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Editorial

We are finally into September after what feels like (at least to me), a long hot Summer. July and August saw record-breaking temperatures, more than one heatwave and a lot of discussion on the Bramley Community group about the hosepipe ban.

Harvest Festival is celebrated in September, to coincide with the Harvest moon, which is the full moon closest to the Autumn equinox. The word 'Harvest' comes from the Old English word 'Harf-est', meaning Autumn, and is still synonymous with Autumn to many. In the UK we tend to think of harvest time as being about bringing in the grain crop, but there are many different harvest celebrations around the world, giving thanks for foods ranging from rice, fish, fruit and olives.

This year's harvest may be a little different, as a drought has now officially been declared in the UK, leaving farmers despairing of the hot weather and the impact on crops. Although the last drought was as recent as 2018, the weekend of 13th August marked the longest period in the UK without rain for 50 years. Do use your grey water to water young trees in your area if you can! Elaine Steere is reflecting on the harvest and Creationtide on page 7. The Harvest Sunday service at St James is on Sunday 25th September, followed by a lunch at Cross House – all are welcome.

Our amazing cover photo is taken at Rotherwick pumpkin patch by Jan Nice. They are currently doing PYO sunflowers, with proceeds going to Ukraine. Later in the year, you can pick your own pumpkins.

Best Wishes,

Georgie

Joint Editor

"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer."

Helen Hunt Jackson

Wanted: Magazine deliverer

We are looking for someone to deliver the Bramley magazine to the 60 homes in Centenary Fields. If you can help, please email Rachel or Georgie on editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

Many thanks to Chris Pilley who has been in charge of this round for the last few years.

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

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Church diary for September...

4th	12th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
11th	13th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
18th	14th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
25th	Harvest Sunday
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
10.30	Harvest Thanksgiving Service – St James
12.00	Harvest Lunch – Cross House (All welcome)

And into October...

2nd	16th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
9th	17th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
16th	18th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

From the Registers

Marriages

James Michael QUIGLEY and Emily Louise LEYSHON
 David James ARSCOTT and Rachel Louise JARRETT
 Harry Paul CLARKE and Devika SAMLAL

Services at our neighbouring churches for September

4th	12th Sunday after Trinity
11.00	Songs of Praise – Sherfield Village Green
10.00	Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye
10.00	Family Service – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
9th	
4.30pm	Messy Church – Sherfield Park Community Centre

11th	13th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Morning Worship – St Leonard’s/Online
18th	14th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard’s/Online
6.30pm	Evensong – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
25th	Harvest Sunday
10.00	Harvest Service – Sherfield Park Community Centre

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

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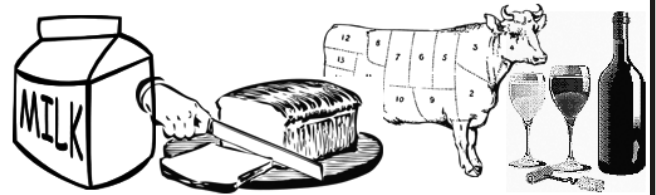
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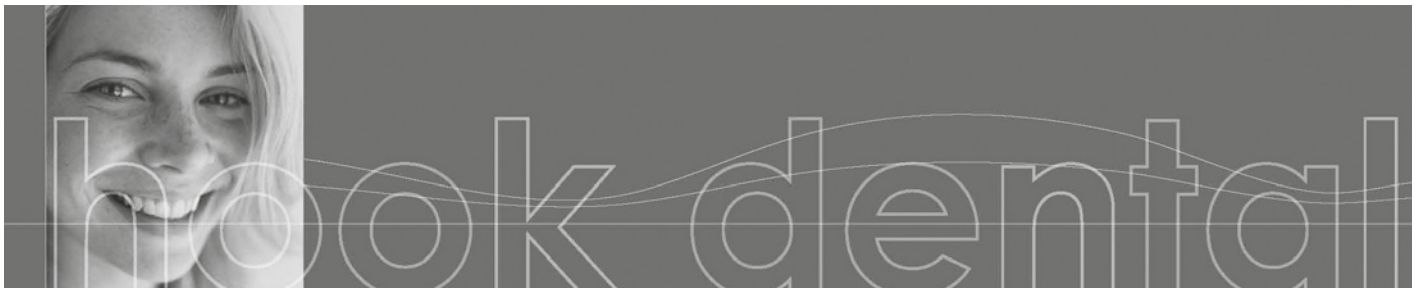
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Laity Minister Elaine Steere reflects on Creationtide and how Harvest Celebrations have changed over the years...

From 1st September to 4th October, churches celebrate a period called Creationtide, focussing on God as the creator and sustainer of all life. Embedded in this are Harvest Festival services; these date back to biblical times, and for centuries have been occasions when the whole community has given thanks for the successful harvest providing food for the next year and shared some of those resources with those who may otherwise go hungry.

These days, our food comes to us in more remote ways, and we don't tend to get inspired to give thanks to God for our supermarket deliveries, ordered online! Churches have adapted to this by adding to their Harvest thanksgiving some practical commitments to protect the fragile environment, as well as looking after the wellbeing of those who grow our food and drink by supporting movements like Fairtrade, making sure they are paid fairly for their work without being exploited. Sharing resources with people in need is even more important than ever. Our church, like many others, will be hoping to collect enough imperishable food at our Harvest Festival to stock the shelves of the local Food Bank as they prepare for what will surely (with the cost of living rocketing up) be their most demanding winter ever. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Café style all-age Harvest worship at the Sherfield Park Community Centre at 10 o'clock on 25th September. Everyone is welcome!

Growing up in a large family with a hard-working artisan father, Jesus was very aware of all it took to put food on the table for hungry children. He was also a keen observer of what was happening in the fields, orchards and groves around where he lived, and many of his parables and sayings feature wheat, figs, olives and the agricultural workers who laboured to provide them. He seemed to love the idea of seeds, which start off so tiny and inert and yet grow and develop in extraordinary ways. That gives me the feeling that, although in his busy travelling ministry Jesus didn't have time to plant and tend anything, he loved the whole idea of growing useful and beautiful things. The Bible features



Elaine Steere

many important gardens, from Eden onwards., but the most famous is probably Gethsemane, where Jesus struggled with his fears before the Crucifixion and was dragged away by the mob who came to arrest him. I have never been there, but my mother-in-law visited it on a trip to the Holy Land and told me it was one of the most beautiful and spiritual places she had ever encountered, and the highlight of her entire tour. It made me glad to think that Jesus could breathe in the beauty and peace of that special place as the last time he experienced the outside world before going out to die.

On a recent TV program, I saw an inspiring report of a community garden which has been created from waste land in a deprived area of London, where residents now grow both flowers and produce and have made the area a welcoming gathering-place for neighbours of all ages. They don't have a lot of money, so they take cuttings and collect seeds instead of buying plants and build their planting beds and supports from recycled material. This has been such a successful project that it now provides a heart for the community, giving an opportunity for those who wouldn't normally get a chance to learn how to garden, like people with mental or physical disabilities, it has transformed the environment, too, as bees and butterflies have found their way through the tower blocks to pollinate the many flowers.

Someone has recently coined the phrase "Vitamin G" to describe the effect of spending time amongst plants and greenery, out in the fresh air, which has been medically proven to reduce our stress levels and give us a sense of peace. I hope we all, however busy we are, experience the fulfilment of planting something and seeing it grow, even if it is just a simple pansy in a pot. This may be a time of change and anxiety, but we can each get simple, natural joy from our own connection with the wonders of creation.

Everyone is welcome to our

Café Church

(Informal worship with coffee and pastries)

with children's craft and activities



Sherfield Park Community Centre

Sunday 25th September

10 am

Please bring non-perishable gifts for the Food Bank

In this month's **Meet The Neighbours**, we welcome **Gabi McKeown** of the **Belle Canto Trio**.

Hi Gabi – please tell us what has been your journey through life that has brought you to our village of Bramley?

