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Welcome to the June Edition of the Bramley Magazine

The Queen will become the first British monarch to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service on Thursday 2nd June, which will be celebrated with a four-day bank holiday weekend from 2nd-5th June.

Her Majesty's coronation took place on Thursday 2nd June 1953. The one-day celebration took 14 months of preparation and was the only British coronation to be fully televised. Reverend John Morley and James Witchalls share their memories of the Queen's Coronation on p. 7 and p. 13. You can find out about events in Bramley over the Jubilee weekend on pages 12 and 13. There will also be an open-air service on Clift Meadow on Sunday 5th June (p. 5).

Ascending to the throne at just 25, the Queen has dedicated her long life to serving Great Britain, which is certainly worth a four day celebration. The Queen's long reign has seen her visit over 100 countries, carry out thousands of engagements and give Royal Assent to over 4,000 acts of Parliament. The Queen's face has been on the coins of 35 countries, and she has sent over a million cards during her reign to those celebrating their 100th birthdays and their Diamond wedding anniversaries. The Queen has also owned more than 30 corgis and dorgis throughout her reign!

Please do send across your pictures of how you are celebrating the Jubilee or enjoying the long bank holiday weekend to editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk.

May saw the Bramley Fête on Clift Meadow. It was a beautiful sunny day with lots to see and do, with various stalls, displays and fantastic dance performances. Those of us who attended were relieved to hear that Bolt the Lanner falcon was found and safely returned home, after going missing during the falconry display! You can see the pictures of the fête on pages 16 and 17. If you enjoyed the fête, or weren't able to attend, you will be pleased to know that Bramley Primary School is once again hosting its Summer Fête on 25th June at 12 pm. Tickets are on sale from the Bakery and at the fête itself.

There are lots of other things happening in Bramley this month, including the new monthly craft market in the Village Hall (p. 20), events organised by the new Bramley Nature Sustainability group (p. 9), and lots of scarecrows to be spotted around Bramley as part of the Bramley Show.

I hope you enjoy the bank holiday and the Jubilee celebrations.

Best Wishes,

Georgie

Joint Editor

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Queen Elizabeth II

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Church diary for June...

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5th	Pentecost Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
10.30	Open Air Service – Clift Meadow Jubilee Sunday Service
12th	Trinity Sunday
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
19th	1st Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
26th	2nd Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

3rd	3rd Sunday after Trinity
8.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
10th	4th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
17th	5th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

Services at our neighbouring churches

5th	Pentecost
10.00	Jubilee Thanksgiving – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye
10.00	Jubilee Thanksgiving – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
11.30	Jubilee Thanksgiving – Sherfield Village Hall
10th	
4.30pm	Messy Church – Sherfield Park Community Centre
12th	Trinity Sunday
10.00	Morning Worship – St Leonard’s/Online

19th	Trinity 1
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard’s/Online
6.30pm	Evensong – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
26th	Trinity 2
10.00	Together in Worship – St Leonard’s/ Online
3rd July	Trinity 3
10.00	Holy Communion – 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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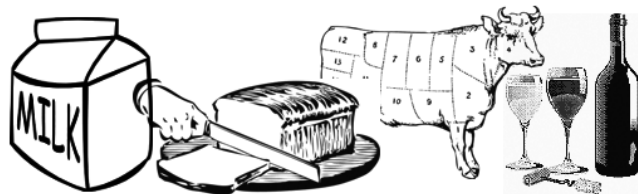
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Reverend John Morley reflects on his memories of the Queen's Coronation in 1953

You probably need to be 75 or over to have a living memory of the Queen's Coronation in Westminster Abbey on a disappointingly drab summer day, 2nd June 1953. However, the event that day did not disappoint, not just the solemnity of the service in the Abbey, but the processions of royalty - who can forget the Queen of Tonga! - Presidents, military personnel from the Commonwealth and across the world.

In the afternoon, streets and neighbourhoods organised street parties for children, there was bunting everywhere, and many children were given a Coronation mug or a commemorative half-crown - I still have mine. It was the birth of the television age as families bought one of these still-newish devices to watch the day's events in black and white on a very small screen. We shall never see the like again.

But above all, there was a palpable feeling of freshness and hope as this young lady ascended to the throne of the United Kingdom, the Empire or Commonwealth and almost half the world's people. The country and the world were almost a decade on from the most savage war in history. The second



Rev. John Morley

Elizabethan Age was so full of promise, though who could have predicted that in the year 2022 we would be celebrating the 70th anniversary of our 'gracious and noble Queen'.

In a radio broadcast on her 21st birthday on 21 April 1947, the then Princess Elizabeth said, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service" and she asked for the prayers and support of everyone. There is no doubt that she has been true to this promise and served all her people with love and faith throughout her long life.

During the Platinum Jubilee weekend we shall party and remember and celebrate and no doubt at some stage sing "God Save The Queen". All our church communities will provide an opportunity on Sunday 5th June for us to come together to celebrate this truly unique occasion. You will find details of these services in the magazine.

But this celebration calls for a solid response from the nation and Commonwealth. We should commit to following her example of dedication to all that is noble and true. Writing to early Christians in Philippi, St Paul wrote, *'Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on these things.....and the God of peace will be with you.'*

What an undertaking. Her Majesty has truly exemplified this kind of living, even through times of great personal distress. Let us commit ourselves to pray for her now and to follow the example she has set. We have purchased some beautiful booklets called "Our Faithful Queen" which will be available over the Jubilee weekend. They centre around some of the Queen's outstanding qualities not the least of which is her firm and faithful commitment to God which has underpinned her whole life.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Meet the Neighbours

Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you like writing? How about helping us with the Meet the Neighbours column? You just need to meet or email the selected neighbour, ask them some standard questions and then write about 600 words based on their answers. We can provide you with any assistance you need and you don't need to do it every month if you are too busy. If you would rather not write the article, can you think of anyone we can feature? I am sure you all know interesting people in Bramley and Little London: people who have lived here for many years and have lots of interesting memories for instance, or young people who have interesting jobs, or hobbies, or neighbours who have been taking part in charity events. If you can help, please email us on editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

Thank you

Rachel & Georgie

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Bramley Scout Group – Beavers Colony

The Beaver Colony started up again in October 2021, welcoming sixteen new Beavers aged between 6 and 8 years of age to the colony. The Beavers had the opportunity to help shape the group with the creation of the code of conduct, their Lodge (team) name and the group ethos. The group is very lucky to have 6 Leaders alongside our fabulous two young leaders. At Beavers, all the leaders have bird names, Penguin, Owl, Robin, Kookaburra, Toucan and Blue Jay. We also welcomed Gnawman the Beaver teddy, who selects Beaver of the week. Gnawman has his own passport which the children get to take home alongside the children. This way they can showcase their badge work, or hobbies from home. Gnawman loves working with all the children and getting to join in with lots of fun activities such as feeding the cows, riding a motorcycle, or visiting the Opera.

Beavers meet every Tuesday evening term time 5:45 to 6:45pm at the local school. Beavers is run by a group of volunteers ensuring the children (and

adults) get to have lots of fun, working towards a range of badges. Over the past few months, the children have had lots of exciting opportunities for their badges including the musician, space, and their personal challenge badge. The children are always excited to know which badge they are working towards next. Each week is completely different and led by one of the leaders depending on their expertise. We have “travelled” to space to learn about the planets, performed Rudolph the red nose reindeer in British Sign Language, and completed a range of scientific experiments to earn our Experiments badge.

