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the Somme by Rhydian Vaughan

I could have saved a lot of time this month by substituting my editorial with two words in a massive font size – **THANK YOU**. The magazine is full of articles about people who deserve our thanks: the volunteers who drive local people to medical appointments (page 8); the teachers and nursery workers who care for and teach our children (pages 9, 23 and 24); the cooks and flower arrangers who helped make our harvest celebrations so special (pages 16 and 17) and the workers who tidied up the churchyard (pages 18 and 19). And, of course, November is the month when the nation joins in saying thank you to the millions of people who gave their lives in service of their country, not only in the two world wars but more recently in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you want to remember their sacrifice, turn to page 15 for details of this year's Remembrance Service and Poppy Appeal.

I came across a website recently that listed 205 synonyms for thank you. They ranged from formal phrases to abbreviated words. I'm not sure I have ever told someone that I would be "forever beholden" to them, or asked them to accept my "protestations of gratitude" but I have certainly told people that I couldn't have done something without them, or I really appreciated their help. Younger readers probably wouldn't waste that many words or even letters. For them it is just thx, tyvm or kthx. In my day it was mercy buckets or ta everso.

I could use all of those phrases and more to thank the Clift Meadow Trust for its generous support of the magazine. Because of a shortfall in advertising revenue caused by the pandemic, it was looking as if the magazine would not have enough money to pay its printing costs until the end of the financial year. I was therefore very grateful when the Trust offered to share some of the Bramley fete profits with the magazine. Really, my thanks should go to the whole village – anyone who attended the fete and made it such a success has also kept the magazine going. So, ta and thanks a million to you all.

By the time you read this, heads of state, climate experts and campaigners will be meeting at COP26 to discuss the action needed to tackle climate change. Like the Queen, I hope that concrete plans are agreed and there won't just be a lot of empty sound bites. If the talks are positive, our children and grandchildren will have cause to say thank you to the world leaders, or perhaps just thx.

Next month it is Georgie's turn to edit the magazine and she has a very tight deadline, with everything having to be edited and sent to the printers on 16 November. Can you therefore let her have any articles by 14 November at the latest. Don't forget it will be a double issue covering December and January.

Best wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Joint Editor

The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest,
except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we
love the land and then take steps to destroy it for
use by future generations.

Pope John Paul II

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Church diary for November

7th	3rd Sunday before Advent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion (BCP) – St James’s Church
14th	Remembrance Sunday
10:30	Remembrance Service – St James’s Church and live streamed (see page 15 for more details)
21st	Sunday next before Advent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Morning Worship – St James’s Church
28th	Advent Sunday
9:00	Preparation of Christingles – Cross House
10:30	Christingle Service – St James’s Church

... and into December

5th	2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Matins & Holy Communion (BCP) – St James’s Church
12th	3rd Sunday of Advent
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’s Church
18th	Saturday
4:00pm	Light in the Darkness Service – St James’s Church <i>For those who find Christmas difficult</i>
19th	4th Sunday of Advent
6:00pm	Carol Service – St James’s Church

Services at our neighbouring churches

November

7th	3rd Sunday before Advent
10.00	Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s
10.00	Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye
6.30pm	Evensong – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
12th	Friday
4.30pm	Messy Church Sherfield Park Community Centre
14th	Remembrance Sunday
10:45	Remembrance Service – Sherfield War Memorial
10:00	Remembrance Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye
10:00	Remembrance Service – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
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10.00	Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s

December

5th	2nd Sunday of Advent
10:00	Christingle & Toy Service – Sherfield Park Community Centre
10:00	Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye
6:30pm	Evensong – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall

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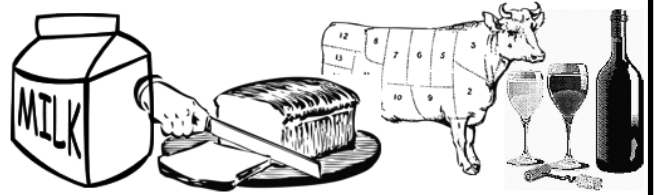
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We are very lucky to have a number of retired priests in our Benefice who are helping us out while we wait for John Lenton's replacement to be appointed. This month, we invited the **Reverend John Morley** to share his reflections on **Remembrance**.



Reverend John Morley

November can be seen as a dreary month. The clocks have been put back an hour, nightfall comes with teatime, the last leaves are falling from the trees. The British poet Thomas Hood (1799-1845) wrote a poem called No! Part of it runs:

“No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,

No comfortable feel in any member -

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,

November!

Rather dreary thoughts maybe, but we have reached a turning point in the year. Most peoples' thoughts now will be focussed on Christmas, sincerely hoping that this year we are allowed to have a proper one! However, before we get there, we have to negotiate November and the season of Advent.

November is the month of remembrance, not only remembrance of the millions of casualties of two world wars and other conflicts but, in the Christian Calendar, of some other important figures of ages past and the more recent past. They were Christian men and women who were faithful to Jesus Christ, often to death, and kept the flame of faith burning brightly.

November 1st is All Saints Day when we celebrate those millions who have kept the faith of Jesus alive in their generations and, in a lovely Salvation Army phrase, have been “promoted to glory.” We sometimes call them “the Church Triumphant” in Heaven. It can be a comfort to think of dear departed ones as being with us still, alive, as it were, but in a different dimension.

