a normal Christmas (provided we keep our windows open for 10 minutes in every hour as per Government guidance!). Reverend Ken Batt is reflecting on the meaning of Christmas on page 7, and one Bramley resident has already started getting into the Christmas spirit (p. 8).

Christmas of course, is a time of community, and I am reminded this month of what a lovely community Bramley is, from Clift Meadow Coffee Mornings (p. 8) to our wonderful schools & nurseries (p. 18 & 19), to Cherry Blossom Manor (p. 10 & p. 15), to the Bramley Show (p. 12). Of course, there is also the Community that makes this magazine possible. As this is the last magazine of the year, Rachel and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to the magazine - those who submit articles, Keith who organises the advertising, the deliverers and everyone else.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and we will see you in February.

Best Wishes
Georgie
Joint Editor

Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!

**Theodor Seuss Geisel,
How the Grinch Stole Christmas**



Remembrance Service – see page 9

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Church diary for December

5th	2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Matins & Holy Communion (BCP) – St James’s Church
12th	3rd Sunday of Advent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’s Church
18th	Saturday
5:00pm	Light in the Darkness Service – St James’s Church <i>For those who find Christmas difficult</i>
19th	4th Sunday of Advent
6:00pm	Carol Service – St James’s Church
24th	Christmas Eve
5:00pm	Crib Service – St Leonard’s Church Sherfield
11:00pm	Midnight Communion – St James’s Church
25th	Christmas Day
10:30	Family Communion – St James’s Church
26th	1st Sunday of Christmas
10:00	All Benefice Service – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall

Church diary for January

2nd	2nd Sunday of Christmas
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Matins (BCP) – St James’s Church
9th	1st Sunday of Epiphany
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’s Church
16th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Morning Worship – St James’s Church
23rd	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’s Church
30th	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
10:30	All Benefice Holy Communion – St James’s Church

... and into February

6th	4th Sunday before Lent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Matins (BCP) – St James’s
13th	3rd Sunday before Lent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’s
16th	2nd Sunday before Lent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Morning Worship – St James’s

From the Registers

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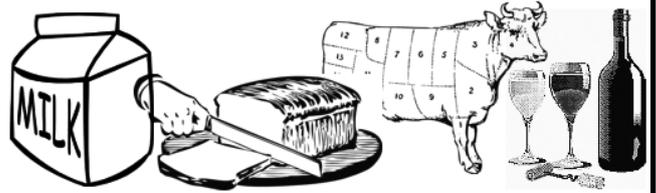
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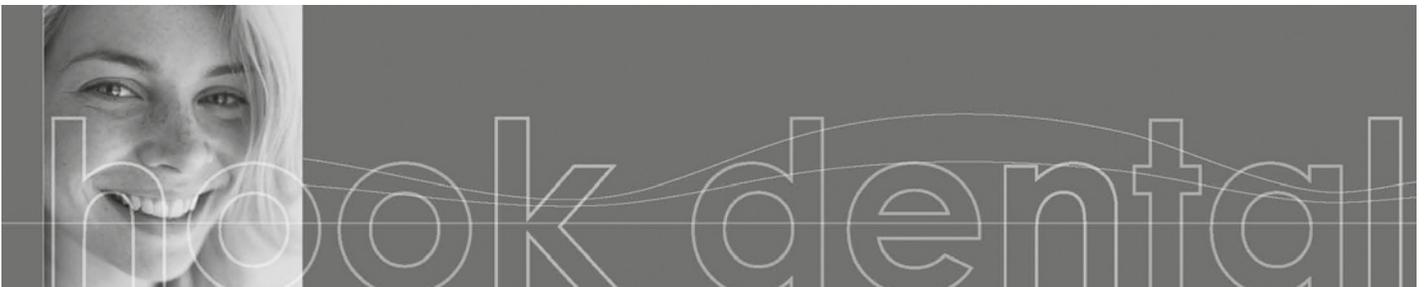
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In this month's On Reflection, **Ken Batt** shares fond memories of Christmas and what Christmas means to him this year...

Recently I have been reflecting on my childhood memories of Christmas. I was the youngest member of a family of seven squeezed into a three-bedroom house. During the 1940s, times were hard in Post-war Britain. It was a time of austerity, complete with ration books. No panic buying was allowed but somehow, we managed to survive on what little we had. Christmas was always a great family occasion.

After lunch we all gathered round the upright piano to sing carols. I used to watch my brothers and sisters roasting chestnuts on an open fire. And, of course, hanging my stocking on the bedpost overnight! The house was always beautifully decorated and transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour, supported by drawing pins all over the ceiling.

A popular Christmas song states that "Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year" and for many people it is, but not all. For some it can be the most stressful. It is often loaded with expectations that prove difficult, if not impossible, to achieve. It can be overtaken by grief and loneliness, homelessness, and disillusionment with life. My heart goes out particularly to those who have mourned the loss of a dear and precious loved one during this year.

Preparations will now become even more intense as the festive season



Rev'd Kenneth Batt

approaches, perhaps accompanied by a feeling of panic that we might even run out of time.

In the Church calendar, Christmas is preceded by the four weeks of Advent. The heart of its message is the coming of Jesus, not only in lowly birth in a stable at Bethlehem, but also his second coming in power and glory to draw all people to Himself. What a day that promises to be!

I have my advent calendar to participate in the daily ritual of opening the windows numbered 1-24. I have also bought myself a book for Advent written by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York and former Bishop of Reading, entitled "Let It Slow".

In the words of another popular Christmas song, "it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas", with so much to look forward to this month; school nativity plays; church Christingle, Crib and Carol services; and Carol singers in the supermarkets. It is all so exciting! I can hardly wait to pull a cracker, put on my party hat, share the

cracker joke around the table and, most importantly, tell my family how much I love them.

Many years ago, during one of my weekly visits to a primary school for Collective Worship, the children introduced me to a Christmas Song. Over 200 hundred young people filling the school hall with their beautiful singing of:

"Christmas isn't Christmas till it happens in your heart;

Somewhere deep inside you is where Christmas really starts;

So give your heart to Jesus, you'll discover when you do;

That it's Christmas, really Christmas for me and you.

Jesus brings warmth like a winter fire; A light like a candle's glow;

He is waiting now to come inside as He did so long ago;

Jesus brings gifts of truth and life and makes them bloom and grow;

So, welcome him with a song of joy and when He comes;

You'll know that Christmas is really Christmas;

When it happens in your heart

If these words become a reality in your life, as they did in mine, it will surely be the most precious gift you have ever received.

I wish you a Christmas full of joy, comfort, peace and love, and a happy and prosperous New Year. Good luck with any resolutions you make and be encouraged! If, at first you don't succeed; just try and try again!

