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March is definitely one of my favourite months, with the return of Springtime, and the return of longer, brighter days. The official start of Spring is on 20th March, and don't forget to put your clocks forward on 27th March.

Spring is a time of growth and new beginnings, and we are celebrating a new beginning with our new Rector, Rev. Mark Anderson who had his Installation Service last month. You can read his first "On Reflection" on page 7 and see some pictures from the service on pages 16 and 17. Cherry Blossom Manor have already been getting into the Spring spirit with some special visitors (page 15).

St David's Day is celebrated on 1st March, where the patron saint of Wales, St David, is celebrated. St David - or Dewi Sant in Welsh - was born on the south-west coast of Wales, near to where the city of St Davids is today. It is said that he lived for more than 100 years and died on Tuesday, 1 March 589. There are lots of stories of miracles surrounding St David, including one famous story of the ground St David was standing on, rising up to form a hill so that the large crowd he was speaking to could see him. St David's last words are thought to have been - "Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do" which is a lovely message for us to carry into Spring.

Continuing with the St David's Day theme, our cover photo features daffodils, the national emblem of Wales, which are often worn on St David's Day, along with the other national emblem, leeks. You may recognise the cover photo, as it featured on a previous cover, submitted by Melvyn Lovegrove, a former Bramley resident who sadly passed away in January. You can read a tribute to Melvyn and see some of his other photos on page 9.

There are many other days in March to celebrate as well: World Book Day, International Women's Day, St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Red Nose Day, to name but a few. Perhaps you are reading this on 1st March while enjoying some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, better known as Pancake Day, the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent.

Of course, it is not all happy occasions, as this month also marks 2 years since the first Covid-19 lockdown, so I know it will be a time of sorrow and reflection for many. As we look forward to the return of a more normal life, we must also remember those who are no longer with us. There will be a minute's silence on 23rd March at 12 p.m. for those lost to Covid-19 and a "Shine a light" event at 8 p.m. The symbol of the daffodil is once again being used by charities such as Marie Curie, with people being asked to wear an official daffodil pin, colour in a spring flower design, or display some Spring flowers in their window in support of the national day of reflection.

I hope you enjoy the return of Spring, however you are celebrating or reflecting.

Georgie
Joint Editor

"Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd"

"Do the little things in life"

Welsh saying (attributed to St. David)

Material for the April issue to be sent (preferably by email) to the editor no later than 12th March please.

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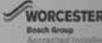


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Church diary for March...

... and into April

<p>2nd Ash Wednesday 8.00pm Holy Communion – St James’ (Including imposition of ashes)</p> <p>6th 1st Sunday of Lent 9:00 Sunday@nine – Cross House 10:30 Matins (BCP) – St James’</p> <p>13th 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:00 Sunday@nine – Cross House 10:30 Holy Communion – St James’</p> <p>20th 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:00 Sunday@nine – Cross House 10:30 Morning Worship – St James’</p> <p>27th Mothering Sunday 10:30 Family Communion – St James’</p>	<p>3rd 5th Sunday of Lent 9:00 Sunday@nine – Cross House 10:30 Matins (BCP) – St James’</p> <p>10th Palm Sunday 9:00 Sunday@nine – Cross House 10:30 Holy Communion – St James’</p> <p>14th Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Fellowship Supper – Cross House 8.00pm Holy Communion – St James’</p> <p>15th Good Friday 10.00 Children’s Service – St James’ 2.00pm An hour at the foot of the Cross – St James’</p>
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Services at our neighbouring churches

March

<p>2nd Ash Wednesday 11.00 Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s</p> <p>6th 1st Sunday of Lent 10:00 Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s 10:00 Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye 10:00 Family Service – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall</p> <p>13th 2nd Sunday of Lent 10:00 Morning Worship – Online/St Leonard’s</p> <p>18th 4.30pm Messy Church – Sherfield Park Community Centre</p>

<p>20th 10:00 Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s 6.30pm Evensong – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall</p> <p>27th 10:00 Together in Worship – Sherfield Park Community Centre</p> <p>April</p> <p>3rd First Sunday of Lent 10:00 Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s 10:00 Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye 10:00 Family Service – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall</p>
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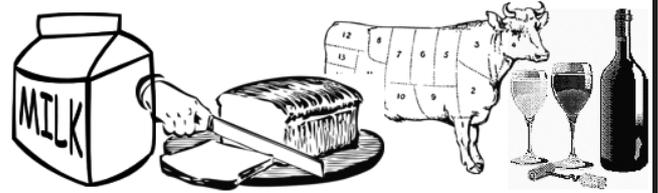
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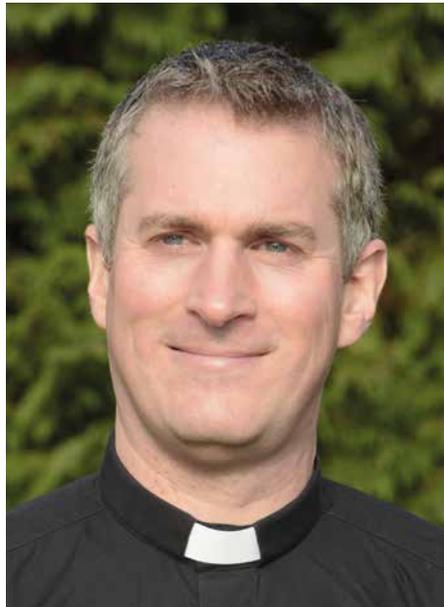
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In his first On Reflection, Rev. Mark Anderson talks of troubled waters...

I remember one time I was travelling on a ferry, crossing from one island to another. It was like one of those ferries which cross the English Channel, but a little smaller. A storm had been raging for the previous few days and we weren't sure the ferry would be running, but it was, and we got on, not quite sure how the journey would turn out.

I remember feeling a bit queasy as we listened for the rhythmic metallic booming sound of the bow rising and crashing down on the tempestuous waves. The crew had anticipated the state of passengers' stomachs and were traversing the decks with cups of ice, which I was reliably told would help us feel better. I'm not sure it had much effect on me, but thankfully I didn't have to leave my seat for any reason...

There's a song I've sung in church called 'My Lighthouse', it's by a band called 'Rend Collective' if you want to listen to it online. It's about finding peace in the troubled seas of our lives. We've had many reasons to be troubled and anxious over the past months and years. And as a lighthouse guides



Rev. Mark Anderson

ships away from danger, we all need something or someone to be there for us to help us through the stormy times we all face.

As followers of Jesus, we believe he is 'our lighthouse', the one who shines in the darkness. As we follow him and trust the promises of God, we will be carried safe to shore, where we can find

peace in the troubled seas of our lives. Below are some of the words from the song, which speak of Jesus being there for us, when we turn to him. May God be with you and give you peace.

*In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

*In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

Songwriters:
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My Lighthouse lyrics
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Clift Meadow Coffee Mornings

The Bramley tea and coffee mornings started up again in February, and we were pleased to see so many of our regulars return. As the weather gets warmer, and the issues of Covid start to lessen we hope to see some new faces, so do pop along to Clift Meadow every Wednesday (term time only) from 10:00 to 11.30 a.m. If anyone would like to help on the day, please let us know.



We would like to thank Nigel Edwards for his very generous donation of £75, this will go towards our fund for new chairs for the pavilion. Every donation we receive helps us get nearer to our target so we would like to thank you for your support.

Angela, Wendy, Jane, Margaret & Pat

Coffee morning team

FUTURE Coffee Mornings

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2nd March It's nearly Spring, so lets have a spring raffle

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16th 23rd Come and enjoy tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cakes, biscuits etc.

Little Smartie Kids will be joining us again with kids clothes, bunting & accessories. **30th March**

CLIFT MEADOW, BRAMLEY

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Bramley Lunch Club

February brought six members together at "Olivers" in Old Basing, where we all enjoyed our lunch, the majority having the lovely, crispy battered fish with chips.



It was nice to catch up with Jenny, whom we haven't seen for at least two years. We missed Val and Wendy who were both unable to come, due to being unwell. We wish them both a speedy recovery and hope to see them next month.