Just picking out a few others whom the Church honours as Saints, Leonard was a 6th century French monk who taught and healed in the Limoges area and drew followers from wider Europe, including England, where over 170 churches bear his name – Sherfield is one of them.

November 9th is the remembrance of Margery Kempe, born in Kings Lynne in the 14th century. She undertook many pilgrimages, alone, to Rome, Jerusalem, and Compostela. Read her story and be inspired.

Two more to mention: Martin, a Roman soldier who became a Christian, was appointed Bishop of Tours and founded monasteries across France. He died in 397. Andrew, a Galilean fisherman who responded to Jesus' invitation to “Follow me” and became an Apostle and Patron Saint

of Scotland. He is remembered on November 30th. According to legend, he died by crucifixion on a saltire-shaped cross.

Remembrance is at the very heart of Christian life and worship. God's people have always looked back with thanksgiving for His guidance, provision and care for each succeeding generation. Our central act of worship week by week is the Holy Communion. This reminds us of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are sacramentally nourished by Christ's very self and endeavour to become more Christ-like in our own daily living. We constantly fail to do this but receive His forgiveness and start again.

But it is Remembrance Sunday which most captures our attention this month as we remember those of every nation who have taken up arms at the behest of their governments and died in conflict serving their country, striving for the restoration of peace and justice. The Royal British Legion, through the Poppy Appeal, continues to support those who still suffer the scars of war. Corporate Acts of Remembrance have been difficult for the last two years due to Covid restrictions. Let us hope that in 2021 we can come together in our churches and at War Memorials to remember and offer thanks for those who sacrificed their lives and to pledge ourselves to work personally for peace and justice in our world and for the relief of those in need. Let us pray for all those presently serving in our Armed Forces at home and overseas. Pray for the welfare support provided by the Royal British Legion, the Royal Naval Association, the Royal Air Forces Association and all service charities.

Christmas at St James's - An invitation from Rev John Morley.

It is my delight to lead services at Bramley church this year, my first in the benefice.



The Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve will start at 11pm and of course include plenty of favourite carols, reminding us of the Incarnation of God-with-us in the Child in the manger.

Our Christmas Day Family Communion is at 10.30am and everyone is welcome to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. I particularly invite young families and children to join us and to bring with them a favourite

present they have just received. I hope to share with them and everyone an old Russian story which brings out the meaning of the season.



I look forward to seeing you there!

This month we are not just featuring one person in **Meet the Neighbours** but a group of residents who all work for the **Bramley Volunteer Drivers**.

Bramley Volunteer Drivers is a group of 25 volunteers who take residents from Bramley and the surrounding area to appointments, such as hospital, doctor's and dentist's appointments. They are ready to help anybody who has transport difficulties. If you think the group may be able to help you, or you are interested in joining them, give them a call on 07787 166924.

We caught up with five of the volunteers to find out a bit more about them.

Robin Dolman

I moved into Bramley in June 2010 and became involved in a number of organisations so that I could "do my bit" for the village. Quite soon, I was asked to take people who had no transport to the local surgery, and I thought this would be something I would enjoy and others might find very useful. As I also enjoy driving, I started to go to the local hospital and medical centres in Basingstoke, Tadley and a bit further! As things have developed, I am now available to take anyone with need to Reading, Winchester, Southampton etc! But this wasn't the end, as I was later asked to act as the Treasurer for the group, now referred to as Bramley Volunteer Drivers, which also keeps me busy and which I enjoy doing.



Jenny Edwards

I'm Jenny Edwards, co-ordinator of the Bramley Volunteer Drivers group. I joined as a driver around ten years ago and here I still am.

I was a teacher at the school for many years and lived along Wallis Drive until quite recently. Now I'm the road in Chineham, but still see Bramley as my other home.

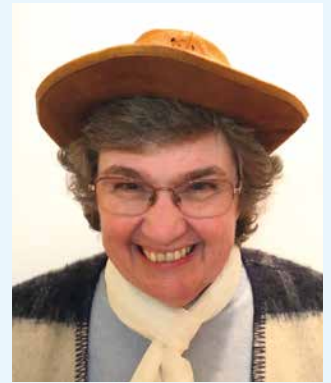
After teaching, I became a holistic therapist. Now I'm retired and enjoying being a grandma to three little granddaughters and sharing my life with Betsy, my beautiful labradoodle. You might have seen us at the recent village fair.

I enjoy contributing to the amazing community spirit that is Bramley. The village achieved hero status in my eyes during lockdown...we have many incredible people here and every one of them has their story.



Sarah Hodnett

I have lived in this friendly village since 2000, you may have seen me around...I'm always in a hat! I am an active member of St James' church and a member of their PCC. Since retirement I have been a trustee of the village hall, churchwarden, a friend of Clift meadow and a volunteer driver. I regularly do pilates, go to NWR and meet friends at the coffee mornings in the village. I love to make marmalade, chutneys and jellies, and enjoy gardening, sewing, holidays away - particularly cruising - and visiting family.



Tom Maddock

A relative newcomer both to Bramley and to civilian life, I served 21 years in the RAF as a pilot and instructor on the front-line and in global operations, flying Fast Jets and uncrewed Air Systems. I now work for a civil aerospace company in a non-flying role. Along with my wife, who also volunteers, I have attempted to fit volunteer transport trips to covid vaccination appointments around the new working from home concept. I also deliver occasionally for the Spotlight charity, help out at organised events at my sons' school and attend parish meetings when family and work time allow! You might see me jogging or cycling in and around the village as well.



