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by Rachel Barclay Smith

## Editorial

I was actually quite efficient when it came to writing this month's editorial and started drafting it at the end of August. Then, on 8 September, we heard that HM Queen Elizabeth II had died at Balmoral. Suddenly, my ramblings about my holiday, and the state of my garden on my return, seemed insignificant. Just three months after celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, people were queuing around the clock to see the Queen lying in state and leaving thousands of bouquets and tributes in Green Park. We weren't just mourning the death of the longest reigning monarch in our country's history, but someone who had dedicated her life to serving our nation and Commonwealth, someone who had put duty above all else. 80% of us had never known another monarch; when the Queen came to the throne, people still travelled on steam trains, there were no motorways and few televisions. When she died, we were communicating via Zoom and streaming our TV from numerous channels.

By now, I am sure you will have read all there is to know about the Queen, how she was served by 15 Prime Ministers, met 13 American Presidents, gave assent to over 3500 Acts of Parliament and invited 1.5 million guests to her garden parties. She must have kept the Royal Mail in business as she sent over 300,000 congratulatory cards to people celebrating their 100th birthdays, and around 50,000 Christmas cards. Interestingly, she sent her first email as early as 26th March 1976, during a visit to the Royal Radar Establishment in Malvern. The Queen's love of corgis was legendary. She owned 30 during her lifetime, all descended from Susan, a gift from her father on her 18th birthday. She is credited with introducing the dorgi after an unscheduled encounter between her corgi, Tiny and Princess Margaret's dachshund, Pipkin.

What struck me as I was editing this magazine was how many of the articles could be linked with the Queen. On page 9 we have an update from the Guides. The Queen was a Guide herself and was their Patron throughout her reign. She was also Patron of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, who feature in our Meet the Neighbours article on page 8. On page 12 we have a report from the WI, an institution the Queen supported throughout her reign, annually attending meetings of the local Sandringham group. The Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal, featured on page 20, were very close to the Queen's heart, and she regarded the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph as one of the most significant engagements of the year. As for the Speedwatch report on page 10, I'm sure Her Majesty obeyed all the relevant speed limits, especially around horses, even though she never owned a driving licence. And finally, in the Queen we find someone who owned even more hats than the former Bramley resident featured on page 15!

I hope you enjoy reading the magazine and seeing the photos of the flowers in Green Park, pictured on the cover page and page 17.

Best Wishes,

**Rachel**

Joint Editor

For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none.

**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in her  
Christmas message, 2014**

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

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<b>2nd</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
<b>9th</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>16th</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>30th</b>	<b>4th Sunday before Advent</b>
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	All Benefice Holy Communion – <b>St Leonards</b>

**And into November...**

<b>6th</b>	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent</b>
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
<b>13th</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
	<b>No Sunday@nine</b>
10.30	Remembrance Service – St James
<b>20th</b>	<b>Sunday next before Advent (Christ the King)</b>
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

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**From the Registers**

<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>
Michael Andrew OWEN and Holly Rachel CRAVEN	Bodie BLACKWELL Zara HALL

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**Services at our neighbouring churches for October**

<b>2nd</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>
11.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's/Online
10.00	Harvest Festival Family Service – St Mary's Hartley Wespall
10.00	Harvest Festival Family Service
<b>9th</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>
10.00	Morning Prayer – St Leonard's/Online

<b>14th</b>	4.30pm Messy Church – Sherfield Park Community Centre
<b>16th</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's/Online
6.30pm	BCP Evensong – St Mary's Hartley Wespall
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>
10.00	Together in Worship – St Leonard's/Online

Online services - All are very welcome to join the Online services, please contact Karen West for details - revkarenw24@gmail.com

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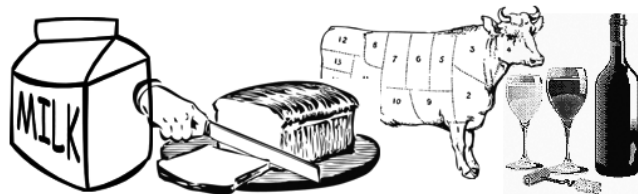
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**W**e have all been experiencing a wide range of emotions since the death of Queen Elizabeth was announced. I'm sure it will be one of those historic moments when we will remember where we were when we heard the sad news.

We all respond in different ways. Many of us will be having the same feelings as when a dearly loved member of our family or a close friend dies. The Queen was unique in that many felt close to her, even though we didn't meet her. We have a profound sense of loss, even though she wasn't a friend or a member of our family. But she was a member of our family, the head of our national family and the one to whom we would often look to lead us in the difficult times this nation has faced over her long reign.

In 2002, her late Majesty said the following words:

*"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."*

The Queen was often quiet about her faith but as she grew older she expressed more publicly just how much she depended on God. Her sense of duty and devotion to her country had its foundation in her faith in God and she would have drawn on her faith to sustain and uphold her.

There are some words in the Bible, from Psalm 18 which echo those of the Queen quoted above:

*'The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.'*

As this time of national mourning we will each be aware of the sadness in our own hearts, not least when we see the Royal Family grieving the loss of a dear mother and grandmother. Seeing this may well stir in us memories of loss in our own lives. When we lose such a stabilising presence in our lives, we can feel confused or disturbed. As the Queen would have done, we know we too can turn to God as our rock and fortress, our comfort and protector.

As we mourn the loss of the Queen and give thanks for her life, we pray for King Charles III. May he, like his mother, know the loving arms of God holding him throughout the good times and the bad, and we pray that he will know Jesus Christ as his rock, his fortress and his deliverer.

**Rev Mark Anderson**



**A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen**

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**A prayer for the new King**

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





**M**ee**T** The Neighbours caught up with **Rich Kemp-Williams** at the end of a double stint at RAF Odiham, where he was running annual camps for the Royal Air Force Air Cadets.

**Bramley Magazine: Rich – that seems like a full-on two weeks! What happens at these camps?**

**Rich:** The cadets come in and spend a week on an active RAF station and get to live and work alongside regular Service personnel. It's one of the highlights of the year for them, and for me actually. One of the great things about being in the Air Cadets is that the experiences they have are a great preparation for real life, for when they leave school. And where else can you get to fly in one of those early morning Chinooks so loved in Bramley!

**BM: Tell us some more about the Cadet Force and your involvement?**

**Rich:** I was a Cadet myself, joining when I was 15 and I enjoyed my time so much I went on to join the RAF Police. When I left the Air Force, I re-joined the Air Cadets and am now a Flying Officer in charge of both 2403 (Aldermaston) and 2402 (Burghfield) Squadrons. We take young people from ages 12 to 17, and they get to do a whole range of activities from flying and gliding, sports, abseiling, engineering projects and competitive shooting to all that it takes to gain the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. And where else could a 17-year-old fly solo in a glider or powered aircraft?