Birthday greetings were sent to two members who celebrated this month.

Next month we will be making a trip to one our favourite places for lunch, the Avenue Garden Centre at Lasham. There is lots to browse and a very tasty, varied menu.

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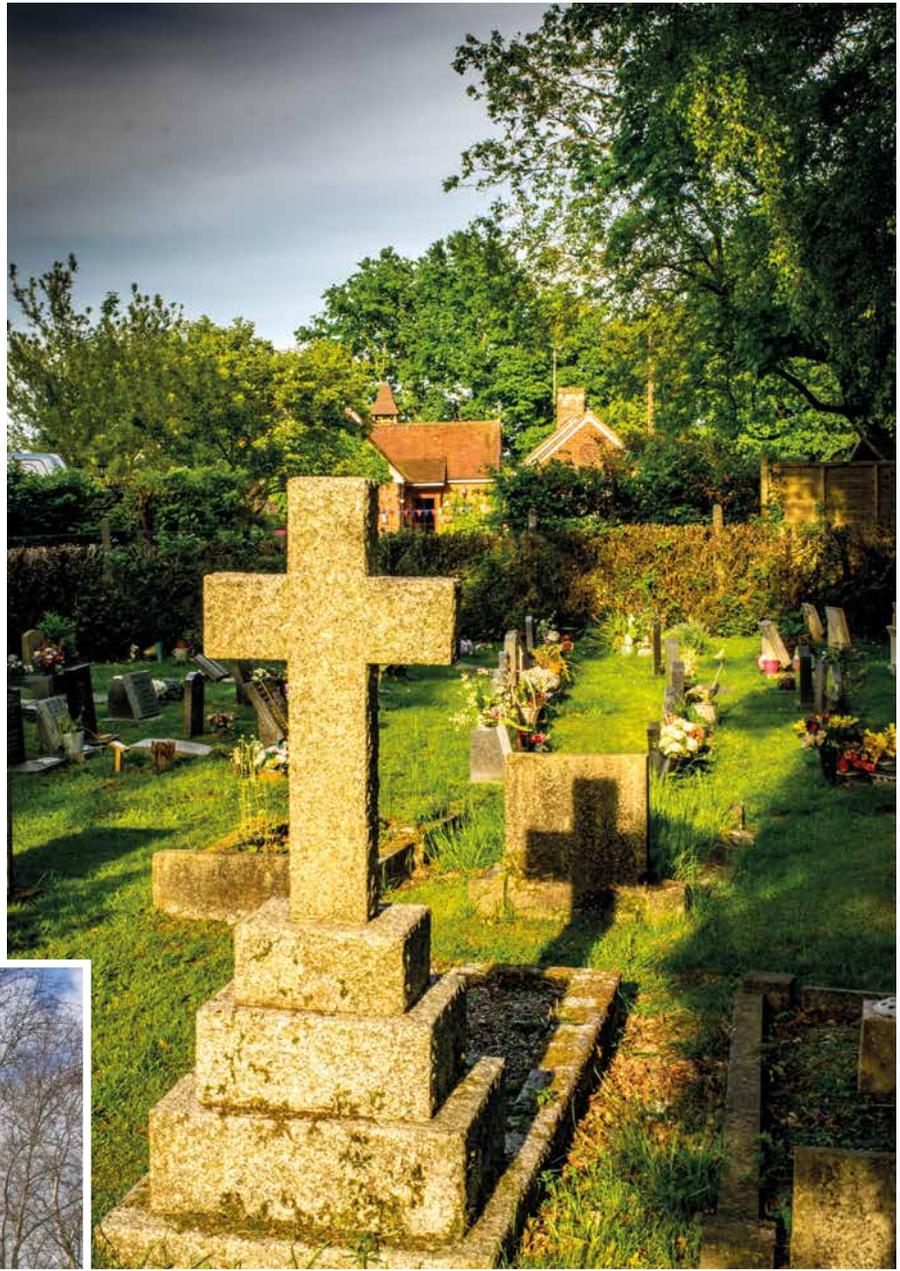
Melvyn Lovegrove

Back in November 2020, Bramley Magazine ran a special feature about Melvyn Lovegrove, who was well known in the village for his spectacular photographs.

I am sorry to say that Melvyn passed away in January, after suffering a cardiac arrest whilst playing table tennis. Melvyn was born in Bramley and lived here for 70 years before moving to live near his brother in Lincolnshire. As we learnt in the article, Melvyn loved playing table tennis and was the official photographer for the Women's British League and the Veterans' British League of Table Tennis England. I hope Melvyn's family can draw some comfort from the fact that he was doing something he loved just before he died.

Here are a few of Melvyn's photos that we featured in the magazine over the years

Rachel Barclay Smith



70th anniversary bell ringing

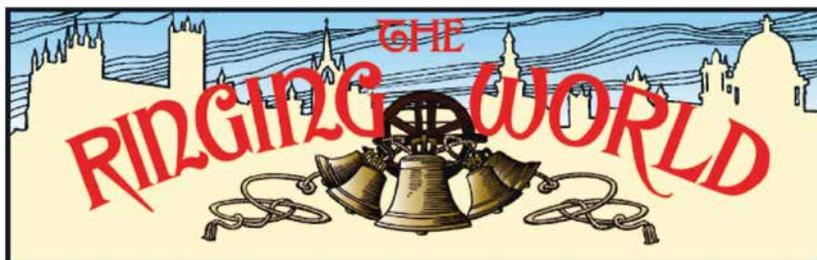
On Tuesday 8 February 2022, the bells of St James' Church were rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty The Queen. The report of the ringing was published in *The Ringing World*, along with reports of nearly 900 other such performances, and a copy of that edition was sent to Buckingham Palace.

8 February also marked 50 years since one of our ringers, Ian Roulstone, had his first bell ringing lesson (he was very young at the time!). We raised a glass to him on this special occasion.

Rachel Barclay Smith



Acting Tower Captain, Jonathan Barclay Smith, with Ian Roulstone and his wife Claire



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- 1 Claire F Roulstone
- 2 Rachel Barclay Smith
- 3 Ian Evett
- 4 Andromeda Witchalls
- 5 Steve Day
- 6 Ian Roulstone
- 7 Jonathan Barclay Smith

To mark the 70th anniversary of the accession of H M The Queen.

The report from *The Ringing World*



The group of ringers

Simon Gill, Chairman of the **Clift Meadow Trust**, shares an update on Clift Meadow activity in 2021 below:

Unsurprisingly, the last twelve months have continued to be dominated by Covid-19 which has meant a second year of disruption and lack of continuity. However, 2021 also featured some extremely well received events and the Meadow has never looked smarter, thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who make up the Monday working party.

2021 saw us lurch from lockdown, to social distancing, to almost complete relaxation of the rules and at each stage regulations around what we could and couldn't do competed with expectations about what we should do. This made managing the facilities extremely hard but through careful management of the Halls we navigated a way through. There have been a number of challenges to confront from a lack of cleaning, to blocked drains, and the general weariness of aging buildings, but through careful stewardship we have emerged into 2021 with a clear plan and direction of travel. We have still a number of things we wish to achieve to bring the halls more up

to date and accessible, but most importantly we provide buildings that are clean and pleasant to be in.

We continue to drive up standards for the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds, to the extent that we are finding parts of the meadow some of us didn't know existed! The widened path has kept its shape and not been allowed to grow over, the positive relationship built with local tree surgeon Tom Mason has finally opened up the view onto the meadow for passing traffic and resulted in expert husbandry for the old trees as well as the encouragement of new trees – an excellent initiative. We have new benches courtesy of 4 Lanes Trust as well as new waste bins from the Parish Council. The storage unit is full, the new play area is in continuous use and the relationship with Old Basing Cricket Club and Loddon Football continues to strengthen. The provision of an environment that people want to be part of whether inside or outside the buildings has absolutely been achieved, and I am confident that will continue to flourish.