Beavers also work alongside the local community to provide a range of experiences to the children. Recently we had a visit from our local Police officers. They helped us learn about the Police’s role in the community as well as letting the children test out their uniform and police sirens. We met a lovely spaniel named Rocky who works as a scent dog finding things for the police. He loved his ball, which was his reward for working so hard. The following week, we were lucky enough

to be invited to the amazing Bramley Corner Dairy. The children got to feed the cows, see lots of baby piglets, and go on a fantastic tractor ride around the farm. The children loved it and earned their explore badge from their visit.

We have just opened our colony up to a further five children taking our total up to 21 Beavers, which means that we are now at capacity, but we do operate a waiting list for when spaces become available. Alternatively, if your child has not yet turned 6, then we would recommend that you put their name down early. We do currently have spaces in our Scout Troop (ages 10.5 to 14 years) and Cub Pack (ages 8 – 10.5 years).

We would also love to hear from anyone who would be interested in volunteering as a Cub or Scout leader, or as a Group Scout Leader. Please email Jodie at jodie@bramley-scouts.org.uk if you are interested in joining us (either as a Beaver, Cub, Scout or volunteer).

Penguin (Gee)
Bramley Beaver Leader
Gee.king@bramley-scouts.org.uk

Making life safer for our residents with fire investigation dogs

In 2006 over 50% of fires in the UK were attributed to arson. However, the arrest rate was only 9%, detection rate 7%, and conviction rate just 3%.

So, in 2007 Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service set up the Arson Task Force in collaboration with Hampshire Constabulary. In 2020, the Arson Task Force was hailed as a world leader in arson investigation. In 2021, the arrest rate was 63%, the detection rate 49% and the conviction rate increased to 98% in Hampshire and Isle of Wight. 150 arsonists have been removed from our communities and are serving in excess of 500 years in prison!

Assisting in gaining these remarkable improvements are our four canine detectives, two of whom are pictured. They are trained to detect the presence of ignitable liquids and can get straight to the cause of a fire, quicker and with much more accuracy than a human being.



It is quite wonderful watching them work, they even have special rubber booties to protect their paws!

Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan MBE
Calleva Division HCC
Chairman Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority



Bramley Lunch Club

April saw some of us enjoying a meal at Longbridge Mill. We were joined by Judy’s husband and granddaughter, who had just celebrated her 11th birthday. Christine also had a birthday in April, and was taken to Little Roses Tearoom for tea and cake by two club members.

The month of May brought together seven members for lunch at Olivers. The miserable weather did not diminish appetites, and plates were mostly left empty! We followed lunch with a visit to Conkers Garden Centre. After a look round, we celebrated more birthdays with tea and cake, those of Freda and Sheila. As we arrived back in Bramley, the sun was just beginning to show through the clouds.

Freda Clark

Bramley Gets a New Nature Group

Do you care about wildlife and the natural world around us, especially in and around our village? If you do, why not join our new local group, the Bramley Nature and Sustainability Team (BNAST)? Our aim is to connect people who enjoy and appreciate nature and to do what we can locally to help wildlife and increase sustainability.

We have some upcoming exciting projects, for which we will need as much help as possible from our lovely Bramley residents. We are creating a Bee Garden with Cliff Meadow and will be appealing for donations of bee friendly plants, as well as some help with the planting encouraging people of all ages. We will also be creating a woodland-style "Jubilee Glade" near the village hall, for which we will be setting up a volunteer work party. Grateful thanks to Sarah Plested, local garden designer and horticulturalist, for her invaluable advice here. We are also hoping to partner with Basingstoke and Deane Council/Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust in a pilot wildlife conservation project.

We have over 150 members in our Facebook group, with a schedule of events and projects planned. We recently held a Bluebell Walk, and a Wilder Walk for Mindfulness. Upcoming in June is a Gardening for Wildlife Workshop (details on Facebook soon). Other activities have included a group-watering to save the new Centenary Fields trees in the recent dry spell and a "No Mow May" campaign, originated by Plantlife, to encourage people to grow their lawns longer for wildflowers and insects.



Do join us! Head over to our Bramley Nature And Sustainability Team on Facebook for more details.

Jane Kirkwood and Claire Levee

Scout Award

On April 24th Bramley Cub Leader Harrison Gorst was finally presented with his Queen Scout Award, something that should have taken place in 2019, when he turned 18, but like many things, Covid got in the way.

Chief Scout Bear Grylls presented Harrison with his award at Windsor Castle. Harrison said, "Bear went

round and presented each person with the award by shaking hands and chatting with us. I didn't know what to say to him, so I ended up talking about how our practice expedition ended up in disaster as our path was blocked by a flooded ford during the biggest rainstorm for a decade on Dartmoor! He asked me about the expedition and commended me for surviving.

It was truly one of the best days I've had in scouting. The pageantry is something which scouts rarely get to experience, but we are the only organisation in the country apart from the military allowed to parade in a royal castle! It was a privilege and an honour to represent the organisation, and Bramley Scouts on the day. I would not have had the confidence and resilience to attack the Gold Duke of Edinburgh or Queen's Scout Awards without the effort of amazing volunteers right through my Scouting career. I have chosen to give this back through volunteering myself. I have recently been appointed to the position of Deputy Chairman of Hampshire County Scouts (with over 30,000 young people and adult volunteers), brilliant governance, financial and legal training for when I graduate."

The Queen Scout Award is the highest honour in Scouting and is an outstanding personal achievement for Harrison who joined Scouts as a Bramley Beaver when he was just 6 years old, moving through Cub and Scout sections, then returning to Cubs as a Young Leader at the age of 14. Now at 20 he is a fully invested adult Leader with the Cubs whilst he juggles his time volunteering with his university commitments studying law.

Harrison is passionate about Scouting in general and Bramley Scouts in particular and it's clear that the Cubs in the village benefit enormously from Harrison's commitment and expertise. There is a great team of Volunteers who support all sections of Scouts in the village but there's always room for more.

Contact the Administrator at Jodie.Saunders@bramley-scouts.org.uk to find out more about volunteering. You could play a part in helping a young person achieve their Queen Scout Award.



Bramley SpeedWatch

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity

Two manned deployments were carried out during May on The Street (opposite Beaufre Close, west bound).

Details of 26 vehicles were passed onto the police.

The Speed Indicator devices (SIDs) have highlighted some concerning issues during the last month. There were several instances of vehicles travelling at 70mph passing the Village Hall, in both directions. The other concern was that 86% of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph speed limit between Bramley Corner and Tudor Farm.

Bramley Fête

A big thanks to Rogers Transport (www.rogerstransport.co.uk) for supporting Bramley Speedwatch and supplying the pens for the Bramley Village Fête.

If you have any question/concerns about SpeedWatch please email: speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or visit: www.hampshire.police.uk.

Did you know?

Speed limits were first introduced in the UK in 1861 as part of the Locomotives on Highways Act, and limited vehicles to 10mph.

The Locomotive Act 1865 reduced this to just 4mph in the country and an agonising 2mph in the city! Things have moved on!

The minimum penalty for speeding is a £100 fine and 3 penalty points added to your licence. If you clock up 12 or more penalty points within three years, you could be disqualified from driving.

