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Editorial

September is here! The end of summer, and the beginning of autumn, with holidays and beach days a distant memory. The month of 'back to school', with new uniforms and pencil cases at the ready. Having always worked in education, September always feels more like the start of the year than January does to me - a new season, and a fresh start. This month I'm particularly thinking of those who are starting at a new school or are starting school for the first time - an exciting, but nerve wracking time to be sure. Bramley Primary School are sharing some tips on p. 17 of how you can prepare for your children's first day back after the summer, and Little Apples share how they help new starters settle in on p. 13. Rev'd Mark Anderson writes about letting go this autumn (p. 7), and John Stubbs writes about another form of transition, metamorphosis, in this month's Beautiful Bramley (p. 25).

If you feel inspired to start something new this autumn, there are lots of opportunities in this month's magazine for volunteering and participating in fundraising activities. Bramley saw a successful return of the Bramley Show in August and are looking for volunteers to help with organising next year's show. Nearby charities including Home-Start and St Michael's Hospice, and not-for-profit society Loddon Green Homes are also looking for volunteers. So, if you have a few spare hours and would like to help out, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

There are also lots of things happening this season to look forward to, including the return of the Clift Meadow Community Café, the annual Harvest lunch at St James Church, bonfire night at Bramley school and the Royal British Legion Annual Dinner. Details for all these events can be found in this month's magazine.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Georgie Blake

Joint Editor

September is Here

School bells ringing in the morning,
Little girls in fresh print gowns,
Little boys all showing off,
And acting like wild circus clowns,
From the trees, the red leaves falling,
Wild geese flying overhead,
The squirrels hiding countless nuts
In their secret, wintry bed...
All these signs point just one way,
Their meaning to the world is clear,
September, the first month of Autumn,
Once again, is reigning here.

Lenore Hetrick

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Church diary for September...

3rd	13th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP) – St James
10th	14th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
17th	15th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
24th	Harvest Sunday
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
12.00	Harvest Sunday Lunch – Cross House

Church diary for October...

1st	17th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP) – St James
8th	18th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
15th	19th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

Benefice Services

September

3rd	13th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's
10.00	Family Service – Hartley Wespall
10.00	Family Service - Stratfield Saye
10th	14th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Morning Worship – St Leonard's
17th	15th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's
24th	Harvest Sunday
10.00	Café Church (Harvest) – Sherfield Park Community Centre

October

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10.00	Morning Worship – St Leonard's
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10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's

Other local churches

St Bede's, Catholic Church

Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9DX
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Bishopswood Road, Tadley RG26 4HG.
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Breach Lane Baptist Chapel

Sherfield on Loddon
 For information on services please contact
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From the Registers

Baptisms

Eleni BLACKBURN

Weddings

Alice DAVIES and
 Nicholas BROOME



Royal British Legion

At our July meeting, in the unfortunate absence of our planned speaker for family

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION reasons, the Chairman gave a review of the past year and outlined plans for our autumn meetings.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12 September with a talk by Martin Robertson. Martin is an ambassador for the charity Tough Enough To Care, who provide support and counselling for people going through tough times and struggling with mental health issues. If this is you, or if you are caring for someone going through a bad patch, you would be most welcome to this evening with Martin. *This is a change from our previously advertised talk.*

Tuesday 10 October will be our short AGM, followed by an illustrated talk by Cllr Paul Miller, last year's Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane, reflecting on his year in office. He has been a good friend of the branch and of the Legion in the district.

Both of these meetings will take place at Cross House, Bramley, RG26 5DF, and refreshments are served from 7:30 p.m. Our meetings are open to everyone who supports the aims of the RBL, which are to promote the welfare of the whole armed forces family, whether Veterans, serving members or dependents, and to preserve the memory and sacrifice of all who have died serving our nation in times of conflict.

Do also join us for coffee and conversation at Sherfield Coffee Shop from 10:30 am on Wednesday 6 September and Wednesday 4 October – it will be lovely to see you!

Finally, our Annual Dinner will take place at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club on Friday 6 October at 7 p.m. This year's Guest of Honour is Lt Gen (Rtd) Sir Mark Mans KCB, CBE, DL, who is our RBL County Patron, accompanied by Lady Mans. For tickets and more information contact Steve Day (Bramley. Treasurer@rbl.community). This is always a wonderful evening with good food and great company!

John Morley

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Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal launches on Saturday 28 October until Remembrance Sunday.

If you are able to give an hour or two to collect during this period, please contact our Poppy Appeal Organiser Michael Luck (Michael_luck@icloud.com) or for Sherfield, contact Natalie Lerner (01256 880075).

Bramley WI

Bramley WI has been very busy recently with our monthly meetings and also supplying flapjacks to the cyclists who called into Bramley on the Chase the Sun bike ride in June.

In July we celebrated our birthday meeting with a talk from Steve Herra, who gave an interesting insight into the life of Coco Chanel. She was born in 1883 and named Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel. Her mother died when she was young, and her father abandoned her in an orphanage. After a short stint as a shop girl, she worked as a café singer, where she got the nickname of Coco for singing "Who's seen Coco at the Trocadéro?".

Coco was associated with two wealthy men who helped her open a small millinery shop, and from there she sold sportswear. She soon came to the attention of wealthy women for her luxury clothes and simple designs. She introduced her perfume No. 5 in 1921, the first major fashion designer to do so.

She closed her couture house in 1939 at the start of World War II, but returned to fashion in 1954. She introduced the Little Black Dress (LBD). Coco died in Paris in 1971 aged 88 years.

In August, at least half of our membership joined together at our Summer Picnic at Cliff Meadow. The weather was good, and it was great to hear the buzz of voices in the air. It was a lovely relaxed lunch picnic and enjoyed by all who attended.

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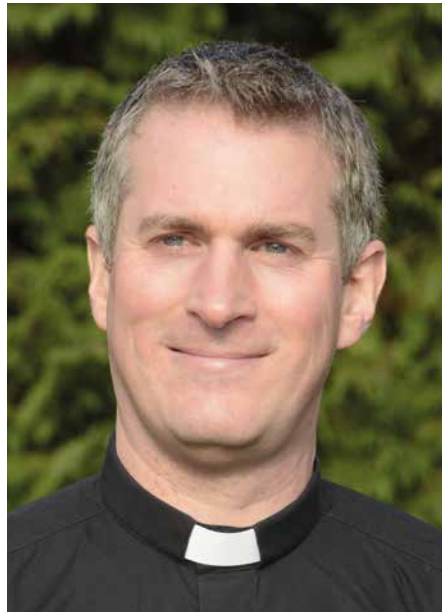
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Making time and space

Did you have a good summer? Was it restful? Perhaps a time to get away? Ask a parent with young (or teenage) children, and you may get a different answer. As September approaches, many are looking forward to the school term starting... Having said that, I hope you did have a chance to find some time to relax and recharge, perhaps even to let go of your burdens and responsibilities, even if just for a moment or two.

There is a Greek word, kenosis, that can help us to understand more about what it means to let go. Kenosis literally means emptying. Why would we want to do this? What is it that this letting go — this emptying — this relinquishing does? Well, it can help us to make space. Letting go creates space for something new — a new way of being, a new way of relating, loving, working, that can help us and all those around us to flourish.

Emptying ourselves to make space is not about denial. Letting go is full of the energy of new possibility, and about



Rev'd Mark Anderson

life-giving creativity. We all need space; space to breathe and grow; space for dreams and to re-imagine; space to re-connect with ourselves and with one another; space for God and for making meaning; space for loving; space for dying well. In order to create this space, we need to do some letting go — some emptying — so that we are not just responding to what currently demands our attention.