Providing the right environment has been critical, but so too has our ability to react at speed to the changing regulations. Somehow, and I still can't quite believe this, we have had our most successful year of events.

The speed with which the Trustees reacted to opportunities was only made possible due to excellent teamwork, and good planning.

We have worked hard to deliver a calendar of events that we can commit to and allows us to repeat past successes. We also hosted two new events: Chase the Sun and Crazy Diamond. Chase the Sun was an amazing day of intense activity which came from nowhere and then disappeared just as quickly. Superb planning meant that we were able to host a cycling event for 800 riders and support crew flawlessly and unsurprisingly, the organisers are making Clift Meadow their official designated mid-way stop. The aim was to keep the riders from spilling out into the village and hopefully most of you were not even aware of what we were doing. The Crazy Diamond performance was thoroughly enjoyed, but a good example that when we hand over the reins to the professionals, it doesn't always run as smoothly as we would demand of ourselves. However, there was no doubting that the Fete and the Fireworks were outstanding successes, and thank you to everyone for their contribution and commitment to both.

Bramley Show Children's Potato Challenge

The end of March is the time when we invite the children of Bramley and surrounding villages to take part in the Great Potato Challenge. Or more precisely, just how many potatoes can you grow in a 3 gallon (13.5 litre) bucket from just one seed potato. It's a fun challenge which is open to all local children up to the age of 15.

The results will be announced at the Bramley Show on Sunday 14th August, when the buckets will be emptied, and the results counted and weighed. The winners of the three trophies on offer will be announced at the end of the show.

Will you have grown the biggest potato? Have you grown the most potatoes or have you grown the heaviest crop?

At the end of March, we will provide every entrant with a single prepared

seed potato. Everyone gets the same type, and it will be as similar in size as we can possibly manage.

You need to supply the bucket and the compost (perhaps you have a special potato compost recipe?). You may need some help from an adult to get started, but once the bucket is planted there really is not much more to do, other than provide a little tender loving care over the next few months to achieve a winning result.

Why not make it even more interesting and challenge your friends to enter? You can have a little competition amongst yourselves.

To get involved, visit our website bramleyshow.org.uk where we will publish the full details on how to obtain your potato. It will also have a set of instructions and guidelines. Alternatively, you can e-mail us

directly at bramleyvillageshow@gmail.com. Keep an eye out for announcements on our Facebook Page and The Bramley Hub.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Benches

The benches that were mentioned last month have arrived and should be in place by the time this article is read. We trust that the siting of the benches is satisfactory and provide suitable resting places for residents walking from Campbell Road to the shops, railway station and the other recreational facilities and services.

Stocks Farm Extraordinary Meeting - Parish Council

This meeting was held on 7th February in the Village Hall. It was open to the public and about 70 people attended. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the outline planning application on the land north of the Village Hall, listed as Land at Stocks Farm, for the erection of 140 dwellings and community buildings (21/03758/OUT). A presentation made by Bramley Parish Councillors outlined how this application sits against the existing Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan, and why Bramley is particularly vulnerable to planning applications such as this one. The sustainability of Bramley for such a development with its present infrastructure was discussed. Comments were invited from the public present and noted, with responses from Parish Councillors and Borough Ward Councillors present at the meeting. After a fair discussion, a resident requested a show of hands for those objecting to the Stocks Farm outline planning application to inform the PC of their opinions before making a decision. The overwhelming majority was against the development. Subsequently, Bramley Parish Council has written an Objection to this application covering all relevant planning issues. The development is completely unsustainable with the lack of infrastructure.

The Parish Council's full response can be found on the PC web site: <https://www.bramley-pc.gov.uk/21-03758-out-land-at-stocks-farm-the-street-bramley/>.

At the time of going to print, on the Basingstoke and Deane Planning Application website, there are 162 public comments, 160 objections and 2 supporting the application. This application is likely to go to the Borough Council Development Control Committee because of the number of objections. A presentation by the Parish Council and members of the public will be allowed, but physical numbers at the meeting will show Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council the strong feelings of the residents of Bramley against further housing development. The Parish Council will notify residents of the date of the meeting on the Parish Council website and social media. Please make your feelings known by attending.

Thames Water

Bramley Parish Council held a meeting with Thames Water on Thursday, 10th February. This was about the update that Thames Water are going to make to the foul water network in Bramley to overcome the sewage overflow that Bramley suffers when there is heavy rainfall. North Row residents, Centenary Fields residents, and some residents in German Road have been seriously affected. Thames Water have not as yet finalised their plans, but a statement was made by Thames Water in response to the outline planning application at Stocks Farm;

"We are unable to accept any foul water flow from any proposed development until we have completed our investigations and upgraded the foul sewer network"

The proposed upgrade is only applicable to the existing problems at this time with Bramley's present housing. To accommodate further housing, the spare capacity of the proposed upgrade would have to be considered with possible further modelling and designing a solution to accommodate further housing numbers. Depending on the present solution, the timescale for the upgrade goes from 2 to 5 years with the various options. This is an important infrastructure upgrade for Bramley.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Hopefully you have in your diary 2nd June 2022. This is the date that Bramley Parish Council will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Clift Meadow with the lighting of the Beacon. For those of you who attended the last lighting of the Beacon, please rest assured we will get it to light **FIRST TIME!**

We have arranged refreshments and a bar; we have a Piper for playing "Diu Regnare". We were hoping the School Choir could sing a special chorus, but unfortunately this is not possible because of the uncertainty of who will be available. We have suggested a recording for the event.

We are looking for a bugler for playing a special piece at the lighting of the Beacon – are there any buglers in Bramley?! If so, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@bramley-pc.gov.uk. Whilst we do not have a town crier, a resident has said he will oblige with a loud voice!

We hope it is good weather and a good turnout, as we celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, along with other towns, parishes and communities throughout the Commonwealth celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She deserves a great thank you for the service she has given to us all.

Upcoming meetings

The next Bramley PC Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 8th March, with Full Council on Tuesday 15th March. Venues are yet to be decided – keep an eye on the Parish Council website and social media.

Stay Safe

Cllr Malcolm Bell

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Angelo Aitken, of Little London, has recently become one of the country's youngest solo pilots, as his father, Tim Aitken, shares below:

Angelo, who has not yet completed his GCSEs, flew a powered aircraft by himself for the first time on his 16th birthday. The rules state you cannot fly solo in a powered aircraft in the UK until you are 16 years old.

The Farnborough Salesian College student, who has been training with Blackbushe Aviation Flying School, flew solo over Blackbushe near Farnborough in a Cessna 152.

Angelo's family, instructor and members of the flying club were watching on as he soared in the sky on a sunny day and landed perfectly back at Blackbushe Airport. It was a big day for everyone at Blackbushe Airfield as well, with air traffic control supporting and providing confidence for Angelo's first solo flight.

Angelo's flying school said "we've really enjoyed helping Angelo achieve his goal of flying an aeroplane on his own on his 16th birthday. He's a pleasure to teach – very hardworking, driven, calm and a very mature young man for his age. We look forward to seeing his progress."



Angelo is congratulated after his solo flight by his instructor Ian Radford

Angelo now must wait until his 17th birthday before he can get a licence but is looking forward to continuing his training.



**Royal British Legion
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As we endeavour to get going again after a break of almost two years, we are trying two new

ventures. From 2nd March, we will be starting a drop-in coffee hour in Sherfield and Bramley from 10.30am. This will be in The Coffee Shop, in Sherfield on Loddon, on the first and third Wednesday each month and at Bramley Bakery on the second and fourth Wednesday. The March dates for Bramley are: 9th March and 23rd March. Do drop in for a chat! Anyone, RBL members, friends, those with a family member presently serving, or if you just want a bit of company, is warmly invited.

We have also arranged to re-launch of our local branch at The Four Horseshoes pub in Sherfield on Tuesday 12th April from 12:00 - 1.30 p.m. in the skittle alley function room. There will be a finger buffet and the committee will outline our plans for the post-pandemic future. We hope to be joined by the Hampshire RBL County Chairman and our new North Hants Membership Support Officer.