**Rich and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster PA474**



**Remembrance Sunday**

For me, despite the role of Flying Officer being a really busy one, I find it totally relaxing after a day at work. It's a very fulfilling role helping these young people test themselves in challenging environments.

**BM: Would you tell us about the most memorable experience of your career?**

**Rich:** When I left the RAF, I worked for the Civil Service at HQ Strike Command at RAF High Wycombe. Air Command, as it now is, oversees the RAF's offensive capability (bombers and fighters). One of my roles there was allocating aircraft to various air shows. That included the Red Arrows and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The highlight was being able to take a flight in the wartime Avro Lancaster bomber, the most famous and successful RAF heavy bomber of World War Two. There are only two airworthy Lancasters left in the world - 7,377 were built - so flying in Lancaster PA474 was a truly memorable experience.

**BM: What's been your journey in life that led you to our village of Bramley?**

**Rich:** It all started with a phone call actually. After the Civil Service I was working in the IT industry and spoke to this young lady called Jo over the phone on a business matter.

We decided to meet up and the rest is history as they say. It's Jo who has had a long connection with Bramley. Her parents have lived in the village for many years; her late father (Alan Kemp) was Trustee for the Clift Meadow Trust for ten years or so. We moved to the village in 2014, 11 years after we were married, and our daughter Morgan attended both Little Apples and Bramley Primary School. It's the connection to the Clift Meadow Trust, through Alan stepping back and Jo taking his place, which brought the Cadets to Bramley, where they have been volunteering since 2016 to help at the Summer Fete.

**BM: Our final question - tell me something about Bramley and the surrounding area that people should appreciate more?**

**Rich:** That has to be the community spirit from the Summer Fete to the annual Scarecrow competition. It stood out for us particularly during the pandemic with lockdown quizzes; everyone sat in their driveways with tables and chairs, wine and nibbles, and the quizmaster out in the middle of the street.



**Cadets and one of those Chinooks at RAF Odiham**

The Royal Air Force Air Cadets (RAFAC) is an air and space-focused youth Organisation, sponsored and supported by the Royal Air Force.

If you're between 12 (and in Yr. 8) and 17 they'd love to hear from you. Over 20? They are also looking for adults to join as members of staff..

More information can be found at <https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/>, or you can contact Rich directly on richard.williams100@rafac.mod.gov.uk



## 1st Bramley Guides

Guides enjoyed lots of outdoor activities last term; putting up tents, planning and cooking outdoor meals and holding a BBQ evening. Ten girls joined Baughurst Guides for paddle boarding, which was a great way to cool down on a hot summer evening.

The Guides then joined Silchester and Baughurst Guides for a summer camp. We seemed to have picked one of the hottest weeks, but the girls did amazingly well. All were first time campers with Guides, and they rose to the challenge. We had fun making miniature rafts, which we floated on the stream. We had a go at archery, zip wire and low rope challenge. The theme of the camp was 'back to nature', so we set up wildlife cameras and captured pictures of badgers and foxes. We used bat detectors to hear the bats hunting in the early evening and we also had a bug feast trying edible insects!

The Guides made more appetizing pizza over open fires and finished off with cake cooked in an orange skin. The last evening the girls slept out under the stars, watching shooting stars, which was a highlight of the week for many!

Bramley Guides are growing in numbers and we are looking for adults to come and help keep the fun going. If you would like to join the team, please express your interest here:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>



### THANK YOU

When I came home on Friday 17th September, I found a very pretty pot plant had been left by my gate. Since I have no idea who left it, someone knows, and to that person may I say a big thank you for a very kind gift.

**Sue Locke**



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## Bramley Speedwatch

### Concerning speeds:

The Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) positioned on The Street recorded two vehicles exceeding 60mph, including one vehicle travelling at 76mph at 21:00.

### Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity:

Three manned deployments were carried out during July, both by the Village Hall. The details of 14 vehicles were passed onto the Police. Due to the good response by Speedwatch volunteers, we were able to man two coinciding deployments.



### Hampshire SpeedWatch:

The Scheme is actively supported by Hampshire Police who oversee and manage it, with local co-ordination undertaken by local volunteers. There are currently about 80 active

### Speed Indicator Device (SID) DATA:

SID Location	Days deployed	Traffic direction	% of vehicles exceeding 30 mph	No. vehicles exceeding 50 mph	Max speed recorded (mph)
Village hall	10	East Bound	45%	2	62
West of 40-30mph transition Bramley Green	10	West Bound	77%	5	67
Campbell Road	3	Northbound	25%	0	53
Village Hall	6	West bound	30%	2	66
Village Hall	3	East Bound	43%	1	65
The Street west of Churchlands	4	West bound	46%	2	76
Village Hall	4	East Bound	41%	1	64

SpeedWatch schemes across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and 900 authorised locations where manned deployments are permitted (five for Bramley). 900 people have volunteered and been trained for the Scheme, of which 22 are active members in Bramley.

So far this year nearly 17,000 letters have been sent out to drivers.

If you have any question/concerns regarding SpeedWatch please email: [speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) or visit: [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

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**Cllr Tony Durrant provides this month's update from Bramley Parish Council**

As this article is being written, we mourn the loss of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II, who has been a constant in all our lives. Whilst our memories will live with us, we also celebrate a new reign, that of His Majesty King Charles III. We also have a new Prime Minister and Cabinet, who set out on this country's rocky path to the future. Through this tragedy, loss and grief, just as the Royal Family, we must all get on with our lives; so, to the business of the day.

Firstly, out of respect, all local council **public meetings** were postponed during the period of mourning, hence the September Parish Council meeting was cancelled. Bramley PC continues to address local matters and will ratify any essential decisions at the next meetings in October. These are scheduled for 4 October for Planning Committee, and 11 October for Full Council. Both will be held at 7.00pm in the Bramley Room at Bramley Village Hall, and all residents are welcome to attend.

The **Coffee Morning** has returned to Clift Meadow after the Summer break; what a great attendance there was, with much catching up being done by all. It was a joy to have residents from Cherry Blossom Manor in attendance. Our thanks as always goes to the organisers. The chocolate cake was exceptional!

Bramley Parish Council has continued to work throughout the summer and some progress has been made with the new **allotment site at St James Park** after a meeting and much communication with Persimmon Homes and their lawyers. A final version of the lease is awaited, for the Council to sign. Once that is complete, work will begin to prepare the area for occupation. When we are in possession of the site, Cllr Colin Shimell, who is our lead on allotment matters, will extend his excellent hard work on the existing site to the new facility.

**Development!** This continues to occupy much of our effort as it does your three Ward Councillors. There are a number of significant planning appeals to address: the solar farm, the battery farm, six houses next to the surgery and of course the Stocks Farm site. Please go to the Parish Council website, address at the end of the article, for the solar farm details. We will of course keep you posted on the other appeals via the website and Facebook page, as and when.