September is one of those times of the year when we think about new things, especially those starting new schools. We pray that all our Bramley School leavers will make a good start in their secondary schools. Whatever the season is, it's good for us to make some time to let go of something and to ask ourselves: What is it that we wish and need to create space for? What do we long for that would

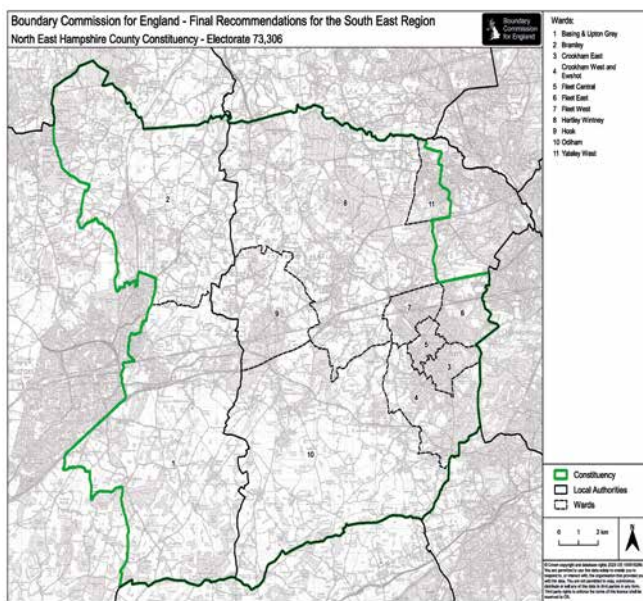
make for flourishing life for us, for others and our planet?

Rev'd Mark Anderson

Vicar, St James Bramley

Parliamentary Boundary Changes

New boundaries take effect at the next General Election. The notable changes to this part of the County are that Little London, Tadley and the Pambers become part of North West Hampshire, as do Monk Sherborne, Sherborne St John and Chineham. The MP for North West Hampshire is currently Kit Malthouse.



The boundaries for the County Council Division of Calleva remain unchanged.

Fire Dogs

One of the Fire Service's new Fire Dogs about to start his training (with his brother!).

They are amazing when fully trained and are able to detect accelerant with ease. If you are going to start a fire, don't do it in Hampshire – the detection rate is over 80%.

Rhydian Vaughan HIWFRA



This month in **Meet The Neighbours** we delve deep into our past with distinguished local historian **Rupert Willoughby**.

How does a descendant of Vikings end up living deep among the West Saxons here in Wessex? I understand there are Tatars from North & Central Asia in your ancestry as well?

The English generally have mixed Saxon and Viking ancestry, so I am not unusual. My male-line ancestor, Willa, was a 9th-century Danish marauder. With his long hair and full body tattoos he would have looked like a Hell's Angel. I take my name from Willa's *byr* or homestead, which is in Suffolk, quite a long way from the coast. In 1646 we migrated to Cornwall, so I feel as much Cornish as Viking.

My mother's grandmother was half-Russian and told stories of troika rides in the snow and encounters with the Tsar. The family was called Naryshkin but they had plenty of Tatar ancestry. For example, her great-grandmother was a Meshchersky, descended from Bakmet Husein, who had settled in the Volga region in 1298. The family had become Christian and allied themselves with Muscovy. Genghis Khan lurks in the background too.

How would you suggest readers go about tracing their own lineage?

The internet has made ancestral research, and even the calling up of original documents, extremely easy. I think it is healthy to honour our ancestors and we should not apologise for them, as if our own generation were somehow paragons of virtue. Mostly they just muddled along, doing their best, much as we do ourselves.

Your website describes you as 'an historian and Classicist, a lecturer on the international circuit, a poet, a father and a "green" swimmer with a passion for castles, lakes and uncovering the layers of the past.' Please tell us more.

I have been extremely lucky with my work. I have only ever wanted to write and tell stories. I now lecture internationally on such topics as the Bayeux Tapestry and Greek sculpture. I undertake private research and writing



commissions, and I write obituaries for *The Daily Telegraph*. I have also taught Latin and Greek in a succession of prep schools, including Ludgrove and Elstree. That is all about telling stories too!

I learned to swim as a child in Hong Kong and all my subsequent swimming has been an attempt to re-live those happy days. It was a thrilling place to be young. My father commanded the Security Flight at R.A.F. Kai Tak, the runway of which famously jutted into the harbour. I remember gazing across medieval paddy fields into 'Red China', and diving off junks into clear blue waters.

All my literary heroes were swimmers. One of them was Charles Sprawson, author of the classic *Haunts of the Black Masseur*. When Sprawson was living in Saudi Arabia, a local stuntman announced that he would make a perilous leap off a cliff into a small pool, and invited people to come and watch. While the stuntman's attendants were busy swathing him in protective bandages, Sprawson slipped behind him in his trunks, and nonchalantly made the dive. To me this was a classic example of British sang-froid and an illustration of the swimmer as hero, which happens to have been the theme of Sprawson's book. Sprawson and I went to the same school and that's how we were brought up.

My wife Lizzie swims all year round and my three children, aged 25, 23 and 7, are all regular dippers.

We swim regularly in the Thames, though I am careful not to ingest it. I also have quite a 'thing' for lakes. My favourites are Paladru and Annecy in France, and Badese near Berlin. If there is a castle nearby, so much the better - like the fabulous Château de Menthon that overlooks Lake Annecy.

Back in 2020 you wrote an article titled 'Faith and Fresh Air: Medieval Reading's Response to an Epidemic'. What was this response and have you had an invite from Baroness Hallett to speak about this? Do we have the hand of St. James the Greater to hand, so to speak?

I quite enjoyed 'Lockdown I' - it was like the poet Flecker's 'calm Sunday that goes on and on' - but was conscious of the damage to many people, especially the young. It interested me to reflect how our medieval ancestors had coped with a far worse crisis. The people of Reading, our neighbouring town, had overcome the plague through the strength of their faith, helped by the monks of Reading Abbey and by their most precious relic, the so-called 'Hand of St James'. Of course it was a fake, though the monks would have believed in it utterly. You can now see the so-called 'Hand of St James' at a Catholic Church in Marlow, St Peter's, but this gnarled, leathery hand was dug up from a tomb in Reading Abbey, and is very obviously that of a woman! At St James, Bramley, we don't believe in relics, but we do believe in the power of prayer.

You have written books called 'Reading and its Contribution to World Culture' and 'Basingstoke and its Contribution to World Culture'. What inspired you to take up these unusual challenges?

I had written a series of histories of places, and could not ignore our neighbouring towns, especially when the titles were irresistible. The stories of both are tragi-comic, like all human history. For example, Reading is famous for its associations with three literary giants, Oscar Wilde, T.E. Lawrence and Coleridge, but all three suffered nervous breakdowns as a result of spending time there. As for Basingstoke, it is a phenomenon, an historic market town that was wantonly destroyed by planners in the name of 'Modernity'. For an idea of the full horror, I recommend my short film on YouTube, 'The Great Wall of Basingstoke'. (*An excellent watch – Editor*)

You can read more about history and find Rupert's books at <http://www.rupertwilloughby.co.uk/>.

News from the Village Hall

We've had a busy time at the Village Hall over the summer with several projects moving forwards and a few completed! Plans to refurbish the main kitchen in the Hall have been pushed back to summer 2024 as we had to find a big enough window in our busy schedule to accommodate the contractors, and to give us more time to raise the funds necessary for the proposed works. We have made a very good start with a grant from the Bernard Sunley Foundation for £5,000 and Bramley Parish Council are giving us an additional £4,000, so we are about halfway there.