The Royal British Legion celebrated its centenary last year: one hundred years of service to the nation's whole military family, whether serving or retired, and dependents. It continues to support thousands of veterans and serving personnel every day. The Legion is also the guardian and curator of national Remembrance including The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, one of the most inspirational places in the UK. The Poppy Appeal is the Legion's charity, one of the largest and most respected in the country.

So, do pop along on 12th April to The Four Horseshoes to find out more and help us to develop the work and friendship of our branch.

John Morley

Branch Events Member

Bramley SpeedWatch

There has recently been a change of the SpeedWatch coordinators due to the previous coordinator moving away from the area and into retirement. We thank Paul for his valued contribution to the scheme.

For the new coordinators, it's been quite a busy few weeks getting to grips with the team, equipment, and so on. Having volunteered it's pleasing to see that the scheme is well supported, and we have 22 active members.

We will be aiming to have at least 1 Speed Indicator Sign (SID) deployed somewhere in the village at any given time. In addition, we will aim to undertake a couple of manned deployments per month.

As I am sure you would all have noticed, there was a SID deployed outside of the Village Hall from 6th-12th February, monitoring traffic going towards the level crossing. The summary of the Data shows that approximately 46% of the traffic was exceeding the 30mph speed limit and during the manned deployment on Saturday 12th February, details of 8 vehicles, that were exceeding the speed limit, were passed on to Hampshire Police.

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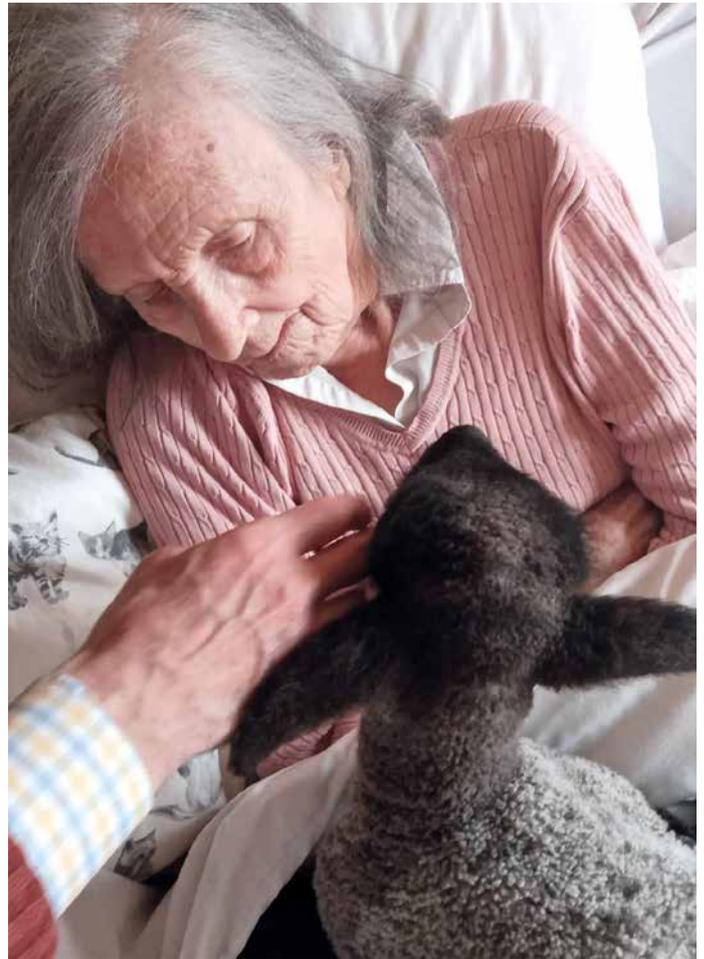
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As our new Rector settles into Bramley, Rachel Barclay Smith reflects on his Institution Service.

I don't think I have been to many church services that were attended by a Bishop, an Archdeacon, an Area Dean, five churchwardens and at least eight other clergy. The Institution of Rev. Mark Anderson as our new Rector was an impressive occasion, involving representatives of all the churches in our Benefice.

Becoming a Rector isn't just a case of getting the keys to the Vicarage and turning up at church the following Sunday. Various legal procedures have to be completed, and this was the main purpose of the service that took place at St James' Church in January. Mark was presented to the Bishop of Basingstoke, made various oaths and declarations to the Archdeacon and the congregation, and swore his allegiance to the Queen. The churchwardens of St James' then led Mark to the main door, where he was presented with a key to the church. For theatrical purposes he was presented with



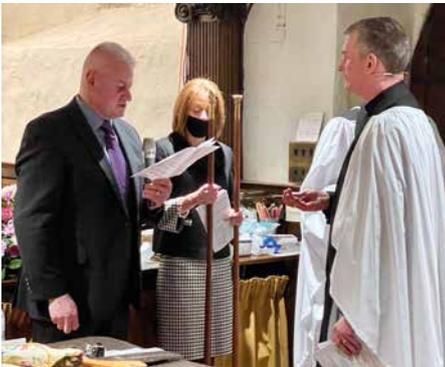
The procession into church



The procession continues



Bishop David



Mark receives the key to the church



The flowers in church were spectacular



Mark rings one of the bells to signify the start of his ministry



Mark swears the Oath of Allegiance to the Queen



Rev. James Ashton greets Mark on behalf of his former parish of St Mary's, Oxted

a large ornate key, dating back many years. In fact, the key to the church door is pretty ordinary but it wouldn't have looked quite so impressive if Mark had been given that! Next stop was the bell chamber where Mark tolled one of the bells to signify the start of his ministry. He handled the bell well, but the Bishop was slightly concerned that he only rang it five times as, apparently, that indicates how many years Mark is going to stay. That was news to us, but Mark assures us he will be staying longer than that!

It wasn't just a formal service though. It was also a chance for Mark to meet members of the community, and for his former parish to wish him well on the next stage of his ministry. Mark chose some great hymns and readings, and the congregation got the chance to meet him and the other dignitaries at a reception in Cross House afterwards. Here are some photos of the evening, and if you want to watch the service you can find it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCgSw8Yp4UU>.



Mark and his family are welcomed by the Bishop



Mark greets the congregation



Mark receives the collection from Sophia and Selina



A reception was held in Cross House after the service



Little Apples

Little Apples have had a busy half-term with a Chinese restaurant in our role play area to



celebrate Chinese New Year. As 2022 will be the Year of the Tiger; Tigger and The Tiger who came to Tea joined the children. We tried using chopsticks which helps develop fine motor skills.

We have also been learning about Space and space travel, where we enjoyed the lovely story “Whatever Next” and made some space-rocket craft. For Valentines Day, the children have made stained “glass” window decorations and decorated our role play area as a Valentines themed restaurant.

The children have enjoyed learning new songs with Makaton signs to accompany them and made the most of the mild weather in our large garden. Next half term, we will be looking for signs of Spring, and thinking about baby animals ahead of preparing for Easter. There will be seeds and plants to sow in the garden too. Our role play area will feature a sensory garden centre and a pizza oven activity, amongst other things.

Over half term, the children will have the opportunity to take part in a sponsored treasure hunt to encourage families to spend time exploring our beautiful area in the fresh air and to raise funds for some new resources for the children.

We are currently experiencing much higher demand for pre-school spaces than usual, so if you are thinking of registering your child, we would encourage you to do this as soon as possible. In line with Government policies for Early Years Education, Little Apples accepts all children from two years old, whether they receive funding or not. If you would like to register a child or pop in for a visit, please contact Jo on 07598 588 460 or manager@littleapples.org.

Butter Daisy Nursery

Butter Daisy Nursery has had a good start to the year. This month, each suite has focused on healthy eating and healthy bodies. The pre-school suite children all had fun learning about how to brush their teeth whilst cleaning some big teeth with real toothbrushes and using real toothpaste. The toddler suite children had an opportunity to taste some lovely Greek food with ‘Kitchen Katie’, our chef. They all loved the pitta bread and tried olive and falafel. All suites have either a taster club or cookery club, and our new initiative is to focus on an ingredient each month so that the children can understand food processes, where their food comes from, and revisit ideas and concepts.