Hello Bramley! My name is Gabi McKeown, a name with German and Irish roots. I am from Germany and married to Mike McKeown. We married in 2006 after 10 years sharing our lives between my hometown of Düsseldorf and Mike's beautiful country cottage in Riseley, Hampshire.

For 28 years, I worked as a civil servant for the city of Düsseldorf and the county government of North Rhine Westfalia. I have a daughter and a son, both living in Germany, and three grandsons, now 9, 6 and ½ years old.

In November 2019 we moved to Centenary Fields, which attracted us as one of the smallest new developments within the community of Bramley. It's also close to the village's central amenities with rail access to Heathrow and Gatwick. As much of my family lives in Germany, travelling plays an important part in my life.

How did a civil servant from Düsseldorf meet someone living in Hampshire?

In 1992 Mike visited Düsseldorf on a twinning visit with the Reading Barbershop Chorus (now Thames Valley Chorus) bringing close harmony 'a cappella' singing to the area for the first time.

We had a wonderful weekend being curious to get to know each other and our cultural differences and realised immediately that we shared a love for singing. I subsequently travelled to Reading twice as part of the Reading Churches Interchanges, and met Mike again by pure chance. I fell in love with Mike, and with the open-minded, tolerant British attitude towards other nations and cultures. As they say - the rest is history!

Tell us about your singing and about your trio Belle Canto.

I sang from early childhood, but the fun really started in 1996 as, inspired by that encounter with Mike and the Reading Barbershop Chorus, I founded a close harmony a cappella quartet in Düsseldorf with whom I travelled to England and Ireland representing



Gabi visits St. James during the Jubilee Flower Festival

German Barbershop at international events. In 2011 and 2014 I organised and travelled with a large group of singers to Austria, performing at different venues and concerts.

In 2004 I joined Signature a Cappella Singers and won the 2006 Ladies British Barbershop Convention. I especially enjoyed singing together with my husband on many occasions. I also started singing Soprano with Winchester Music Club, who perform huge chorus works annually in Winchester Cathedral.

In February 2015, I founded the "Belle Canto Trio"; we offer musical programmes from "Music Hall to Opera" in West Berkshire and North Hampshire, entertaining at both private and public functions, in care homes and at fundraiser events.

Over the Platinum Jubilee weekend we took our latest programme *Celebrate* to St. Mary's, Shinfield, John Lewis in Reading and to the Mortimer Fair Grounds. In July we performed in St. Mary's Church, Silchester, at the Royal British Legion in Winchester and at Bramley's WI Anniversary party. If we leave our audiences with a happy smile we have achieved our ambition.

The absolute highlight of my singing career was in 2018, as my friend Heather Sims and I gave two charity concerts in Düsseldorf. We raised about 2,000 Euros for the Caritas hospice, a charity organisation that gave my father unconditional support during his final days of life.



Belle Canto

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

Bramley residents are welcoming and friendly, and it is a pleasure to be greeted by friendly and (mostly) well-behaved dogs and dog owners.



Mike and Gabriella Ski Racing

Bramley Coffee Morning

The Bramley coffee morning team would like to thank everyone for their continued support this year.

We look forward very much to welcoming you back on Wednesday 7th September, usual time 10.00 - 11.30 am. This will be a special 'freebie' day, so if you have not been before, pop along to The Pavilion at Clift Meadow and have a tea or coffee and a slice of cake on us.

The following Wednesday 14th September, we will be holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning. This was very well supported last year, so again, many thanks for contributing to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. If you are on Facebook, check out The Bramley Community page for updates on future coffee mornings events. We always welcome extra help on the day, if interested please speak to one of us. See you there!

Wendy, Angela, Jane, Pat, Margaret, and Sue.



What's in a name?

The following extract was taken from English Stone Building (1983) by A. Clifton Taylor & A. S. Ireson published by Gollancz :-

"The first duty of every stone mason apprentice was to act as beer boy at the mid morning break and at meal times. He would have to be able to clearly identify each owners drinking can and to wash them, before setting out for the nearest inn or pub (which might be some distance) to collect the beer. This was a highly unpopular job, not only because it took the apprentice away from his proper work, but also because he had to collect beer money from the masons, who were often very reluctant payers, as they were nearly always hard up. In some places this practice was known as "drumming up", and the young apprentices were called "monkeys". That is why a pub patronised by masons might have been known as "The Drum and Monkey". Today this early craft practice continues with apprentices often being responsible for making and distributing a brew of tea".

This extract provides an insight and possible explanation into the naming of Bramley's own former Drum and Monkey public house that was located in Lane End (now a number of thatched cottages).

As a teenage boy in Scotland and as member of a cycling club we would notify members where we planned to hold our Sunday afternoon "drum up" on the banks of Loch Lomond, where we would make a fire by the loch side both to warm ourselves and make a can of tea.

Even today I find myself using the term "mortice monkey" that somewhat disparagingly describes a less than able carpenter whose main job is to chop out mortices for the timber-frame buildings that we make, in locations have been marked up by the more competent carpenters responsible for layout and scribing. It is also not uncommon for motor mechanics to be known as "grease monkeys".

Ken Hume

2022 COFFEE MORNINGS

**The Pavilion, Clift Meadow
Bramley, 10.00 - 11.30**

SEP 07

**WELCOME BACK
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SEP 14

**MACMILLAN
COFFEE MORNING**

SEP 21/28

**COFFEE MORNING
TEA AND CAKE**

OCT 05

**KNIT A FORGET ME NOT
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OCT 12

**COFFEE MORNING
TEA AND CAKE**

OCT 19

**BREAST CANCER WEEK
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WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER - CLOSED FOR HALF TERM, WE WILL BE BACK ON 2 NOV




Messy Church

Sherfield Park
Community Centre

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The Bramley Nature Sustainability Group has an exciting update...

When we heard that the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) partnered with Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) were launching a competition for one community group to win a pilot 'Wilder' project, we knew we had to apply! A group of enthusiastic volunteers with a passion for nature was sought to share ideas to protect, create and restore broken ecosystems in their neighbourhood. Having fought off stiff competition, we are excited to inform you that we won the project! This means Bramley is set to benefit from specialist HIWWT knowledge, training and support to record nature, help wildlife and make our community wilder through big and small changes. More to come soon! Given our win, we now have a new name: 'Wilder Bramley'.

We have teamed up with Bramley School for a Summer Challenge to build a bug hotel using sustainable/recycled materials at home or as a joint project with a friend or sibling. Points will be awarded for imagination and creativity, use of recyclable or sustainable materials, design and resourcefulness, and stories of wildlife observed. All participants will receive a certificate and stickers, plus the winner/s will have their photos published in the Bramley Magazine. The winning design/s will be used as the basis for a bug hotel to be built by our team at the Community Bee Garden. Please email photos of your bug hotel and 300 words on how you built it to Katie or Becky by 18th September: katie.wilderbramley@yahoo.com and beckykirby@btinternet.com.

Bramley WI

We are now almost back to normal with our monthly meetings, which is great after the lockdown. It is so good to see everyone back.

For the June meeting, we had lunch down at Clift Meadow. It was going to be outside, but the weather was a bit changeable! Everyone brought their own lunch, but the committee supplied the cake.

Our July meeting was our birthday party, in which we had entertainment by 'Belle Canto Trio'. They were wonderful, and we had all the doors and windows open as it was a hot

How to build a bug hotel



You will need:

- Wooden pallets x4
- Bricks
- Plastic bottles
- Bamboo canes
- Straw
- Leaves
- Tiles
- Cardboard
- Stones/pebbles
- Twigs/loose bark

*Use old plastic bottles for this, and always recycle after use.

- 1 Place a wooden pallet in your chosen location. On top of the pallet, line bricks around the corners and across the middle.
- 2 Place your next pallet on top of this and repeat the process for all of your pallets.
- 3 Cut off the top two-thirds of your bottles. Fill up half of them with bamboo canes/plastic straws and the other half with rolled up cardboard. Place these inside the hotel.
- 4 Fill in the remaining spaces with bricks, leaves, pebbles, stones, tiles, loose bark and straw.
- 5 Add in any extra materials that you want to recycle e.g. old pipes, carpeting, toilet tubes, old plant pots. Be creative - add a welcome sign or give your hotel a name!