During the last week of July, our contractor started work to refurbish the floor in the main hall and committee room. This was a messy job as they had to sand down, wax and reseal the floor surface. This was achieved in four days, but it took another three days for the sealant to dry. We now have a very nice, shiny new floor surface and the good news is that our contractor reckoned that, with a bit of care and attention, our flooring could last another 20 years. As a bonus, he gave the floor in our main entrance a deep clean and removed all the old Covid stickers from the floor. This project was funded by a grant from the National Lottery Fund. Other projects underway include paint updates to the walls and doors to deal with scuffs and other marks, some damp treatment work in the Bramley Room and exploration of a successor to our fire alarm system, components for which are no longer available.

If you've been to the Hall over the summer, or just driven past, you may have noticed our new 'Bramley Village Hall' sign. This is larger and more visible than the old one, which was rusting away. The new sign benefits from solar powered downlighting which makes it much easier to see the sign at night. The hedges along the front, adjacent to the pedestrian entrance, have been cut back to improve visibility of our signage, (and a big thank you to the volunteers who turned out to help with that work).

The Trustees have been thinking about the future management of the green spaces around the Hall; this is as much about supporting the Village's green agenda as it is about reducing our garden maintenance costs. Some of our Trustees met representatives from Wilder Bramley in June to explore the possibility of working in partnership

and I am pleased to report that our wilding project is now underway, supported by Bramley Village Hall Trustees and Wilder Bramley, who work in association with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. As I mentioned, the front beech hedge has been cut back to provide a better view of the newly installed sign and of the building itself. However, this has also provided the opportunity to establish a more nature friendly approach to future hedge maintenance.

If you visit the Hall, you will also notice that we are letting some grassed areas continue to grow through the summer, to enable existing wildflowers to begin to establish themselves. The entire wilding project will take 3 to

4 years to curate to its full potential but is aimed at creating a nature rich haven for plants and wildlife in an area of increasing building development. As this project evolves, we will need volunteers to support this work. If you can spare one or two hours once a month to help us as part of a team of volunteer gardeners, you would be very welcome. Also, if anyone is willing to donate gardening equipment, however small or large, this would be greatly appreciated. We would also welcome suggestions for a name for our team of volunteer gardeners.

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A Golden Anniversary

No, not our wedding anniversary! It's 50 years since I was allowed out on the roads unaccompanied by an instructor. And 50 years since I owned my first car. On the 'fifty' theme, that was the amount in pounds that I paid for that car: a ten-year-old Austin Cambridge. And a bit like now, it was more, £55 to be exact, to insure my first car. I am sure those with offspring requiring cars will be familiar with that concept, although the sums are measured in thousands of pounds these days.

My car was not as well kept as the one in the picture, taken at a modern-day show. It was a 1963 model, ten years old when I bought it – but it was mine. It had a few issues. One of the front tyres was the wrong size, leading to a squealing sound when I cornered. I had to change that very quickly. The rear number plate light was not working, leading to a stop by the police, who advised me to 'get it fixed, son.' It did have a Pink Floyd sticker on the glove box lid when I bought it though, so it wasn't all bad.

After a few weeks, I set off in the car for university, in Dundee. That was over 500 miles from where I was then living. I had AA membership as insurance against breaking down, but I never had to call them out in the time I had the car. If you think back to 1973, one of the major events in that year was the Arab-Israeli War, the fourth such conflict since Israel became a nation in 1948. This is sometimes referred to as the Yom Kippur War. The conflict led to an embargo on oil supplies to the UK (among many other countries) and caused the 1973 Oil Crisis, sometimes called the First Oil Shock. There have of course been others since then. I remember quite clearly that by December 1973, when it was time to

drive home, the cost of a gallon of petrol, that is 4.54 litres, had risen from 37p to 45p. However, the world did not end, although it made long journeys more exciting, looking for petrol stations that were still open!

Driving in Dundee in an Austin Cambridge was exciting, but not for good reasons. The most common car used by taxi companies was, you guessed it, the Austin Cambridge. At traffic lights I would sometimes be approached by a (usually drunk) person requiring a ride. One got into the car once, before I learned to always ensure all the doors were locked when driving (no central locking in those days). The absence of the taxi sign on the roof did not deter them.

I eventually sold it, for less than £50, as I needed the money. It was a sad day, but I subsequently owned two other old Austin Cambridges when I was poor but working in the early days. I always notice them in the background in 'period' dramas on TV, but they are always gleaming preserved models, and so completely unlike their typical appearance in the 1960s and 1970s.

Michael Luck



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Once again, the school holidays have flown by and most of us are now back to our normal routines. I hope everyone had a relaxing break/holiday even though the weather wasn't always kind to us.

Over the summer break you will have seen that our Lengthsman has been hard at it clearing some of the overgrown pathways along the main road from Strawberry Fields to Campbell Road. If you see any other overgrown areas, please report them direct to Highways via their website - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>.

Bramley Parish Council's contractor has also been out clearing overgrown vegetation along the Cinder Track. This was a one off clearance for safety, which would normally be carried out by HCC Rights of Way or Taylor Wimpey.

The hedgerows at the Burial Ground have recently been cut back and the path has been cleared of vegetation. The rubbish area will also be cleared up in the near future.

At our July meeting, Bramley PC co-opted and welcomed back Iain James onto the Council. Iain works in renewable energy and is looking forward to working towards making Bramley a beautiful, natural and healthy place to live.

There were no meetings in August, so the next Planning Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September with a full council meeting on Tuesday 19th September. Both meetings are held at Bramley Village Hall in the Bramley room at 7.00pm. More details will be on the Bramley Parish Council website nearer the time, and as ever residents are encouraged to attend.

Cllr Liz Capel

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Bramley Speedwatch

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data:

Both SIDs were in use at various locations throughout the Village during June and July. The data continues to show high levels of speed violations. Particularly concerning is the data from the SIDs placed along The Street - if these speeds were recorded by the Police, they would have the possibility of a driving ban being imposed on the drivers of the vehicles.

Table 1: Speed Indicator Device (SID) data (June/July):

SID Location	Traffic Direction	% Speed Violations (+30mph)	Max Speed Recorded
Farriers	West	50%	61
The Street Village Hall	East	48%	75
Farriers	West	50%	62
The Street Village Hall	East	53%	80
Farriers	West	50%	59
The Street Village Hall	East	47%	66
The Street Village Hall by football ground	West	26%	53
The Street by Churchlands	West	51%	79
The Street by Churchlands	East	51%	68
The Street by Churchlands	East	53%	68

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity

6 volunteer deployments were undertaken during June and July. A total of 84 vehicles were reported to the Police from the 782 vehicles checked (11%). The top speed recorded was 46 mph. During a recent 1 hour deployment between Bramley Corner and Tudor Farm 35 vehicles were reported to the Police.

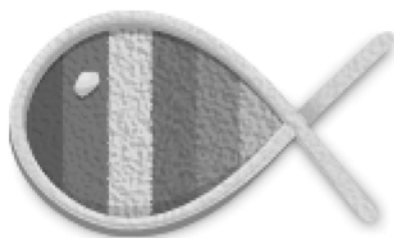


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Bramley Church of England Primary School

Year R Open Mornings

Is your child turning 4 before the 1st September 2024? If so, now is the time to explore different schools.