Amos Osebeyo

My name is Amos Osebeyo, married to Aderonke and we have two children Samuel (15) and Samantha (8). I grew up in Lagos, Nigeria and have lived in the UK for 14 years. My family and I moved to Bramley in 2016.

Sport was a big part of my growing up, both to participate and to watch. However, I do more watching than participating now. Walking and sometimes running is my sport of choice at the moment and cycling when I am feeling adventurous.

I work full time as Senior Analytics manager for a telecoms company and, as with most people, have been working from home in the last 18 months.



Since returning in September, the children at **Bramley School** have settled quickly into their routines and new classes, including three new Reception classes! Here are just some examples of their fabulous learning

In **EYFS** the children have been learning about ourselves and our families through our 'All About Me' theme. They have been looking at x-rays of bones, drawing around their friends and finding out what bones we all have. We have also been looking at the signs of Autumn and exploring our environment in Forest School and making our own Autumn Forest Faces! We enjoyed using the wooden construction bricks to make a giant obstacle course and investigating the sounds our bodies can hear when playing musical instruments.

Year 1 have been focusing on self-portraits and have been maximising their art skills to create a gallery. They have also been motivated and inspired by David Attenborough to work together and save the planet. They've been recycling everything that they can and encouraging others to do the same. They are developing as musicians and creating sound patterns with a variety of instruments.

Year 2 have been travelling back in time and discovering how a tiny spark led to the Great Fire of London. They have been reading Samuel Pepys' diary and using pastels to create skyline pictures of this historic event. They discovered what went wrong and how London has changed since. The children are becoming superstar athletes and enjoying the game of cricket. Their fielding, batting and bowling skills are developing and they are playing this game with big smiles on their faces.

The children in **Years 3 and 4** have been working really hard and doing some fabulous work. The Year 3 children have been writing informative newspaper reports about the shocking disappearance of some paints, which we hope will turn up soon. In DT, they have been making bridges out of various materials and investigating how to make them stronger. The children have also been researching Victorian jobs and learning about how different children's lives were then. In Year 4, the children enjoyed learning about Japan and the Olympics. They have written their own survival guides, so if you are stranded on a deserted island, they can tell you what to do!

In **Year 5**, the children have been finding out about the Stone Age. They have worked 'secretly' to create Stone Age artefacts which were then used in an archaeological dig. The children were able to use their detective skills to work out what each artefact might have been used for. They also created their own Stone Age jewellery from clay, thinking carefully about what real Stone Age jewellery might have looked like. As well as this, they have been using their DT skills to design and make a pulley system which can be used to move heavy objects.

In **Year 6**, we have been mesmerised by the beauty of the Galapagos Islands. The children have researched a range of different Galapagos animals and have created detailed models out of clay. This week, they have also become 'obsessive about octopuses!' They went on to learn all about the history of the earth and spent time researching different time periods and the fossils that have been discovered from each era. They have used their investigative skills to learn more about each of the unique fossils and, from this information, have created their own fossil timelines, combining both fascinating facts and beautifully detailed drawings!

Year 5 Residential

The children in Year 5 had a great time on their residential trip to the Gordon Brown Centre. On Wednesday, in the beautiful Autumn weather, they explored the woods and built their own shelters. They also went climbing and challenged their courage on the 'Death Drop'! A treat at the Centre is being able to spend free time with the animals: the children loved petting the rabbits, visiting the pigs and feeding the goats! The weather on Thursday was slightly drearier but the children's perseverance was amazing! They enjoyed trying archery, really boosting their accuracy, and developed their team-working skills in a problem-solving session. We finished the trip on Friday with some orienteering in the sunshine. Our adult team was so impressed with the maturity, independence and 'go for it' attitude of the children. They were an absolute delight to be with!



Year 5 enjoying their residential

Knitting Circle

After a very long time, eight of us reconvened at Chris' house on 28 September. After catching up on what had been happening to everyone, we discussed looking for another charity to send our items to, as Knit for Peace now only require large items such as men's jumpers. We did have one helpful new recruit, as you can see in the photo



Judith Harris



Bramley & Romans Floral Society

In October we had a demonstration by Mrs Stephanie Cornell entitled "A view from a window". Unfortunately, our original demonstrator was unable to come so Steph, who is a member of our club, stepped in at the last minute to demonstrate to a group of 40.

The first arrangement was a view of the banks of the River Avon, where she stopped for lunch on a river trip with her grandson. The second was a view of roads lined with orange and lemon trees on a visit to an island. Next came a view from her kitchen window in North Devon, looking over the rolling hills out to Exmoor. After a welcome break for tea, coffee and home-made cake, Steph made an arrangement depicting a view from her Mum's window and her love of roses. The final two arrangements showed a view from Dawn's window of her beautiful garden and a view Steph would like to have from her own kitchen window.

Steph kept us all entertained with her witty and informative commentary throughout the afternoon and must be congratulated at producing such an interesting demonstration at the last minute.