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

You can build this yourself!

On our Butterfly Walk, led by a local butterfly expert, we discovered some beautiful butterflies on and around Bramley Green, including a rare one, the Clouded Yellow, fluttering around in the Grasslands Trial Area there.



Rare Clouded Yellow, Bramley Green



Small Copper butterfly

evening, so I think that all The Street could hear them! They sang an assortment of songs, which we all knew, we had an interval in which we had strawberries and cream, and of course prosecco and wine. A very enjoyable evening.

We were involved with the Chase the Sun bike ride at Clift Meadow in June. We sold rolls, drinks and flapjacks, which all the members made. As it was a fundraising event, we made a profit, so we are going out to have a cream tea in August as a thank you to all the members.

Our next meeting in September, will be a 'wine and stuffing evening' in

the hall, where we will be making cushions for the breast clinic at Basingstoke and Winchester hospitals. A number of us are cutting out and sewing the cushions in August, then the members will stuff them and finish off together with wine and nibbles.

If anyone has some craft stuffing which they do not want, it would be most welcome. It can be delivered to me at Windsong, The Street, ideally before 8th September, if possible, please. I have a porch which you can leave it in if I am not in.

Jane Matthews

Bramley Parish Council Summer Update

Solar Farm and Battery Storage

Both of the original proposals adjoining the Frith Wood were refused by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, mainly on landscape and amenity grounds. As expected, those promoting these developments have gone to appeal. Bramley Parish Council will be making representations to the Planning Inspector.

A similar battery storage facility (22/01797/FUL) has been proposed on the diametrically opposite side of the Frith Wood on land east of Ash Lane Business Centre. Although most of this is within Silchester parish a small part lies within Bramley parish, Bramley Parish Council decided to object to the application using similar grounds to the earlier proposal. This objection and further details can be found on the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Planning portal – <https://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Wates Proposal for 140 houses on land adjoining Stocks Farm - 21/03758/OUT

This application has gone straight to appeal due to non-determination by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. There are no details of the appeal process as yet, but when there are, they will be published on the Bramley Parish Council website. Rest assured, the Parish Council will be robustly objecting, as indeed we already have to the application itself.

St James Park Allotments and lighting on Clift Meadow Path

Bramley PC representatives have recently met with Persimmon representatives to discuss a way forward. Some progress has been made, and we are hopeful that an allotment lease that Bramley PC can sign will be forthcoming

very soon. Once the lease is complete, there is still a fair amount of work to be done, so allotments won't be available for a while yet. Bramley PC will let residents know when plots are available.

The lights are an ongoing saga as the agreed units are apparently unavailable. However, it has been agreed that a couple of high level solar powered lights will be installed at either end of the path in Clift Meadow, with further low level lights at a later date. It is hoped that the high level lights will be installed in the early autumn.

Management of Bramley Green

Bramley PCs attempts to produce a wild meadow on the section between Silchester Road, Lane End and Oliver's Cottage are having some success. A mowing in the autumn, and collection of the cuttings will hopefully further increase the fertility and allow more diversity of the flora and thus encourage different forms of wildlife. Other areas are being looked at for future projects.

Cllr Chris Flocks

Bramley Parish Council meetings

The next few meetings of the Parish Council are scheduled as follows. All meetings are on a Tuesday and are held in the Bramley Room at the Bramley Village Hall at 7.00pm. Agendas will be on the Bramley PC website nearer the time.

Planning Committee	Full Council
6th September 2022	13th September 2022
11th October 2022	18th October 2022
8th November 2022	15th November 2022

Councillor Nick Robinson shares his thoughts on the current planning system...

The Government sets housing delivery targets for all local authorities. Surprisingly, the targets proposed by other parties are very similar. The current target for Basingstoke is 870 per year or 8700 over the next 10 years. That's a lot of land we have to find, and we have very little in the way of brown field sites to regenerate.

Every authority has to be able to show a 5 year housing land supply. To achieve this, we have created a local plan setting out the spatial, environment, social and economic policy for future development.

Basingstoke's local plan was approved by the Secretary of State in 2016, is valid until 2029 and is currently undergoing a mid-term review.

The local plan can be used to refuse planning permission, provided that the 5 year target and delivery is met - and this is where it all goes wrong. There is currently no legislation we can use to make developers build on the sites they have planning permission for, so whilst the council has allocated the sites and given the permission to build, the delivery target is not met. This leaves us open to speculative applications and planning appeals.

There are over 3000 valid planning applications for homes in Basingstoke, and the failure of these being built on time is creating a situation where developers know they can win planning appeals on sites which would not normally be granted permission. This is the situation for 90% of the councils in the South East of England.

I have been on the development control (planning) committee now for seven years, and been Chairman since May 2021. The committee has to be very careful to make sure that any planning applications which are refused, are refused on sustainable grounds, which will be supported at any appeal or risk costing the council - and therefore the rate payer - large amounts of money in legal costs.

Councillors and council officers will continue to work to achieve the best developments in the most suitable locations around the Borough and keep challenging the government housing target set for this area and force developers to deliver planned sites in a timely manner.

Councillor Nick Robinson

Local Plan Update

The Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan (2011–2029) was adopted in May 2016. National guidance promotes the concept of an on-going cycle of plan making and review, which is reinforced by the statutory requirement to review local plans every five years. Following a review which considered recent changes to national planning policy, including the introduction of a new standard methodology for local housing need, and also local priorities and circumstances, the council has taken the decision to update the current adopted Local Plan 2011-2029.

The council is currently completing stage 2. Officers have drafted new policies which include a calculation of the number of new homes required by Government targets, recommended policies to deliver these homes and the preferred sites to locate this new development. Policies that allocate housing targets for our villages have also been produced.

The council has debated these draft policies over this and last year. A full council decision made was that the proposed housing numbers of 18,000 + and the method the Government forces authorities to use should be challenged by the council leader. Unfortunately, this seems to have not been actioned as we have continued to draft a new local plan regardless using these numbers.

Many reports must be included to inform councillors of details such as water and sewage provision, how transport will work, infrastructure needs plus climate and environmental policies.

The main committee that has the task to discuss this and make recommendations to the Cabinet is the Economic, Planning and Housing committee. (EPH)

For EPH this has been a challenging time as there is much to do and not all reports have been made available in the time required to reach an informed recommendation. The June 9th meeting has been adjourned twice as the 3–4-hour meetings have

Stage	Milestone and explanation of milestone	Date/Expected date
1	Potential Issues and Options Consultation The Issues and Options consultation represented the first public consultation stage in the update process, this is a non-statutory stage of consultation.	Completed in Autumn 2020
2	Consultation on draft Plan (Regulation 18) This statutory stage includes a six-week consultation on the draft Plan, which will set out the council’s preferred strategy for accommodating future growth. Comments made at this stage will help to shape the next stage of the Plan	Autumn/Winter 2022
3	Publication of Submission Draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) This involves the publication of the Plan in a form which the council believes to be sound and which it intends to submit for examination. This stage includes a further six-week consultation period. Comments must specifically relate to the legal compliance and soundness of the plan.	Autumn 2023
4	Submission (Regulation 22) This is when the plan is submitted by the council to the Secretary of State. The evidence base and the representations made during the Submission Plan consultation are also provided to the Secretary of State. The Examination of the Local Plan starts at this point.	Winter 2023
5	Examination and Main Modifications The examination involves an independent Planning Inspector testing the plan for legal compliance and soundness. This process includes an examination in public when public hearings are held.	Spring 2024
6	Adoption The final stage in the process is the formal adoption of the Plan by the council. Once adopted it forms part of the development plan for the area and will guide future development.	Summer 2024

proved not long enough to get all the discussion completed. It is now due to be reconvened on 5th September 2022, and once agreed by EPH, the draft plan will progress to a Cabinet meeting which is scheduled for the next day – such is the overriding rush by the administration to go out for the stage 2 Reg 18 consultation.