To help you make the all-important decision as to where to send your child, **Bramley C of E Primary School** is hosting *open mornings*. These mornings will allow you to make an informed choice.

Our open mornings this year are:

Tuesday 17th October at 9.00am

Thursday 2nd November at 9.00am

Thursday 9th November at 9.00am

Tuesday 21st November at 9.00am

Friday 1st December at 9.00am



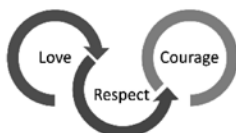
These sessions will last approximately 1 hour and are a great opportunity for you to see the school in action. You can pick up a prospectus and ask as many questions as you like.

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The application deadline is 14 January 2024



Little Apples

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

This term promises to be another busy one with lots of new children joining us.

We have many ways that the team work hard to make sure new children settle in comfortably to pre-school life. This is often the first time they have left their parents or familiar family and it is a very new environment to get used to.

Before they start with us, children visit with a parent or carer to see the preschool, have a play and meet their key person. Their key person is an experienced member of staff who is their primary carer whilst they are with us. The key person is responsible for guiding the children through all areas of the early years foundation stage (EYFS) as well as nurturing the children and monitoring nappy changing and toileting, sleeps and naps, diet, snacks and food as well as medical needs or medicine to ensure that parents' wishes and levels of care are extended into the preschool environment.

Children at preschool and their key person form a bond known as "attachment", and this provides strong emotional support for children, especially in the early days at Little Apples. Children usually turn to the key person first for help and guidance, or just if they need a cuddle.

At their initial visit, the key person will find out all they can about the child from their parents or carer. This is important to help them settle in as quickly as possible. We also endeavour to find out where children have particular interests or enjoy particular activities and provide these to help with the settling in process.



After this visit, the children attend on their own for a short session. We use a system called Tapestry, which enables our staff to post a picture or observation of a child for parents to see in real time. This can be very reassuring, especially if there have been a few tears on handover. Parents are very welcome to phone in if they want to check how their child is getting on during any session and they receive feedback on how the session went when they collect the children.

If you are interested in registering a child for Little Apples, please get in touch as soon as possible. We are experiencing very high demand for places this academic year. You can call us on (07598) 588460 or email manager@littleapples.org. Our website is www.littleapples.org

Little Apples accepts all children from two years old including those in receipt of two-year-old funding and the 30 hours funding offer.



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Wilder Bramley have had a busy summer...

This summer we welcomed Kelly Jones, a trained bat specialist, for our first bat walk around Centenary Fields: a perfect spot for non-woodland bats. After a short introduction and with the help of bat detectors, we listened for their echolocations (sound waves they produce to navigate and hunt). We detected common pipistrelles and soprano pipistrelles (bats commonly seen in gardens just after sunset) and noctule bats. Did you know pipistrelles can eat 1,000 mosquitos per night? We also learned that in hot spells bats often get dehydrated so if you find one, try giving it a little water in a milk bottle top. (hampshirebatgroup.org.uk)



Some of our bee garden volunteers getting stuck into the mulching.

We are thrilled to announce that we have been shortlisted for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust **Wilder Neighbourhood Award**, which recognises community groups who have taken transformative action for nature in the last 12 months. Our committee will be donning their glad rags for the awards ceremony in Portsmouth next month – wish us luck!

Our wildflower path at Clift Meadow has been looking glorious. Flowering will soon be over and then we will do a ‘hay cut’ to improve conditions for next year.

We are also up for an award from the RHS **In Your Neighbourhood scheme**, for the bee garden. A RHS judge visited last month and we hope to hear mid-September.

We are happy to report that Bramley Village Hall is also looking manage the green spaces under their responsibility, to support local wildlife under their responsibility. We are working in partnership with the trustees to create a plan to increase local biodiversity there.

Why not join us? Head over to our Wilder Bramley Facebook page or contact us on: 07503 155669/ Wilder.bramley@gmail.com.



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Bramley Show 2023

After several years of Covid and the searing heat in 2022, the Bramley

Show was back on Sunday 13th August as it always used to be, if not better. It was encouraging to see a substantial increase in the number of entrants and visitors to the Show and to see the diversity of entrants, including entrants from Bramley Primary School, local Guide groups, and residents of local care homes. So, thank you Bramley, for showing your support.

The number of entrants in the children's section was vastly up on last year, and what was so delightful was seeing the faces of the children coming in to see if there was a red, blue, yellow or white card by their exhibit and, of course, a rosette. The smiles and joy from the whole family when that happened, made their effort so worthwhile. That feeling continued when some of the children were awarded a trophy to display at home for all to see.

Our committee understands how much time, care and effort is needed by both adults and children to make an entry into the show. We all have busy lives, so a huge thank you to all those people who entered. Your effort helped make Sunday's show a real success.

A big thank you to the people who gave up their time to be a judge, to sit on the committee, to be a steward or (perhaps most importantly!) to be there to serve us drinks and scrumptious cakes. Thanks also need to go to Andrew Morgan who presented all the prizes and did a marvellous job of relieving people of their cash in the end of show auction. Finally, a thank you to those behind the scenes, who run our website and social media pages.

We still need more villagers to have a go, not just by entering, but by bringing your skills to the Committee as one of the organisers. Planning starts now for next year's show, so if you can spare a couple of hours a month to help, please get in touch.

If you wish to see a full list of winners, want to know more about the Bramley Show or would like to get involved, please visit our website bramleyshow.org.uk.

Gary Allsopp
Bramley Show Chairman



Bramley Primary School

We are sure that our children and their families are thoroughly enjoying their time at home over



the summer holidays. During term time, we are all often on a treadmill of busy days learning at school and then after school clubs and activities too. As much as we like to fill our holidays with fun, some down time is important too.

I wonder how many of these the children will have done?

- Sung along to music in the car
- Gone for a long walk with family or friends
- Baked a cake
- Jumped the waves at the beach
- Jumped in puddles!
- Curled up with a good book
- Laid on the grass to see the stars at night
- Climbed a tree
- Drawn a picture / Coloured in
- Had hugs on the sofa while watching a movie
- Caught up with friends or family members

Taking time to rest and recharge your batteries is an important part of the holidays.

Back to School Top Tips

But before long, it will be time to go back to school, the excitement of seeing friends again and getting stuck into new learning alongside the nervous anticipation of new adults and routines to get used to.

Get back into bedtime and mealtime routines early – so it's not such a shock to the system on 1st September!

Take time to talk about things that are worrying you – both adults and children! Sharing them out loud can often make them less daunting and talking them through can give you a range of strategies rather than just being worried.

Be grateful – you have a wonderful opportunity to go to school, learn and experience so much. Plus, there are so many people around to support and to help you.

Positive attitude – you can do this!

Things to look forward to:

- Children in Year 1 are going to be learning all about their local environment and Bramley Village.
- In Year 2, the children are going to be studying the Great Fire of London.
- Year 3 will be starting the year by learning all about the Victorians.
- Children in Year 4 have Sports as their focus in the topic Ready, Set, Go!
- In Year 5, they will be heading back to the Stone Age for their topic work.
- And Year 6 will be starting the year by looking at key explorers in history.

It is already set to be an exciting and busy first term!

Butter Daisy have had a busy Summer of Fun...



As we headed into this year's five weeks of 'Summer of Fun', we have been provided with inspiring learning opportunities from parent guests as well as visits from the local community.

We explored the world of design, technology, and art. Our visitors 'Inventors and Makers' led us to the story of 'The Billy Goats Gruff', where the children used their architectural skills to build bridges for the goat, with suggestion, uniqueness, trial & error and imagination.