The **draft Local Plan Update** rumbles on and the next step was to be a public consultation before Christmas on the plan to deliver 17,800 homes across the Borough. However, the Economic, Planning and Housing Committee were not at one with Officers on this, and two motions raised by the Independent and Labour members and supported across all parties, opposed the overall numbers, as well as the Spatial Strategy. This contributed to the Borough Council's announcement to delay the Local Plan Update. In addition, the uncertainty over the new Government's housing policy considerations resulted in the Council Leader's recent announcement which included the following:

*"It is very clear that it would not be appropriate to undertake a consultation on a draft plan at this stage when such significant concerns around the impact of the housing number remain, and until further and full consideration is given to this issue to ensure the council moves forward with a Plan that is robust, responsive and can be fully supported."*

The Local Plan will undergo an update. So, it has not gone away but hopefully it will progress with more realistic numbers – we shall see.

Our thanks go to all the busy volunteers who work so hard for our community.

GOD SAVE THE KING

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**News from Clift Surgery**

**Wearing of face masks at Clift Surgery**

Please note that you are longer required to wear masks at the surgery.

The exception to this is:

- If you have symptoms - please take a LFT. If negative, there is no reason to stay at home **BUT** you must wear a mask until your symptoms have subsided.
- If you have symptoms and test **positive** please continue to **STAY AT HOME - TESTING ON DAY 5 AND CONTINUE TO TEST UNTIL YOU HAVE A NEGATIVE RESULT - YOU MAY RETURN TO WORK WHEN YOU HAVE HAD TWO NEGATIVE RESULTS TAKEN WITHIN 24 HOURS OF EACH OTHER.**

However, you are required to wear a mask if you are COVID positive (when you would normally be seen off-site) or if you are vulnerable.

Mask wearing will stay under active review.

**Flu and Covid Vaccinations**

Please be aware that the programme for flu vaccinations and Covid boosters have been launched.

Clift Surgery is starting to send out invitations to book a flu jab. Please make sure the surgery has your mobile number, so you can receive the text message. Please note that patients are being invited in cohorts, according to age and health.

COVID vaccinations are bookable by calling 119 or online but you can only book if you fall into the specified categories, which you can find on the NHS website. For most mobile patients, vaccinations will be done at the Health Hub in Festival Place. Vaccinations have to be booked. You are not able to turn up without an appointment.

**Non attendance for medical appointments**

These are lessening slightly but in August there were still 91 booked appointments that were not taken up. Please cancel any unwanted appointments so they can be reallocated to others.

## Choosing a Book

Have you ever stood in the airport or railway station bookshop, looking for your holiday reading? You may have left it until the last minute, concentrating on the admittedly important things like tickets, passports, medicines and vaccination details. If you are travelling abroad, this may be your last chance to get something to read in English. A mistake now could be critical and leave you with a boring book you will regret buying. A few years ago, I found the answer – a sure way to pick a book quickly and know that you are going to get on with it.

Of course, you may have favourite authors, and you may be looking at one their latest offerings. In that case, go right ahead. You don't need to do what I am about to tell you. But if it is a new (to you) author then this will help you.

I heard about this method and I tried it out. It does work. It is very simple. Once you have picked up a book, just turn to page 99 and read it. It won't be near the end and it won't be a spoiler for a whodunnit. The reasoning is simple. By page 99 the story will be moving along, the style will have settled down, and you can get the feel of it very quickly. If it grabs you, if you are wondering what came before and what is about to happen, then you are hooked and you need to close it immediately and proceed to the checkout. And if not, put it back and try again.

I do not always follow my own advice. But here's the thing: a recent purchase, 'Murder Before Evensong' by the Reverend Richard Coles, has on page 99 the discovery of the actual murder. This is very late in a murder mystery. Normally a murder mystery would have the discovery of a body fairly near the beginning. But 99 pages before a body is found is unusual. If I had opened the book at page 99, I would have presumed that we are looking at a serial killer, and that there have been others before, at 20-page intervals. Maybe I would have formed a wrong impression of the book. But I bought the book simply because I like Richard Coles: he is the only ordained priest, now retired, who has had a number one single (when he was in the Communards) and who has appeared on Strictly.

My rule is therefore like all the best rules: there to be followed except when you need to break it. Happy reading!

**Michael Luck**

## LUNCH CLUB

Four of us enjoyed a very pleasant cream tea at Riseley Tearooms. Riseley cream teas are extra special, with pretty tablecloths and matching bone china for each table.

To start, we were each given a choice of the type of tea we would like to drink, and had our own individual teapot and strainer provided. There was a jug of milk and a pot of hot water to share, which were topped up when required. Our table had a selection of lovely small, triangular, thinly sliced sandwiches (no crusts!!) with five different tasty fillings, and a variety of small cakes. This was followed by warm scones (plain or fruit), our own selected flavour of jam and a dish of cream.

The staff are very pleasant and helpful, and a doggie bag is provided if necessary.

**Freda Clark**

## BRAMLEY WI

This month's meeting was a sad occasion as it took place on the day the Queen died. We held a minute's silence and then, later in the evening, we had a toast to Queen Elizabeth and also King Charles.

After we had a chat about the Queen, we stuffed some cushions for Breast Cancer. We did very well and they all looked great. This is going to be an ongoing project and I will deliver some of them to the Breast Clinic and also to the Pink Place in Basingstoke where they will go to different charities. While we were doing this, we enjoyed nibbles with wine and prosecco. At the end of the evening we had our usual raffle.

Our grateful thanks to those who supplied some stuffing for the cushions, and also to Purple stitches who gave us some lovely material.

**Jane Matthews**

## Volunteers needed

The Clift Surgery Patient Participation Group is looking for patients who would be willing to be part of a group, Friends of Clift Surgery, who would be willing to help us occasionally with things like surveys, giving feedback and fundraising as and when it is needed. If this might interest you, please email [ppgclift@gmail.com](mailto:ppgclift@gmail.com) and we will send you a registration form.

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**Bench in St James' Churchyard - Can you help?**

If you have walked through the churchyard recently, you will have noticed that the bench near Cross House has seen better days and is no longer safe to use.

The family of Rita Philips are kindly donating a new bench in her memory, but we first need to check whether anyone knows who erected the existing bench and whether it commemorates the life of a loved one. Unfortunately, there is no plaque on it.

If you have information, please can you get in touch with one of the Churchwardens:

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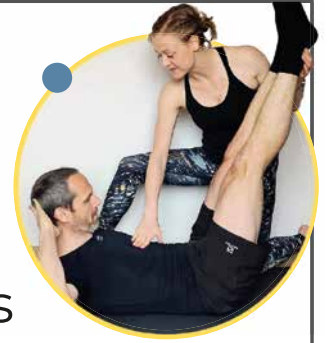
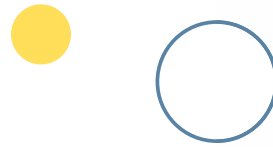
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**T**here are certain people who are so well known that they don't need a surname to identify them: Madonna, Adele, Oprah, even Boris, perhaps. If your name is Sarah though, people need a bit more to go on.