Should the cabinet decision be taken, the public consultation process is anticipated to be able to be completed by Christmas 2022.

I would encourage you all to take part in this part of the Plan process to give the council your views on the future of our borough.

Cllr Chris Tomblin

Can you help?

On the morning of 9th July, I tripped and fell just inside the ‘One Stop’ shop injuring my left arm. I would like to get in contact with the very kind lady who bandaged my arm before I went to hospital. Please could you leave your name and number on the Lunch Club telephone number, as I would like to thank you personally for your very kind help.

Freda Clark

Wildlife

One Bramley resident has made a plea for residents to leave out water for wildlife such as hedgehogs during the drought.

PETA advises putting out shallow bowls of water for wildlife in horse troughs and other water containers with smooth sides, place rocks or other means for birds, bats, and other animals to escape.

The English Tea Ceremony

You may know of the Japanese Tea ceremony, although you probably don't know (unless you are a geisha) all of the individual customs involved. The tea ceremony is a spiritual process, rooted in Zen philosophy, in which the participants remove themselves from the mundane world, seeking harmony and inner peace. A bit more than a tea break? Or maybe not.

But I want to talk about the English 'Tea Ceremony'. 'Tea' can mean many things. In northern areas of the country, tea is the evening meal, about 6pm. Dinner is at lunchtime. Tea can also be 'Tea at the Ritz' or similar establishments, where apart from drinking tea, you will be served endless little sandwiches, and then a nice piece of cake. Many people need to take away a 'doggie bag' after one of these teas. Served only three or four hours before dinner, this seems to me to be ruinous of one's appetite.

But wherever you live, you will understand the meaning of the phrase 'teatime'. I was once involved in a multinational project. On a conference call at the start of one week, the project manager said to the mainly American participants 'Let's all reconvene at teatime on Friday to review progress'. A very confused American colleague subsequently asked me what that time actually was. I hope I upheld the reputation of the British side by saying that it would be between 3 and 4pm, so we could all get to the pub by 5.

'Tea' in a Test Match in England, as long as there is no weather disruption, is 3.40 to 4pm. It is as traditional as the game itself. It includes sandwiches and probably these days is heavily governed by the team's nutritionist.

George Orwell, the writer of two of the greatest novels* in the English language,

also wrote columns in several magazines and newspapers. His column of 12th January, 1946, in the *London Evening Standard*, was entitled 'A Nice Cup of Tea'. He laid out eleven 'golden rules' for making tea. But his primary objective in 1946, was getting 20 decent cups of tea out of the weekly tea ration of 2 ounces. We sometimes forget that rationing went on for 9 years after the end of WW2. You can find his article online. I only agree with some of his rules. Most are concerned with teapots, as the tea bag had not been invented in 1946.

Orwell's main rule is to use Indian Tea (I prefer Assam, strong and malty). Orwell pointed out that the tea ration for pensioners was higher than for the rest of the population, as people's preference strengthens with age. He also said that tea should go into the cup first and milk should be added. With a tea bag in the cup, that is essential, because another of his rules is to ensure that only boiling water is poured on to the tea. The other essential rule he laid down was that no sugar must be added. I stopped taking sugar during the Tate and Lyle strike of the mid 1970s, and I have never regretted it.

On a business trip in the USA once, I asked for a cup of tea. To my horror, my host took a tea bag, placed it in a cup of cold water and then put it into the office microwave. I was traumatised. I realise that by now I will have offended all those who use a teapot, so I must declare that my tea making has developed over many years in office cafeterias and break rooms where there were only kettles, cups and tea bags available. It suits me, but however and whenever you like to make it, enjoy your tea.

* *1984* and *Animal Farm*.

Michael Luck

Lunch Club

It was a lovely sunny June day when four of us visited Henry Street garden centre for a traditional cream tea. This consisted of finger sandwiches (beef, cheese, salmon and egg), warm scones, jam and clotted cream and a varied selection of small dainty cakes. 'Doggie boxes' were provided to take home any items we were unable to finish, which was a bonus.

Our July outing proved to be another very warm day, when we visited The Elm Tree, Beech Hill. We were seated outside under cover and immediately served with glasses for the ju gged iced lemon water. The food as usual was very varied, and we all enjoyed our personal selection. After a good chat we made our way back along the country lanes where everything was beginning to look slightly brown, instead of green!

Three of us had an extra outing to Silchester Cafe (just before the fire) and had toasties and coffee for lunch. Later in July, five ladies visited Capital Gardens to celebrate Wendy's birthday with cups of tea and pieces of cake. So, July has been quite a busy month for us all.

Freda Clark

Bramley Jubilee Knitting Exhibition

A group of knitters from Bramley are very excited to announce that their Jubilee knitting project will be exhibition at the Southern Wool Show. This piece of art depicts the seven decades of the Queen's reign so it is appropriate to be displayed this year. The event takes place at Newbury Racecourse over the weekend 3rd and 4th September 2022. The Show is open from 10 – 4pm on both days and the project can be found at the main visitor entrance in the Grandstand. It is a wonderful weekend for everyone who loves knitting, crochet and all things wool and we are delighted to take part in this wonderful show.

Bramley's Knitted Map continues to be displayed in the kitchen of the house at the Vyne. It is proving to be really popular and it looks like it may remain there for a few more weeks. Next year the map will make its appearance at the Southern Wool Show.



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The final presentations for the latest Prince's Trust programme run by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service took place in August 2022. My thanks to the Lord Lieutenant Of Hampshire and to the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane for joining us.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service at Basingstoke Fire Station have been delivering our Prince's Trust Team programme for the last 15 years across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with some great success stories. The free 12 week course is available to 16 – 25 year olds who are unemployed and not in education or training.

The course offers young people the chance to build confidence through a residential week away, team challenges, work experience placements and a community project. It also gives them a chance to break down personal barriers and overcome obstacles so that they become better prepared for the world of work.

Contact: Princes-trust@hantsfire.gov.uk or 07918 887897.

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan



Meadow Talk: As Summer Ends

A wish for golden summer days was certainly granted this year, however, as the saying goes, you should be careful what you wish for. The saplings planted last winter, the delightful Bee Garden that is the result of much hard work by 'Wilder Bramley', as well as the more established elements of Clift Meadow, such as the WI Millennium Garden, have all had a fight to survive as our stricken world impacts us even here in Bramley.



The upsides of Summer sunshine have included more Meadow picnics & gatherings than ever, tennis at all hours of the day and cricket for all ages since May.

It is heartening that so many are now booking the Pavilion & Brocas Hall for parties & events, so just go onto booking@cliftmeadow.org.uk to check availability or leave a message and any query will be answered as soon as is possible. The Trust owes a big debt of gratitude to Eileen Gulston for all her efforts over so many years looking after bookings.

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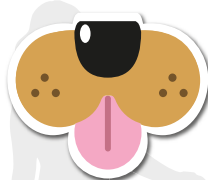
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One more step along the world I go...
Karen West's ordination, Winchester Cathedral, July 2nd, 2022

The children's hymn goes...
*One more step along the world I go
 One more step along the world I go
 From the old things to the new
 Keep me traveling along with you
 And it's from the old I travel to the new
 Keep me travelling along with you.*

Following her ordination as a deacon in the Church of England in July 2021, Karen has spent the past year learning and experiencing a wide variety of different aspects of ministry, including Sunday services and preaching; lots of what the Church calls 'life events' – leading baptisms and funerals – and much else besides. But, it isn't until deacons are ordained again a year later that they are permitted to conduct weddings and preside at Holy Communion.

Following an interview with the Bishop of Basingstoke and consideration of a range of reports on her progress, Karen was ordained as a priest by the Rt Revd David Williams in a wonderful service in Winchester Cathedral on July 2nd, along with 11 of her curate colleagues from across the Diocese. As last year, the Diocese welcomed a record number of new deacons and priests in a total of four services. Here they are on retreat in Wickham, having received what's called their 'charge' from Bishops Debbie and David:



Unlike in 2021, Covid regulations in the Cathedral were eased and so Karen was joined by a good number of supporters from across our Benefice who witnessed the moving service, whilst many others watched on-line. You can



see a picture of them below, together with a picture of Karen with the Bishops of Southampton and Basingstoke.