The following week we moved into a week of language and literacy, to share stories, poems, puppet shows and performances. Our children built up their vocabulary and words from around the world as we explored the many home languages our children hear and use. Our children were welcomed to bring a book to nursery to share with their peers and dressed up as their favourite book characters, along with their educators.



Being the ambitious and curious learners that we are, during Mathematics Week we developed our counting, weighing, measuring and mathematical language through a range of learning opportunities. Building on the foundations of Mathematics Week, we found the answers to all of our questions with Science Week. Our parent geologist showed the concept of time with a timeline of how old the Earth is, we explored fossils and made a volcano erupt.

For our final week, celebrating history and achievement, we hosted our 2023 graduation ceremony and said goodbye to our School Leavers, wishing them all the best of luck for their new adventure.

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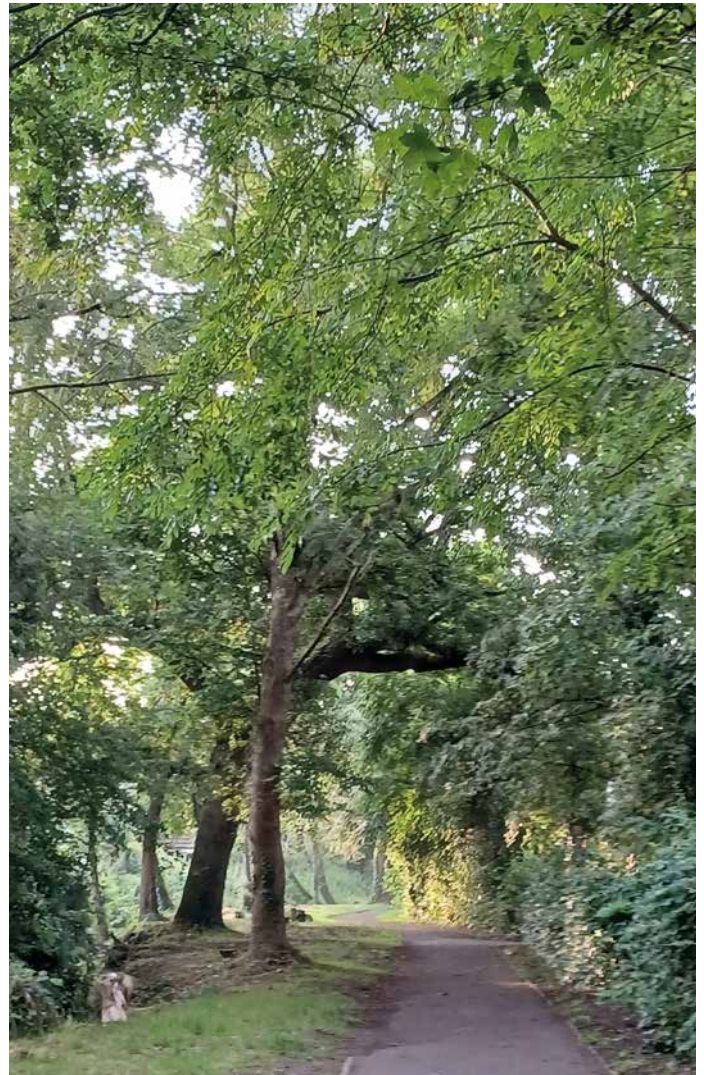
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Bramley Greener Homes Needs You!

Several volunteers have signed up to become Energy Champions for the Bramley Greener Homes project - but more are urgently needed.

Bramley Greener Homes volunteers give free home energy advice to Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon residents - helping them save energy, money and carbon.

The project is run by Loddon Community Energy, a not-for-profit community benefit society run by and for local people.

Volunteers don't need any special experience - just an interest in home energy. They will be trained to carry out a basic (but comprehensive) home energy survey, providing advice on energy efficiency improvements.

It's a great opportunity to do something practical about the climate crisis and help your local community.

Mark lives locally and signed up as a Bramley Greener Homes volunteer because he wanted to give some of his time to help people at a local level. Talking about the project, he said "I'm looking forward to getting involved and meeting like-minded people who are interested in learning about how they can make their homes more sustainable".

If you'd like to find out more about volunteering on Bramley Greener Homes, or about booking a free home energy survey, contact Stu on 07804 281564 or info@loddoncommunityenergy.org.uk. Or, why not come and have a chat at Greener Basingstoke; we will have a stall outside Primark in Festival place on 23rd September between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. We'd love to see you.



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With the cost of living crisis, we are actively looking for volunteers to give advice to help improve the lives of people in our community. We can support people with grants and benefit advice as well as helping to address debt, housing and family issues that might be a consequence of the current and ongoing situation.

Don't worry if that sounds daunting, full training will be given and you will be recruited as part of a team so that you all learn together. A great way to meet new people!

Our next adviser intake will be in October, once the summer holidays have finished.

If you would like to know more, or to come and experience what we do, please contact Di Lewis initially by email on admin@catadley.org

We'd love to meet you!



Ladies' Probus Visit Stratfield Saye House

Basingstoke Ladies' Probus club recently proved that it isn't essential to travel some distance to have an enjoyable day out.



With their usual meeting venue of the restaurant at BCOT closed for the summer holidays,

instead the Ladies' Probus Club spent a day at Stratfield Saye House, the family home of the Dukes of Wellington. This country house, only a handful of miles north of Basingstoke, is the home of the current eighth Duke of Wellington and his family and is only open to visitors over Easter and during August. After almost a year in planning, a party of thirty ladies with a few men enjoyed a private tour of this historically important house.

A grateful nation had given Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, around £600,000 to enable him to purchase or have built a residence that reflected his status as the victor over Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo on 18 June 1815. On that fateful day with 160,000 troops and supported by the Prussian army, the battle raged over two miles square, during which he lost 40,000 men and 15,000 horses. The result was to make Britain a world power for the next century.

He purchased Stratfield Saye house as he liked hunting, and his famous



horse, Copenhagen, that carried him for sixteen hours at Waterloo, is buried in the grounds.

An ambitious plan was developed to demolish the house and build Waterloo Palace on the estate in a style to be even grander than Blenheim Palace. The descending families were all pleased that this did not materialise as the future running costs would have been potentially ruinous.

Instead, the Duke added some features to Stratfield Saye house including en suite water closets, central heating and even double glazing and bought a

property at the corner of Piccadilly and Hyde Park, Apsley House, which has the famous address of No 1 London.

When the Duke died in 1852, his Will contained no plans for his burial, so Queen Victoria and Prince Albert decided that a state funeral would be given. However, it was not possible to get the funding approved until parliament returned from their summer recess, which left only eighteen days before the ceremony was to take place. In that short time, the death carriage was built by a team of craftsmen working night and day, including melting down French cannons that had been taken at Waterloo, the bronze to be used for its decorative covering. It was pulled by a team of twelve black horses provided by London breweries. Today, it is housed in one of the stable buildings.

Over 200,000 people passed the coffin of Britain's greatest general, the Iron Duke, as it lay in state, while the funeral procession was so extensive that it took over an hour and a half to pass a spot. London was packed for the occasion, the like of which had never been seen before.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club, contact their secretary by email: pam.luck59@gmail.com or by phone - 07890 152846.



The Dummer Fair



One of Hampshire's most successful fairs, The Dummer Fair, opens its doors again this October.

Join us at Dummer Cricket Ground, on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October with the event set to feature over 85 stalls ranging from crafts and food to clothing and gifts. There will be a delicious real coffee pop up van and this year sees the return of our popular café on Thursday lunchtime. Ample parking on site - RG25 2AR.