Sarah has been a popular name for centuries and I can count at least five among my friends. It wasn't long ago that referring to Sarah at St James' Church would result in the inevitable question, 'which Sarah?'. But if you answered with the word 'hat' everyone immediately knew who you meant - Sarah Hodnett, who was rarely seen without a hat. Some people even listed her in their phones as Sarah Hat.

Sarah moved away from Bramley in July after living in the village for over 20 years, and she has left a big gap. As well as being closely involved in the church, she was also an active member of many clubs and committees. During her time in Bramley she was Churchwarden, member of the PCC, part of the Open the Book Team, school governor, trustee of the Village Hall, active member of the Bramley volunteer drivers and probably many more things that I have missed. Sarah didn't like a fuss being made of her, which is why I waited until she had left before publishing this article, but we can't let her contribution go unnoticed. So, Sarah, if you are reading this - THANK YOU.



**One of the younger members of the congregation at St James, paid this tribute to Sarah:**

*Sarah, thank you so much for all you have done at St James, especially with the children! Your JAM {Jesus and Me} sessions were always inspiring and thought-provoking (unless we were playing a sneaky game of SORRY!). You put your heart and soul into the Good Friday services each year, which always turned out wonderfully. And of course, I can't go without mentioning your amazing cooking, which I always enjoyed helping you out with. You will be tremendously missed!*

**Bramley Volunteer Drivers had this to say about Sarah:**

*Sarah first joined the group in January 2015 and was such a great asset...always cheery, always willing to help where she could (holidays and hats withstanding) and always on the end of her phone when needed. Our loss, and she WILL be sorely missed, is the New Forest's gain.*

**Jenny Edwards**  
Co-ordinator BVD

**Sarah was a long-standing member of the Open the Book team.**

Open the Book is a national scheme to interactively tell Bible stories to primary children. Sarah was a thoughtful and helpful member of the Bramley school team. This photo shows Sarah and other members of the team acting out one of the stories in the school hall.



**Keith Dillway**



Sarah (wearing a hat, of course) with her fellow Bramley Volunteer drivers

**The Village Hall Committee valued Sarah's input:**

Sarah joined the Village Hall committee a few years ago. She was the representative from St James' Church originally, but after her term of duty she stayed on. She was a very valuable addition to the committee, had some good advice hardly ever missed a meeting and, of course, she wore her hat!!

**Jane Matthews**





*"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."*

**The then Princess Elizabeth, in a speech given on her 21st birthday**

*"I cannot lead you into battle. I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else – I can give my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations."*

**Christmas Broadcast in 1957**

*"Grief is the price we pay for love."*

**Statement following September 11 attacks**

*"It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."*

**Christmas Broadcast in 2019**

*"We all need to get the balance right between action and reflection. With so many distractions, it is easy to forget to pause and take stock."*

**Christmas Broadcast in 2013**

*"Family does not necessarily mean blood relatives, but often a description of a community, organization or nation."*

**Christmas Broadcast in 2011**

*"To what greater inspiration and counsel can we turn than to the imperishable truth to be found in this treasure house, the Bible?"*

**Queen Elizabeth II**

She was out walking in Scotland once when a passer-by commented that she *"looked just like the Queen."*

*"How reassuring,"* she replied.







**Floral Tribute**

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,  
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearly in September mist.  
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,  
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.  
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –  
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,  
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.  
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,  
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century’s weight.



Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.  
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower  
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained  
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence  
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day  
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and  
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,  
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness  
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.



**SIMON ARMITAGE**

*Poet laureate*



*“If, as the Queen once said, ‘grief is the price we pay for love,’ then the weight of our collective sorrow is a testament to the depth of affection in which she is held. She made history, she was history. Queen Elizabeth the Second has gone but she will, surely, never be forgotten.” Kirsty Young, 19 September 2022*



**D**uring the period of National Mourning, many of you visited London and Windsor to see the floral tributes. A few were lucky enough to see members of the Royal Family too.

We were up at Windsor Castle to lay some flowers in memory of the Queen and a few surprise visitors turned up. My son, Henry, had a little chat with Kate and she asked him about his drawing and asked if he had done it. He said yes, he had, with his daddy. She then asked if he had written the message and he said yes. Finally, she asked if she could have the picture and Henry answered, yes, she could.

**Phil Bailey**



We happened to be in London the day after the Queen died and went to Buckingham Palace. We managed to see King Charles and Camilla as they did a walkabout.

**Malcolm Knowles**



46 years ago, our County Councillor, Rhydian Vaughan MBE, accompanied the then Prince of Wales to a Ceremony on Horse Guards Parade.

It was a privilege to attend the proclamation of King Charles III at the Great Hall, Winchester. This was delivered by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, together with the High Sheriff.

**Cllr Rhydian Vaughan**







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The Royal British Legion has, for over a century, supported our veterans and their families in their time of need. The public have always been magnificent in their support, and I am sure that this year will be no different. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

**Michael Luck**

Bramley and District Poppy Appeal Organiser.



## Royal British Legion

Our **Annual Dinner** takes place at Sherfield Park Golf Club on Friday 7 October at 7pm for 7.30pm. We are privileged to have Bishop David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke as our guest after dinner speaker. A few tickets may still be available at £30 from John Morley or Steve Day.

**Our next meeting** is on Tuesday 11 October at 7.30pm at Cross House, adjacent to St James Church, Bramley. There is good car parking.

Our speaker will be Lt Col Kamran Khan, a doctor in the Royal Army Medical Corps who, in his ongoing career, has served in several overseas theatres during times of conflict and will have some interesting events to share with us. This is an open meeting to which everyone is welcome.

We will also have a brief Branch AGM to approve our accounts and elect officers and committee members. Light refreshments will be available.

**John Morley**

Branch Development Member

## BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

The speaker for this month was Alan Copeland who gave a talk titled 'Tales of the Unexpected'. These were stories of curiosities which can be seen in the buildings, roads and landscapes of Southern England.



This included the oldest surviving mile post in England, dating back to 1669, in Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire and the largest milepost, which was erected in Esher, Surrey by a wealthy man who was tired of people not being able to find his house. The stories about the buildings included a house built over a railway tunnel in West Sussex and the Victorian spa baths at Tenbury Wells in the West Midlands.

For further details and pictures go to:- [www.curiosities.co.uk](http://www.curiosities.co.uk).