Karen presided at her first service of Holy Communion at St Leonard's on July 17th and at the Benefice service two weeks later at St James's. In the meantime, she has officiated at her first two weddings – the second of which involved speaking some words in Polish to make the bride's family feel 'at home' and receiving the rings from the couple's dog!

Maybe the words of the hymn need to be changed to 'lots more steps along the world I go' since the learning clearly continues for Karen, with yet more new experiences during the second year of her curacy. With the magnificent support of The Revd Mark Anderson and so many in our church communities, hopefully come July 2023 she'll be a fully 'signed-off' priest.



News from Clift Surgery

June's figures for people not attending arranged appointments are 144. Although this is an improvement on previous months, it is still a significant number that could have been reallocated to other patients, so if you no longer require an appointment, please make sure you cancel it.

The surgery is increasingly using text messages to book appointments, conduct medical consultations as well as advise when medication is ready for collection and any surgery updates. Therefore, it is very important that all patients record their up-to-date mobile phone numbers

with the surgery and that your phone is turned on with the volume turned up when you are expecting a call. If you are at work, please make sure your phone is near you and facing upwards if it is on silent.

Please make sure that you collect ordered medication as soon as it becomes available, as there is limited storage at the dispensary.

Thank you.

Platinum Jubilee Queen meets African King and West African Royal Tradition

It was the 2nd of June 2022, when young boys and girls in the Sherfield-On-Loddon and Bramley area, dressed up to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Dress Parade Competition was among several activities held at the Cricket Pavilion in Sherfield, including the iconic lighting of the Beacon, by special invitation from the Queen's Pageant Master, Bruno Peek, LVO, OBE, OPR. The competition involved 50 junior kings and queens and was won by Willow Redman and Jaego George Nightingale-Benro.



Two-year old Jaego stood out as he was dressed in traditional African fabric alongside his matching one-year old Queen (and cousin) Callista Rose Nightingale-Muster.

The fabric, derived from "Kente" cloth, is worn by royalty in the former British Colony of the Gold Coast - Ghana in West Africa." Weaving Kente cloth, which dates back to the 17th Century in Ghana, is a cultural tradition of the Asante (also known as Ashanti) people, and these fabrics were originally used exclusively to dress kings and their courts.

The outfits that Jaego and Callista Rose wore were sewn by their grandmother Charlotte Nightingale, who lives in Sherfield-On-Loddon and is originally from Ghana. A retired midwife and humanitarian, she created their matching eye-catching hat and headdress from fabric originating from Jaego and Callista Rose's great-grandmother, Rose, in Ghana, Charlotte's mother.

"It took a week to sew both outfits for Jaego and Callista. For such a



momentous occasion as the Platinum Jubilee, it was a symbolic gesture, steeped in regal tradition. The fabric is over 40 years old. I used to sew outfits from Kente cloth for my two daughters Bonita and Savahna - Jaego and Callista's mums, when they were their age! They also won dress pageants in the Basingstoke area when they were young – so history clearly repeats itself!" said Charlotte.

"The colours, patterns, and shapes woven together on each Kente cloth combine to represent an anecdote or words of wisdom and have deep meaning," said Charlotte.

While the original cloths were woven using only black and white colours, dyes were implemented over time giving Kente the vibrance and variety, with symbolic meaning. The key colours are:

- **Gold or Yellow** represents wealth and royalty
- **Black**, the most significant and incorporated colour of Kente, represents spiritual strength and maturity.
- **White** symbolizes purity and festive occasions
- **Purple or Maroon** represents Mother Earth, healing, and protection
- **Blue** stands for peace, love, and harmony
- **Green** means growth, harvest, and renewal



"Historically, when Kente was used solely for royal courts or prestigious occasions, the strips were made of silk; today you'll also find Kente made of cotton or rayon blends.

Kente cloth has arguably become the most well-known textile export from the African continent to the western world," she said.

In 1960, upon the occasion of Ghana's independence, the African nation's first president Kwame Nkrumah commissioned a Kente cloth to be displayed at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Jaego and Callista marched proudly around the Sherfield cricket pavilion well into the evening, to everyone's delight. It was hard to miss them!

Savahna Nightingale

News from the Village Hall

I hope you have all had a good Summer; it has certainly been a busy one at the Village Hall. Our major project this summer has been the installation of a solar panel system on the front, flat roof at the Hall. This was successfully completed at the end of July and our electricity is now supplied mainly by our own system. We have also installed a new battery storage system which will enable us to store electricity from our solar panels for use during the dark hours. The control system enables a smooth management across the system and the ability to switch over to mains supply when the battery runs low, and equally to recharge using cheap electricity during off-peak periods. This project, supported financially by National Grid's Community Grants Programme and Hampshire County Council's Parish and Town Council Investment Fund, is as much about us being more sustainable, being 'greener,' as it is about saving money.

While that's good news, the cost of our gas supply has continued to soar (just like everyone else's). We estimate that during the year ahead we will have to pay an average of an extra £150 a month for our gas and we have been warned that a further increase is likely next year. With the cost of cleaning materials and other essentials going up, I am sorry to have to report that we will have to increase our hiring charges. We have not changed these for over four years, and we are very reluctant to have to do this now. Other village halls in this part of Hampshire and more than half of those we spoke to have increased their hiring charges by 10%; many of the others admitted that their situation is kept 'under review'. At the Trustees Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 4th July, we decided that given the increased costs we face, there is no alternative but to increase our charges but we will try to protect our community of users for as long as possible. Therefore, we will be increasing the cost of one-off hire of our rooms for parties and similar events by 10% with effect from 1 October 2022. Charges for our regular users will increase by 5%, but not until 1 April 2023. If you have any concerns about these changes and their impact on your group, please contact Catriona Hayward at bookings@bvht.org.uk.

Finally, we have had some changes in our Trustee team. Mrs Sarah Hodnett resigned as a Trustee on her departure from the village in early July. Sarah had been a Trustee for many years and

was a great supporter of the village hall. She has been replaced by Mike Hall who was elected as a Trustee at the AGM. Welcome aboard Mike!

We are still looking for a 'Young Trustee' to join us as we remain committed to supporting the Charity Commission's desire to encourage people under the age of 25 to become more involved in the governance of charities, large and small. We remain keen to recruit at least one 'Young Trustee' and seek additional volunteers to support the work of the Trustees and to eventually join the Committee. Follow

Mike's example – step up! Please get in touch if you are interested.

Gareth Jones
Chairman, Bramley
Village Hall Trustees
Chairman@bvht.org.uk



Little London's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Pamber Parish Council has had the Little London Village sign renovated to its former glory.

22 years ago, for the Millennium, the Parish Council launched a competition for pupils from the local primary schools to design something that represented the village of Little London. The winning design was then commissioned as a shield and installed next to the village hall for the Millennium Celebrations.

The winning design was created by Gemma Love, then a pupil of the Priory. Her design incorporated Pamber Forest, the stream and pond within it and sheep grazing in the fields close to her home, all memories of things she enjoyed about the village.

Time had seen the shield lose its lustre, so the Parish Council decided to renovate the shield for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Local Artist Patsie O'Callaghan undertook the task, which was unveiled by Cllr Rhydian Vaughan MBE, a resident of Little London on 11th July 2022. Rhydian gave a short address to give thanks to both Patsie for her excellent work in refurbishment and Gemma for the original design, hoping the shield would proudly announce the village to visitors for a further 20 years or more. The Parish Council in turn would like to thank Cllr Vaughan for generously arranging for HCC to pay for the project through his Councillor's grant.



Cllr Rhydian Vaughan MBE with Patsie O'Callaghan and Gemma Love beneath the shield.



Bramley Show Returns

After a three-year absence due to the Covid pandemic, The Bramley Show returned on 14th August.