View of river bank



Orange & lemon trees



View over rolling hills to Exmoor



Mum's Roses



Dawn's Garden



View Steph would like from her window

We ended the meeting with our usual raffle of the arrangements. From now on our regular meetings will, hopefully, continue to be in Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall at 1.30pm on the first Thursday of the month. The November meeting on the 4th will be a demonstration by Mrs Carolyn Vanstone entitled "Women of Influence". We look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

Eileen Gulston

Information about the Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Clift Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) will be putting information up on the notice boards in Bramley to keep everyone updated. Do take a look when you walk past. There are four noticeboards: at the end of Jibbs Meadow, opposite the Bramley Inn, opposite the Village Hall and outside St James's Church.

Lunch Club

Christine and I enjoyed a very delicious cream tea at The Café, Sherfield-on-Loddon, which she had won in last year's raffle for Macmillan Cancer Support. Five members supported the same charity event at The Cafe this year. We decided we would have lunch as well as purchasing the raffle tickets in aid of the charity. We had a lovely lunch and enjoyed jacket potatoes with various fillings and quiche with salad. Two of us were even lucky and won raffle prizes!



The Avenue Nursery at Lasham is our outing for November lunch, and no doubt some Christmas shopping will be involved! At the moment, plans are being put together for our Christmas lunch venue.

Freda Clark

Update from Bramley Parish Council

Autumn has arrived and with it comes the wonderful colours of the countryside (we still have some to enjoy), and our homes fill with conkers to keep the spiders at bay. As garden centres herald the decreasing number of “sleeps” until Christmas, we are faced with many difficulties, some naturally occurring and some human made. It is a time to all pull together and to assist those less fortunate amongst us. Our thanks, as always, go to those who, in groups or as individuals, help this community come together. Bramley Parish Council continues to support organisations and groups who request our help via the Grant request process. We also continue to ensure problems are reported to the appropriate authorities and followed up as necessary. This does not mean that resolutions are swiftly forthcoming, but we do ensure they are not forgotten. As I have reminded the community many times over the years, the Parish Council has very little authority in the scheme of local councils but the nine volunteer councillors will always do what they can.

What does the future hold for Bramley? The

Borough’s Local Development Plan Update is under way after the Government building targets were increased. This is a complex process and you would be wise to keep an eye on the Borough Council website for updates and meeting dates. Unfortunately, Bramley is always a target for more housing. The Parish Council has provided independent evidence over a number of years that more development in Bramley is unsustainable. This is not NIMBYism but based on facts; Bramley’s infrastructure cannot support more development at this time. This fact is being recognised by a number of Councillors across the Borough, and our three Ward Councillors are working hard to get the point across. We shall be keeping a close eye on this plan update and will take every opportunity to put our case.

Verge and hedge trimming are met with mixed feelings in the community; however this is a Hampshire Highways’ responsibility and the Parish Council do not manage this, with the exception of the Campbell Road roundabout sight lines. The Parish Council manage this using the lion’s share of our Lengthsman grant of £1000 from Hampshire County Council. We also still await repairs to the traffic calming points west of the railway line despite reports to the County Council.

The new junction at Bramley Lane is now open and is being monitored, as some drivers are now breaking the law by going the wrong side of the new pedestrian island. The reasons for this change of layout are documented on the Parish Council website <https://www.bramley-pc.gov.uk/2025-2/>

Great news that the **Coffee Mornings** have started again on Wednesday mornings at the Clift Meadow Pavilion, and our thanks go to the tireless and ever-cheerful organisers.

Persimmon are still failing to deliver aspects of the agreement over the building of St James’ Park. The path lighting across Clift Meadow has failed to materialise, as have the alterations to the path to stop the flooding by the bridge, and the allotments will not appear in the near future. These matters are raised frequently with Persimmon, and we are supported by the Officer in charge of enforcement at the Borough.

Meetings - the monthly Parish Council meeting is now held in public and for now Zoom meetings are suspended. I am pleased to say that at the September meeting there were no pyjama trousers or slippers in sight, below the shirts

and ties. Whether our bookcases remain tidy is another question! Our next meetings are scheduled for 9 November for the Planning Committee and 16 November for full Council. The meetings will still be socially distanced, so book your seat early as space is limited.

Covid is still with us and in the Basingstoke area (seven days to October 11) there was an increase in cases over the previous seven-day period of 20%. Cases across England remain stubbornly high. Let us all keep ourselves and others safe as winter approaches.

Cllr Tony Durrant

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A message from Clift Surgery

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NEWS FROM THE BRAMLEY SHOW

The Bramley Show has been a fixture in the village for over 30 years and is one of three major annual village events. Sadly, because of the pandemic, it has been missing from the village calendar since 2019.

I know this has been a big disappointment to our loyal supporters, but I want to assure them that, barring any deterioration in the Covid situation, the 34th annual show will be back in August 2022.

The absence of the show for such a long time means that many new residents have never had the opportunity to visit the show and many more are not aware of exactly what the village show is all about, or who can take part, so here is a bit more information.

Who can take part?

Anyone who lives in Bramley and all the surrounding villages is welcome to take part in the show. There are no age restrictions, and our younger residents are actively encouraged to take part. Indeed, every show has several classes specifically aimed at children, and we know they love to take part.

What is the Bramley Show?

There is a general misconception that it is purely a horticultural show. Yes, of course, the show has all the traditional fruit and vegetable classes common to every village show, but it is much more than that. You do not need to have green fingers to take part. The aim of the show is to showcase the many hidden skills and talents of our local residents. Above all, it is designed to be a fun event that everyone can enjoy.