Reverend Ken Batt

Services at our neighbouring churches

Sunday 5th December (2nd Sunday of Advent)

10.00am Christingle & Toy Service Sherfield Park CommCentre
10.00am Family Service St Mary's Stratfield Saye
6.30pm Evensong St Mary's Hartley Wespall

Friday 10th December

4.30pm Messy Church Sherfield Park CommCentre

Sunday 12th December (3rd Sunday of Advent)

10.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's & Online
5.30pm Carol Service St Mary's Hartley Wespall

Sunday 19th December (4th Sunday of Advent)

10.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's & Online
7.00pm Carol Service St Leonard's & Online

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

5.00pm Crib Service St Leonard's & Online
11.00pm Midnight Communion St Leonard's & Online

Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)

10.00am Family Service St Leonard's & Online

10.00am Family Service St Mary's Hartley Wespall

10.00am Family Communion St Mary's Stratfield Saye

Sunday 26th December (1st Sunday after Christmas)

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion St Mary's Hartley Wespall

Sunday 2nd January (2nd Sunday after Christmas)

10.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's & Online
6.30pm Evensong St Mary's Hartley Wespall

Sunday 9th January (1st Sunday of Epiphany)

10.00am Morning Worship St Leonard's & Online

Friday 14th January

4.30pm Messy Church Sherfield Park CommCentre

Sunday 16th January (2nd Sunday of Epiphany)

10.00am Holy Communion St Leonard's & Online
6.30pm Evensong St Mary's Hartley Wespall

Sunday 23rd January (3rd Sunday of Epiphany)

10.00am Together in Worship St Leonard's & Online

Sunday 30th January (4th Sunday of Epiphany)

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion St James's Bramley



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An unexpected act of kindness

Christmas is a time of giving, as one Bramley resident explains below.

Most of us have our preferred charities. Mine is May Place, the Homeless Centre for 20 men and women.

For several years now I have prepared 20 Christmas goodie bags, and this year I was wondering whether to continue. I phoned to ask if they would like a money donation instead and the answer was an emphatic 'No'. The goodie bags were much preferred and greatly appreciated on Christmas morning.

The gift bags typically contain a pair of gloves or socks, sweet and savoury snacks, a can of juice and a mug. Most of these items are easily sourced, except for 20 mugs!

I needed to deliver a bag to a local charity shop and spied a whole rack of mugs ranging from 20p to £1! The shop was empty, so I asked the Assistants if they wouldn't mind wrapping up a selection. They were naturally curious as to why I wanted them, so I told them the reason. They then asked what else I needed for the bags and I said gloves or socks. Whilst one Assistant wrapped the mugs, the other one looked at the new socks. There then followed a quiet private discussion between the two assistants and the outcome was one lady wanted to pay for the mugs and the other lady wanted to pay for the socks.

I left the shop with 15 mugs, 10 pairs of thermal socks and tears in my eyes.

I intended to support their charity and in turn they supported mine!

Thank you, Ethel and Pauline, for your kindness and generosity. Happy Christmas.



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November is the month of **Remembrance**. A Service was held on Sunday 14th November at **St James' Church**

This year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 14th November 2021 was led by Reverend Karen West and it was a start of a return to normality post Covid. The Branch Vice Chairman Rhydian Vaughan read the Exhortation during the Act of Remembrance and I, as Branch Treasurer, read the Kohima Epitaph just before the end of the service. I will try below to recognise those who helped to make this service a reality.

Firstly a big thank you to Andy and Beth Pinnock for managing the Broadcast of the live service from the Church, into Cross House and on Zoom. Another thank you to the Bramley Bell Ringers for ringing the bells half muffled before the service. Thank you to Generations for their rendition of *Flanders Fields* before the service and *Jesu lover of my soul (Aberystwyth)* during the service. Thanks to Mark Turner for playing the organ and Reverend Karen West for leading the service. Finally a big thank you to those who laid wreaths in the church, to Eileen Gulston for reading *In Flanders Field*, to Pam & Michael Luck for putting up the Poppy Curtain, and to Selina Day, Sophia Barclay-Smith and Reuben Tarr from the Bramley Scouts for reading the Bramley Roll of Honour. There were many more people deserving of thanks for the day, including the Bramley Scouts and Cubs, plus all those who attended and those who dialled into the service on Zoom.

Finally, a very big thank you to everyone who helped in some way to Remember those service men and women who gave their lives in the service of their country.

Steve Day

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From left to right: Reverend Karen West, Rhydian Vaughan MBE, Sam from Bramley Scouts, Tony Evans, Steve Day, Wg Cdr Tom Carter, Michael Luck.



The garden at **Cherry Blossom Manor** in Bramley has beaten all the competition to be crowned **National Garden of the Year** in the Barchester Care Awards 2021

The Barchester Care Awards celebrate the staff who go the extra mile for the benefit of the 12,000 residents living in Barchester’s 248 care homes and private hospitals across the country. Categories range from ‘Registered Nurse of the Year’ and ‘Carer of the Year’ to ‘Dementia Care Champion’ and ‘Activities Coordinator of the Year’.

More than 2,900 nominations were received from homes and hospitals across the UK. All entries were a very high standard and Gigi Despojo (Home Manager) is over the moon to have the home named the national winner, beating hundreds of other nominees to the coveted title.

Gigi said: ‘This is a team effort involving the maintenance team, staff and residents, I am so proud that Cherry Blossom has achieved this award.’

The garden’s win was announced at a special national award ceremony which took place on 13th October 2021 to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Barchester’s many exemplary staff members who have all witnessed first-hand the hardest 18 months in the history of social care.

We’re making our homes as safe as possible and will ensure that all new residents and staff are vaccinated before moving in or working in our homes. Please do give us a call on 01256 886436 if you are looking for care or need any further help.



Cherry Blossom Manor Nursing Home is run by Barchester Healthcare, one of the UK’s largest care providers, which is committed to delivering high-quality care across its care homes and hospitals. Cherry Blossom provides nursing care, residential care, respite care and dementia care.

For more information please contact Gigi Despojo General Manager at Cherry Blossom Manor on 01256 886436 or email cherryblossom@barchester.com



Update from Bramley Parish Council

Bramley Parish Council would like to give a big thank you to both Clift Meadow Trust and Bramley School Association for organising such a fantastic firework display on 5th November. With lots of added attractions in the school grounds, it was good to get the village together again and celebrate Guy Fawkes Night in style.

Clift Meadow Path – the Parish Council continues to liaise with Persimmon and Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council on the outstanding issues at Clift Meadow linked to the building work. There has finally been some work on the path to try and alleviate the flooding issue – time will tell as to how successful this is. Members of the PC will be meeting with the developer and Borough Council officers towards the end of the month to get the other issues resolved.

St James Park Allotments – again, the PC is continuing to liaise with Persimmon about the St James Park allotments; unfortunately, the lease agreement has still not been finalised, and the site is not in a state where the Parish Council could take it over.

New family and affordable homes at Stocks Farm - hopefully you will have received the details for the above development at Stocks Farm from Wates Development and returned the “Have your say” sheet. Bramley Parish Council will keep residents updated about any formal planning application that may be submitted as and when it appears. This will be via the website at www.bramley-pc.gov.uk.

Bramley Garage and Bakery development - a public consultation was held on 18th November to view the proposals for the above development at The Bakery/ Mechanix. Again, Bramley Parish Council will keep residents informed about any planning application submitted and the date of any relevant planning meeting.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee - 2022 is The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee year and preparations are in full swing to enable the village to come together and celebrate this momentous occasion with the lighting of the beacon at Clift Meadow on 2nd June 2022. Full details will follow nearer to the day.

December meetings of the Parish Council are as follows:

- Planning Committee on 14th December
- Full Council Meeting on 21st December

January 2022 meetings are scheduled for:

- Planning Committee on 11th January
- Full Council Meeting on 18th January

Finally, Bramley Parish Council wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Cllr Liz Capel

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Nurse appointments

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NEWS FROM THE BRAMLEY SHOW

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Perhaps one of the most enjoyable experiences of a visit to the Bramley Show is seeing the amazing photographs and artworks submitted by the talented people of Bramley village and the surrounding areas.