Most vans are only allowed to travel at 60mph on dual carriageways and 50mph on national speed limit single carriageway roads. Unless they are car derived which are a type of van that is based on the same platform as cars, and are typically designed to weigh no more than two tonnes when fully loaded. They usually look similar to cars, but without rear windows or seats. Popular examples include Vauxhall Corsa and Ford Fiesta vans. Most vans are not car derived, and subject to lower speed limits than cars. This includes Ford Transits and the smaller Transit Connect.

Keep Safe and Watch Your Speed

Graham White

Bramley Speedwatch Co-ordinator

The Bramley Knitted Map

The knitters are very proud that the Bramley Knitted Map has been welcomed by The Vyne and is currently on display in the kitchen in the house. It will remain there for at least another month, maybe longer!



Friendship Walks

It has been lovely to welcome new walkers, who have joined us at Brocas Hall on Thursdays between 10.30 and 12:00.

Come and have a leisurely walk and a cuppa with us.

On Thursday 9th June as part of Carers Week, we would like to extend a welcome to any unpaid carer to join us for a walk.

Carers Week

6th – 13th June 2022

“Make caring visible, valued and supported”



Clift Surgery with the support of the Patient Participation group invites unpaid carers to “Care for a Cuppa” Brocas Hall, Clift Meadow, Bramley, Saturday June 11th between 11 – 1pm.

Come and chat over tea and cake and find out what support is available, discover ways to de-stress, and how to find time for you.

So, who is a carer?

“A carer is someone who provides unpaid care and support to a family member or friend who has a disability, illness, mental health condition, addiction, or who needs extra help as they grow older. It isn’t someone who volunteers or is employed to provide support.”

News from Clift Surgery

- Please remember that Covid is still with us and the **wearing of masks is mandatory when visiting the surgery or any other healthcare provider, including hospitals.**
- Please do not forget to collect your prescriptions promptly. Any that are not collected will be returned to stock
- The numbers of Did Not Attend for April are 70, including face to face doctors’ appointments, nurse appointments and clinics. Please cancel any appointment you no longer require so it can be offered to someone else.
- Please let the surgery know if you have changed your telephone number.

Thank you.

Parish Council Update

As I write this, I have just returned from the Clift Meadow Fete, and I must say what a success, both with the turnout, and the glorious weather. From my viewpoint, it looked like more than 1000 people came along to this annual community event and had a great time.

If you are reading this at the end of May, then just a quick reminder of the Queen’s Jubilee beacon lighting at Clift Meadow on Thursday 2nd June from 8 p.m. There will be a free hog roast and a celebratory drink plus a bugler, bagpipes and the proclamation to be delivered by the Rev. Mark Anderson.

If you are reading this after the 2nd of June, then I hope you could attend and had a good time!

Local Elections

The recent Basingstoke Borough Council elections resulted in Tony Durrant from Bramley being elected as one of our 3 ward councillors for the next 4 years. Congratulations Tony!

Speedwatch

At the recent fête, from my vantage point of the classic vehicle display, I could see the Speedwatch stand where you could run at the indicator device to record a speed. This reminded me

of the efforts of the local Speedwatch team coordinated by Graham White, which continues its good work to educate drivers to the observance of our speed limits. Our urban speed limits are there for a reason and we should remember that we, as drivers, control a lethal weapon under our right foot. In the parishes around us we have recorded speeds of up to 103 mph! The police are now being sent the details of persistent offenders and those vehicles observed speeds of over 60 mph.

Renewable energy

The Solar Farm planning application for the land between Bramley and Silchester was rejected by the Borough Council as it was considered to be against policies that protect the countryside and the enjoyment of footpaths, plus potential harm to Roman archaeological remains under the fields. This was a good opportunity for renewable energy generation but totally in the wrong location.

However the Parish Council received a presentation at their last meeting from Loddon Community Energy:-



This is a Community Benefit Society (similar to a Co-op) which is being established in the parishes north

of Basingstoke. They will offer shares to the public (individuals and organisations). The money raised will be used to build solar and other renewable generation, initially on the roofs of public buildings. The power will be sold to the site owner at a discount to the general market rate, or exported to the Grid. Shareholders will receive a return of 3-5% on their investment. Any surplus will be used to fund energy efficiency advice, and to support those in “fuel poverty” with grants for insulation etc. They are currently in the final stages of setup, and are already working with a couple of site owners to define specific projects. We will be holding public meetings, and attending events, over the summer and autumn.

Cllr Chris Tomblin

Meetings and Contact Details

The June Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 14th at 7.00pm in the Bramley room.

Parish Clerk: Maxta Thomas
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Website: - www.bramley-pc.gov.uk

News from the Village Hall

Its ‘business as usual’ at the Village Hall with almost all of our regular users back and some new ones joining us as well. A *Crafty Taste Market* is the latest, held on the fourth Sunday of the month. Come along and take a look.

We’ve been successful in securing grants for our latest project: installation of solar panels and a battery storage system to help reduce our electricity bills. This is not about going ‘off grid’ to achieve self-sufficiency but a case of investing in a sustainable solution to reduce our electricity costs by a target of 75%. We have received generous financial support from National Grid with a grant of £10k from their Community Grant Programme and £4k from Hampshire County Council’s Parish and Town Council Investment Fund. Three companies tendered quotes for the proposed work, and we have appointed JEM Energy of Fleet, Hampshire as our contractor. This work will start on 25th July and will take about two weeks to

complete. The Hall is less busy during August and much of the work will be external, on the roof of the Frith Room, and disruption to users will be kept to a minimum.

We’re already thinking about next year’s project! The floor in the main hall needs refurbishment (more than just a wash and wax), and we are currently discussing solutions with some local flooring companies. The work will take at least two weeks in summer 2023 and will mean shutting down the Hall for that period.

The Village Hall Annual Report has been published on our website: <http://www.bramleyhampshire.org.uk/village-hall/>. We are still looking for new Trustees and for a ‘Young Trustee’ to join us; please get in touch if you would like to know more about volunteering.

Gareth Jones
 Chairman
 Bramley Village Hall Trustees
 Contact: chairman@bvht.org.uk



Knitting Club

We had a good turnout for our April meeting at Capital garden centre, and we all agreed that the arrangement made life simpler for everyone. Chris had knitted some lovely baby hats and Doris’s wool for her cardigan was admired by us all - is wool envy a thing?!

If you would like to join us then please contact me at jane.kettridge@btconnect.com. We knit either for charity or for ourselves, and often spend more time chatting than knitting.

Jane Kettridge

**Platinum Jubilee
at Clift Meadow**

**Bring a Picnic to the Park
Sunday 5th June 2022**

**“Bramley’s alternative
to a Street Party”**

12- 3pm

- Bring your own picnic and rug or chairs and games
- On your own? Join the Friendship Walkers’ group next to the purple gazebo

What’s happening?

- Royal Fancy dress parade – children and adults!
- Traditional games
- Photo booth and throne £1 per photo
- A royal quiz for adults
- A craft activities table
- A rummage sale, including toys, craft materials, wool, books, dvs, cards and bric-a-brac
- Balloons (wacky and pretty) for sale

Plus

- Come and see the Jubilee Knitting – 7 decades of the Queen’s reign.
- Creative writing results
- Scarecrow photos – vote for people’s favourite – and find out who is the overall winner

This event has been funded by the Bramley Village Hub so donations would be most welcome.