Among the many categories you can enter are Art, Photography, Craftwork skills, Cookery and Floral art. You do not have to be an expert in any of the categories to take part. We cannot all be a Van Gogh, David Bailey or Delia Smith. Nor do you need expensive equipment to create an entry. For instance, many of the photographic entries are taken on a smart phone. The truth is that if you have produced it, and you are pleased with it, then someone else is going to admire it, so why not show it off? Who knows, you may discover talents you did not know you had?

Do you want to find out more?

Between now and the show we will be updating our website so that it has all the information you need to enter the show. It will also have tips and ideas to help you. We also want to encourage everyone to give their comments and ideas on how we can improve the show.

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Can you help?

The fact that the Bramley Show takes place at all is down to a small band of enthusiastic volunteers. We do our best, but if the show is going to continue to be an annual village event, we need more people to get involved.

Would you like to get involved in helping to organise the next Bramley Show? Do you have a few hours per month to spare?

We are looking for volunteers to bring fresh ideas to the show and improve its appeal to a wider village audience.

No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and an easy-going personality. We would love to talk to you about joining our friendly team. Of course, if you have any personal skills they would be welcome.

We also need volunteers to assist with the actual show, for example, assembling the show and stewarding.

Interested?

Please contact us via the email address above and someone will get back to you.

Even if you are not able to help, we would love to see you on show day. So pop along, have a look around the exhibits and then relax with a cup of tea and a piece of cake, all freshly made by volunteers from the local WI.

Gary Allsopp, Chairman of the Bramley Show
 Organising Committee

BRAMLEY WI

This month's meeting was held in the Bramley Room for the first time in 18 months and it was so good to be back to normal. We had three new guests, who will hopefully join us in the future.

Andy Morgan was our speaker and he talked to us about his bees and the history of these very intelligent insects. It was a most interesting talk and we learnt a lot. Andy explained how the bees produce the nectar and the honey, and how they keep warm in the winter in the same way as penguins do. Andy has bee hives in Sherfield, Bramley and Tadley and he brought some of his honey to sell at our meeting.

After the talk and slide show we had refreshments and a discussion about future events in 2022. Hopefully we will be able to keep on having our meetings as before, and go out on trips.

We have already been on a walk and arranged another one for early November followed by lunch. There will also be a Christmas lunch in December at the Cafe Dome at Brighton Hill.

For our next meeting in November we have another speaker talking about 'Make-do and Mend' which should be very interesting.

Jane Matthews



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Remembrance Sunday

In a previous article I mentioned that this is the Royal British Legion's centenary year, having been formed in May 1921. We remember this as we enter remembrance season, which officially starts on 31 October, 11 days before 11 November. Remembrance Sunday this year is on 14 November. It is always the closest Sunday to 11 November, so the date this year is the latest it can be.

We are delighted to be able to return to church this year to remember those who died in our armed forces in the service of their country. Our service will take place in St James's Church, Bramley at 10:30am in order for us to observe the 2 minutes silence at 11:00am.

We are expecting a large number to turn up this year so we would advise arriving early. We will have an overflow into Cross House where the service will be relayed from the church. We will also be broadcasting the service on Zoom, live from the Church. Dial-in details for the Zoom service will be shared using the church weekly mailing list. If you don't get Church Family News sent to you weekly, but would like the dial-in details, please email Steve Day on Crosshousebramley@gmail.com to request the information.

If you would like to help out during the Remembrance fortnight from 31 October until 14 November, please contact Michael Luck (email below) who, in addition to being our Branch Secretary, is the Poppy Appeal Organiser for our area.

You don't need to have served in the Armed Forces to join the Royal British Legion!

Steve Day

Branch Treasurer at Bramley.treasurer@rbl.community

Michael Luck

Branch Secretary at Bramley.secretary@rbl.community

Rhydian Vaughan

Branch Vice Chairman at Rhydian@battlefieldtours.co

The 2021 Poppy Appeal in Bramley and District

This year the Poppy Appeal is quite late, because of the way that the dates fall. It begins officially on Saturday 30 October, and runs until Saturday 13 November. We will not be doing house-to-house collections this year, due to Covid, but we will be doing a few 'pop up' stalls in various places. The dates for these are to be finalised, but I will put them on the Bramley Community page on Facebook, and there will be posters announcing the dates and places in the relevant locations.

We are, at the time of writing, allowed to operate our stall at the hospital reception. We would like to thank all of those who stepped forward to help with this. It is much appreciated.

Michael and Pam Luck



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The congregation at St James's Church enjoyed celebrating Harvest in all its colour and tastes

The Harvest Service and Harvest Lunch at St James's Church took place slightly too late for the October magazine, but we can't let the occasion pass without thanking all those who worked so hard to make it such a special event. I'm not going to risk naming anyone as I am bound to forget someone crucial, but big thanks need to go to the flower arrangers who transformed the church with beautiful autumnal

colours, the team who organised and cooked the delicious lunch for over 50 people, all those who contributed food, the Bramley Bakery who produced the amazing Harvest loaf and everyone who helped clear up (it wasn't a great time for the dishwasher to stop working!).

The congregation brought donations for the Basingstoke Food Bank and 38kg of food was collected.

Rachel Barclay Smith



The church was full of beautiful flowers

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The Big Churchyard Tidy-up took place on a misty autumnal morning in October. Rachel Barclay Smith was among the helpers.