In our suites, we like to use the children’s interests and ways of learning to support their next steps and learning journeys. In order to do this, we take note of how they play. Children develop schemas as they start to play. Examples of schemas are ‘trajectory’, when the child likes to throw or drop objects, or ‘transporting’, where children move objects from one place to the

next. Children in our baby suite have been focusing on different schemas to support their play. One of the babies’ favourites is ‘trajectory’, where they roll things back and forth: they have particularly liked rolling objects such as toy cars and balls through paint. They loved getting messy!

Over the next month, we are developing our toddler suite environment to make it purposeful for the cohort of children. We have already brought in lots of new resources and there are more to come to enable the suite to be a beautiful and meaningful place to play.

Though Butter Daisy Nursery is proving very popular, we continue to give tours to parents. If you are interested in joining us, please do make contact for a tour. Our email address is butter@mydaisynursery.com.



Information from Clift Surgery

In January 2022 there were **1615** appointments offered online or in person. **75 people did not attend their appointment.** This means 75 people who needed to see a doctor couldn’t, wasting time and money. **If you no longer need your appointment, please cancel it so it can be used for others.**

There are lots of events coming up in Bramley to look out for:

Jubilee Picnic in the Park

Sunday 5th June

At Clift Meadow From 1 – 3.30pm

Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. A safe place as an alternative to a street party.

- Fancy dress competition for children and adults!
- Photo exhibition of the Jubilee scarecrows
- The Jubilee Knitted Project
- Cake stall
- Crafts
- Games

More details to follow. Enquiries: info@bramleyvillagehub.com

A Right Royal Scarecrow Party

This year the Bramley Scarecrows are getting rather excited about the Jubilee celebrations and so they are going to be putting on their best crowns a little earlier and are looking forward to meeting lots of new scarecrows dressed as royalty, whether from history or from film and books or just a humble scarecrow who loves to dress up. They could be kings, queens, princes or princesses. Who will appear? Henry VIII? The Queen of Hearts from Alice In Wonderland? Elsa from Frozen? The Snow Queen? Maybe King Kong!

The Scarecrow event will run from Monday 16th May 2022 until the end of June. Photos will be taken as they appear this year and there will be a display of these photos in the village over the Bank Holiday weekend, where you can vote for your favourite.

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Friendship Walks are back at Clift Meadow

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Love was in the air at Cherry Blossom Manor as residents celebrated St Valentine’s Day

Cherry Blossom Manor was filled with flowers, cards and sweets in celebration of St Valentine’s Day last month. Staff and residents celebrated the day of love by creating a menu of love, as well as heart-shaped decorations for the home, and participating in a Valentine’s Day quiz followed by high tea and a glass of prosecco.

General Manager, Gigi Despojo, said: “We’ve all had a lovely day decorating the home and making gifts for each other and for our loved ones. Lots of our residents were able to see their loved ones either in person or via video call. We’ve had a whole range of treats and Valentine’s themed fun and we have enjoyed every moment of it!”

John Salvage, a resident at Cherry Blossom said: “It has been a lovely day. It was wonderful to see everyone go to so much effort to get involved with the day’s festivities. My wife Anita and I really liked being able to share our love story and the decorations, we particularly enjoyed the “Marry Me Chicken” on our lunchtime menu. We are very blessed to be able to both live in such a loving caring home.”

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Gigi Despojo



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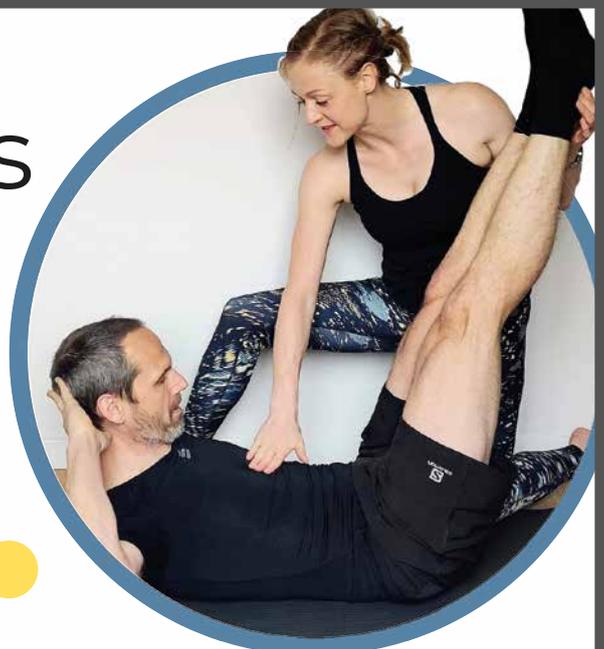
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Councillor Rhydian Vaughan shares some updates from Hampshire County Council

HWRCs update

The system of booking to visit Hampshire’s household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) is to be made permanent following feedback from users who overwhelmingly supported the approach. It was introduced in June 2020 in response to the pandemic but also helped smooth visits and reduce queuing. The ability to book multiple trips will remain.

Support for Community Transport

With Covid-19 still having an impact on levels of all public and community transport use across the county, Hampshire County Council has agreed to maintain contract payments for community transport operators at 100% from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Community transport operators have reported that around 35% fewer passengers are travelling than before the pandemic. The move will assist those operators in the recovery and operation of their services, supporting them to maintain service levels whilst they experience lower than usual passenger numbers, and user confidence rebuilds during the coming financial year.

Roads, Transport and Environmental investment

Hampshire County Council is to be

asked on 17th February to approve an increased 2021-22 capital programme of investment in countywide highways maintenance, road safety, transport improvements, flood alleviation, waste management, and bridge strengthening, as well as economic development and town centre improvements, amounting to £112.885 million. This includes £7 million additional financial support for highways maintenance.

Planning continues for the next generation of waste infrastructure to support the county’s ability to recycle a wider range of materials. As part of the capital programme of work is the continued development of a plan for a new materials recovery facility in Eastleigh.

The proposed programme highlights an Integrated Transport Programme of over £100 million in value. Local schemes to enable people to walk and cycle more for local journeys represent a £11.3 million investment.

Separately, Hampshire County Council is the first council in England to trial plastic bollards made from sugar cane on its pavements; these are being installed as a lower carbon alternative to the traditional concrete ones. The plant-based bollards are also lighter, easier to install and cheaper. They are also just as resilient in the event of a crash and do not splinter if they are hit by a vehicle.

In recognition of the importance of building resilience, the council has declared 2022 the “Year of Climate Resilience”. This presents an opportunity for it to increase awareness of the importance of resilience and to develop some showcase projects in partnership with key stakeholders. More information can be found on the Council’s Climate Change website.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Hampshire County Council is putting plans in place to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee this year. There will be opportunities for residents across the county to participate, through schools, libraries, care homes, and outdoor sites. The primary focus is during the extended bank holiday weekend of Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022.

The plan also has a significant focus on complementing The Queen’s Green Canopy theme, with £500k to be made available to help organisations and communities plant trees across the county.

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan MBE

Calleva Division

rhydian.vaughan@hants.gov.uk

Which Council does what in the borough?