Our stallholders will have plenty of items to tempt you as early Christmas gifts, birthday and special occasion presents or just to treat yourself and your loved ones! All proceeds go to Treloar's, a local highly specialist school and college supporting young people with physical disabilities.

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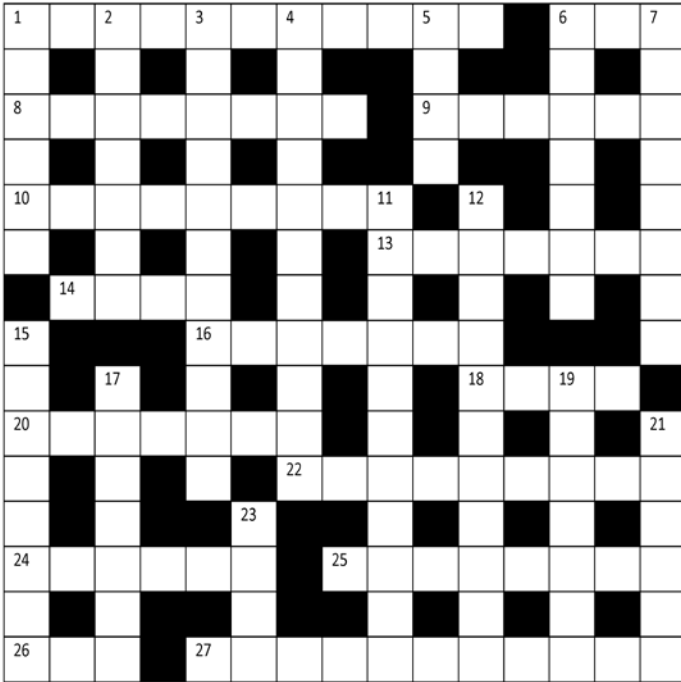
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Cryptic Crossword No: 71

See page 31 for the answers.



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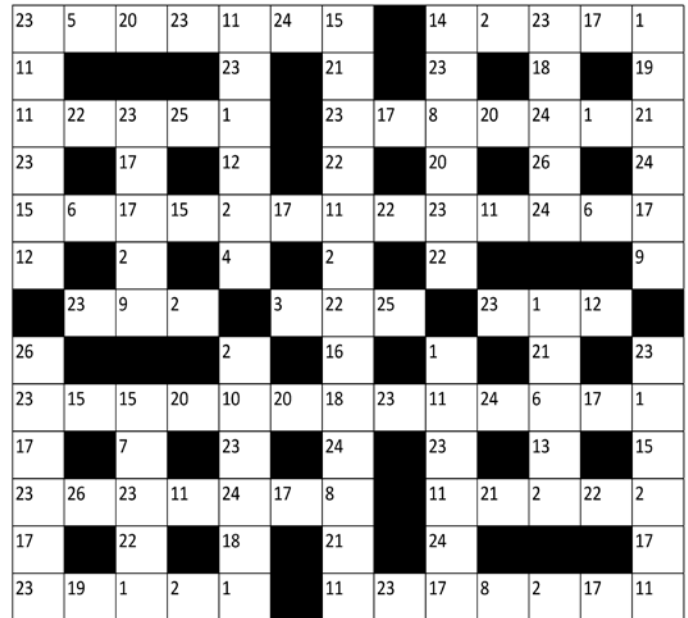
- 1 Rid lakes of unknown mixture to find a string of islands. (7,4)
- 6 The Maid of Honour concealed help. (3)
- 8 Carrier with biblical and noble connections. (3,5)
- 9 Party that sounds like hard work. (6)
- 10 Lame dress allowed for sleep without imaginative thoughts. (9)
- 13 Gear ran out to organise. (7)
- 14 Goddess is repetitious. (4)
- 16 Attacking the enemy conceals a way of changing course. (7)
- 18 Reflective pop group. (4)
- 20 African country that is grain in a way. (7)
- 22 Person who is owl like perhaps. (9)
- 24 Bun led to collection. (6)
- 25 Clear ban out clinging crustacean. (8)
- 26 Consume meat internally. (3)
- 27 Conflicted feeling tasting bad and good. (11)

Down

- 1 Surf Ad disguising criminal deceipts. (6)
- 2 Ron Keys outed in Scottish islands. (7)
- 3 Industrial revolution entrepreneurs, hard men ? (11)
- 4 Aim a nice cad around to find a lecturer perhaps ? (11)
- 5 University lock. (4)
- 6 A party call for loving. (7)
- 7 Dress ankh without hospital and no light. (8)
- 11 Comedy film helping elegance of movement. (6,5)
- 12 Visiting Rib Gates Inn one discovered two masted ships. (11)
- 15 Sweet insect possibly. (8)
- 17 In opposition to a profit on the way. (7)
- 19 O be rich for bread. (7)
- 21 Commercial heard plus French green. (6)
- 23 Still I am not sure this creature exists. (4)

CodeWord No: 57

See page 31 for the answers.



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Probus Annual Summer Pub Lunch



The incoming President of the Probus Club of Basingstoke has the responsibility of selecting a venue for the club's annual Summer Pub Lunch which is just one of many occasions when the ladies are welcome to join.

Dr Jeff Grover, who was appointed President at the 43rd AGM in June, decided that the Swan at Sherborne St John would do nicely. And it did, with 34 in attendance, for our annual lunch. Although a thatched 17th century inn, these days it is part of the Chef & Brewer chain and had an extensive menu selection that suited all tastes.

The quality of fare was very acceptable, as was the quantity. Some people had one course, some two courses, and a few who had three courses, began to wonder. who began to wonder if they had literally bitten off more than they could chew.

The next special occasion is a visit to Blenheim Palace in September, followed by a Christmas lunch to be held at another local restaurant. Their monthly business meetings continue unabated, which are held on the second Tuesday of most months at the Test Valley Golf Club situated between Overton and Micheldever. Lunch is preceded by a guest speaker and at the meeting in September the subject is Basingstoke Photographs from the 1960s.

For more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke, see their website www.probusbasingstoke.club or phone their secretary, Stephen Thair on 07745 243543.



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It is your responsibility to apply for and obtain a suitable mortgage offer (if required) and to comply with the terms and conditions of this. Please advise your Lender who your Conveyancer is, and the Lender will also send the Conveyancer a copy of the mortgage offer. Your Conveyancer will require sight of the mortgage offer before exchange of contracts and will need to report any legal issues to the lender which may affect their security.

Both the seller and buyer have appointed a Conveyancer – what next?

The Conveyancer who is representing the buyer, will obtain a copy of the title deeds for the property and will get started with preparing the draft contract documentation. This documentation is then sent to the Conveyancer acting on behalf of the buyer for review. Once received, the buyer's Conveyancer will undertake legal searches against the property and will review all title papers and it is likely they will then need to raise some enquiries with the buyer's Conveyancer which have arisen from the documentation which has been supplied. Exchange of Contracts cannot take place until all points have been resolved satisfactorily.

What is meant by Exchange of contracts?

This is the point which the Contracts are exchanged between the Conveyancers and the sale/purchase becomes a legally binding transaction. The deposit is paid over to the seller's conveyancer. It is at this point a completion date is set (unless you are buying a new build property and the property is not

ready for occupation – in this instance we would exchange contracts with “completion on notice” – notice would be served once the property is completed – once notice is served you would then have between 5-10 days in order to arrange completion – this differs between Contracts). Until exchange of contracts has taken place, the date for completion (moving date) is not fixed and may still change.