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Bramley WI

At the April meeting, it was decided to have an informal meeting which included talking about the future meetings now that we are back to some sort of normality, some ideas on outings and having a chat while doing some colouring with tea and biscuits.

The May meeting was the AGM with election of Officers. Most of the committee were re-elected. Our speaker for the evening was Rector Mark Anderson, the new Rector for St James, and surrounding areas, who gave an enlightening talk explaining the interesting and varied life of a village rector. Topics ranged from two very different funerals he had conducted, to meeting local dignitaries. He also talked about where he was brought up, meeting his wife, and some of his previous careers for example working for a Finance Company and being a Primary School teacher.

Below is the programme for the rest of the year:

June 8th	Lunch down at Clift Meadow starting at 12.30-1 o'clock Bring your own lunch but cake will be provided
July 14th	Birthday party entertainment followed by strawberries and cream with prosecco
August	Hopefully an outing
September 8th	Stuff and Wine evening making Breast Cushions for charity
October 13th	Speaker – Jackie Dimmock about her 20 years in Hampshire Police
November 10th	Morris Dancers giving a talk of the history of this dance, followed by a demonstration
December 8th	Christmas party

We had a stall at the Bramley fête with homemade cakes which made a handsome profit.

Our grateful thanks to all our members who made cakes and manned the stall.

Jane Matthews



*Everyone is welcome to join us at St. James’ Church, Bramley
Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022*



*Jubilee Festival of Flowers Thursday 2nd - Saturday 4th 10am to 5pm
With Cream Teas served in Cross House 2pm - 4.30pm*



*Come and have a go at chiming the Church Bells Friday 3rd 3pm - 4.30pm
Children’s Treasure Hunt and Jubilee Craft Activities Saturday 4th 2pm - 4.30pm
Open Air Songs of Praise in Clift Meadow Sunday 5th at 10.30am*

A few months ago, we asked if any of you had memories of the **Queen's Coronation**. **James Witchalls** has cast his mind back to 1953 when he played a part in that momentous occasion.

At the time of the Coronation, I was 13 years of age, a keen Scout and living within walking distance of Hyde Park in central London. About three days before 2nd June 1953, I was directed to report to a point near the eastern carriageway of the park, together with other Scouts. The whole park had been transformed into a huge encampment to house the thousands of military personnel from around the world who would be participating in the coronation procession. In addition, more than 2000 additional policemen were due to be bussed into London from around the UK. These police officers would be housed in scores of large khaki tents erected near to the carriageway. Each of us Scouts was allocated to a tent which we would be responsible for keeping tidy and clean, a job which I relished.

Activities increased as the big day approached. I had no expectation of seeing any of the procession, but fate thought otherwise! As if by magic I found myself at the roadside.

In front of the huge crowds and the police watching over them. I had a clear view across the processional route between the red-coated guardsmen spaced two yards apart. There were no crowds across the road as the route was quite narrow at this point.

Activity on the route was incessant. A gradual crescendo of cheering indicated the approach of Her Majesty's magnificent horse-drawn golden coach. And what a spectacular sight it was! The coach passed by slowly towards Marble Arch at a steady walking pace, flanked by liveried footmen, only about ten yards from where I was standing. The Queen's attention was focussed on the crowds to her left.

She appeared for a moment to focus on this lone Scout with her gentle smile and wave.

I returned her greeting, albeit with tears streaming down my face. But in that fleeting moment of eye contact a



profound bond of love was sealed, a bond which has never left me.

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Little Apples

Hello from everyone at Little Apples. Welcome to the summer term, which will once again be full of fun and learning.




The Little Apples enjoyed making maypoles and flags for St George's Day and are now learning about minibeasts. We have made lots of lovely insect crafts and have our own caterpillars which are just forming into chrysalises. The children are monitoring their size and learning about the life-cycle of butterflies. We are lucky to have our lovely garden area and particularly enjoy spending time outside at this time of year.

To celebrate the Jubilee, we are making a scarecrow princess out of old carrier bags to think about recycling and sustainability. Look out for her beside the Village Hall soon! We will also have a red, white and blue street party in our role play area.

As we move towards the end of term, we will be helping the children leaving us to go to school with their transitions and look forward to working with the Year R team at Bramley school particularly.


We are currently allocating sessions for next academic year, so please don't delay getting in touch if you are interested in a place for your child. Demand for next academic year is particularly high. If you'd like to have a look round or have any questions about preschool education, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are at the Village Hall Monday to Friday during term time, available by email - manager@littleapples.org or our phone number is (07598) 588460.



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This month, both the pre-school and toddler children have started their 'growing' projects. The pre-school children conducted some inventive experiments: some children decided that adding googly eyes and glitter would grow a monster sunflower, others grew their seeds in chocolate powder to see what happened, and one decided to grow theirs in a cupboard! The seeds that took successfully have grown almost as tall as the children, so have changed



homes to our garden, where we are hoping we will have the tallest-ever sunflowers! Even in our toddler suite, we have been growing flowers on the shelf and have enjoyed watering, and watching them grow.



The main theme that has threaded through our children this month was 'rainbows', with lots of science experiments that have included mixing coloured water, looking at colours and catching the rainbows that shine through the rainbow crystals.

There have been lots of celebratory moments for our babies as they have all been meeting their milestones, such as walking or using cutlery during meals. As early years teachers and educators, part of our vision is to develop children's independent skills through experimentation and discovery, and we really enjoy working with our families to plan each next step in children's individual skills.

This month, we are looking forward to being outside in our garden, going for trips in our local community and celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

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Bramley Fête

A great day was had at the Bramley Fête on Saturday 14th May at Clift Meadow. Jan Wright took the below pictures of the day.







The Bramley School Summer Fete is back!

Please join us for a big party on Saturday 25th June from 12pm – 4pm at Bramley C of E Primary School. We have a fun-packed day planned with big inflatables, donkey rides, a bubble performer, live music, emergency vehicles, arena performances, Bramley's Got Talent, a BBQ and a hog

roast, vegetarian and vegan options, ice cream, sweet treats and fresh candy floss, strawberries and cream, loads of fun games, student enterprise stalls, local businesses, a bar and much more!

We are also running a raffle with a top prize of £200 cash as well as loads of other amazing prizes and a prize for the

most tickets sold! Tickets are available in advance from the Bakery and at the fete itself. The raffle will be drawn live at the fete at 3:30pm on Saturday 25th June.

We can't wait to see you all there!

Bramley School Association



Sunflower Celebration launched for St. Michael's Hospice

As part of their 30th anniversary celebrations, St. Michael's Hospice has commissioned hand-crafted metal sunflowers from local Hampshire based company, Hurstbourne Forge.

Sunflowers are regarded as symbols of hospice care as they draw strength from focusing on the light and not the darkness. The seed represents the patient, and the surrounding petals represent love, care, and compassion.

People from across North Hampshire are being given the opportunity to own one of these limited-edition flowers – in memory of a loved one, to mark an occasion or simply support the hospice.

Lorraine Pink, Director of Income Generation at St Michael's Hospice said, "The amazing thing is that by donating £30 for a sunflower, people not only have the chance to dedicate it to their loved one, but also can hopefully take comfort in knowing that the money raised from their sale is helping us to continue providing care to local people too."