This year's show was a slightly scaled back version of our normal show: the long hot summer and total lack of rain, made it very difficult for anyone wishing to submit entries into flower, fruit and vegetable sections. However, despite the adverse conditions, we still managed to receive nearly 150 exhibits including 18 entries into the Children's Potato challenge – a show record!

Can I take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who entered the show. I would also like to thank everyone who braved the heat to visit us on the day. It was lovely to see you all and thank you for your positive feedback. On behalf of the committee, may I also thank all the volunteers who helped us put the show together, and those who took on the role of stewards on the day. We could not have done it without you. And lastly, we must not forget the judges who gave up their time to reward the exhibitors for their endeavours.

We have published a full list of the winners on our website but here are just a few that deserve a special mention:



- Congratulations to Viv Salem who was Adult overall show winner.
- Alice Large was the overall show winner in the Children's category.
- Best in show for Fruit and Veg went to Gillie Edwards.
- Best in Show for Flowers and Pot Plants went to Catrina Stockwell.
- Finally, a special mention to Daisy Large, who, at age 12, won first prize in the Adult Art Division.



So, now the Show Committee can take a bit of a rest before we start planning next year's show. As the Bramley Show is for the people of Bramley, your input is important to us, so if you have any ideas for the next show, we would love to hear from you. And, even better, if you would like to get involved in organising the show, please get in touch.

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Probus Club Update

The Probus Club annual summer pub lunch has been taking place for over two decades, and is one of many occasions throughout the year where wives and partners of members can attend and participate in.



The incoming president has the responsibility of selecting the venue and this year Alex Marianos, a retired civil engineer, chose the Longbridge Mill on the A33 at Sherfield on Loddon. A few eager beavers arrived a little before the appointed time and had to wait in the baking sun until the door was opened spot on noon. It was a good decision for many to come dressed as though the lunch was a BBQ on a beach.

A special area had been arranged in the hostelry for the party of twenty-nine, which had a range of six different sized tables. Then came the usual problem of deciding on what to drink and eat from the extensive choices available. Some managed three courses and coffee while others settled with two courses and no coffee, but a very pleasant time was had by all.

It was particularly good to see member Paul Miller with his wife Sandra enjoying a meal with friends, giving them a break away from their official duties as the mayor and mayoress of Basingstoke & Deane BC.



For more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke see www.probusbasingstoke.club.





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Bramley Speedwatch Update

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Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity:

2 Manned Deployments were carried out during July, both by the Village Hall. The Details of 16 vehicles were passed onto the Police. Additionally, the details of one vehicle were also passed to the police for potential dangerous driving.

A further 2 volunteers have come forward to join Speedwatch and have successfully undertaken the training.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding SpeedWatch please email: speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

or visit: www.hampshire.police.uk

Keep Safe and Watch Your Speed

Graham White, Bramley Speedwatch Co-ordinator

Keith Bunker, Former Hospital Governor, shares his thoughts on the current state of the NHS and an update from Basingstoke and North Hants Hospital

As most of us are increasingly aware, the NHS is in crisis, and one that is steadily getting worse. Trying to speak to a GP is difficult, but worse still is the effort to try and see one – always different each time, negating any chance of a doctor getting to know their patient, and being more proactive in early disease diagnosis. All of this means that people are increasingly resorting to going to their local A & E department, adding additional load on the hospital. Often serious illnesses are now not being identified early enough to result in a good clinical outcome.

So, what is happening? Perhaps a clue: of the £1.5Bn extra funding recently announced for the NHS, only £4M will come towards the hospital, and then with strings attached! Looking more deeply, whilst the hospital has increased its clinical staffing over the period of the pandemic by 17%, not only raising its rating from “needs improvement”

to “good”, it has also had to cope with Covid. By contrast, as identified by the Policy Exchange think tank, staffing levels at Government departments and the central bodies running the NHS have doubled their headcount!

As a result of a very successful recruitment programme, vacancies in the Trust are now down, and it is hoped that as more normal working expands, the use of expensive agency workers will subside. In particular, a large number of student nurses have been offered places and many more midwives are now employed, adding to safety in that department. Shortly we should also benefit from a new group of nurses who complete their degree courses this summer. However, with the new NHS focus of ‘Care in the Community’ there is real concern about the ability to recruit sufficient trained staff and funding to meet this aspiration.

The number of inpatients with Covid has started to rise again as a result of the BA4 and 5 mutations of the virus (which are much more transmissible and more likely to affect the lungs). Many of these have been admitted for other ailments, but the Trust’s screening has identified them as

positive. At the time of writing there are 119 patients across the Trust – also there are more staff impacted and unable to resume normal working. Although spacing is being relaxed, mask wearing has been re-introduced. Considerable effort is being made to increase the volume of elective work, although this is still not yet at a level to start significantly eating into the backlogs. Again, with cancer treatment there is improvement, although there is real concern that due to Covid many cases are yet to be identified, and there could soon be a big increase of patients now needing urgent treatment. The Wessex region, of which we are part, has been particularly successful in finding these lost cases.

As is widely known, there are plans for a new hospital for Basingstoke. The national plan is for about 40 new hospitals in the next few years, with Basingstoke scheduled for the 2025-2030 building slot. It was encouraging that recently, at Maria Miller’s invite, the minister responsible for this new build programme visited the present facility, gaining a sound insight into why a new hospital is so critical in view of the declining structure on the present site.

Royal British Legion Update

Were you called up for National Service? 2023 will mark the 60th anniversary of the demobilisation of the



last National Service cohort. General demob took place rapidly after VEDay in 1945, but Clement Attlee’s new government realised that it would still require considerable armed forces to marshal on-going hot-spots and British commitments around the world, for example in Germany, Palestine and India.

This was not generally popular, and it was with some difficulty that the Labour government pressed through the National Service Act in 1947. It came into

force in 1949 and all fit men between the ages of 17 and 21 were required to serve. They would serve in one of the armed forces for 18 months (extended to two years in 1950) followed by four years in the reserves, still required to maintain their fitness and efficiencies.

During the 1950s, they took part in missions in Malaya, Korea, Cyprus and Kenya. Many died in these conflicts or received life-changing injuries. Many, but by no means all, found the perilous adventures and comradeship a foundation for later life,

many signed into the regular forces. Although NS formally ended in 1960, there were some whose entrance was delayed in order to finish university, college or apprenticeships and the last National Servicemen were stood down in 1963.

So, the emphasis in Remembrance for 2022-2023 is to give thanks for the service given by our national servicemen. Considerable numbers of them are still receiving help and support from the annual Poppy Appeal.

If you “did your bit” in national service, we would love to hear your story and even invite you to share it at one of our branch meetings or in this magazine. Thank you for your contribution to making and keeping the peace in a troubled world.

Upcoming Events

- Annual Dinner

Our Annual Dinner takes place at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club on Friday 7th October, 7 p.m. arrival for 7.30 p.m. dinner. Tickets are £30 for a two-course dinner, coffee and mints. Our after dinner speaker is The Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke. Tickets may be obtained from Steve Day 07341 552732 or John Morley 07900 892566. There is also a raffle with good prizes and an auction.

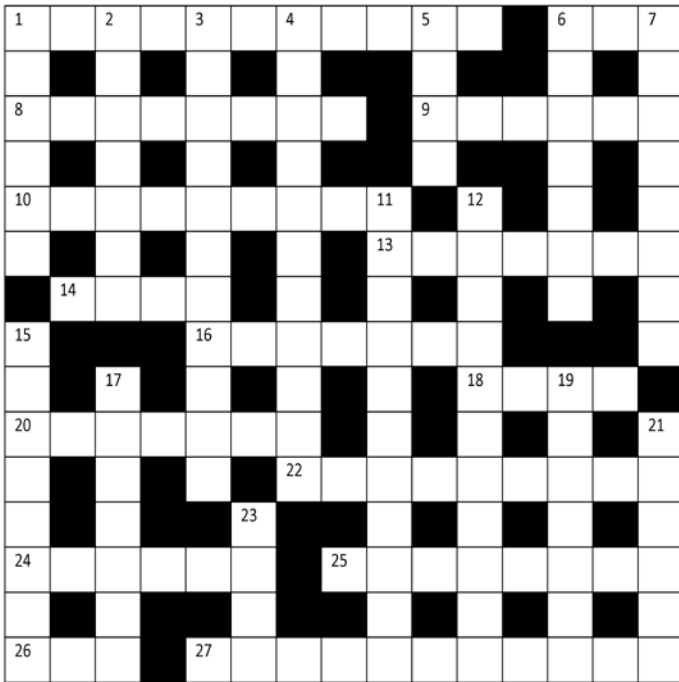
- Branch Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th September, 7.30 p.m. at Cross House Bramley, next to the parish church. We hope to have an illustrated talk by a doctor from the Royal Army Medical Corps to speak about his work as a UMO and also in the field in several combat zones where he has served in recent years. All are welcome!