We know the August show may seem a long way off, but we want to give people plenty of time to create those wonderful works of art or take that once in a lifetime photograph. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that the themes for the 2022 Art and Photography classes are now available and are listed below. They are also available to view on our website.

As in previous years, there are four Art and five Photographic topics to choose from. You can enter as many of them you wish. Some subjects have deliberately been chosen to challenge the imagination. Every year we are delighted with the inventive and often humorous interpretations people bring to these categories.

ART

1. A Ruin
2. Machinery
3. A Seascape
4. Open Class (A subject of your own choosing)

PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Signs of the Zodiac
2. A walk in the woods
3. Bridges
4. The Changing Climate
5. Doors

We hope these topics get you thinking, but if you need a little help deciding how to select your subjects then please visit our website, www.bramleyshow.org.uk where we have listed several ideas on how you could possibly interpret them. But ultimately, when choosing your subject, think about what appeals to you.

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So now its time to dust off your paint brushes and remember, keep that camera or smartphone with you when you are out and about. You never know when that perfect opportunity for a great photo will arise.

Looking forward to seeing all our creative residents at the Bramley Show next summer!

Bramley Lunch Club



Our venue for October was Henry Street Garden Centre, with a display of witches, spiders and pumpkins for Halloween. There was also a large area for everything needed for Christmas: assorted trees, wreaths, and decorations of every description. The displays were excellent - definitely well worth a visit. After a browse around, we had lunch, then made a few purchases for Christmas and also some plants.

In November we had a trip to Avenue Nursery in Lasham. It was bright sunshine on the journey there, and it was lovely to see all the autumn colours on the way. An enjoyable lunch was followed by the purchase of plants, clothes from Edinburgh Wool and books from The Works. It was lovely to meet with friends, enjoy lunch, catch up with all their latest news, and even the drizzle on the way home did not spoil the day!

We are looking forward to Christmas lunch in December at The Elm Tree, Beech Hill.

'Happy Birthday' to Jenny and Sandra, who both have birthdays in December, and we would like to say, 'Happy Christmas' and a 'Healthy New Year' to everyone.

Freda Clark

BRAMLEY WI

This month we had a speaker called Deborah Wheeler who works for museums around Hampshire. The subject was 'Mend and Make do'. Deborah dressed up in 40s clothes and spoke to us as through we were a WI in the 40s with all the rationing and coupons etc.!

We had to call her Mrs Stacy from the Ministry of Food and she showed us how to make our coupons last, make our legs brown with gravy powder mix and how to undo an old jumper to make a new one. I can remember when my Mum used to get me to hold my hands out so she could wind the wool as this was still going on into the 50s! The speaker also showed us lots of make-up and hair ideas and really made us feel that we were still in that era. It was a very entertaining evening indeed.

A number of us had a walk this month followed by a pub lunch, and a few WI members have been selling poppies.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party in December when we have a very funny speaker. We are also going to plant our tree in Clift Meadow in December so fingers crossed it will be dry.

Jane Matthews

Nine hundred years after it was built, St James’s Church got Wi-Fi, as Rachel Barclay Smith explains

Strangely enough, when St James’s Church was built in the 12th century, the architects didn’t factor in the need for broadband. Fast forward about 850 years, and the need to live-stream services during the pandemic highlighted just how much the church needed a good-quality internet connection.

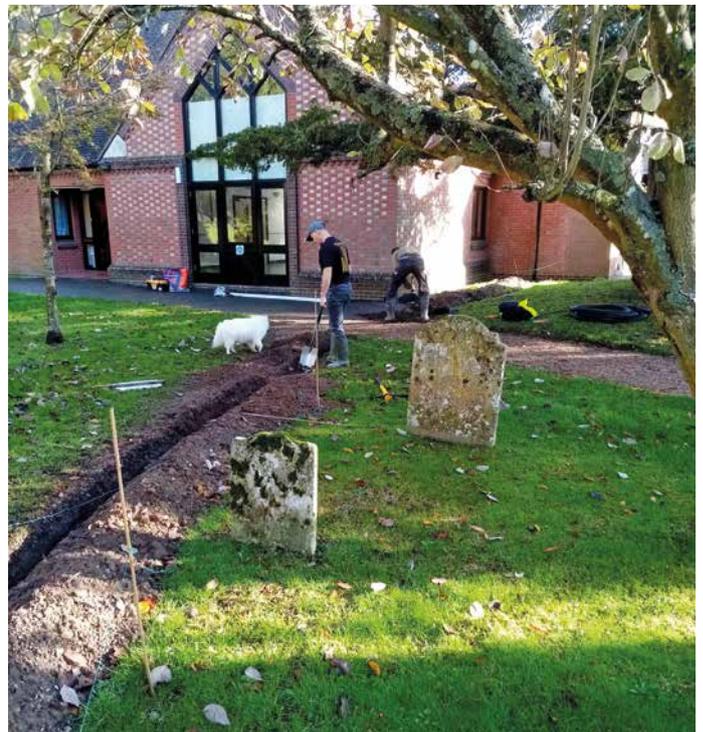
The obvious solution was to extend the existing Cross House network into the church. Initially, we did this by trailing an internet cable from the router in Cross House and draping it over some conveniently placed trees in the churchyard. This was a time-consuming process as well as being a health and safety nightmare!

A permanent solution was needed and after some extremely helpful advice from Andy Pinnock, a member of our congregation and IT expert, we decided to install a solid cable link in a trench between the two buildings.

Of course, you can’t just drill holes and dig trenches around historic churches without getting architect’s reports and consent from the Diocese of Winchester. Eventually we got the go-ahead, and Malcolm Knowles, one of our churchwardens, started digging the duct route for the cable, making sure he didn’t encroach on any marked graves. It got more complicated when he got to the concrete path. He couldn’t use machinery or pneumatic tools because of the risk of disturbing human remains. Instead, the trench had to be dug with good old-fashioned pick axes and spades. A plea was made for volunteers and on a sunny Monday morning five helpers arrived to complete the job. Here you can see Andy Pinnock with his dad John, Harry Clarke and Julian Boulter. Dave Knight was there too – behind the camera!

A hardwired Cat 6 broadband cable was laid in the trench and the trench was re-filled. As a result, the church now has transfer speeds of up to 1Gbps and we can share live events across the buildings in real time, without relying on internet streaming. The first test of the new system was on Remembrance Sunday when we live streamed the service and broadcast it in Cross House.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with this project.



Seasons Greetings from the Bramley Village Hub

www.bramleyvillagehub.com

We wish you all a healthy and happy time to close the year and welcome 2022.

There are plans for next year, including a Jubilee event in June, with a new piece of art. The Scarecrows will return for a royal occasion and the Village Garden has been planted with bulbs for Spring colour (let’s hope the moles don’t think the bulbs are tasty treats!). We look forward to telling you more about our plans as they unfold.