The flowers are forming part of St. Michael's Sunflower Celebration, which is taking place in the hospice grounds on Sunday 12th June at 2pm. All the sunflowers will be on display during the event and people will be able to take them home afterwards or collect from the hospice at a later date.

The hospice only has a limited number of the flowers available, so don't miss out. Visit the website <https://www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/event/sunflower-celebration> or call 01256 848848.

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Basingstoke Lions Club

'He who plants a tree plants a hope'

(Lucy Larcom 1824 –1893)

The Basingstoke Lions Club, a fixture in the town for 55 years, is delighted to report that two more lovely cherry tree 'hopes' have been planted in Basingstoke in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee, under the auspices of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. This time it was at the Old Basing Royal British Legion Social Club.

Acquired by the Club from The Woodland Trust, 30 saplings have found homes via the Club in various locations in the Borough, including North Hants. Hospital, BCOT, Audley's Resource Centre, Parklands Hospital and various schools. This British Legion placement was a particularly fitting tribute to Her Majesty, who has been its Patron since 1952.

Charity donations have been hard to come by in these difficult times, but the Club's motto 'We Serve' applies whatever and whenever. The Basingstoke Lions Club proudly continues to serve its community.



'Lennie, the Basingstoke Lion' getting in on the act with Mr. Merritt and Lion President Rex Sinden.

Ann Vicars

For more information about the Lions see: <https://www.basingstokelions.org.uk>



Club's manager, Kyle Merritt who has carefully nurtured the little saplings until they were ready for the big outdoors, giving them the love and attention required to take root.

New Monthly Crafty Taste Market at Bramley Village Hall

We are delighted to announce a recent addition to the village, which is a monthly market in Bramley Village Hall. It is held on the 4th Sunday of every month and will be open from 11am to 3pm on those days. It has been set up by a Natalie Ellis and we asked her a few questions here:

Natalie, what is your background to running these types of events?

I've been a chef for over 25 years and started my own successful catering business during the pandemic. I attended a market as a stall holder at the beginning of the year, which was hugely successful, but unfortunately wasn't guaranteed a regular stall there, so therefore decided to host my own!

How long have you been doing this for?

Since March. I have met a lot of very talented local people, and together have made a lovely market with some beautiful stalls.

Do you run other events?

No, just Bramley. It's a great location and central for our stall holders which is perfect and the facilities in the hall are really good, which is great.

What made you think Bramley village may be a good venue for your markets?

I used to live close by so my customer base are local to Bramley, Tadley and Burghfield.

How many stalls are we likely to see at the Crafty Taste Market in Bramley?

Last month we had 28 stalls all offering different products. It's a big hall so there's plenty of scope to grow.

Do you accept stall bookings from other interested local craft or food producers and if so how should they get in touch?

Absolutely. All I ask is that they have the relevant insurance and certificates and they fit in with what we already have. If there's anyone who thinks they'd be a good fit, they can make contact via Bramley Village Hall, or find me on Facebook.

What food do you sell at your own stall, and what is a firm favourite with your regular customers?

Last month we offered hot food which was a butter chicken curry & onion bhajis, and my bestselling beef & chorizo lasagne, as well as pies, sausage rolls and an extensive sweet menu.

Thick milkshakes are always one of my bestsellers!

The next Crafty Taste Market will be held on 26th June. There will be a selection of high quality stalls and a café with a variety of refreshments. Parking and entry are free to all.

Please come along to support us and we look forward to seeing you there!





**RANIL JAYAWARDENA, M.P.
NORTH EAST HAMPSHIRE**

This month we're celebrating and giving thanks for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years of dedicated service to our great nation – on this, her Platinum Jubilee. For the vast majority of us, Queen Elizabeth II is the only monarch we have known in our lifetimes, and her unwavering dedication to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth is exemplary.

Towns and villages across North East Hampshire, like Bramley and Little London, will be celebrating this special day as a community – including The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Bramley. I look forward to seeing our neighbours come together to mark the occasion.

These events follow a year of celebrations leading up to the Platinum Jubilee – including when our local schools and community

groups took part in the 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' initiative to create the 'Queen's Green Canopy'. As part of this, Westfields Infants School in Yateley planted a brilliant total of 42 broadleaf trees, and Odiham Parish Council planted 16 apple trees, 7 pear trees, 6 plum trees, and even a quince tree! This is in addition to the 'Queen's Commonwealth Canopy' project, which plans to plant 50,000 trees across the Commonwealth in honour of HM The Queen's lifetime of service to all of its 54 member states. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting Hook Junior School, and Hartley Wintney's Oakwood Infant School to plant a tree on their grounds as part of this project in 2019.

Over the Jubilee weekend, I'm looking forward to attending local celebrations. Residents of Odiham will enjoy a community picnic and music as part of their Street Party, and as District President of the Bramshill District Scouts, and as a former Scout there myself, I am delighted that the 7th Bramshill Hook Scout Group is hosting Village Jubilee Celebrations, where the community will come together and have great fun enjoying picnics, games and ice cream.

Some events across the constituency have been supported by grants made available by the government, along with funding from Hart District Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council – like BDBC's 'Jubilee Fund Grant Scheme' and Hart's 'Councillor Community Grant Scheme'.

Beyond Bramley and Little London, it will be great to see the celebrations taking place across the nation, including the impressive display at Trooping The Colour, and the Jubilee Beacons that will light up the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I'm sure that like me, you will have been lifted by the patriotism demonstrated ahead of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend. We are incredibly fortunate to be a part of such an historic event, honouring our nation's longest serving monarch – God Save The Queen!

I will be meeting with residents again soon at my upcoming 'Tell Ranil' sessions, and I hope to see you there too – the details are available at: ranil.uk/events and on my Facebook page. As ever, should you wish to contact me, you can do so by emailing email@ranil.uk or by phoning 01256 702468.

Bramley & District Royal British Legion

The branch held its first post-pandemic meeting in Bramley on Tuesday 3rd May with good attendance. John Delafield, our branch Chairman, gave an excellent illustrated talk on his years in the RAF and his career in gliding, which he came to very early in life.

He began his RAF service at RAF Cranwell in January 1956 and after graduating went on to fly many types of aircraft. He has a particular love of the Hunter aircraft which he started flying in 1959. He retired from the service in May 1991 in the rank of Air Commodore, after over 35 years, and immediately transferred to RAF Volunteer Reserve (Training) in the lowly rank of Flying Officer!

His international career in gliding continued alongside his RAF career and he has many achievements in that very competitive, but friendly, community. He has recorded all of this in his highly readable book 'A Flying Life - 60 years in the cockpit'.

Upcoming Meetings

On Tuesday 14th June we will welcome Flying Officer Richard Williams, Officer Commanding 2403 (Aldermaston) Sqn, Air Training Corps. Richard will explain the ATC programme of activities to develop young people through the acquisition of flight related knowledge, including air-experience flying and an introduction to the many trades and skills available to those who might progress into the RAF.

At our following meeting on Tuesday 12th July, our speaker will be Lt Chris Dyer, CO of TS Mary Rose, Basingstoke Sea Cadet unit. Chris will give us an illustrated talk about the opportunities offered to young people by the corp's training programme, based on gaining life skills, developing as good citizens and above all - having fun! Younger members of your families aged 10+ would be welcome to this meeting.

Battlefield Tours.