- Hampshire County Council is responsible for:
- education - schools and colleges
 - transport - roads and motorways, including things like potholes, street lighting and traffic lights
 - fire and public safety
 - social care
 - libraries
 - strategic planning
 - waste management – household waste recycling centres
 - trading standards
 - Countryside and country parks

To find out who represents your area on Hampshire County Council, and more about its services visit www.hants.gov.uk

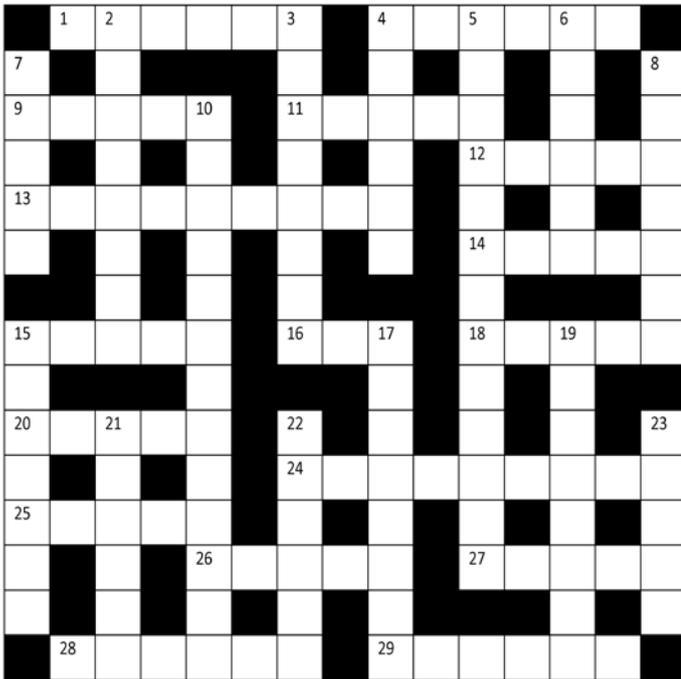


Basingstoke and Deane

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is responsible for:
- local planning and development control
 - street cleaning, household waste and recycling
 - administering council tax and housing benefit locally
 - managing the waiting list for social housing vacancies and homelessness
 - prevention and promoting good quality housing
 - environmental health and safety
 - parking enforcement
 - licensing
 - promoting economic development and tourism in the area
 - providing parks and leisure facilities
 - building control, local land charge searches and street naming and numbering.

Cryptic Crossword No: 56

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

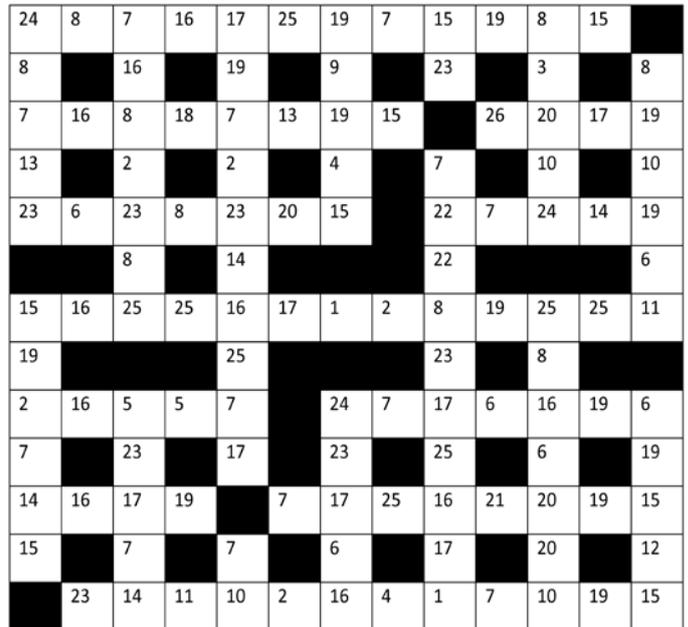
- 1 Eaters confused during a time of the year. (6)
- 4 Rake by around for a food establishment. (6)
- 9 Pains found in a cheshire home. (5)
- 11 Dan ceased to be found doing a samba, perhaps. (5)
- 12 Trophy or lever. (5)
- 13 Workout without physical effort. (9)
- 14 Some might bother to find something here, not this. (5)
- 15 Tea as Sam would see it. (5)
- 16 Expected dampness was heard. (3)
- 18 Listened to a group of cows perhaps. (5)
- 20 Exchanges a less better arrangement. (5)
- 24 Decree tar to be made up again. (9)
- 25 Curb an urge to discover city living. (5)
- 26 The age related in some way to being keen. (5)
- 27 Dance or card movement. (5)
- 28 Unity found with university and relative. (6)
- 29 Fondle ones cares so they may be discovered. (6)

Down

- 2 Hero feels a chill, especially inside. (8)
- 3 Sent out, warmth hopefully. (8)
- 4 Bend in and gets thrown away. (6)
- 5 Sensible advice for driving in Britain. (4,2,3,4)
- 6 Vegetable made up of ancient god and food item. (6)
- 7 May follow eye or precede quilt. (5)
- 8 Its transparent Edward has shown to be unclouded. (7)
- 10 When he squashes mines, it brings about coyness. (13)
- 15 Attack sounds like a seasoning. (7)
- 17 Look to elect Richard within to find energy. (8)
- 19 Sailor and marks combine and drops out. (8)
- 21 Hook by nail for an african. (6)
- 22 Alexandra Gonzales went to look for creature. (6)
- 23 Revises english dictionary in two sections initially. (5)

CodeWord No: 42

See page 31 for the answers.



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St. Michael's Hospice Farleigh Wallop Woodland Walk

With Spring on its way, it's the perfect time to plan a wonderful day out at the St. Michael's Hospice Woodland Walk taking place around the beautiful grounds of the prestigious Farleigh Wallop Estate on Sunday 3rd April.

With stunning views across the rolling Hampshire countryside, blooming bluebells, and the opportunity to walk your dog whilst spending quality time with friends and family, there is no better way to start the new season.

Starting from 9.30am, there are two routes, 5 or 10 miles which both guarantee to give you a superb day out, followed by a delicious cream tea in the impressive setting of Home Barn.

Megan Parry, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said, "As our first Hospice event of the year, we can't wait to welcome our walkers to the Farleigh Wallop Estate to enjoy a wonderful day out in the Hampshire countryside. We are extremely privileged to have access to the prestigious estate, and we can't wait for our supporters to explore the grounds in full bloom. As with all our Hospice events, the funds raised are essential to our work at the Hospice where it costs £5.5 million to keep our vital services running. A huge thank you to our event sponsors Juniper Research for supporting this event."

For further information about the Woodland Walk and all Hospice events, please visit: www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/get-involved/events/. You can also contact the Events team at events@stmichaelsospice.org.uk or call 01256 848 848.

Basingstoke Deane

Rotary



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ROYAL MARINES CONCERT AT THE ANVIL

The afternoon of Sunday 30th of January saw us hosting the The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines for our 13th 'nearly annual' concert. It was very good to be able to welcome them after a 2 year break and they were on great form, with an excellent and varied programme that particularly showcased solos by their very talented younger band members as well as an entertaining Elvis medley.



Basingstoke Army Cadet Force Corps of Drums had the exciting opportunity of being invited to watch the rehearsal and show and also to join in a master class of Drum and

Bugle led by the RM Corps of Drums.

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES WITH VOLUNTARY HELP

People ask us 'What does Rotary do?' We're about helping and supporting communities. As Rotarians, we do some fantastic work each year, whilst having fun and raising money at events like the concert at The Anvil and The Festival of Transport, that enable us to donate to more than 20 local charities, such as: Mencap Basingstoke,

Young Carers, and the Camrose Centre for homeless people and a few international causes such as Shelterbox, Christmas Shoeboxes and the End Polio campaign.

We also have fun helping charities at their own fundraising events. This may involve car parking and marshalling or other support roles.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be 'hands on' at the following local charity events:

Friday 1st April 2022

Basingstoke Disability Forum Awareness Day, in The Malls.

Sunday 3rd April 2022

St Michael's Hospice, Woodland Walk. See their website to register. Dogs on leads welcome.

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May 2022

Basingstoke Disability Forum Scarecrow Trail, Chineham and Sherfield Park. An entertaining walk!

Saturday 18th June

Spotlight UK Family Day, Popley Fields.

Get in touch to volunteer with our teams at any of the above events and join in the fun.

BASINGSTOKE FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 8th May 2022

The Basingstoke Festival of Transport will be taking place on Sunday 8th May 2022 in Memorial Park. It's a great day out and Rotary look forward to welcoming you at this FREE family event.

Last year we were grateful for the support of some 80 volunteers to make this event a great success. If you fancy being part of our team and joining in the fun contact Paul Temple: tempaul45@gmail.com.