If you have been wondering how to dispose of your garden waste now that the Council only seem to be collecting once a month, spare a thought for members of St James's Church who created this enormous pile of weeds and cuttings in just four hours. The volunteers cut back over-grown hedges, removed nettles and weeds, cleared patches of brambles and even uncovered some long-abandoned gravestones. It was a great team effort, involving members of the congregation aged between 7 and 86, and they all deserved the bacon sandwiches and cake served part way through the morning. A big thank you to everyone who took part.





Light Up a Life Returns for 2021

St. Michael's Hospice are delighted to invite you to their Light Up a Life Celebration, taking place on Sunday 5 December at 6pm within the Hospice grounds.

The event will feature a host of festive activities including Christmas carols and music performed by local choirs and the Basingstoke Silver Band, along with warming mulled wine and delicious mince pies. The event is completely free of charge to attend and open to all, not just those who have been touched by the Hospice's care.

Megan Parry, Events Manager said, "Light Up a Life is always hugely poignant for the families who attend, our staff and volunteers. Welcoming our supporters to the Hospice for this year's service will be more meaningful than ever, as we were, sadly, unable to hold the event last year. We are delighted to join together once again, to enjoy the festive spirit that the event brings and most importantly to pause and remember the lives of our loved ones."

The event is the culmination of the Hospice's Light Up a Life appeal, with supporters invited to dedicate a star in their virtual sky to remember and celebrate the life of someone special. Each star can feature a photo and a personalised message to be viewed online at any time. If you choose to donate £10 or more, a long-lasting wooden star will be posted out to you to write on the name of your loved one, and keep in a special place to you.

Paul Hutton, Registered Manager said, "The opportunity to pause and remember loved ones during the busy festive season is so important and seeing how much support there is for the work we do is always very humbling. We know that the most important thing for the families we care for at Christmas is to be able to enjoy spending precious time together and creating memories that will last. We couldn't do our work without these events so thank you to everyone."

To find out more about attending St. Michael's Light Up a Life event or to dedicate a star to the Hospice's sky, please visit: www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk. If you would like to speak to a member of the fundraising team about making your dedication, please call 01256 848848 or email events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk.



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Hampshire County Councillor report - Calleva Division

1. Household Waste Recycling Centres

From Monday 4 October, Hampshire County Council lifted the one visit per week limit for residents taking waste to one of the county's 24 household waste recycling centres (HWRCs), although the requirement to book visits online remains in place for the time being.

Residents are however asked to make the most of each visit and separate out items for reuse and recycling to help reduce the amount of waste that has to be disposed of. Greater efficiency in recycling will ensure that the service is more cost effective.

While there will be no limit on the number of bookings per week, the County Council requests any bookings made which later are not required, are cancelled so that they can be available to others.

Residents can visit the County Council's waste and recycling web pages for further information, and to book an appointment.

Separately, Hampshire County Council has agreed to commission Veolia UK to prepare and submit a planning application seeking permission to develop a new materials recovery facility in Eastleigh, at Chickenhall Lane. This will help the county's waste collection and disposal authorities to meet potential future legislative requirements and recycle materials that current facilities are unable to, including plastic pots, tubs and trays, glass and cartons.

2. Support for bus services

Hampshire County Council has committed to extend its additional Covid-related support for community transport services for a further six months (1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022) while the country continues its economic recovery from the pandemic.

This means that the Authority will continue the policy of paying 100% contract and concessionary fare payments to Community Transport operators. The move will assist those operators in the recovery and operation of their services, covering them for any loss of service user income which they may continue to experience due to COVID-19 over the winter and into early spring.

3. HCC budget balancing proposals update

Hampshire County Council has begun important financial planning - with feedback from residents to be considered - on options to help the Authority address an anticipated two-year shortfall in its budget of at least £80 million by April 2023. This is necessary if the County Council is to deliver a balanced budget, which is required by law. Councils across England are facing similar budgetary pressures.

The proposals will include Children's Services which aim to achieve savings of £21.3 million over the next two financial years (2022/2023 and 2023/2024). Maintaining good quality education, and ensuring safe and effective social care services that are targeted at vulnerable children, young people and their families, are the priorities underpinning these savings proposals.

4. Walktober

October was the International Walk to School month. As part of this, Hampshire County Council encouraged parents

to leave the car at home for all or part of the school run, and to walk the journey instead - to help build opportunities for exercise in their children's school day, and to improve air quality around schools. It is one of the County Council's initiatives to promote active travel and good road safety awareness among all those who use the roads.

Another of these initiatives is the Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) programme which trains Year 5 and Year 6 children to be ambassadors for road safety at their schools. JRSOs lead by example and share their knowledge with their fellow pupils about the importance of safety when walking to and from school.

The number of children walking to school in Hampshire over the last 15 years has risen to over 50% of pupils.

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan MBE

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News from the Hospital

As we all look back on a summer mostly free of restrictions it is important to note that COVID has not gone away. The trust currently is caring for about 25-30 COVID patients across its three sites on any given day; many of them people who have not been vaccinated. This not only highlights the value of the successful vaccine rollout but also the critical need to continue to encourage others to take up the offer.