Completion of the sale and purchase has been set – what next?

Now you must arrange for your removals and to notify your service providers of what date you are vacating the property/moving into the property. There will be a time in the Contract by which you must have vacated the property on the completion day – your Conveyancer will advise you what this time is but is usually between 12.30 and 2pm. Your Conveyancer will also be busy in the background collating the figures they need and will prepare a final completion statement.

It's completion day!

The buyer's Conveyancer will transfer, via the banking system, the purchase monies to the seller's Conveyancer. Your Conveyancer will keep you updated on the day and will notify you by telephone once the money has been received by the relevant parties and once legal completion has taken place. The seller's Conveyancer must authorise the keys to be released to the buyer once the money has been received. Now it is time for the buyer to collect their keys and start their exciting journey of moving into their new home!

This is just a brief overview of the process and some examples of frequently asked questions. If you are looking for a Conveyancer and have some further questions about the process, please contact the Conveyancing Team at Phillips Law on 01256 460830.



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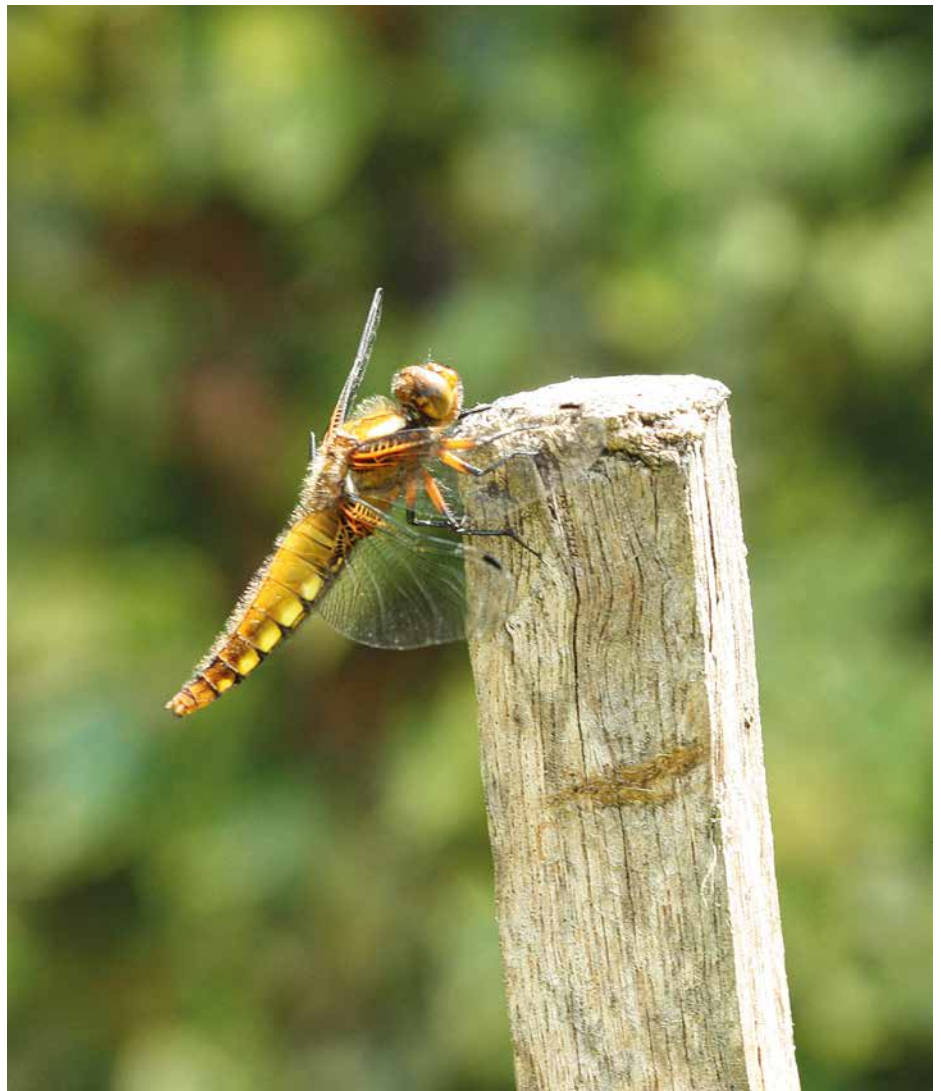
Changing the Plan

This picture is probably how most of us think of a dragonfly - brilliant colours and delicate clear wings, dashing around our ponds. But, that's only a very small part of their life: they'll have gone through several complete bodily overhauls before emerging as the spectacular adult insect we see on a sunny day. A dragonfly spends a month as an egg, possibly a dozen moults of the larva during a couple of years under water, before struggling out to our world, for just a few days. I guess we tend to reckon this process of egg, grub, pupa and so on a pretty weird thing to have to do, an extreme way of getting to be fully-fledged, as it were. In fact, more than half the world's population goes through such metamorphosis, when you count in all the vast range of insects and similar lifeforms, so it must have quite a bit going for it.

But just why might they have evolved this sort of extended, complicated process? You wouldn't build a house by putting down the foundations, the walls and roof, then to take them all apart to go from bungalow to townhouse. Nor would anyone build an aircraft by making a pedal car, turning it into a caravan, then putting the bits together as a fighter, would you? Well, okay, I expect some people might, but not as part of a routine production process, surely. There are variations, of course: butterflies can spend months pretty much inert as a pupa – some insects may hide underground for as much as seventeen years before emerging, while dragonflies cut out the pupating bit, the larva going straight to flying practice, and there are still a few insects which never bought into the idea at all – now referred to rather disparagingly as primitive; they just grow.

Not long ago, it was generally assumed that during pupation, the insect was completely broken down into a sort of cell-soup. More recent study with micro-CT, using computerised x-ray scans, shows that much of the structure is maintained in modified form, the cells either re-absorbed or re-specified under hormone control for the next stage of growth. There are, of course, lessons to be learnt here about how cell death and re-birth can be controlled, with much wider significance in medicine.

The purpose of the pupation stage has also been disputed, though there are some substantial arguments for such a radical direction of evolution. One



factor is that it makes the lifestyle more flexible – a pause in growth allows it to time its emergence with a season where food supply is more likely to be around. It can accommodate a new routine that might work better when the environment changes, and it allows the growth period to be done by a rapidly expanding grub, rather than a more complicated, if agile, adult. The eating stage is going to be easier without the encumbrance of the wing structure, particularly if it's done underground, and this eating machine can be more a slow-moving mouth and stomach, able to make the most of any food available while it lasts, if less efficiently. The body plan is then revised before essaying flight.

The larva/pupa ploy, though, has its own hazards. A larva, such as a caterpillar, is prey to any hungry bird: it's slow moving, and though there are all sorts of disguises used, essentially, it'll be vulnerable to predation, parasites, starvation, heat, fire, drought and flood. The poor old pupa can't move at all – even underground it'll still be found

by birds, pathogens and parasites. Hiding, perhaps overwintering in a shed or bush, they'll be prey to all sorts of scavengers – small mammals in particular. On top of all this, a now increasingly damaging factor is their exposure to pesticides over long periods, while otherwise safely tucked away. The enormous mortality rates of larvæ and pupæ, while beneficial to a whole lot of predators, can only be sustained by the vast numbers of eggs laid by the adult insects.