News from Whitchurch Silk Mill

Weaving Shed

The 'Elizabeth' silk is being woven to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and will be made into products for sale in our shop.

Outreach

Tea & Talk sessions have restarted, and our volunteer guide Colin Adams recently visited Oakley Residential Home to talk about all we're doing at the Mill.

Our project with the Winchester School of Art third year students will see them designing stripes inspired by the Mill's archive. The students also offered Testbourne students a weaving workshop in January.

We are working with the organisers of the Whitchurch Wildlife Project to produce an exhibition of local wildlife photography which will take place in the Mill's activity space in April, along with associated events and activities.

The Hide Family Heritage

More than 100 objects from Geoff Hide's collection have been donated to the Mill and are being recorded and taken into our archive and database. Some items are on display in a case on the middle floor and we're creating digital images of all the donated objects. Two interesting ones are James Hide's safe and his bowler hat!

Edgelarks: Out of the Ordinary II, Friday 11 March, 7 p.m.

Edgelarks (BBC Folk Award winners Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin) combine folk music with diverse influences such as blues, Indian classical and beatboxing, and they're coming to the Mill as part of their current tour. Their strong roots sound and stomping beatbox harmonica, soaring fiddle and vocal harmonies are sure to make for an entertaining evening. Tickets are £15 (Friends of the Mill £13.50).

Pins & Needles

This year our popular Pins & Needles adult crafting sessions are on the first Thursday of each month. Tickets are £10, including tuition, all materials and a hot drink. Participants enjoy the company of like-minded people learning new skills or honing existing ones. Past sessions have included silk painting, embroidery and silk bead-wrapping. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

Current Exhibition, until 27 March 2022

Our current exhibition showcases work by Basingstoke Creative Stitchers (formerly Basingstoke Embroiderers' Guild), showing their diverse skills including traditional embroidery techniques and contemporary textile and mixed media art pieces.

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Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 55 members at the meeting held on 2nd February who were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling.

The Secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips planned for this year and reminded everyone of the AGM to be held at the next meeting in March to be followed by lunch at the Conservative Club. He also asked if anyone would like to put their names forward to be on the committee as we were still 2 members short. Our Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then went on to give an update on those members who were not well and those who were recovering.



The speaker this month was Mike Brooks who spoke about some of the highlights of his 32 years in Amateur Dramatics. He recounted some of the most outstanding performances and some that had not gone according to plan. He followed on by giving a rendition of one of Alan Bennett's "Talking Heads" and then, accompanied by his colleague Isobel, acted out some very amusing sketches including the Two Ronnies and one of his own creation which envisaged a world where Artificial Intelligence ruled the roost. He

finished his entertaining talk with a soliloquy from Rowan Atkinson on the "Certainties of Uncertainties".



The next meeting is the AGM on 2nd March when we are also having a presentation from Co-operative Insurance Services. The next outing is an exclusive guided tour of Dorney Court on Wednesday 23rd March followed on Friday 1st April by A Day at Newbury Races and then on Thursday 28th April Afternoon Tea at BCOT. Full details of the group's activities can be obtained by contacting the secretary at - csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome.

David Cowling

On The Right Track

It really wouldn't do for each individual to use their own alphabet or choose which side of the road to use. Sometimes it's the first inventor who gets to set the style – sometimes things sort of merge into a more or less agreed pattern, and it usually works after a fashion. For example, the qwerty keyboard or the direction clocks run. They get so normal, at least within a population, that we no longer notice.

Some things just work better one way than another, and some prevail for reasons quite unrelated to functionality. Betamax versus VHS video cassette is one much quoted example, though both are now quite eclipsed. And just suppose you went and built a railway with the rails set a different distance apart from most of the existing trackways. Brave, or daft? The thing is, our hero Isambard Kingdom Brunel did just that – and with good reason. He chose to put the seven-foot gauge track through Bramley, compatible primarily with his magnificent broad-gauge railway from Paddington to Bristol. The logic was that the wider rail separation than the standard 4ft 8½-inch gauge allowed larger wheels, which ran with less drag and gave better traction: try a pushchair on a beach, compared to a bicycle wheel. The carriages and trucks could be wider and lower-slung, giving both more capacity and greater stability and comfort. Bit trickier cutting the tunnels that much wider, all done by hand, of course. And the locomotives had to be specially designed, with radical new technology, tested and proved on the new track. But he wasn't

the sort of guy to be daunted by the scale of an operation when he could see the greater benefit.

The postcard below is a train-driver's eye view of the approach to Bramley Station around 1910. To the railway geek, the obvious difference over the last one-hundred years is the design of the rail supports, across the track. These are to Brunel's design of 'bridge' rail – a sort of top-hat shaped rail, bolted down on longitudinal baulks of timber, as opposed to the normal sleepers laid across the track. The idea was to use a lighter section of steel, laying flatter for reduced maintenance and smoother running. In practice, his method of supporting the timbers on vertical piles gave the effect of a switchback ride when the ballast settled, leaving the rails sagging.

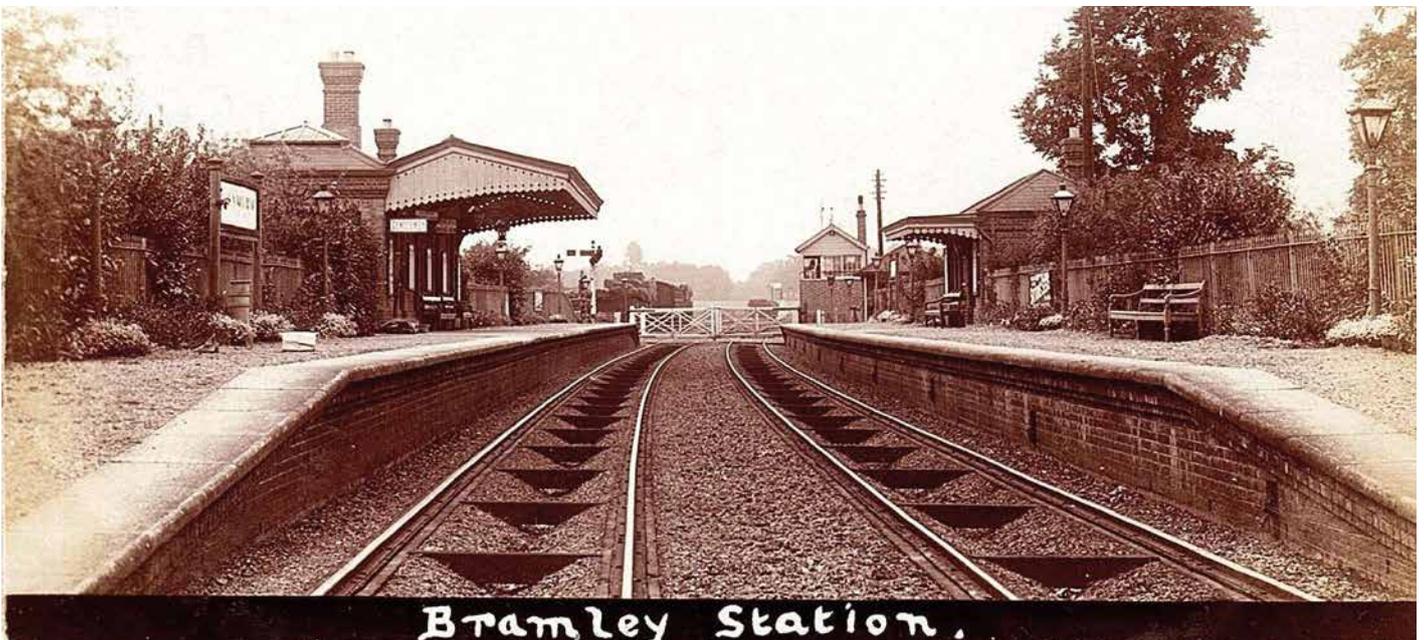
The broad-gauge rails were laid through Bramley around 1845, well before the station was built in 1895, hence the photograph shows the later rails set to the 'standard' gauge, and the station platforms were spaced for the narrower gauge. At the next stop north, however, Mortimer, built in 1848, the platforms were spaced for the broad gauge and still have a wide gap down the middle. Mortimer station was designed by Brunel, including the elegant Italianate ticket office, now a listed building, with a nicely laid out lawn and garden where there's now a car park.