If there is anything you would like to see added to the Village Hub website please email: Info@bramleyvillagehub.com



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Bramley & Romans Floral Society

The society met Mrs Carolyn Vanstone, our Demonstrator, for the first time on 7th October 2021 and were treated to a really unique and entertaining afternoon. The demonstration was called “Women of Influence”, including Florence

Nightingale, Mother Theresa, Laura Ashley, and finishing with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Throughout the demonstration, Carolyn gave us really interesting and factual tales about the lives of her influential women, and seemed to enjoy demonstrating as much as we did watching it.



Florence Nightingale



Mother Theresa



Laura Ashley



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We had a break for drinks and homemade cake after the first three arrangements, and ended the meeting with our usual raffle of the arrangements. Our meetings will continue to be in Sherfield on Loddon village hall at 1.30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. We look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

Upcoming Event

Thursday 2nd December – Feels Like Christmas demonstration with afternoon tea

*Please note this event is by ticket only. For availability, please contact Dusty Taylor on 01256 881420

Eileen Gulston

Traffic Calming Survey for Bramley

In March of this year, Bramley Speed Watch conducted a survey on traffic calming in Bramley to understand what you, the residents, would like to see done about reducing the speed of traffic traveling through our village. We are very grateful to all of you who completed the survey as this information is valuable insight and will help assist Hampshire County Council, who are responsible for road infrastructure, Hampshire Constabulary who are responsible for law enforcement on the roads and Bramley Parish Council to assist and advise in the implementation of any outcomes or actions required from the survey.

Total number of surveys returned: 337

Q1. We asked ‘Is there a speed problem in Bramley?’

Result: 85% thought there was a speeding issue in Bramley.

Q2. We also asked you to identify what roads were a particular problem?

Result: The C32 running through the village, Campbell Rd and German Rd are the most named roads where speeding is seen as an issue.

Q3. What would you like to see to reduce speeding in the village?

Enhanced village gateways • Painted 30 MPH signs on the road • Speed Cameras • Increased Police presence • Personalising the area • Rumble strips • Chicanes • Pinch points • Road narrowing • Road humps • Creating white edge lines to narrow the road • Cattle grids (with bridal gates)

Result: The following four items attracted the most votes.

Enhanced village gateways and personalising the entry and exit points • Painted 30 mph signs on the road • Fixed Speed cameras • Increased police presence

**Bramley Speed Watch Group have limited influence with the Police regarding an increased presence or the deployment of fixed speed cameras. Hampshire Police, at this point in time, have not approved the use of unmanned technology. This, however, is currently under discussion.

Conclusion:

- 1) 85% consider there is a speeding problem in Bramley
- 2) The Main C32 going through the village, Campbell Rd and German Rd are the roads most identified for speeding issues
- 3) There were 4 main ideas for reducing speeding in Bramley

The results and recommendations that you have asked for by completing the survey have been passed onto:

- Hampshire County Council
- Bramley Parish Council
- Hampshire Police

We would like to thank everyone who completed the survey with a big thank you to Maxta from The Parish Council for all her help in the production, delivery and compiling of data for the survey.

Bramley Speed Watch will keep you informed in the event of any actions being taken from this survey.

On behalf of **Bramley Speed Watch Group**

Your Community Group campaigning for safer roads in Bramley.

The Bramley School Association and Clift Meadow Trust held their annual fireworks evening on Friday 5th November.

It was a sell out evening and very busy on the playground. We had the pleasure of Smokin' Street Food selling delicious pizzas, the Bramley Bakery serving up some amazing hot dogs and burgers plus lots of sweet treat stalls, including Bramley's own Blundell Bakes.

The glow toys and bar proved to be extremely popular as we sold out on both of these stalls. Lots of children enjoyed having their faces painted and dancing to the disco.

The firework display went off with a bang as the award winning Phase One Fireworks delivered a phenomenal display as usual.

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped on the night, everyone that attended and the Bramley Parish Council and Sherfield on Loddon Parish Council for their financial support.

Pictures by the talented Bramley based photographer; Elza Cooper (www.ellieandrose.co.uk)

Kind regards,

Christine Delve (BSA) and Jo Kemp-Williams (CMT)





**REMEMBER, REMEMBER
THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER**

Staff and residents at Cherry Blossom Manor in Bramley celebrated Bonfire Night with a bang this November 5th when they wrapped up warm to gather around to watch a fantastic firework display and enjoy lots of seasonal treats washed down with some mulled wine.

The residents enjoyed traditional bonfire night treats, including jacket potatoes, toffee apples, treacle toffee beautifully prepared by the head chef Angel.

Bonfire Night commemorates the foiling of the Gunpowder Plot when 14 individuals tried to blow up the House of Lords during the state opening of Parliament on November 5th 1605. Staff and residents made a traditional Guy to burn on the bonfire while the fireworks lit up the night sky.

Amanda Crowden, a resident at Cherry Blossom, said: "I have always loved Bonfire Night, it's so lovely to celebrate these traditions all together. The fireworks bring back so many memories of Bonfire Nights through the years, these times are so special."

Gigi Despojo General Manager at Cherry Blossom, said: "We had a fantastic time preparing for our event, our residents love to keep these traditions and reminisce about years gone by. We had a great sing-a-long around a Virtual bonfire drinking our mulled wine and hot chocolate, waving our sparklers in various patterns, it's been a brilliant evening."

Our varied life enrichment programme keeps residents active, and provides a daily choice of engaging physical, mental and spiritual activities tailored to residents' interests and abilities.

We're making our homes as safe as possible and will ensure that all new residents and staff are vaccinated before moving in or working in our homes. Please do give us a call on 01256 886436 if you are looking for care or need any further help.

Cherry Blossom Manor is run by Barchester Healthcare, one of the UK's largest care providers, which is committed to delivering high-quality care across its care homes and hospitals. Cherry Blossom provides nursing care, residential care, respite care.

For more information please contact Gigi Despojo, General Manager at Cherry Blossom on 01256 886436 or Cherryblossom@barchester.com



The children at **Bramley C of E Primary School** have been enjoying many new aspects to their physical education over the last few months.

We are committed to supporting children in enjoying a wide range of activities within school, developing their personal fitness and encouraging them to want to be fit for life.

Real P.E.

During the summer term, we introduced a new P.E. scheme to the school. We wanted to take the focus away from learning different sports to working on basic skills and whole-body fitness. We believe that working with the children from a young age to develop the fundamentals of P.E. - coordination, balance, agility - will help them to have success in sports.

Our lessons now involve lots more mini games that support the development of skills and hopefully boost children's enjoyment of PE. We want the children to enjoy using their bodies in different ways, to enjoy challenging themselves physically and to enjoy working collaboratively with a range of people.

There is a lot to learn in the new way of Real P.E. and we are excited to continue to develop our practice to ensure that all of our children experience a high-quality P.E. curriculum.

Netball and Basketball Hoops

In our continued drive to improve activity levels at break and lunchtimes, we have installed permanent netball and basketball hoops on the playground. So many children love trying to improve their shots and dodging their friends to get closer to the hoop. They are also a valuable addition to basketball lessons in year 4 and netball lessons in year 5.

The district netball league starts in November, and we are looking forward to welcoming other schools' teams to play with our new equipment in competitive fixtures.

Running Track

Our biggest addition is our new running track. Over the summer holidays, the rubber track around the outskirts of the playing field was installed. The children enjoy the track as part of their play times and their PE sessions, in addition to running a mile as a class several times a week.