The group's next outing will be on Thursday 13 October when there is a "Do as you please day" to Brighton, with time to visit some of the local attractions. On Thursday 17 November there is a trip to Bordon Country Market for your pre-Christmas shopping and the Christmas lunch at BCoT is on Thursday 15 December.

Anyone is welcome to come on any of these trips and if you would like join us please let us know.

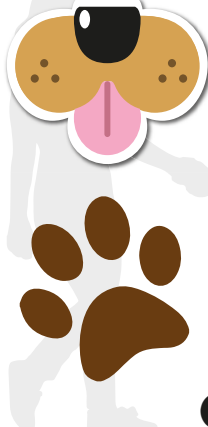
The next meeting is on 5 October when Alan Jones is giving us a presentation on Body Language. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our meetings and trips can be obtained by contacting: [csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com).

**Margaret Atkinson**

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## Highlighting Volunteers

The power of volunteering was particularly highlighted during the first lockdown in 2020, when so many people offered help to those in need, but are you aware of how many volunteers work in our village?

- This is not a definitive list so please don't be upset if anyone is left out It is just a snapshot.
- The Trustees of Clift Meadow and the village hall
- The Parent Teacher association
- The Editors of the Bramley magazine and those who deliver it
- The Bee Garden / Village Garden / WI garden
- Leaders of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Beavers, Scouts

- Organisers of Clift Meadow fete and the Bramley Show
  - Litter pickers
  - Clift Surgery's Patient Participation group
  - The Coffee Morning and the Friendship Walkers teams
  - The Parish Council
  - Those who raise funds, and those who write bids for grants to support local projects
  - Those who support the older generation with shopping or company
  - Volunteer drivers who assist with medical appointments or shopping
- And in the wider area, don't forget
- the Samaritans and Citizens Advice, hospital volunteers and those

assisting at the vaccination centres, plus the many who help at the food banks and charity shops.

Each one of these roles involves a desire to help others and can take up significant hours in preparation and paperwork. Volunteers give freely of their time, and support financially with tea and coffee, printing, telephoning, and emailing, writing articles etc.

Without these volunteers so much would just not happen so please give a thought for all those, retired or still working who give freely to make our village a better place to live.

If you have a volunteering story to tell, please get in touch. Email [info@thebramleyVillageHub.co.uk](mailto:info@thebramleyVillageHub.co.uk)

## Probus Hears About Life on the Magistrates' Bench



Sayings such as "You're nicked!" and "Caught banged to rights" are not usually what a magistrate hears when dealing

with the deeds of accused miscreants at the first level of the British legal system. The guest speaker at our last meeting was Tony Hersh JP, who gave an insight into a day in the life of a Justice of the Peace.

Tony has been a magistrate in Basingstoke for about five years, having spent a career in clinical research. He spoke about the history of magistrates, how long they have been in existence and the changes in their powers over time.

All criminal cases start in this first tier of the justice system, which has a bench of usually three magistrates and works without a jury. They are

limited to dealing with what are known as "summary offences" which include most motoring offences, minor criminal damage, common assault and sometime burglary and drug offences. More serious cases, known as "indictable offences", are sent to the Crown Court.

Tony illustrated the types of punishment open to magistrates by referring to the Sentencing Guidelines. They can impose fines, community service, driving bans and imprisonment up to 12 months. They can also remand someone to prison to await trial at Crown Court, which is one of the most difficult decisions magistrates have to make. Many months can pass before trial and if the defendant is then found not guilty, they receive no compensation for having spent time in prison.

Of particular interest, was Tony's demonstration of a series of actual cases ranging from shoplifting to fraud and assault. He presented the evidence and the arguments of the

prosecution and defence, and the various sentencing options open to the magistrates.



The audience was asked what they thought was appropriate before he disclosed the actual sentence imposed and the reasons behind it.

Anyone aged 18 upwards can apply to become a magistrate and it is important that they represent society at large. Naturally, checks are made about applicants and references are sought, and successful candidates undertake considerable training. Retirement comes at the age of seventy five, however, the ability of retaining the honorific of JP after your name can be used until your demise.

See [www.probusbasingstoke.club](http://www.probusbasingstoke.club) for more information about this social club for retired professional and business managers.

## Whitchurch silk mill

### Fun with Bricks, 28 October

Half-term fun: build Halloween-themed LEGO creations and follow a LEGO trail throughout the Mill. Master LEGO builders The Brick People will be creating custom-built models and there will be an open build brick area for you to create whatever you want. Booking essential – see the Mill's website for details of timeslots. Tickets £6 per

child with one free accompanying adult per child. Additional adults will need to pay admission or show their annual pass/family ticket.

### Current Exhibition: Stripes

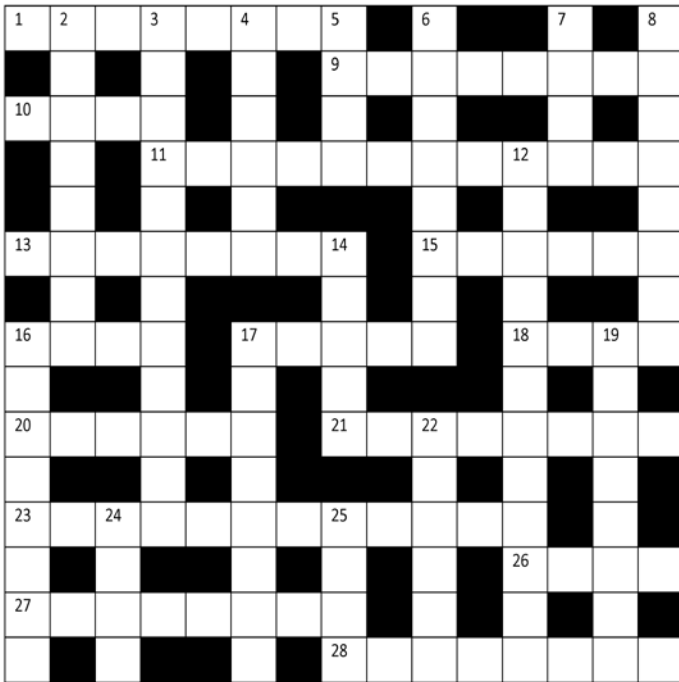
Free with admission and running until 6 November this exhibition explores stripes, a pattern synonymous with Whitchurch silk. Stripes were once the mark of the devil and are

now an iconic print used in day-to-day fashion and furnishings. The exhibition draws from the Mill's own extensive archive, enhanced with loaned objects from collaborators, and explores the creation, history and use of stripes since the invention of textile production.

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**Cryptic Crossword No: 62**

See page 31 for the answers.