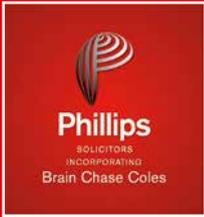
Having two rail gauges in use round the country was, of course, enormously awkward. On many routes both passengers and goods had to be transferred from one train to another – time consuming and expensive. The middle of the

nineteenth century was a period of 'gauge wars', when the various actors connived, argued, lobbied and in some places actually fisticuffed their cases. A partial solution was the mixed rail compromise, where a third rail was laid so that both railway stock could be run. That must have been rather like feeding your VHS tape into a Betamax player, or using phones connected by lots of bits of wire.

In the end it had to go one way or the other. Despite Brunel's magnificent bridges, viaducts and tunnels, no more broad-gauge was laid after 1860. One Saturday in 1892 all the broad-gauge rolling stock was collected at Swindon, and four thousand track workers changed the 180 miles of track to standard gauge in less than two days: a triumph of logistics hard to comprehend. In the following years, the mixed trackways were lifted, replaced with standard gauge and the more familiar bullhead rail on sleepers. The photograph at Bramley would have been taken during this transition period, as these older style bridge rails were removed by the 1920s.

Brunel, then, was the most adventurous engineer of his time. His projects broke new ground: from a steam ship built when the pundits said it could never make it across the Atlantic, to the GWR Box Tunnel at Corsham – deemed impossible due to the length, ground structure and incline; it's still in use. Some things didn't work. His decision that it made no sense to build a railway with the track width ultimately derived from the width of a draught horse was of course perfectly sound, but in the end, he didn't bring it off.





Tips When Buying a New Build Property



Jo Francis

Jo Francis, Senior Associate in Residential Property at Phillips, is a specialist with new build purchases, including purchases under the Help to Buy Scheme. Buying a new build has many benefits but, from the legal side, the conveyancing can be complex. The potential for something to go wrong is higher with a new build, which can be costly if not addressed. Jo fully understands what is required and highlights key points to consider:

- Ensure your finances are in order - developers often insist finance for the mortgage is secured before contracts are exchanged.
 - Most mortgages are only valid for six months, if completion is not within this period, you need to apply for an extension from your lender or you may have to reapply for the mortgage, depending on circumstances. However, some lenders offer specific new build mortgages lasting for 9 months.
 - Check the property specification details carefully before reservation. Pay attention to the landscape drawings and development plans. Visit other sites built by the developer to see if the properties meet your requirements.
 - Reservation fees are paid when making an offer or a sale is agreed, ranging from £500 to £5,000 or more depending on property value
- and usually set for 28 days, covering the period leading to exchange of contracts. This fee is non-refundable, if you fail to exchange contracts in time or you decide to pull-out of purchasing. Your mortgage should be agreed in principle before making a reservation.
- A deposit is paid of 5% or 10% of the full purchase price, depending on whether the Help to Buy Equity Loan scheme is being used.
 - Usually, mortgage lender valuations are taken at the beginning of a new build project but sometimes after construction is completed. A long period between exchange and completion could risk the property value decreasing, affecting the mortgage offer and amount your Lender agrees to lend you. You would still be contracted to purchase the property for the price agreed upon exchange.
 - At completion, there will be an official handover. Ensure you are given copies of all the guarantees for the property.
 - Before handover, check for defects, i.e. 'snagging', which the developer should rectify.

If you would like to discuss purchasing a new build property, please contact Jo by calling 01256 854634, emailing jo.francis@phillips-law.co.uk or visit www.phillips-law.co.uk/residential-property-services When contacting Phillips, please mention The Bramley Magazine.

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The Probus Club heard about an attempted sabotage at their latest meeting...



David Stiles, the latest speaker at the Probus Club of Basingstoke, while not witnessing the H-Bomb tests during 1957/8, nevertheless played a vital role. He was an RAF instrument and avionics engineer based at an aircraft staging post in Hawaii used by flights to the nuclear test site at Christmas Island in the South Pacific.

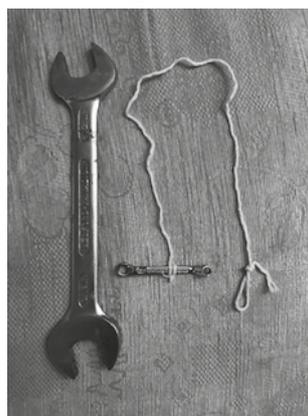
One day an RAF Hastings, bound for Christmas Island, was late arriving with a top-secret VIC - VItally Important Cargo. There was something wrong with the navigational equipment which was a dual system of magnetic and gyro compasses that had forced the plane off course resulting in extended flight time.

The speaker went through a series of procedures including having the aircraft moved around to check the compass readings. At the end of the port wing was a small hatch containing

a device that used signals to synchronise the gyro compass. The unit was difficult to remove due to small nuts under the device. A piece of string tied to a little spanner and looped on to his little finger would enable its recovery if dropped.

Unexpectedly the little spanner was dropped, and the string had come off his finger. He managed to locate them but found a large spanner that should not have been there. Whenever the aircraft banked the spanner moved causing magnetic errors in the signals sent to the gyro compass.

He never heard the results of the sabotage inquiry but received promotion and eventually returned to



England to work on the V bomber force during the cold war.

Had enemy forces hoped by creating navigational problems the longer flight time might cause the plane run out of fuel and be lost? Two days after discovering the spanner the final H-Bomb test



took place on Christmas Island. Would this have happened if a tiny spanner tied to the end of a piece of string had not solved the navigational problem?

See www.probusbasingstoke.club for more information.

READ EASY

There has been a great deal of publicity about adults who struggle to read because of Repair Shop presenter, Jay Blades, taking part in a recent BBC documentary. This follows his journey as he faces up to the challenge of learning to read as an adult with his local branch of Read Easy, and, his remarkably patient and encouraging Volunteer Coach, Emma.

In the Basingstoke & Deane Council area, we have been helping adults with their reading skills for the past two and a half years, and we have seen at first-hand what a difference that learning to read makes. We have had a number of our readers now graduate from the Read Easy programme. One of these, Paul from Tadley, only learnt to read in his 40s and is now encouraging others who may be struggling, to ask for help. He wanted to make his wife and daughter proud, and he has certainly achieved that. Another, Joelma, is so pleased to be able to help her children with their homework, and a third reader says that learning to read "is the best thing that's ever happened to me". We are very proud of all our Readers.

We have trained Volunteer Coaches ready and waiting to help, providing free one-to-one reading coaching for adults who are unable to read or who find it difficult. If you know anyone who would needs our help, please contact Read Easy Basingstoke on 07592 450789 or email basingstoke@readeasy.org.uk. To find out more about learning to read as an adult with Read Easy visit www.readeasy.org.uk.

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Hampshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hants> has hundreds of walks to download and print, for free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said "There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult to find. Walking in Hampshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you".

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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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 Church
<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 10am to midday</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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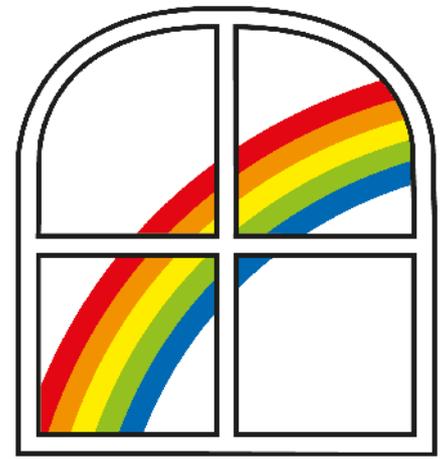
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