It is great to see them pushing themselves by being able to run for longer or complete faster laps. We not only see it as a valuable part of their physical exercise but also time spent in the fresh air and brain breaks will boost their learning too. We are also lucky to have a running coach within our local community who manages our running club each week.

Each term, we host a Mile Run Day where the children try to run as many laps as they can in 20 minutes. At the end of October, several children across the school ran over two miles in the allotted time.

During days like this, we see our school values of Love, Respect and Courage shining through: encouraging and supporting each other, pushing themselves to keep going when it gets tough and celebrating each other's achievements.

We look forward to sharing more of our developments and sporting successes throughout the year.

The Priory Primary School

As the Priory Primary school gets into the festive season, we begin to look forward to all the wonderful Christmas themed events that will be occurring this year. With the ongoing Covid concerns, we are doing things a little differently this year - but nothing will stop the fun!

The excitement begins on 19th November as the school welcomes M&M productions who will be performing Snow White in the school hall. A fabulous panto will get everybody in the Christmas mood. Oh no it won't... Oh yes it will.

In December the classes will be holding a winter assembly in the Priory Church. Reverend Daniel Newman will be hosting the assemblies which will include scenes from the nativity, Christmas carols, poem readings and the odd Christmas joke. Which reminds me:

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet of course!

Like many schools, the Winter Fair at The Priory will not be the usual community event of pre-COVID times. However, this year the PTA are helping keep the festive spirit for our pupils by arranging instead a Christmas party for all of the children. This after-school event will include a Christmas disco, a Christmas present factory and of course the Christmas grotto where we are expecting a visit from Mr Claus himself. All of the funds raised from this event will be going back to the PTA who this year are looking to raise money to promote the outdoor areas of the school - including the large rear playground.

A final exciting event this year is also focused on raising funds for the PTA. Each year the children take part in the Enterprise Cup - a fundraising competition where every class will be given an initial cash investment, which they will use to purchase the materials needed to make Christmas themed



items. These items are then mass produced and sold via the school's PTA website <https://www.priorypta.co.uk>. The class that raises the most profits wins the prestigious Enterprise Cup. Last year, our previous Y6 class won the cup with their exclusive hot chocolate range. Yum! This year we are expecting an even wider range of items to be sold from ornaments, to festive food, to luxury dog treats! We will let you all know how the children do and which class were the winners in the February edition of the Bramley magazine.

So, from everybody at The Priory - we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy 2022.

Butter Daisy Nursery

At Butter Daisy Nursery, we have been busy introducing our new curriculum to our families and children this month.



The curriculum is based on the team celebrating the children's uniqueness, independence and developing their skills for their future, with projects and themes that evolve from the spark of a child's interest, whether this be castles and knights, insects and mini beasts or cooking and baking.

This has led us to have a very fun, engaging and stimulating November. Focusing on heritage and traditional values, we all enjoyed a whole week of

learning about light as it was Diwali and firework night on the same week.

Babies received some new toys; including a moon and stars



projector which has had a very calming effect on all of them. Babies also explored a firework sensory tray, which was a big hit! To prepare the toddlers for the big firework display that was happening in Bramley, they made firework pictures and investigated sounds that fireworks make – whizz and bang.

Our Pre-Schoolers discovered that the sun does not really go down at night and used torches to observe how light shines at different times of day and night. They also made Diwali candles to take home, so they got to share the celebration with their families.

We are looking forward to planning our Christmas fun activities next month which will include a Christmas jumper day and a Festive Party as well as decorating the nursery and making some decorations to display.

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



Little Apples of Bramley

There seems to be so much to celebrate at this time of year. Over half term, lots of the Little Apples enjoyed Halloween and loved dressing up and heading out Trick or Treating. At Little Apples we explored the textures, colours and smells of various pumpkins and squashes and added our own slimy concoctions to make some great potions.



Bonfire night and Diwali gave us more opportunities to explore colours and storytelling and we made some great crafts, creating with a variety of media. The children have also loved playing in the fallen leaves in our garden, running and jumping and throwing the leaves while enjoying some healthy fresh air.



We used fingerprints to make beautiful poppy paintings for Remembrance while the children learned about people who help us and keep us safe. Our role play area was a police

office and fire station. Dressing up to act out their roles was great fun for the children who enjoyed using their imagination to think up stories for the rescues they carried out.

As the weather gets colder, the children will be learning about ice and polar animals. The process of freezing and melting provides lots of learning opportunities and chances for problem-solving. We will also have a Scottish themed week for St. Andrew's Day. The Little Apples staff are hoping this will feature lots of Suzie's famous Scottish shortbread!

For Christmas this year, we are hopeful that we will be able to stage our little Nativity play again, after the restrictions of last year prevented this. Parents always love seeing their little ones in their costumes, hopefully singing their hearts out. (We can't guarantee this, of course!) There will also be a Christmas Party for all our Little Apples and a visit from Father Christmas to look forward to.

These are the celebrations and activities which will take us to the end of 2021, it has certainly whizzed by.

If you would like more information about Little Apples or want to register a child, please contact Jo on 07598 588460 or email manager@littleapples.org. Website www.littleapples.org.

Training Day at Local Centre for the Homeless

Volunteers and Staff at the Camrose Centre for the Homeless recently enjoyed a training day supported by the Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council's Social Inclusion Partnership team.

Policy Officer, Jane Rawlins-Mateus led an extensive session on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion as it applies to working with homeless and vulnerable clients.

In the afternoon, the Head of Housing and Social Inclusion, Kate Randall with Social Inclusion Manager, Keith Sutcliffe, spoke about the Council's plans for dealing with homelessness in the borough, both for the forthcoming winter and in the longer term.

There were also discussions on Autism Awareness, and plans for The Camrose as it prepares to open on Sundays. Sandwiches for lunch were kindly donated by Morrisons.



Members of the Camrose Team along with Kate, Jane and Keith, front and centre. ©ActiveShot

The Camrose Centre for the Homeless receives special award from High Sheriff

Staff and volunteers at The Camrose Centre were thrilled to receive special recognition of their work from the Hampshire High Sheriff recently. The High Sheriff of Hampshire Awards honours local volunteers, organisations and public servants that go beyond the call of duty in their daily activities.

The Awards are presented annually to recognise the inspirational work of Hampshire based individuals and organisations. Recipients this year were presented with a certificate thanking them for their significant contribution to society and for their role in enhancing safety and cohesion across local communities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Reverend Sue Colman, High Sheriff of Hampshire 2020 visited The Camrose Centre to present their Award, received by Jan Patterson, a volunteer who has been with The Camrose since it opened in 2008, alongside other Camrose staff and volunteers.



Kickboxing Club

The students from Bramley and other club branches met up in the brand new Shaolin Tigers martial arts academy in Reading to have their knowledge, physical ability and mental strength tested and judged by veteran martial artists, one of which is a former world champion kickboxer!

I'm pleased to say everyone present from the Bramley class passed their yellow belt grade with flying colours!

One Bramley class member, Mark Wynn, even managed to succeed in earning both his yellow and blue belt in a "double grading".

I have been with the club for over ten years and have progressed through the grading system to the level of black belt and have had 9 fights to date. I have also travelled to Thailand where I trained at Rawai Muay Thai.

Training at Shaolin Tigers, with club founder Sifu Frank Bowen-Aquilina, has had a profoundly positive effect on my confidence, physical and mental health, and I think it is only right to share that with as many people as I can!