The trust is now encouraging people not only to take advantage of the booster programme, but also the flu vaccination programme now getting underway. If we do not achieve a high level of flu vaccination this year, there is real concern that the coming winter will see a high level of infection, hospitalisations, and even deaths. Last year, with the country in isolation, infections were very low, resulting in us all developing lower immunity. We, therefore, need to update our immunity, so that hospital beds can be used for helping the hospital catch up on waiting lists and are not occupied by flu patients.

The whole NHS is now trying very hard to boost its throughput of patients for elective work, and has just introduced a new pre-assessment routine, ensuring patients who have been waiting a long time are not prevented from proceeding with their planned treatment. This is proving very effective.

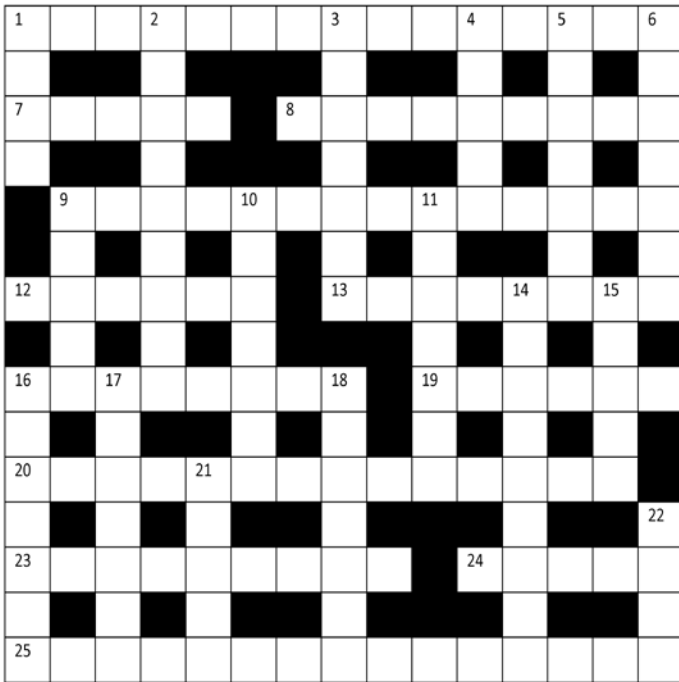
Other encouraging news involves the increase in MRI capacity, and also the start of construction for a new Cath lab. This will ensure the hospital can continue to offer support to those with heart conditions, such as the fitting of pacemakers.

Some may be wondering if the new hospital for Basingstoke is still going ahead, following some negative reports in the press. There is no need to fear. A lot of planning and work is going ahead behind the scenes and, in line with initial plans, the programme remains on course to open a new hospital for Hampshire by the end of the decade.

Keith Bunker, Former Hospital Governor

Cryptic Crossword No: 53

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 I select no viable possibilities to create Netflix perhaps. (5,10)
- 7 Whiff of a really old mature Abertam found at the beginning. (5)
- 8 People who took care of their mummies. (9)
- 9 Gas or commanding officer. (6,8)
- 12 Leader broadcast order to arrest woman. (6)
- 13 Air inhale in court short. (8)
- 16 Official or mat could be used to change the layout. (8)
- 19 PA plot to discover computer. (6)
- 20 Places where one is expected to perform. (6,8)
- 23 Processing food or information perhaps. (9)
- 24 Passage broadcast as a small piece of land. (5)
- 25 Warming device powered covering. (8,7)

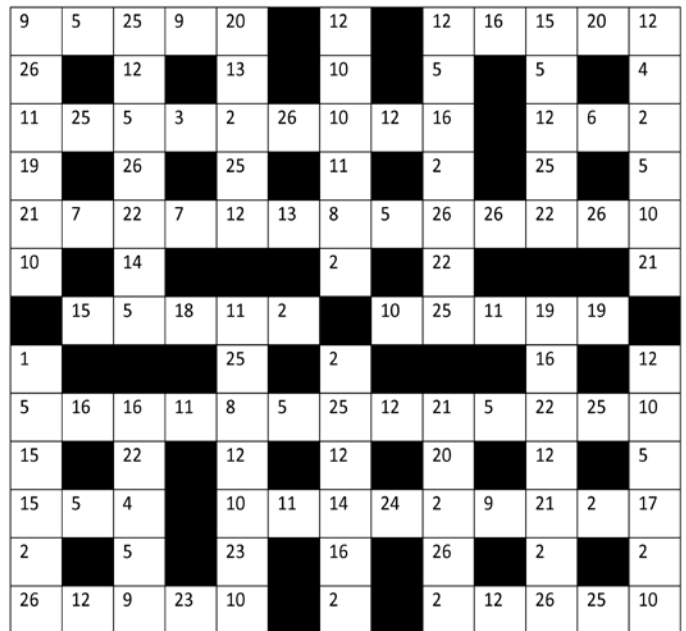
Down

- 1 Shellfish could lose all matter of protection at the start. (4)
- 2 Without junction, upsetting that St Malo curb on wine. (9)
- 3 Plant French vegetables perhaps. (7)
- 4 Short start in trousers to be found. (5)

- 5 Look for it Ali and find European. (7)
- 6 Just beginning broadcast as a Scotsman who smells of nothing perhaps. (7)
- 9 Lift can really aid nautical engineers to start with. (5)
- 10 Crew member likely to pull. (7)
- 11 Body part allowed to become ornament. (7)
- 14 I soon limp due to collapse. (9)
- 15 Cereals cuts short perhaps. (5)
- 16 Rile sea to become aware. (7)
- 17 Piece of clothing lacking energy ? (7)
- 18 Of a metal or gigantic. (7)
- 21 The beginning of where actors maybe. (5)
- 22 Trial to exam student extremes. (4)

CodeWord No: 39

See page 31 for the answers.