We are fortunate to have among our members Rhydian Vaughan MBE, our



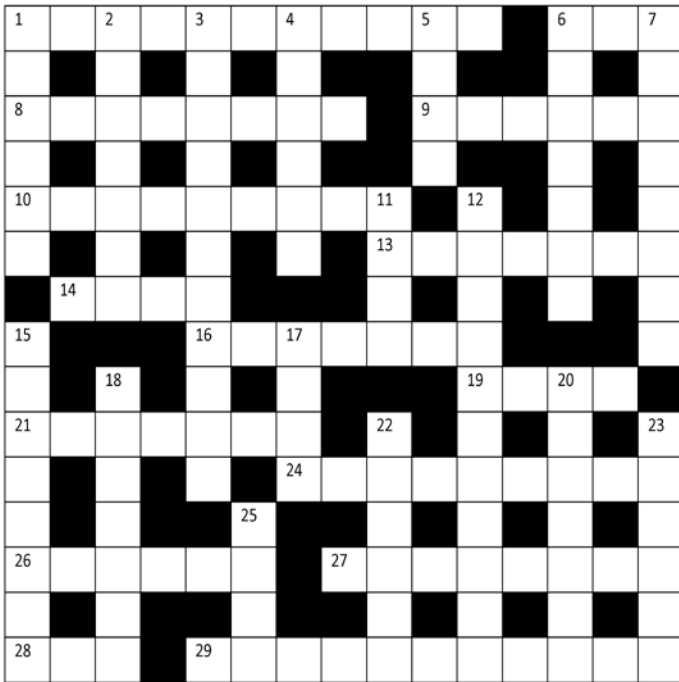
Vice Chairman, who organises visits to the WWI and WWII battlefields of Europe. He is hoping to arrange a tour to the Normandy Beaches for anyone in our local area in the spring of next year. If you want to express an interest, please contact Rhydian at rhydian@battlefieldtours.co. This will likely be a Friday-Sunday tour. Younger people are invited and many schools will permit a temporary absence for pupils as these tours have a great educational value.

John Morley

Branch Development Member
revjmorley@talktalk.net

Cryptic Crossword No: 59

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 Hot month expression. (7,4)
- 6 Monthly MP ? (3)
- 8 Heard as I cry out for dessert. (3,5)
- 9 Digit lost feeling in front of queen. (6)
- 10 Rig his par creating dresser's tools. (9)
- 13 Cooked a mature ham. (7)
- 14 Café Eldorado has not lost its touch. (4)
- 16 Leave a band on the run to reveal itself. (7)
- 19 Edward unearthed a mound. (4)
- 21 Sailor and workout to set free. (7)
- 24 A coin, maid put together for building block. (5,4)
- 26 Pop a question that's obscure. (6)
- 27 The Lion, a comic opera. (8)
- 28 First top of the class for child. (3)
- 29 Manages notice before officials. (11)

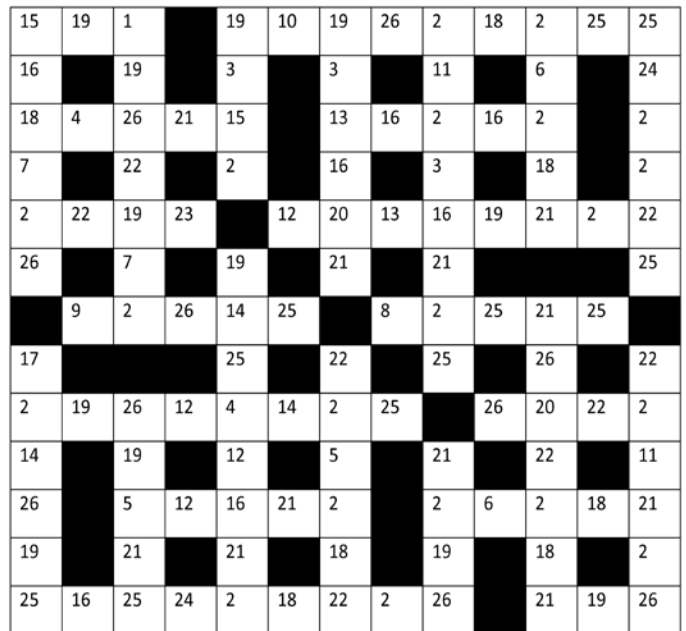
Down

- 1 Fear, woman correct perhaps. (6)
- 2 Trouble spouse ? Listen for brewer. (7)

- 3 Rely on rug rail anyhow. (11)
- 4 Gin art, a form of dish. (6)
- 5 Negative German sounding number. (4)
- 6 Phones on the move ? (7)
- 7 Spars measure limbs. (8)
- 11 Bits and pieces for desert fragments. (4)
- 12 Last Don, a rum arrangement for cleaning establishments. (11)
- 15 Wind scale known in France to be handsome and strong. (8)
- 17 A spot where a really good section maybe found. (4)
- 18 Sustain makeup for heraldic term. (7)
- 20 Decorative cloth or an unpleasant sort of party. (7)
- 22 Reject, but Sid won anyway. (6)
- 23 Snakes or mathematicians perhaps. (6)
- 25 Act of daring effort established David initially. (4)

CodeWord No: 45


See page 31 for the answers.



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Probus Enjoys a Twin Visit to Salisbury

The benefits of having an arranged trip to Salisbury Cathedral are the small nuggets of information that evade the casual visitor. As was the case when members and wives/partners of the Probus Club of Basingstoke visited Salisbury Cathedral and to Arundells, situated in Cathedral Close, the home of the ex-prime minister Sir Edward Heath who is buried in the cathedral.

A guided tour of the cathedral was only able to gloss over the surface, but it was enthralling learning about the foundation of what has become known as 'the cathedral that moved'. The original cathedral shared space with the local garrison but relations soured so much that the Pope gave permission to build a new place of worship. An arrow was fired and where it landed would be the site, but it hit a deer that eventually died where the cathedral now stands.

The foundation stone was laid in 1220 but the 800th anniversary could not be celebrated, as the building was a vaccination centre during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The dimensions and logistics are extraordinary. It took only 38 years to build and used 60,000 tons of stone, 2,800 tons of oak and 420 tons of lead and all this sits on foundations of only four feet. Several rivers pass beneath the building, and the presence of water maintains the firmness of the ground.

This constant supply of water is used in the modern font which is over ten feet across, and has overflowing spouts at four corners clearly demonstrating the style of infinity pools. In opposition to this, is the world's oldest working mechanical clock which has no dials, but rings the hours. For a church of such size, the cathedral does not possess a change ring of bells typically seen in our churches.

Salisbury Cathedral houses one of the four remaining copies of the Magna Carta, signed by King John in 1215. This is on permanent display in the Chapter House.

A short stroll diagonally across Cathedral Close sits Arundells, now known as the Prime Minister's home. It

was home for the last twenty years of ex-prime minister Sir Edward Heath and was bequeathed to a charitable foundation set up in Sir Edward's name following his death in 2005.

Parts of the house go back to the 13th century and six architectural periods are visible. It is set in a two-acre walled garden that stretches down to the confluence of the rivers Avon and Nadder, with amazing views back towards the spire of Salisbury Cathedral.

Inside the house has been largely left as it was when Sir Edward lived here, with gifts displayed from world leaders such as Richard Nixon, Chairman Mao and Fidel Castro and many photographs depicting a life spent in politics.