The club has classes 7 days a week at various gyms. The Bramley class is on a Monday night at Broccas Hall. The Juniors class is from 6 – 7 p.m. and the adult class is from 7 - 8 p.m.

Leigh Bushnell



Whitchurch Silk Mill

There are lots of events this month at Whitchurch Silk Mill as their events programme gets back to normal:

Current Exhibition: Made in the Hood, until 9 January 2022

Made in the Hood is a group of artists and craftspeople based around north Hampshire. Their exhibition will showcase work including painted silk and silk papercraft, bobbin wire lace, fused and stained glass, ceramics, paintings, jewellery and textiles.

The Weavers Arms, Friday 10 December

The Weavers' Arms pop-up pub is open for one night only, on the banks of the River Test as part of our Christmas at the Mill programme. Open 6pm to 10pm, with a pub quiz, bar and snacks. The quiz starts at 7pm, with £10 per team to enter the quiz (up to 6 people).

Baby & Children's Preloved and Gift Sale Saturday 11 December 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Sellers, this is your chance to have a declutter before Christmas, so book your place. Any questions, please email lisa.gale@whitchurchsilkmill.org.

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Our Christmas and New Year Holiday Opening Hours

- Friday 24 December: Mill closed but café and shop open 10.30am to 1pm
- Saturday 25 December to Monday 27 December: closed
- Tuesday 28 December to Friday 31 December: open as usual – 10.30am to 5pm
- Saturday 1 January: closed
- Sunday 2 January: normal opening hours

Winter Lights 2022

Our weavers are working on a new design by Peter Pilgrim (who designed our very popular 'Neon' silk) and Annette Poulton. This silk will be used to create a range of merchandise that will be available at the Winter Lights 2022 event, running from 28 January to 6 February, every day until 9pm. Our similar event in 2020 attracted a huge number of visitors and we're anticipating the same excitement,

so are working hard to recruit many hands to help us. If you or a group you belong to think you could lend a hand in return for free admission please contact Laney Thorpe (see contact details below).

Waterwheel Update

Good progress has been made, including work on the 'governor', a device that regulates the amount of water turning the wheel. It hasn't been in operation for many years and has been taken offsite to restore, as the process of removing rust is long and complex. When the governor returns it will allow us to focus on weaving and running the Mill rather than constantly adjusting the water level manually according to how the Test is flowing.

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Going Places

How do you find your way to a new place these days? Many years ago, as a teenager, one of my favourite books was the A-Z of London. I just liked looking at maps. As I got older, and needed to find places that I had never been to before, I would look at the map, try and remember the last few turns, then set off in my car. The trusty A-Z had an index of street names, with a page number and a particular square in which the street could be found. Squares are important in navigation, as we shall see shortly.

As the years went on, I bought my first 'satellite navigation system'. People soon got tired of the long name and so the word 'satnav' entered the dictionary. A little thing that you stuck to the windscreen, and which worked from the post code. This was fine, if the post code of the organisation you were visiting was actually the physical location. My IBM office in Basingstoke, adjacent to the station, had a PO Box number and a post code. I had to tell prospective visitors not to use the post code in a sat nav. They often did not listen, and more than once I received

a phone call from a confused person now standing outside the Royal Mail sorting office in Priestley Road. If only they had followed my instruction that we were 'next to the station'. Sometimes the old ways are best.

Another defect of the satnav was the blind (almost literally) obedience of drivers to directions, with vehicles ending up in precarious situations by blindly following instructions. You may remember, a few years back, that a car went straight across at the staggered crossroads in Sherfield and through the fence of what was then the old Post Office. The driver had been told 'go straight on' - so they did. Admittedly it was in the dark...

Now there is a 'new kid on the block' in the field of navigation. It is called What Three Words. Using the same principles as satnav systems, it divides the surface of the whole world, including the oceans, into three metre squares. Each square is given a name made up of three 'random' word. There are 57 trillion of these squares in the world and all the combinations of available words give 64 trillion possibilities. People can hold a three-

word phrase in their head much more easily than a string of letters and numbers. It is that simple.

I find it fascinating. I have a relative who lives in a very rural part of North Devon. Our first journey there was made easier by the use of W3W, which could take us to the driveway of the house. Satnav merely took us to the village, more like a hamlet.

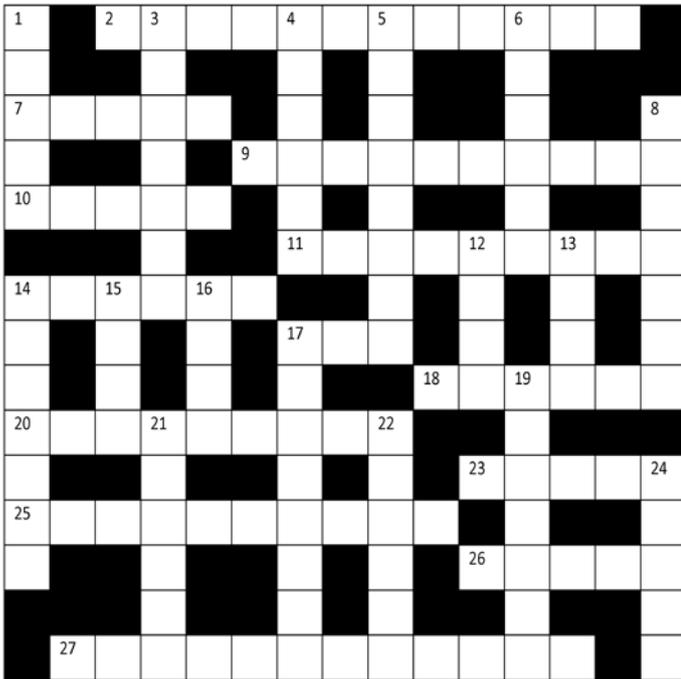
And then, being of an inquisitive nature, I wondered what would happen if you tried it in reverse: to see where in the world a three-word phrase would take you. Would it be funny? Tragic? You be the judge.

The phrase 'crystal.palace.champions' will get you to the eastern coast of India, on the Bay of Bengal, near to Hope Island! That seems very appropriate to me. The word Christmas is not included in the system, as it is a proper name, but 'happy.holidays.everyone' will get you to Jakarta, on the campus of the University of Indonesia. Enjoy the trip, and do have a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year!