**Across**

- 1 Cap is fit appropriately for person of peace. (8)
- 9 Shunt around gent for predator. (8)
- 10 Dan rose in person initially to find even a little bit of water. (4)
- 11 It was Miles not Iain discovering removal events. (12)
- 13 Vinegar extracted from wood and audio equipment. (8)
- 15 Watergate audio system used to find cake. (6)
- 16 Small family covering. (4)
- 17 Ask Aunty Flo or anyone looking for deck. (5)
- 18 Desperate skin complaint ? (4)
- 20 Excellent illegal tactics hid legume. (6)
- 21 The vice rate can invoke response. (8)
- 23 Ale party in Munich likely ? (4,8)
- 26 A plan everyone can see reveals a channel. (4)
- 27 Rear silent pea as a way to show up again. (8)
- 28 Use Mathew short hair for bedding. (8)

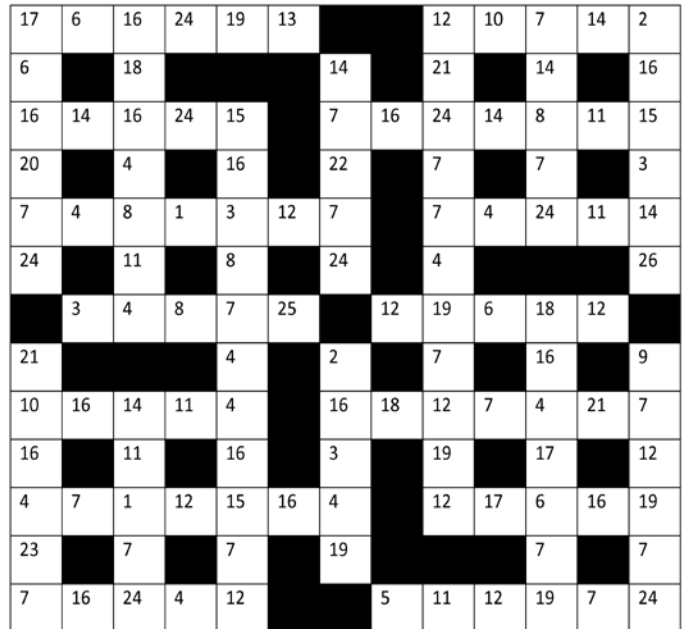
**Down**

- 2 Motorist recovery organisation, road, five and noah's ship make up an insect eater. (8)

- 3 Mimic an imp or store. (12)
- 4 Popular company but not well. (6)
- 5 Countryman broadcast as bind. (4)
- 6 Put in harms way but finish vexation. (8)
- 7 Speak an instant for bullets perhaps. (4)
- 8 Regardless of how popular a small friend can be twisted. (2,2,4)
- 12 Teller strain shows between stars. (12)
- 14 Singing group spoke of a quantity of paper. (5)
- 16 City sounding of seasoned mountain. (8)
- 17 Provided food around change but tripped. (8)
- 19 Ava's and Ann's kind of grasslands. (8)
- 22 Notice extraction for the arrival of an event. (6)
- 24 Made backward cheese. (4)
- 25 The Exchange Rate Mechanism initially expressed a concept. (4)

**CodeWord No: 48**


See page 31 for the answers.



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## Little Apples

Welcome to the new academic year from everyone at Little Apples. We hope you have enjoyed a lovely hot summer and had the chance of a break.

In July we said goodbye to our older children, who were heading off to school, with a lovely party and children's entertainer. It's always sad to say goodbye but we know they are ready for the next step in their adventure at Bramley C of E and other local primary schools.

The new term has been very busy already, with lots of new families and children to meet. We are seeing an unusually high demand for preschool

places and have increased our capacity and recruited new experienced staff to meet this need.

This half term we are thinking about autumn, it's colours and textures and the signs of the changing seasons. We have learnt about the full moon in September which is called the Harvest Moon and we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival with some home-made vegetable soup.

In the spring, the children prepared and planted a new wildflower, bee and insect garden and we have been surprised how well this has grown, despite the drought conditions. We have added insect hotels and will be monitoring the development of the

meadow over the year. Despite the change in the weather we try to spend as much time as possible using our large enclosed garden, having fun and exercising in the fresh air.

This half term we have added an extra music and movement session to our routine and we will be doing more song time accompanied by Makaton signing, thanks to the expertise of one of our lovely staff.

If you are interested in registering a child for Little Apples, please get in touch as soon as possible. Our details are in our advert on page 4 of the magazine.



## It's been a busy start of term at Bramley Church of England Primary School

It was lovely to welcome all of our families back to school at the start of September. The children were eager to start their learning and have settled into new routines brilliantly. We have had several new families join this year - a huge welcome to them all.

The children have thrown themselves into their learning with fabulous attitudes and an eagerness to develop their skills.

In **Year 6**, the children have travelled back in time and across the seas to the Galapagos Islands where Charles Darwin first discovered many of the animals that would help him to develop his theory of evolution. Using a range of techniques, the children have created a range of Galapagos animals from clay.



In **Year 5**, the children have been learning all about the Stone Age. As part of their topic launch days, they learnt about the houses and communities that people would have lived in throughout the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, and used this to build their own roundhouses.

In **Year 4**, the children have had a great time exploring major sporting events in their topic Ready, Steady, Go! They investigated medal designs and created medals of their own, using clay. They have studied sports people in a range of forms and then had the tricky task of using pipe cleaners and tin foil to make their own sculptures. We have read The Proudest Day by Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad, looking at his achievements and discussing the importance of respecting people's differences.

**Year 3** have had a fun start to the year, enjoying their launch days which were focused around their topic of the Victorians. They have explored the famous Victorian art form of silhouettes, creating silhouettes of themselves. After studying toys typical of the time, they made a thaumatrope, which is an optical toy, which flicks between the two images giving the illusion that the image is moving – the children were amazed at the simplicity!

So far, **Year 2** have been enjoying their first topic; the Great fire of London! We have been doing role plays,



re-telling the key events from that night and reading Samuel Pepys' diary. In a few weeks, we will be welcoming a fire crew into school to talk to the children as well as our very exciting 'Great Bramley Fire'.

The children in **Year 1** have settled beautifully in their new classes after the summer break. We are learning about the four countries within the UK. The children have had a great time exploring their new inside and outside continuous provision areas, learning about the learning pit and even having a practise fire drill! Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle' through daily phonics and reading lessons.



**EYFS** children have had such a busy week! The staff have enjoyed visiting the children in their homes and getting to know them. The children have had fun coming to visit us at school for stay and play session and getting to see their friends again. We look forward to welcoming the children into school full time this week and begin their learning journeys.





## Katie James & Claire Levee update us on Wilder Bramley

Wilder Bramley has been very busy this summer watering young trees at Centenary Fields that, with the drought, were experiencing significant stress. The developer had arranged no watering at all, despite initially promising to - very frustrating for residents and us!