Only taking up sailing at the age of 50, Sir Edward became a successful sportsman. There is a collection of models of Morning Cloud yachts, which is the name most people remember when Sir Edward was the owner and skipper of the winning British crew of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

As well as paintings of his boats, the house is decorated throughout with original paintings, some by famous artists, including two by Sir Winston Churchill, L S Lowry and Augustus John. There are beautiful collections of ceramics, glassware and sculptures and treasures from the Far East – including hand painted Chinese wallpaper, and a stunning collection of Japanese woodblock prints. Many bronze sculptures can be seen in an adjoining building with life size busts of Sir Edward Heath and HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

The house is open from the middle of March to 1st November this year, with guided tours on Tuesdays which provide the visitor with a greater sense, not only about its last inhabitant, but also the great history of this house so connected to Salisbury Cathedral.

Paul Flint

www.probusbasingstoke.club



New Mayor appointed for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee year

I feel very privileged to have been elected, following a Mayor Making ceremony at the Civic Offices on Thursday 12th May, as the 71st Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, during the reign of Her Majesty The Queen in her Platinum Jubilee year, and as the 44th Mayor since the establishment of our borough. As first citizen, I am here to dedicate my term in office to the residents of this borough.

Having served as a councillor in the Chineham ward since 2009, I shall represent the borough at events during the landmark jubilee year supported my wife and Mayoress, Sandra. The focus for the mayoral year will be on bringing the community together to support each other as the borough emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic and the country faces an economic crisis.

Mayor's Charity Appeal 2022/23

During the year I shall be supporting two local good causes - Tough Enough To Care and The Pink Place.

As a veteran of the armed forces, I have a particular interest in the welfare and mental health of the military community and has chosen to support Tough Enough To Care, a local mental health charity that focuses on male dominated environments such as the military, construction trades and sports clubs aiming to remove the stigma that surrounds the subject of mental health.

I became aware of The Pink Place, incorporating The Blue Space for men, when assisting it to gain charity status. The charity provides free wellbeing services, complementary therapies, counselling, mindfulness sessions and support to adults affected by cancer, living in Basingstoke and the surrounding area, from initial diagnosis, throughout treatment and beyond.

My Deputy Mayor for Basingstoke and Deane during 2022/23 is Cllr David Leeks and the Deputy Mayoress is his wife, Amanda.

The Mayoress and I welcome you, your friends, family and colleagues to join us at the following Civic Events:

The Big Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Sunday 5th June 2022 from 11am to 3pm
War Memorial Park, Basingstoke

Don't forget your picnic | Free activities for all the family

Mayor's Jubilee Civic Service

Sunday 5th June 2022 at 3pm

St Michael's Church, Basingstoke

It is tradition in Basingstoke and Deane to hold an annual Civic Sunday Service for residents, councillors and other dignitaries to welcome the town's new Mayor at the start of their year of office

Armed Forces Day – Flag Raising

Monday 20th June 2022 at 10am

Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke

A flag raising ceremony supporting the Armed Forces

Sandra and I are looking forward to attending and supporting many events within our wonderful borough throughout the mayoral year. If you would like to invite us to attend a

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Cllr Paul Miller

Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane



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The plans for a solar farm have caused a lot of debate among Bramley residents. John Stubbs shares his take on the proposals...

I must admit to a nagging concern upon seeing a lot of the views expressed about the proposals for a solar park locally. Of course, conservation is important, but problems inevitably arise when it conflicts with longer term and wider societal benefits over shorter-term local factors.

In a better world, solar panels and electricity sub-stations would all be located on disused MoD land, vacant slag-heaps and the like; somewhere else, wherever that is. And it'd be really great if someone would negotiate the planning permission, fund, build and maintain these facilities without the incentive of a profit margin. But we are where we are. Just because Bramley and the environs are uniquely insulated from most of the immediate adverse effects of the climate catastrophe doesn't mean we can ignore it: many of us are better able to deal with some changes in lifestyle than populations at large, therefore all the more reason that we should share responsibility for beneficial action.

This is undisputedly the right time to build solar farms. The technical and financial aspects have never been more favourable; over the past ten years the cost of the panels has reduced some 60%, and the efficiency increased by around 30%. The need for extra capacity has never been more pressing. The siting of the plant will change the landscape, just as the advent of field enclosure, scrub and forest clearances changed it for our predecessors. There'll be some losers – I imagine the deer population would likely move away: this might reduce the need for their culling, as at present. The positive side effects include much more favourable habitat for many insects and the like, provided herbicide and pesticide use is controlled. This could enormously benefit birdlife, pollination and the whole range of wildlife dependent upon them. Every day I walk a few miles of Bramley's footpaths, much round the Frith, summer and winter over the past fifty years. There are lots of stretches where I'll usually see no-one: around the rest, perhaps a few dog walkers. Just where are all these folk distraught by the possibility of visual blight?



The loss of productive agricultural land is a factor. However, in previous generations it would have been normal for land to be left fallow for perhaps one year in four: these fields have probably been continuously cropped since those days, using artificial fertiliser and pesticides, at substantial cost to the soil structure. So, it's really more a matter of land management, using land and crops according to different priorities. And look at the crops now around us, a whole lot of oilseed rape and maize: these are much used for vehicle fuels, as is some of the wheat. Fertilising, growing and harvesting crops to convert for diesel, or fermenting alcohol to add to petrol, is dreadfully wasteful of agricultural land. Converting the sunlight falling on a given area straight to electricity is well over twenty times as efficient. Fertiliser production is highly energy consuming, it makes no sense to use it ultimately for road fuels, wasting so much of it when it could be used for food-crops. Another dimension currently very relevant is the security of supply aspect – that's our sunshine, sunshine.

The question of scale is primarily a logistical thing: double the span of a field and you quadruple the area, and all the incidental gear needed is not that much greater. It's the way to get

results, something that is now of the essence. There's been the tendency to point out that well, we've changed the lightbulbs, so that's environmental done then. But no, we've hardly started: much quoted is the increase in the amount of renewable electricity in the UK, though in fact generation is still mostly fossil-gas fuelled. And our overall energy demand is still dominated by transport energy, which is yet around 96% oil-powered. Get out of that: when electric cars take over, where does all the extra juice come from? It's all been left so late that new nuclear power, tree planting, tidal power and the like are pretty much out of the race: they are absolutely essential, but they're not a quick enough answer. Overall, carbon emissions need to be halved inside the next ten years. Kicking the can down the road is worse than useless.

Last year global carbon emissions increased 5.5%. The consequences of exceeding the proposed 1.5 °C global warming figure are dire, but they are still avoidable. Fires, floods, crop failure, refugee crises, water-source wars are directly linked. It's no longer just an imminent threat, it's here. The safe level of worldwide CO₂ is 350ppm. As I write, the figure is 420.99 ppm and it really doesn't care whether I can see the Frith or not.



WHY IS MY CONVEYANCING TRANSACTION TAKING SO LONG?



Lisa Rigby

It is a common grumble that conveyancing takes longer than expected. Buyers are keen to own their new properties as soon as possible but the average transaction takes around 12 weeks from offer to completion. Several factors can contribute to delays:

Identification

Conveyancers are required by law to verify the identity of clients and the source of their funds. Ensure you have ID documents and proof of deposit readily available at the very start of the transaction.