Michael Luck

Cryptic Crossword No: 54

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 2 Shiver me cats, its that time of year again ! (9,3)
- 7 Look at fire hearth to find organ. (5)
- 9 Beginning area where one is born. (10)
- 10 Number sometimes described as magnificent. (5)
- 11 Instruments that ring true perhaps. (9)
- 14 Used a Redcar telephone to look for group. (6)
- 17 Rely on Michael Fassbender to find an animal. (3)
- 18 Ones who posts perhaps endears in a way without article. (6)
- 20 Swimmer maybe heavenly. (9)
- 23 Top of the milk is the best. (5)
- 25 Sue trolley arrangement firmly. (10)
- 26 Error in earth's crust possibly. (5)
- 27 Ladies possibly suffering with foot problems. (12)

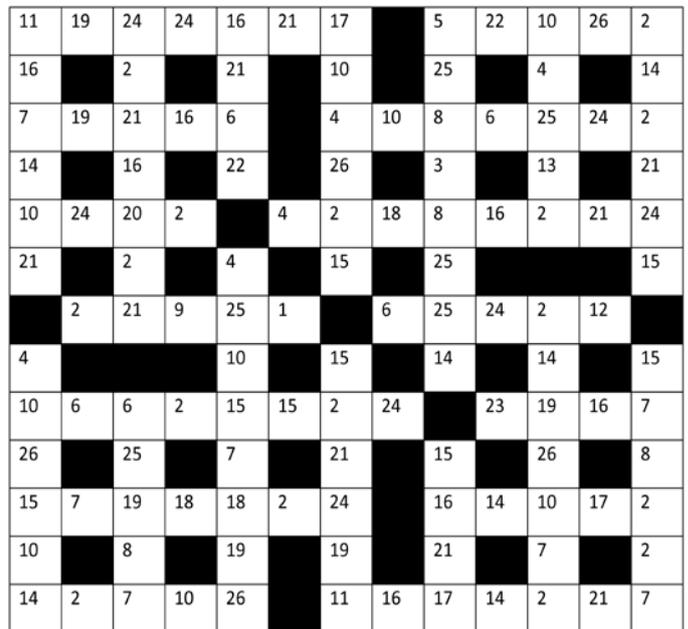
Down

- 1 Remains of bails possibly. (5)
- 3 Starve with hunger if this work is not done. (7)
- 4 Conveyance sounds like it could be murder. (6)
- 5 Ray Martin is into making cocktails. (8)

- 6 Develop from a revolver. (6)
- 8 It's a little off easter to find one who eats. (7)
- 12 Initially, British Airways sent emails to discover platform. (4)
- 13 Heavy metal to take the initiative perhaps. (4)
- 14 Soldiers made up of sparkling wine and fifty lines. (7)
- 15 Dial circle. (4)
- 16 Mother of pearl hiding nobleman. (4)
- 17 Fliers arrange roast via somewhere. (8)
- 19 Tell rat near to breaking up. (7)
- 21 One of two leavers seen as queen preceded by a European going uphill. (6)
- 22 Empty and sleepy perhaps. (6)
- 24 Game on for a pair possibly. (5)

CodeWord No: 40

See page 31 for the answers.



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St. Michael's Hospice
Reindeer Run
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3K RUN

Join us on for a festive family fun run!
 All runners will receive their own reindeer antlers as part of their entry fee along with a finisher's medal.

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St. Michael's Launches First Reindeer Run

You better watch out, reindeers are coming to town!

St. Michael's Hospice has launched its first Reindeer Run which will be galloping off from Festival Place on the Sunday before Christmas. Starting and finishing from inside the shopping centre, the festive runners will complete a 3K loop around Eastrop Park which will be fully marshalled to keep everyone safe.

There will be fun reindeer antlers for all the entrants, exclusive Reindeer Run medals for the finishers to proudly show off, activities such as face painting to enjoy, and plenty of tasty refreshments for everyone. The event kicks off at 9am on Sunday 19th December and signups can be made on the Hospice website until December 15th or on the day at the event.

"We hope this event will be enjoyed by everyone and we are really looking forward to seeing lots of local children and families getting in the festive spirit and taking part in their reindeer antlers," said Megan Parry, St. Michael's Events Manager.

"We have had great support this year to help us to recover from the covid crisis when we had to cancel our events and close our stores but we haven't made up for all the lost income so we are hoping this event will help us close 2021 on a really positive note. Everyone at the Hospice is looking forward to coming along too as it is going to be such a fun event."



Sherfield on Loddon
Family Reindeer Trail
 incorporating
 Millers Ark Living Nativity Scene

Saturday 11th December

Start 10.30am

The fun begins at The Pavilion, Goddards Lane, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0EN.

Search our trail across the village green to find all of our special reindeer

- Song Circle & Friends Singers will perform festive songs and carols
- £1 per entry gives you a free badge, map and entry form. All completed entries win a treat from Santa
- Raffle Tickets will be on sale to win a first prize of a Rudolph Reindeer
- Refreshments will be available to buy
- There will be Face Painting, Pig Racing and lots more!
- Don't forget to bring your wellies and wrap up warm!

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Sherfield-on-Loddon Family Reindeer Trail

Come and join us on Saturday 11th December from 10.30 am for lots of festive fun. Find the Reindeer on the Village Green, then come to the marquee to see Father Christmas and visit the animals from Miller's Ark. There will also be crafts and games for children and homemade Christmas decorations on sale.

Last but not least, enjoy refreshments while listening to the brilliant songs of Circle and Friends who will be performing carols at 11.30 am.

Senior Citizens are welcome to come and listen and enjoy a complimentary cup of tea/coffee.

(Credit & Debit cards accepted this year)

The Village Green Volunteers

... and The Geese Are Getting Fat

Here's a couple of birds I saw in a group up around Barefoot's Farm a little while back: there were about a dozen of them, grazing on the remnants of maize stalks. Quite unfamiliar, really; the size of a small goose, or perhaps a large duck. Not the Canada goose we expect to see round here occasionally, a bit brighter, and with a lot of colour variations. These guys, then, were Egyptian geese – a native of the Nile Valley, so how did they get to Bramley?

Bird migration, of course, has long been something of a mystery – and it still is, in many respects. How is it that a hatchling, brought up without any contact with its parents, can cross a continent and find its destination? How can these directions be encoded into an egg, say for an Arctic tern to fly some twenty thousand miles: turn right at Svalbard, left over Glasgow, then every country and an awful lot of sea down to the Antarctic - a whole-world satnav download?

OK, of course it's got to be in the genes. They carry the enormous amount of information that instructs the cells how to build the foetus; the details are so minute, and the error correction so accurate that an animal species can be virtually unchanged over a million years of being reproduced time and time again. And yet, if that was all it was, how come a bird's route of migration can alter over just a few years, when the food source changes, or a nesting site disappears. It can't just be evolution on that timescale, nor can it always be learned behaviour: how can it work? Because it certainly does.

One point is that genes don't operate just in isolation, like a great rulebook with one outcome written for each possible characteristic. DNA is pretty much fixed in the short term, but the characteristics of the animal will depend on interactions between lots of genes: some genes will be dormant, some dominant, and some in between.



And the way that genes are expressed can be altered, changing behaviour without a permanent change in the genes, and inherited for a number of generations. Hence favourable happenstance in the way that the genes interact can be adopted in the shorter term; perhaps like flying a bit less to the north in winter. The effect of this has been shown by allowing straight-from-the-egg chicks of migrating birds to fly solo: they often find their way, but not nearly as well as those guided by the flock.

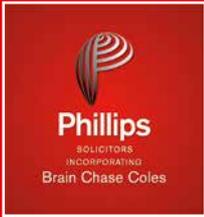
Birds use all sorts of clues in the migration process: the day length, temperatures, the magnetic direction, polarisation of the sunlight, as well as previous experience. The position of the stars, and the time since midday can fix a position: landmarks, wind currents and so on are all computed. Normally the aim will be to find a reliable food source somewhere, and a safe breeding space free from too much competition somewhere else – these locations will inevitably change over the years, so the patterns of migration must adjust for survival. It appears that the basic timing and the main directions to be followed are innate, coded in the genes. The way in which the genes are expressed can then trim

the finer points, these adjustments are passed on both as learned experience within the flock, and by inherited changes in how particular genes are expressed, or epigenetics.