We really wanted to save these trees from dying, so launched an 'Adopt A Tree' campaign to encourage people to water trees near their houses. We had a good response, with 47 trees adopted. Thank you, everyone! For the 30+ central trees, local contractor Matt James (ACC Contracting) kindly came to our rescue, supplying free water with his tractor and bowser, enabling our group, residents and volunteers to water the trees weekly. Hopefully most will now survive. A big thanks to Matt and everyone who showed great community spirit.

We have written to Bewley pointing out their responsibilities regarding the young trees, which need watering for their first 2-3 years. We've had no meaningful response, though the managing agent seems more open to discussions, so we remain hopeful.

Meanwhile, we welcomed Alison from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to offer a workshop introduction to grassland surveying techniques. Surveying is a scientific method of recording the changing numbers of wildlife in an area: plants, insects, birds or mammals. We started in the classroom, learning the fundamentals, and culminated with grass dissection! Who knew grass could be so interesting! We know our sheaths from our glumes.

We then ventured to Bramley Green to put our newfound skills to the test using quadrants, nets and trays to sample vegetation and bug life. A highlight was finally identifying crickets and grasshoppers who had offered such a vocal chorus from their grassland home all summer. What a treat!

If you would like to join us, head over to our Wilder Bramley Facebook page or email [WilderBramley@gmail.com](mailto:WilderBramley@gmail.com)



Drawing by Sophia Lockwood, age 9



Meadow grasshopper



A long-winged conehead cricket



Recording the plant life and bug life on Bramley Green



**W**hy does the Wagtail wag its tail? It's not a joke but a question that may stump even **John Stubbs**

I caught this little bird one spring morning hopping around Clift Meadow. That is, the wagtail was hopping, not me; and not just hopping, he was, of course, wagging his tail. Perhaps a better description might be pumping or dipping the tail feathers – not wagging all over the place in the way that a dog will. But why the wag? I guess in the case of a dog, we can read quite a lot from the tail signals: hundreds of years of selection has resulted in breeds that communicate well with humans; it's now part of the job description. But do birds have the same sort of need to send messages? Probably not, at least in this case. The more social birds, such as the corvids, do appear to pass on the location of food, plans for foraging and the like – and co-operate very effectively to organise the defence of nesting areas from predators. Most birds have alarm calls and some have mating dances, but hardly the sort of full-time twitching of the wagtail.

The species is one of our native birds that has come to co-exist with humans. They seem to quite like car-parks, schools, supermarket forecourts and so on, and may adopt this sort of place for warmth and shelter, even forming groups nearby in a handy roost. They don't yet quite understand glazing and mirrors however – it's not unusual to see one quite ferociously attacking a perceived rival in a car windscreen or wing-mirror: one of the hazards of carpark life, I guess, and really not very productive.

There are several plausible suggestions for the wagging habit. One idea is that the whacking action of the tail feathers stirs up loosely covered titbits or well-disguised insects. A wagtail will spend quite a lot of its time fossicking around, picking up seeds, grubs and the like in the undergrowth or odd crevices, so a little agitation may well pay dividends. I'd have thought that if this were the case, the bird would benefit from rear-view mirrors, but there you go, as they say.

Another proposal is that the constant jerky movements show any circling predator that this one is not dozing – you're not going to catch me, so just don't bother trying. OK, but an awful lot of little birds are prone to being



jumped: why don't more species do it, if it works well? The term 'convergent evolution' would include this sort of trait; where different species face the same problem, similar solutions tend to arise in other animals, quite separately. Flight is one example: if you really need to get somewhere sharpish, as an insect or a dinosaur, or a human I guess, best get wings.

So, perhaps a good indicator of the function of the wagging habit is to look at other species that do the same sort of thing. For instance, the dipper is no close relation to the wagtail, but shares something of their sort of movements, hence its name. The dipper is very much an aquatic bird, it has waterproof feathers, nose flaps and special eye-covers for diving, and short stout wings that can be used as paddles. Of necessity it lives around fresh-water streams, and has calls pitched above the range of noise from

running water. The wagtail also likes a stream, where it'll catch flies and larvae, with its jerky flight and random hopping about, but walking rather than hopping any distance. Never still when hunting: like the dipper it's always on the move. Hence this gives another possible clue to why these two birds are such waggars – could it be that they're actually less conspicuous to their potential prey if they keep moving all the time, in the normal background of a stream with running water?

I really don't reckon anyone can be at all dogmatic about the issue. I guess I tend to go along with this last theory, but all or none of them could be the case, in fact. Luckily however, it doesn't appear to worry them that we lack the necessary avian understanding. Let's just hope that our limitations don't cause these guys unnecessary bother.

## GOOD NEWS FOR THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR IF YOU HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR YOUR PAVEMENT LICENCE



### By Clare Strachan & Tara O'Herlihy

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has announced that the temporary pavement licences brought in during the coronavirus (COVID-19) are to be made permanent.

The temporary licences were first introduced in July 2021 to support the struggling hospitality sector by making it quicker, easier and cheaper for businesses to get a pavement licence. Pavement licences allow businesses to set up removable furniture over parts of the highway adjacent to their premises for the sale of food and drink on or off the premises.

So what did the government introduce in July 2021 and what are the new changes?

### What did the government introduce in July 2021?

The Government fast-tracked the process of applying for a pavement licence to support the struggling hospitality sector during the pandemic with the passing of the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licence) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (the "Regulations"). Under the Regulations, eligible businesses can apply to the local authority for a capped fee of £100 and there is an obligation on the local authority to determine the application within 10 working days. If the local authority does not

determine the application within this timeframe, then the licence is deemed granted.

Prior to this fast-tracked process, a business had to apply through Part 7A of the Highways Act 1980 which had varying application fees depending on the local authority and a minimum 28 calendar day consultation period.

### What has changed?

Prior to July 2022, the Government guidelines confirmed that the fast-tracked process would allow licences to remain in place up to 30 September 2022. However, the good news is that the DLUHC has announced that the temporary changes will be extended until 30 September 2023 before becoming permanent law. The government has said that it will bring these changes into force through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

This news has been welcomed by many, with The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Greg Clark explaining:

*We want to see bustling town centres across the country and that's why the changes we made to licensing rules will become permanent. Making alfresco dining a permanent fixture on our high streets is part of our plan to level up communities and create vibrant places people want to live and work.*

For advice on this subject or any commercial real estate matters please contact Clare Strachan on 01256 854674 or email [clare.strachan@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:clare.strachan@phillips-law.co.uk)

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## WHAT'S ON IN BASINGSTOKE IN OCTOBER

### CRIMES ON CENTRE COURT

Tue 4–Thu 6 Oct The Haymarket Tickets: £24. Under 25s and f/t students £13 (includes £4 booking fee)

Multi-award winning New Old Friends present another dose of mirth, murder and mayhem, this time with a side of tennis. A cast of four performers play countless characters with quick-fire changes and quicker wits. An ace of a show which you're sure to (fifteen) love.