Lost Documents

If have carried out work to a property you are selling, get planning and building regulation paperwork together. Check you have your Final Certificates. A surprising number of sellers do not request the building inspector for a final inspection so do not receive their Completion Certificates.

Lost Title Deeds

Although most properties are now registered with the Land Registry some unregistered land remains, particularly where the property has remained in the same family for many

years. If you have original deeds, please keep these safe.

Missing Rights

When viewing a property make a point of checking for private access roads and shared driveways, private or shared services such as drainage, and other unusual features.

Service Information Packs

Properties that are leasehold or have an estate service charge require these, and they can take anything between 2 to 8 weeks to be returned by management companies. If your property is subject to a service charge, let your conveyancer know early.

Missing Landlords and Defective Leases

If your property is leasehold or subject to ground rent, ensure you have your latest ground rent receipt or freeholder contact details available.

Finance Problems

Speak to your bank or financial adviser before making an offer. If you are funding your purchase from savings, check how long it takes to release the funds - a Life Time ISA can take up to 3 weeks to be released. If you are receiving a

gifted deposit, you need to provide information on the source of the funds to your conveyancer and mortgage lender, so submit your paperwork early.

Search Delays

Most local authorities can return an Official Local Search within two weeks, but some require longer as not all records are readily available. Further searches may be required in particular circumstances like former mining areas or relative to the particular property such as a Highways Search where there are access issues.

Whilst delays can be frustrating, there may be factors outside of your conveyancer's control. It is important that the documentation is correct and complies with legislation to avoid future problems, so you need to be flexible with target dates and review these regularly as the transaction proceeds.

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Fifties Fete, Friday 3 June, 12–4pm

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'The Elizabeth' Silk

To mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the Mill has named its latest silk 'The Elizabeth'. Our skilled weavers have used 100%

spun silk to give a soft and luxurious feel and the weave is a timeless pattern in silver, royal blue and wine, inspired by our extensive archive. This is a limited edition silk and has been made into a very small number of scarves and brooches which will make extra special gifts or, a special treat for yourself. All proceeds from the sale of the products will support the living weaving heritage at the Mill.

Pins & Needles

These popular adult crafting sessions are on the first Thursday of each month. Tickets are £10, including tuition, all materials and a hot drink. Booking is essential as numbers are limited. At the June session we'll be painting glass lanterns.

Our Next Exhibition, 16th July – 4th September

Our July–September exhibition will feature the work of Rezia Wahid MBE, a Bangladeshi-born British textile artist and designer whose creations have been exhibited internationally. Rezia produces gossamer-light cloths, taking her inspiration from sources as diverse as Islamic spirituality, Indonesian ikat, Japanese kasuri and the Arts & Crafts movement. She says "The textiles I weave are more than mere pieces of cloth: they are my journeys, story and feelings. They represent the sanctity, beauty and serenity of nature and light, and are the revival of cultural form and technique with a contemporary approach."

On 24th July at 2 p.m. Rezia will give a talk about her passion for weaving and her inspirations. Tickets are limited so we recommend you book early: adults only, £5 per ticket.

Contact: info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk – 01256 892065 – www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk



Basingstoke and Deane Rotary Club

Basingstoke Deane

Rotary



Upcoming Events

Basingstoke Deane Rotarians will be 'hands on' at the following local charity events: -

- The Pink Place & Blue Space Cancer Charity, a local charity providing free support & wellbeing services to adults affected by cancer is holding a Charity Golf Day on 17th June 2022 at Weybrook Park Golf Club, Basingstoke. To book email: events@thepinkplace.org.uk.
- Spotlight UK Family Day will be held at Popley Fields on Saturday 18th June 2022.
- The 'Ark Riders' will be cycling 160 miles over two days, 11th – 12th June 2022 to raise money for the Camrose Centre, for homeless and vulnerably housed in Basingstoke. You can donate here - www.justgiving.com/team/bathandback.



For Rotary queries, contact Helen Ricketts (helen@highpathway.co.uk) or Paul Temple (tempaul45@gmail.com).

BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT DISABILITY FORUM - FREE POSTAL NEWSLETTER SERVICE

Our mission as your local adult disability charity is to make sure we are reaching those who need us. Please can you help us to reach members in our community who don't have or want access to the internet?

We are hoping to reach more disabled adults of all ages and those supporting the disabled community in a caring capacity. If you have a neighbour, friend or relative who would benefit from receiving a regular printed newsletter, posted direct to their address, full of information about services available to them in Basingstoke, please contact me.

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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>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>Beavers 5.45pm - 6.45pm</i>	School Hall
<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>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

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>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>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

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

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

Do you have a listing on this page? If so, please can you check that the details are correct and let me have the timings if they are missing. Any corrections or additions can be emailed to editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk
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Cross House	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
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Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
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Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
Brownies	Katie Slater and Jayne White	07545 319342	bramley.brownies@gmail.com	Now Weds only
Classical Pilates	Naomi		naomi@nbkpilates.co.uk	
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Guides	Ailsa Stockwell	07584 676931		
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Kickboxing	Leigh Bushnell	07730 678049	wkmabikma@gmail.com	
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Lunch Club	Chris Woodward	884065		
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Mother & Toddler group	Christine Delve	07739 763618		
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Short Mat Bowls	John & Pauline Walker	881065		
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St Stephen's Hall	Doreen Quilter	850394	doreen.quilter@btinternet.com	Bookings
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There were 52 members at the meeting held on 4th May who were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, then gave details of the forthcoming trips particularly reminding everyone of the change of date for the visit to Hatfield House which is now on Friday 26th August.

The speaker this month was Terri Reid who had titled her talk "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" and was about how people managed during the war years and coped with rationing and the points system. She demonstrated a recipe for chocolate spread which used a mixture of mashed potato and cocoa powder and highlighted some of Marguerite Patten's recipes which included a "Surprise Banana Cake" - the surprise being that there was no banana, but parsnips. She then went on to give examples of "Make do and Mend" such as unpicking old woollen garments to re-use the wool, using curtain material to make dresses and how, if you were lucky enough to find it, parachute silk could be made into underwear. After showing us instructions for making toys and telling us how everyday products could be used for make-up, we ended up with singing some of the old wartime songs.

The group's next outing will be on Thursday 16th June which is a Cruise on the Thames from Runnymede, with lunch included, followed on Thursday 14th July by a visit to Hever Castle.

The next meeting is on 1st June when we are looking forward to a return visit from Mel Rees with some of his highly amusing insights into everyday life. 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.

David Cowling

North Hants Prostate Cancer Support Group

The North Hants Prostate Cancer Support Group was extremely privileged to have Colin Johnson as our speaker at our April meeting. Colin works in forensic investigation, with a specialism in geographic profiling. Colin is one of only four people with worldwide recognition in this field of forensic investigation, which is proving to be more effective than criminal profiling. Colin held us mesmerised for well over an hour – our speakers normally get 20-30 minutes!

Colin started by outlining some of his background, having worked in four continents over a 20 year period, including writing books, appearing on TV, and more recently, academic teaching. He shared with members the key to investigations, common patterns in investigations, and high profile cases where geographic profiling was used successfully.

Colin not only kindly took informal questions afterwards, but for our group waived his normal speaker's fee, citing relatives who have also had prostate cancer.

Keith Bunker

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