At some time in the last 400 million years the first insect-ancestors chose this lifestyle, and nearly all subsequent species of insect adopted it, to a greater or lesser extent. It's a bit of a chicken/egg situation; while it's generally agreed that the adult forms came first, the way the in-betweeners were derived is still in contention. Quite how evolution worked this trick is yet to be fully understood, it seems, but a million species can't have got it wrong, can they?

John Stubbs

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 41 members and 1 visitor at the meeting of the Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship held on 2nd August. Members were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling, who noted apologies received, and congratulated those with birthdays this month. He also informed us that the committee had started to put together a programme for next year and asked for any suggestions for guest speakers or trips. The programme for 2024 should be available at the October meeting.

It was noted that there were still spaces for the September trip on the 14th to Petworth House and also for the 'Mystery' trip on 19th October. After canvassing the views of the members present, it was agreed to cancel the November trip to a garden centre



due to lack of interest. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, then gave an update on the work she had been doing recently.

Our talk at the August meeting was from Alan Jones, titled 'Inside Story' which was about the workings of the human body. After giving us facts and figures about blood, he used David as a model to give a demonstration, using various visual items, to show where the organs were situated in the human body and the various functions they had. Starting with the mouth and nose, he also took us on a journey through the body via the lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, stomach and intestines,

giving more facts and statistics along the way. He also provided a visual demonstration of the length of the intestines, which at over 20 feet, amazingly fits into our body.

Our speaker next month is Thomas Forrester from SAS Auctions at Newbury who is going to tell us about 'The Lot of an Auctioneer', and he has suggested that people may wish to bring along an item for valuation. The Speaker for October will be Richard Court, with a talk about his travels in Tanzania.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the 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.

Basingstoke Deane

Rotary



Basingstoke and Deane Rotary Round-Up

Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal



You can put the following in your shoebox:

- For playing - ball, skipping rope, small games, cards, dominoes, harmonicas/recorders, cars, small toys, including cuddly toys
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- For wearing - hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hair accessories, jewellery (items need to be new or in good/as new condition)

The following items cannot be included: liquids, war toys or books, battery operated items, sharp items, broken items, food or sweets, large toys, clothes or shoes. No items that could be classed as religious, political or racial.

Boxes are supplied, and can be picked up, and dropped off at:

- Eden Mazda, Basingstoke
- Oakley Carpets, Basingstoke
- Parnell, Jordy and Harvey Estate Agents, Winchester
- Build-A-Bear, Festival Place, Basingstoke
- Whitchurch Silk Mill, Whitchurch

We ask for a £2.00 donation towards transport costs, please attach £2.00 to your box with Sellotape. Rotary members supervise the whole process, including Rotarian volunteers going with the transport to the countries to make sure the boxes don't go astray and get to the children they are intended for. Christmas Shoeboxes go to Romania, Albania, Montenegro, and Moldova. Some boxes will hopefully go to Ukrainian for refugees/displaced children there.

Save The Date!

Our Royal Marines Band Concert will be held on 4th February 2024 at The Anvil. Look out for tickets on sale from the box office.

Other upcoming events Rotary will be supporting:

- Saturday 30th September 2023: St Michael's Hospice Glitter & Glow Walk, Festival Place, Basingstoke
- Sunday 1st October 2023: Destination Basingstoke, half-marathon and 10k run.

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 32 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just take a look- www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen helen@highpathway.co.uk or Paul tempaul45@gmail.com to find out more.

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Upcoming Shows at Anvil Arts

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Rain of Animals

This rich collaboration between Pepita Emmerichs and Theodore Barnard grew from their love of mandolin, fiddle, guitar, harmony vocals, bluegrass, old-time swing and so much more. Classic bluegrass and self-penned songs form the basis for a scintillating evening of music.

Friday 15th September 2023

Grayson Perry: A Show All About You

What makes you, you? Is there a part deep inside of you that no one understands? Have you found your tribe or are you a remarkable human being? Or is it more complicated than that? Grayson Perry, white, male, heterosexual, able-bodied, English, southerner, baby boomer, and member of the establishment, takes a mischievous look at the nature of identity in his brand-new show.



Sunday 17th September 2023

Jen Brister: The Optimist

Stand up comedian and writer Jen Brister is a regular performer on the comedy circuits and has appeared on BBC's *Live at the Apollo* and *Mock the Week*. If middle age has taught Jen anything, it's that optimism does not come naturally to her. In fact, it's fair to say that her cup is very much half-empty, and she's making no attempt to fill it. Can Jen work against her natural instincts and finally see the light?

Tuesday 19th September 2023 – Saturday 23rd September 2023

Abigail's Party by Mike Leigh

In her suburban living room, Beverly prepares for the arrival of her guests. She and husband Laurence will play host to neighbours Angela, Tony and Sue. As the alcohol flows and the nibbles are handed round, this achingly funny examination of 1970s British life begins.



Thursday 21st September 2023

Maximum Rhythm & Blues with The Manfreds: 60th Anniversary Tour

Join the pioneers of UK Rhythm and Blues, The Manfreds, as they celebrate a remarkable 60 years in the business. Paul Jones and Mike D'Abo, alongside long-standing members Tom McGuinness, Rob Townsend, Marcus Cliffe, and Simon Currie, perform much-loved hits including *Pretty Flamingo*, *5-4-3-2-1*, *Sha La La*, *Ha Ha! Said The Clown*, and *Do Wah Diddy Diddy*, some of the most popular and instantly recognisable songs of the sixties.

Thursday 21st September 2023

Chris Wood

Winner of six BBC Folk Awards, Chris Wood's writing and performances are both uplifting and challenging, permeated with love and wry intelligence; he celebrates the sheer one-thing-after-anotherness of life.

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Fascinating Aída: The 40th Anniversary Show!

Celebrating 40 years on the road, Dillie, Liza and Adèle, Britain's raciest and sassiest musical cabaret trio Fascinating Aída, have racked-up millions of internet followers, performed in the world's most prestigious venues, and been showered with awards and plaudits since they sashayed onto the scene



back in 1983. Utterly charming, with diamond-sharp satire, filthy, hilarious, belligerent, political, poignant, and outrageous, they are still the mistresses of their craft.

Thursday 28th September 2023

Philharmonia Orchestra

The concert begins with a short but affecting piece by American composer Nico Muhly. *One Line, Two Shapes* was composed during the Covid lockdown. Nicola Benedetti then joins the orchestra for Brahms' magnificent Violin Concerto. The programme finishes with Rachmaninov's dramatic Third Symphony. Conductor for the concert is Cristian Măcelaru.



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Mondays	
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>NHS Heath Visitor</i>	Bramley Room
<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, 6.45-7.45pm</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>1st Bramley Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Wednesday Club 10am to midday</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>1st Bramley 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 Community Cafe

<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>NHS Heath Visitor</i>	Bramley Room
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd 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>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.40 for 6.45pm (April-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Petite Dance</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
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Live Country Music with Dance 8pm 1st and 3rd Saturday each month</i>	Village 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

Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

Organisation	Name	Tel No	Email	Remarks
Parish Council	Maxta Thomas	07810 692486	www.bramley-pc.gov.uk clerk@bramley-pc.gov.uk	Not for bookings
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Cross House	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
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If you're no longer in full time work, there's a friendly activity for you in our u3a, whether it's outdoors or indoors, play or learning. We also offer sports, science, languages, outings, board games, music, arts and crafts, films, history - the list goes on. And if your favourite isn't there yet, don't forget we can help you start up a group of your own. Ukelele, Short Mat Bowls and Motorbikes have all been set up recently this way. Find out more at the website below.

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Time: Arrival from 6:30pm

For more information and to sign up, visit:
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