### STARS OF THE WEST END

#### Kerry Ellis and Louise Dearman

Fri 7 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil  
Tickets: £35 (includes £4 booking fee)

Two leading ladies of the West End present a musical extravaganza of popular hits, accompanied by the fabulous International Film Orchestra and will include music from *Wicked*, *Les Misérables*, *We Will Rock You*, *Chess*, *James Bond* and *The Greatest Showman* to name a few.

### SHOCK HORROR

Fri 7–Sat 8 Oct The Haymarket  
Tickets: £16. Under 25s £14 (includes £4 booking fee)

Shock Horror is the vivid ghost story of a fanatic, his film... and the thing that hides inside. Herbert is a horror obsessive, misfit filmmaker, who gets his kicks from scaring viewers. But his last act has awoken a nightmare; now he's the one being haunted. Thunder Road Theatre present this cutting-edge chiller that will excite, unsettle and thrill those brave enough to book.

### BRNO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Thu 13 Oct, 7.45pm The Anvil

Founded by Janáček in his hometown, the Brno Philharmonic Orchestra perform two pieces by the composer, *Taras Bulba* and *Jealousy*, as well as Martinů's *Cello Concerto no. 1* and Dvořák's *Symphony no. 8*. British cellist Laura van der Heijden joins the orchestra, with conductor Dennis Russell Davies.

### THE TELL-TALE HEART

Thu 13 – Sat 15 Oct The Haymarket Tickets: £24, 2pm £22. Under 25s and f/t students £15 (includes £4 booking fee)  
Suitable for: ages 15 and over

Imagine you have committed a murder. Imagine someone heard the scream and the police come calling. They're friendly enough, but will your conscience betray you? And what is that noise in your ears that grows ever louder? Is it the beating of your own guilty heart? Or is it the heart of the man you've just killed? Rumpus Theatre Company brings Edgar Allan Poe's Victorian chiller to the stage.

### HOWARD JONES ACOUSTIC TRIO

#### With Nick Beggs and Robin Boulton

Sat 15 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil  
Tickets: £34, £31.50 (includes £4 booking fee)

A fresh take on Howard's best-known hits (*What Is Love?*, *New Song*) and a rare and intimate opportunity to hear first-hand about the inspiration behind his beloved material, plus fascinating recollections from his international touring career. Special guest is Roxanne de Bastion.

### JUAN MARTÍN

Sat 15 Oct, 7.45pm The Forge  
Tickets: £20. Under 25s £15 (includes £4 booking fee)

Voted into the top three flamenco guitarists in the world by *Guitar Player USA*, Juan Martín has toured the world. He played for Picasso's 90th birthday celebrations and his books for learning the guitar are now translated into many languages, with his original book being referred to as 'The Bible' of flamenco guitar.

### LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

#### Plus Muntu Valdo

Wed 19 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil  
Tickets: £39, £34 (includes £4 booking fee)

Since they shot to global stardom on Paul Simon's *Graceland* album, South African vocal powerhouse Ladysmith Black Mambazo have been recognised as one of the world's great vocal groups with their inspirational and uplifting songs. Their special guest is Cameroon-born guitarist and singer, Muntu Valdo.

### THE STEPTOE & SON RADIO SHOW

Tue 25 Oct, 7.30pm The Haymarket  
Tickets: £21. Under 25s £18 (includes £4 booking fee)

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### SIR RANULPH FIENNES

#### Living Dangerously

Thu 20 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil Tickets: £36.50, £31.50 (includes £4 booking fee)  
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Named by the Guinness Book of Records as 'the world's greatest living explorer', Sir Ranulph Fiennes has spent his life in pursuit of extreme adventure, risking life and limb in some of the most ambitious private expeditions ever undertaken. Now he offers a personal journey through his life, both light-hearted and strikingly poignant, describing the many endeavours that have pushed his endurance levels to the very limits, inspiring generations, and making him a pioneer of exploration.

### FAUSTUS

Wed 26 Oct, 8.15pm The Forge  
Tickets: £20. Under 25s £15 (includes £4 booking fee)

Faustus take traditional English music, rip it up, put it together again, and move it on. A vigorous rhythmic impetus and rock/prog rock influence propels the sound into the here and now, and a range of instruments deployed in unconventional ways gives a special texture, depth, and variety to their sound.

### THE NUTCRACKER

Fri 28 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil Tickets: £38. Under 25s and f/t students £36 (includes £3 booking fee)

The Nutcracker, featuring a live orchestra, is a captivating ballet full of familiar music such as the *Waltz of the Flowers* and the *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*. Snow flurries, sweets, princes, magic, and love are just some of the elements that capture the hearts and imaginations of those that see it.

<b>Mondays</b>	
<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

<b>Tuesdays</b>	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing 8pm</i>	St James's Church
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Mother &amp; Toddler group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 5.45pm - 6.45pm</i>	School Hall
<i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Scouts 7-8.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

<b>Wednesdays</b>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Wednesday Club 10am to midday</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>Guides 7.30pm</i>	Village 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>Walking 4 Fitness &amp; Friendship 6.40 for 6.45pm (April-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

<b>Thursdays</b>	
<i>Bramley &amp; Romans Floral Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Lynden School of Dance &amp; 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>Petite Dance 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

<b>Fridays</b>	
<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

<b>Saturdays</b>	
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tennis (age 7-13)</i>	Clift Meadow
<i>Karate 11.00-12.00pm</i>	Primary School Hall

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

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**World Sight Day**, now in its 10th year in Basingstoke, will again see the Lions Club stage a collection point for redundant spectacles, as well as offer information on resources and small pieces of equipment which might assist someone with sight loss.

Around 1/1.30pm the Club's own "Lennie the Basingstoke Lion" will make his annual visit to Leightons, Vision Express and Prime Opticians in the Town Centre to collect their stocks of unwanted spectacles already kindly donated by customers. The 'pre-loved' specs. will eventually find their way via a sorting and recycling process to the many worldwide for whom such aids are unavailable.

Additionally a drop-off point will also be available in **Morrisons Supermarket** from Monday 10th to Sunday 16th October, thus providing an alternative option for those who might find that preferable.

Initially started by the Lions Clubs International Foundation in the year 2000, World Sight Day, celebrated universally always on the 2nd Thursday in October, aims to draw attention to a range of issues surrounding blindness and visual impairment, e.g. the importance of regular eye health checks and sight tests.

Basingstoke Lions Club is delighted once more to be able to offer its service to the community – your spectacles need not languish in a drawer; please bring them to us!

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### Citizens Advice can help you check what benefits you can get

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- of State Pension age and on a low income
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- responsible for children

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To ask for an advance, contact the DWP office that's dealing with your benefit claim. You can find their contact details on any letter or email you've had from them

*You can't get a benefit paid early for Housing Benefit, Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Child Benefit, Guardian's Allowance, Working or Child Tax credits*

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