John Morley
Branch Events Member

Cryptic Crossword No: 61

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

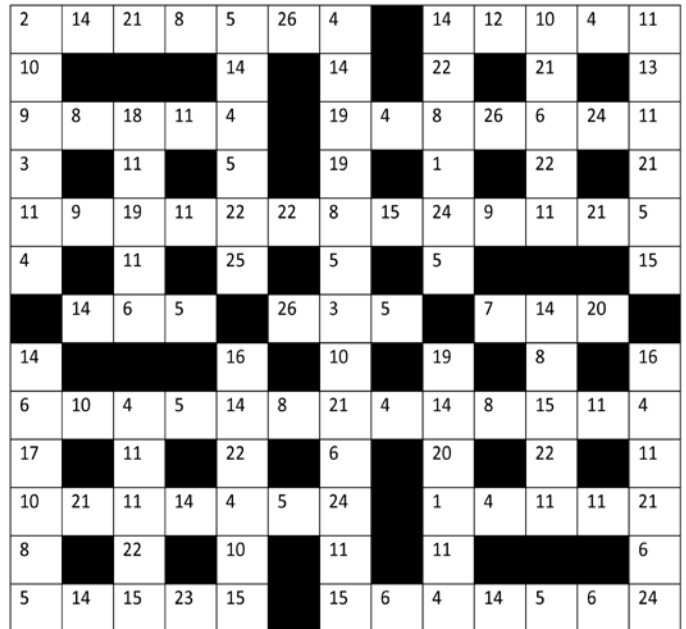
- 1 Singer spent arrangement looking for himself. (11)
- 6 Relax everybody, just find the tool. (3)
- 8 A German actor arranged a riposte. (8)
- 9 Nothing else quells curiosity to reveal Part Two of something perhaps ? (6)
- 10 One is less likely to be found silent. (9)
- 13 Children provided around new insects. (7)
- 14 Duck, oops, too late ! (4)
- 16 Ran gear around to configure something. (7)
- 18 Lyricist Tim or food. (4)
- 20 A game cut short. (7)
- 22 Next door maybe sounding not dull in a manner of speaking. (9)
- 24 In many dribbles can be found a river. (6)
- 25 Base cord turned into identity tags. (8)
- 26 You broadcast an animal. (3)
- 27 Use a talon by transforming parlour. (6,5)

Down

- 1 Season bound to come to mind. (6)
- 2 Become aware when ale mixed in rise. (7)
- 3 Country lower perhaps. (11)
- 4 Serene smock is a distraction. (11)
- 5 Easter bunny only going to point in one direction. (4)
- 6 Funny that Sam using these words revealed exactly that. (7)
- 7 Covered clip surrounded by deranged seed. (8)
- 11 Of importance that sign provided I can't make it up. (11)
- 12 Subsequent surprises post earthquake. (11)
- 15 Aquatic mount perhaps. (8)
- 17 Disintegrate and tasty after apple for example. (7)
- 19 Relating to harmony around cha lord possibly. (7)
- 21 Out of bed or gone up in the world. (6)
- 23 He really does know where he is. (4)

CodeWord No: 47


See page 31 for the answers.



Each number represents a unique letter from the alphabet and all 26 letters are used. Two letters are given to make a start.

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Cherry Blossom Manor residents had a 'quacking' time at the duck pond in Sherfield...



Staff and residents from Barchester's Cherry Blossom Manor care home in Bramley Green took some time out of their day for a stroll to the local duck pond at Sherfield on Loddon to see how the new ducklings were all getting along.

Joined by their General Manager, Gigi Despojo, staff and residents from the Memory Lane community at Cherry Blossom Manor, which is especially designed for residents living with dementia, along with some family members went for a lovely, relaxing walk around the pond.

General Manager, Gigi Despojo said: "We absolutely love being able to take our residents out and about to beauty spots like this for outings. A gentle stroll is so good for the soul, and it is lovely to see the local wildlife thriving. I don't know how many ducks we counted!"

Reg Hopkins, husband of resident, Anna Hopkins, said: "I am so thankful for days like today when I am able to join Anna for an outing just like old times. I'm not able to take her out like this on my own anymore so it is wonderful to be able to share trips like this with her and spend quality time together. The staff at Cherry Blossom Manor are so thoughtful and caring, I can't thank them enough for all that they do."

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

Cherry Blossom Manor is run by Barchester Healthcare, one of the UK's largest care providers, which is committed to delivering high-quality care across its care homes and hospitals. Cherry Blossom provides nursing care, residential care, and respite care. For more information please contact Gigi Despojo, General Manager at Cherry Blossom on 01256 886436 or email cherryblossom@barchester.com.



St. Michael's Hospice finishes important refurbishment

St. Michael's Hospice was delighted to finish the refurbishment work to its inpatient unit on time and the results have delighted everyone.



The newly refurbished inpatient unit at St. Michael's Hospice

The work was vital to bring the flooring in the corridor areas up to required infection control standards and the Hospice took the opportunity to get other upgrades done to the unit. The lighting was changed to more energy efficient spotlights, redecoration was completed, and soundproofing was added to corridors and some of the busier working spaces.

Two weeks after refurbishments were completed, the unit was open again and patients were being admitted. The response has been unanimously positive with people commenting on how much brighter and airy it looked as well as what a fabulous transformation it was.

We would all like to thank you for your patience and support whilst the refurbishments were taking place. These changes would not have been possible if it weren't for our amazing supporters, with less than 16% statutory funding, the whole team at St. Michael's Hospice are forever grateful to the amazing people who help fund the work that Hospice carries out. These changes will aid our staff for many years to deliver high quality, specialist, palliative care to our patients and families.

The Hospice will now move on to the next phases of its upgrade schedule with the next being a complete refurbishment of its family rooms, further improving the environment for patients and families but this work will be carried out with no disruption to the care it provides.

In this month's 'Beautiful Bramley', John Stubbs shares his thoughts on 'Greenwashing'...

In mid-Victorian England, a time when pollution and disease were first being linked as cause and effect, the term miasma came to be much used to convey the paths of infective transmission. Dickens in particular, penned vivid pictures of fog and vapour, cold and chills creeping through the streets, burrowing into the houses, claiming the very essence of all the poor souls. The language was unsettling, the feeling of possession by forces outside our control with ill-intent. These theories of hostile influences sort of gave way to germ theory: this was a lot more useful and afforded much better ways of dealing with the various diseases, though perhaps less useful for literary exploits. Win some, lose some.

My feeling though is that the concept of a miasma well fits the present-day prevalence of greenwashing. It crawls throughout the internet, it soaks into advertisements. It distorts arguments, it shifts the views of politics and government, distorting good intentions, it diverts funds and action from the best courses of action. Actually defining it is, of course, a bit tricky, the most subversive foes have to be the ones you can't pin down. A miasma is dead slippery.

Greenwashing runs from choosing only the most favourable environmental evidence that can be found, down to manipulating the facts to suit the desired conclusions. In a largely commercial world, no one expects advertisers to spell out the full downside of their products: it's a very nice balance, though, between reasonable promotion and fudging the issues. And, unfortunately, it's always been the case that big technical changes take place much more quickly than society's rules and norms can keep up. There's plenty of sound information on environmental issues around, but it may need a bit of digging and checking sources. It's all too easy to accept good intentions as evidence of progress.