Some groups will find the need to migrate is lost and become a static population. Some may just move locally or for a change in elevation. Factors such as climate change, of course, will stress a species severely, as the co-ordination between food sources, weather patterns and egg production lose synchrony.

Since their introduction in the eighteenth century as an exotic addition to the big estates, a few groups of Egyptian geese have adopted UK lakes and rivers. All but inedible, apparently, the birds were just for show, so they won't be very worried by our Christmas menu. Canada geese have become something of a problem where huge numbers may descend and strip vegetation, befouling the fields and parkland: an impressive sight, but a bit of a pain, really. This little ducky sort of goose is usually better behaved. And the ones I saw most likely came no further than that private lake just up the road.

John Stubbs



Six tips when considering divorce



Elizabeth Taylor

Dealing with a divorce is never easy but Elizabeth Taylor, a family law solicitor and mediator at Phillips Solicitors offers six tips to help make the process as smooth and amicable as possible.

1. Try relationship counselling

Consider Relationship Counselling to see if there is anything you can do to make your relationship work, as after all, starting divorce proceedings or entering into a separation agreement is a life-changing decision which should not be made quickly.

2. Get legal advice

It is important to have a full understanding of your legal rights and responsibilities. Having an idea of what the divorce process involves will help you feel much more in control and less anxious. Write a list of questions to take to your first appointment; no question is trivial or irrelevant.

3. Gather your financial information

You and your spouse will need to share financial information with each other. If possible, work together to gather details about your income, property valuations, mortgages,

savings, pensions and debts. If you cannot do this together, write down what you can recall about the financial arrangements during the marriage.

4. Keep communicating with each other

This will be a very difficult time but maintaining open channels for communication can make planning your futures much easier. Make a written note of what you have talked about to remind you both.

5. Mediation is often helpful

For many people, mediation is a quicker and cheaper option for resolving family difficulties about children or finances than going to court. It empowers separating couples to make their own decisions together.

We can refer you to a local mediation service or you can choose to come directly to Haymarket Family Mediation, which is part of Phillips Solicitors instead if you prefer.

6. Update your personal details and entitlements

You should check to see whether you are making the right claims for benefits including Child Benefit, the council tax reduction if you are living separately and Universal Credit.

If you are considering divorce, please contact Elizabeth by calling by calling 01256 854628, emailing elizabeth.taylor@phillips-law.co.uk or by visiting www.phillips-law.co.uk/family When contacting Phillips, please mention The Bramley Magazine.

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Probus Civic and Social Activities

Remembrance Sunday saw Probud Club of Basingstoke's President, David Wickens, parade with others to and from the War Memorial where he laid a poppy wreath on behalf of members.

Not surprisingly, with RAF Odiham close by, we have several members who are Royal Air Force retired career personnel. Currently we have a Wing Commander, two Squadron Leaders and a Flight Sergeant and in past years two Group Captains.

Later in November, a group of eighteen consisting of members and guests, visited the Brooklands Transport Museum which can be seen regularly late at night on the Yesterday television channel.

This proved to be a visit thoroughly enjoyed by all, where many recollections were shared about cars owned by families over the years. Having a Concorde on site brought fond memories from two members who had personal experience of being a passenger in this iconic aeroplane flying across the Atlantic.

December will see the Christmas lunch, again for members, spouses and families taking place at the Test Valley Golf club. Missing last year due to Covid restrictions, the decision was made to change from evening to lunchtime, but this should be no detriment to festivities including music and entertainment.

The New Year will see further trips to places of interest as well as the monthly lunch meetings with guest speakers and social pub lunches which include wives and partners.

The Probud Club of Basingstoke, which has been in continuous existence for over forty years is open to retired men who have had at least some supervisory or management experience during their working lives. It is a welcoming, social, club where members enjoy pleasant exchange of views and share experiences while enjoying social occasions together.

For more information see www.probusbasingstoke.club

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

This year we have been able to help two local charities with their transport.

We have been able to contribute towards buying a new van for **The Besom**. They are a group from local churches who put together those who wish to give and those in need. Some may have good quality furniture to donate, a cooker, fridge or washing machine & items for starter packs of pots, pans or china for someone with little money who has at last been offered an empty new home. Besoms also help with decorating and gardening and providing Christmas hampers. They needed a reliable van to move donated items and we were able help them source a van and help with some of the finance with the help of a Rotary District Grant. See their website to donate.

We were also able to help with a new van for **Basingstoke Mencap**.

Basingstoke Mencap is an independent registered charity striving to enable people who have learning disabilities to gain the best quality of life they can through providing services to promote their physical and mental well-being through leisure, recreation and social activities.

The **GREENFINGERS** project has been established under the Basingstoke Mencap Charity for over 3 years and provides horticultural

Therapy Services and Woodwork Development Training on site which provides opportunities to develop skills and confidence offering a peaceful therapy setting or a possible gateway into voluntary or aid work.

Their trained gardeners run a Community Gardening Service in local and surrounding areas of Basingstoke. They offer Garden Maintenance, Hedge Trimming and Seasonal Jobs at competitive rates. Their new van helps them with this project and helps their clients access the wide variety of activities on offer. See their website to donate or volunteer.

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ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE LIGHT UP A LIFE

Our Rotary volunteers will be there to assist with parking

Sunday 5th December 2021 at 6:00 pm

St. Michael's Hospice, Basil de Ferranti House, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke, RG24 9NB

See the Hospice website for parking information

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Wishing you a Happy Festive season and a Peaceful 2022



Mondays	
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<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, 6pm-7pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Kickboxing 6-7pm juniors, 7-8pm adults</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Tuesdays	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing 8pm</i>	St James's
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Mother & Toddler group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>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>Wednesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>Guides 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

<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>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1st Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>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>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Petite Dance 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Fridays	
<i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i>	Cross House
<i>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
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall

Saturdays	
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tennis (age 7-13)</i>	Clift Meadow

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

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Clift Meadow	Eileen Gulston	881125	e.e.gulston@gmail.com	Bookings
Cross House	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
Village Hall	Catriona Hayward	07464 749997	Bookings@bvht.org.uk	Bookings
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Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
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Bramley United FC	Mick Walsh	07802 912615/ 01256 881241	michael.p.walsh@openreach.co.uk	
Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
Brownies	Katie Slater and Jayne White	07545 319342	bramley.brownies@gmail.com	Now Weds only
Classical Pilates	Naomi		naomi@nbkpilates.co.uk	
Clift Meadow Youth Cricket (Old Basing CC)	John Huntingdon		john.huntingdon@turbex.co.uk	
Clift Meadow Youth Football (Loddon Sports)	Chris Stevens	07782 325094		
Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
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Guides	Ailsa Stockwell	07584 676931		
Hipp Pilates	Jo Kemp Williams	07557 412400	jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com	
Kickboxing	Leigh Bushnell	07730 678049	wkmabikma@gmail.com	
Knitting Circle	Jean Brogan	880845		Last tuesday of month
Little Apples	Jo Whatley & Sian Davies	07598 588460	manager@littleapples.org	
Lunch Club	Chris Woodward	884065		
Lynden School of Dance & Gymnastics	Charlotte	07717 803080		
Mother & Toddler group	Christine Delve	07739 763618		
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