For instance, after the pandemic period with not an airliner in sight, con-trails are now pretty much back as they used to be, criss-crossing Bramley skies. But we're in luck now, if some of the airline ads are to be believed. For a fee, the fuel-derived carbon can be 'offset' - that is, buying into a scheme to arrange



tree-planting, solar panels or suchlike to give carbon-removal equivalent to that released by your flight. But is it reasonable that someone will find a piece of land with suitable soil, unused, unforested, then plant and guarantee maintenance for twenty years, for a one-off payment of some £20 a tonne? How could anyone check? Furthermore, the carbon emission is around half the total climate damage due to aviation: those pretty con-trails can do as much harm by forming high-altitude heat traps.

Is it reasonable even to consider opening a new coalmine, when the same capital cost could provide ten times as many jobs in renewable projects? Is it reasonable that 60% of the environmental claims made by fashion goods advertisers were found to be unsubstantiated? Does anyone mention the very significant particulate pollution from electric cars? Or that our major oil companies target net carbon zero by 2050, cheerfully claiming compliance a generation in the future by all sorts of proposed non-oil routes,

while heavily investing in new fossil fuel sources? Or is it reasonable (as opposed to understandable) that our Secretary of State's Net Zero Policy was found by the High Court to be too vague to be useful?

Is the test of reasonableness reasonable? It's not going to be too precise, I suppose – one person's reasonable could be another's anathema. But surely it's got to be worth at least thinking about this stuff that we see all the time: to sort it into probable or unlikely, and try and get the difference between the overt and the covert messages. A bit of healthy scepticism of grand claims is essential, though not to the extent of losing the impetus to do the right thing. The terms such as eco, green, sustainable, planet-friendly, in advertisements and so on should raise a mental eyebrow. There's help at hand, perhaps, with the government standards authority late last year spelling out half a dozen guidance principles on how to avoid greenwashing. As yet, though, the application of fines has been limited, and the miasma is yet to be cleared.

Bramley Knitting Group

The knitting group continued to meet at Capital Garden centre during the Summer holidays, but there was possibly more chatting than knitting! We welcomed a new member, Kuan, who has recently moved to the village. Kuan is going to be attempting to make hats for premature babies.

We usually meet on the last Tuesday of the month (the September meeting will be on 27th September) at Capital Garden centre from 2 pm to 4 pm. If you would like more information, then please come along to a meeting, or contact me at jane.kettridge@btconnect.com.



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Phillips Partner, Max Hope said: "We are excited to be launching our new front of house. The new brand and website have been carefully created to convey what is at the core of our firm, the connection between an individual, be they a business owner / representative or an individual with a personal matter, and their lawyer. It is that personal connection between individuals that builds the trust that our clients place in us; we are their firm."

Phillips Partner, Jack Gardener, who was voted Hampshire Lawyer of the Year 2022, said: "With Phillips, talented lawyers and exceptional legal advice are a given. The new brand and website demonstrate the added extra that puts us above our competitors. We enable our clients through our unparalleled network, and we are actively ambitious for them; our aim is to stay with them on the journey, supporting all their key transitions and achieving, always, the best possible outcome."

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ROTARY CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

We need your help!

You can make a child happy with a shoebox of goodies

There are many local people and children who know its great fun to get involved putting together a shoebox. Huge thanks to them for their support over the years

Get your workplace, church, club, your school, Scout, Cubs, Brownie & Guide groups, your children, grandchildren or just you involved? It's good to make Christmas time special for these children who don't have a lot and spread a little joy.

We have been told by recipients of shoeboxes, who have now grown up, of the excitement with which they were opened and what treasured memories they have of that special gift. Remember that recipients will be opening the box in eager anticipation of finding it full of toys and useful items, possibly the first gifts they have received.

New for this year

The appeal has changed this year and should hopefully make it easier and fairer for all the children receiving a box. Finding shoeboxes has become difficult and sizes vary so much that our Rotary District has taken the decision to supply a regular sized Shoe Box to make it easier for those filling the boxes and fairer for those children receiving the boxes overseas. The new box of uniform size will fit into the bigger transportation boxes more economically thus reducing transportation costs overseas.

The new boxes will cost £2 per item which is a lot more realistic than some of the prices for similar appeals. We can supply the boxes to you when you require them as flat packs, so will need a bit of assembling to start with, but can still be wrapped in Christmas paper or decorated with coloured pens. We can supply you with as many boxes as you require. In the first instance boxes can be picked up from the venues listed below.

Unsurprisingly our transport/fuel costs have increased considerably this year and we would ask that £2 be attached to each box please, to help cover this cost

The forms to attach to your shoebox, further info and updates, will be found on our website and on Social media.



Boxes for either Boys or Girls, ages, 1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-15

Just use elastic bands to secure your box, with the label (cut off the form), so it can be checked by customs

Ideas below of what can you put in your box, things for:

Playing – ball, skipping rope, small games, cards, dominoes, harmonicas/ recorders, cars, small toys, cuddly toys.

Washing – soap, toothbrush

Writing – pens, pencils, sharpener, notebook, colouring book, puzzle book

Wearing – hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hair accessories, jewellery. Items need to be new or in good/as new condition.

Please - No liquids, sharp items, guns or war toys

Pick up your new boxes and drop off your filled box at the venues below by 21st October 2021:

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Oakley Carpets, Station Yard, Andover Road, Basingstoke RG23 7HA

Parnell, Jordy & Harvey, Estate Agent, 5 Winchester, Street, Overton, RG25 3HR

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Unit 17A Festival Place, Basingstoke

To make sure boxes don't go astray, Rotarians supervise the whole process, including volunteers going to the countries to make sure the boxes get to the children they are intended for.

Christmas Shoeboxes go to Romania, Albania, Montenegro and Moldova. Some boxes may well go to Ukrainian refugees/displaced children in these countries.

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>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>Walking 4 Fitness & 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

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 THANK YOU

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Friday 23rd September, 7.45pm
 Philharmonia Orchestra

Sunday 25th September, 7.30pm, The Illegal Eagles

Friday 30th September, 7.30pm
 Lilies On The Land , The Haymarket

Saturday 10th September,
 7:30pm
 Greatest Hits Tour, Tavares



Saturday 17th September,
 7:30pm
 It's Best You Hear It From Me,
 Hal Cruttenden

Wednesday 21st September,
 8pm, Jon Boden, The Forge



Saturday 24th September, 8pm
 I Know I Shouldn't Behave
 Like This
 Carl Hutchinson,
 The Haymarket

Sunday 25th September, 7.30pm
 Albert Lee And Band, The Haymarket

Scottish Country Dancing

Since March 2022, Tadley Scottish Country Dancers have been meeting at the **Sherborne St John Village Hall**. In that time, we have had four new members from Bramley. On 28th June, over 20 members and invited guests from local clubs enjoyed an end of season dance.

The 2022/2023 season starts on Tuesday, 6th September at 7:30pm. Again, new dancers, beginners and experienced, are welcome to join us for a free trial evening, any week.

Scottish Country Dancing involves both physical and mental exercise and recent research, reported in the press, claims that these activities have a positive effect in reducing the chances of having dementia in later life. It's also great fun, and very sociable.

After the first evening the charge is £5 per week; or join the club for £5.00 and pay by the term, £28.00.

Not sure what it's all about? Check out our website, www.tadleysd.wixsite.com/tadleysd, scan the QR code or better still come along one evening.



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12	AFTERSHOCS	6	AMUSING
11	SIGNIFICANT	7	ECLIPSED
10	RICE	8	REACTION
9	SEQUET	9	NONISELESS
8	ARRANGE	10	INFANTS
7	TEAL	11	NEIGHBOUR
6	ARRANGE	12	RIBBLE
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4	SPRINGSTEEN	14	EWE
3	BEAUTYSALON	15	BEAUTYSALON

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