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Update from the Priory Primary School

We are fully aware of the impact that COVID lockdown(s), and generally increased anxieties from modern life, can have on our pupils. We have therefore devoted time in our weekly curriculum to Positive Education. In addition to our broader PSHE lessons, Positive Education involves a specific focus on concepts that allow us to be content, happy and even flourish in any given situation. A lot of the ground work to this curriculum was carried out by years of educational research and we have aligned to Geelong Grammar School's (*) Positive Education syllabus which provides a framework for the development of the skills and concepts needed to promote a positive mindset. Each class is also taught to meditate and focus on calming breath - promoting self-help and self-control for all of our pupils.



At a time when academic outcomes are important, but mental health is even more important, we have determined that Positive Education is one of the most impactful and powerful lessons that we teach at the school and one that will undoubtedly help prepare our students for their lives ahead.

() Geelong Grammar School - is a renowned independent school in Australia - famous for the development of Positive Education - integrating Professor Martin Seligman's research on Positive Psychology.*

News from Butter Daisy

Autumn has arrived and we have felt the chill in the air and the warm sunshine, so we are now exploring the change of season at Butter Daisy.



On the lovely warm sunny days, our Babies visited the meadow and found some leaves to bring back to play with, scrunching and crunching them with their hands. The Babies have loved this sensory activity and, utilising the tuff tray, put the leaves in and began exploring ice, shaving foam, paint and gloop. This really supports their understanding of the world as well as developing their all-important senses.

Our Toddlers have been learning about keeping healthy. They have been practising activities such as cutting 'finger nails' as we know this is something they are not always keen on and this helps them to find this more familiar when their own nails grow. We also have been using toothbrushes to learn about and encourage children to brush their teeth, understanding how important oral health is. Some of our children have been having the flu vaccination, so there has been lots of talk about visiting the doctors too.




Both the Pre-School and Toddlers have been utilising the equipment we have in different ways. Our Toddlers made potions to support their 'Room on the Broom' themed day. Pre-School have been making 'soup' for the grownups, adding in mud and other 'yummy' ingredients. This then sparked an interest in making their own foods, we had onion pancakes, which some of us thought were delicious!



With communication being key, our team have continued to use Makaton signs throughout the day, which has really enhanced our communication with all of our children. This means they can not only hear what we are saying but can have a visual prompt too, which really helps with their understanding.

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News from Little Apples

We hope you all had a fun Halloween and Bonfire Night. Here at Little Apples the children have been exploring colour and shape through firework chalk pictures and model sparklers with plenty of sparkles. We have also been printing and stamping with paint and tin foil, making some very effective patterns. The children really enjoy colour mixing with paint and they learned how to make the perfect orange for pumpkin pictures. In our role play area we had a pretend bonfire party, complete with safety tea-lights and a BBQ for hotdogs.



At Little Apples, we play outside every day, even if it's damp and chilly. Wrapped up warm and running around, the children love to get some fresh air, and enjoy the chance to play some football, or have a go on our trikes and scooters. We have an obstacle course to improve balance and co-ordination, and different sized slides for climbing. There is also a sensory garden where our Little Apples can explore the texture and smell of some unusual plants. We have frogs that visit our garden, and we are hoping that our bug and bee hotel is providing a snug home for some ladybirds and bumblebees this winter.

The children will mark Remembrance Day with a period of silence, and by making some poppies and a beautiful poppy field picture with their thumb prints. Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about winter and polar animals, the science of ice and freezing, and also St Andrew's Day, when we make and enjoy Suzie's special shortbread.

If you would like to find out more about Little Apples, you can contact us on 07598 588460 or by email to manager@littleapples.org.



Thank you to Becky Kirby for sending this collage of Fungi in the Frith

The National Massage Championship

Last weekend I went up to London to The Beauty Show at Kensington Olympia. There was so much to see and do and all the stalls and shows drew you in for a closer look. The main reason I went up was to watch the best of the best compete in the National Massage Competition. Wow! So much talent, dextrous moves, and clever techniques.

I had meant to enter this year, but you must take your own model and I ran out of time to organise everything. It's an amazing atmosphere, and it will be a great thrill to compete. Many of those I watched were very athletic and strong, which sadly I am not, but equally I recognise that power and strength can stray into becoming painful soft tissue manipulations to receive, and, overall, the skill is in your technique - not your strength.

One criterion for gaining points from the judges is to impress with fresh and effective applications that address head-on each individual requirement. So, I wonder.... perhaps I should give the competition a go next time round. I hope to see you there in 2022, and if anyone fancies being my model next year for an hour of massage, please let me know. I promise you that it will be a lot of fun!



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Crime Prevention Update

Keep your contactless card safe

From 15th October the spending limit for contactless cards is being increased from £45 to £100. Whilst it will take time to update all the card payment terminals the increase does make bank card theft more attractive to offenders. It will be easier for a thief to use a lost or stolen card to make larger purchases, especially if the victim has not noticed that the card is missing. You can limit the risk of contactless fraud by following some simple steps:

- Invest in a purse chain with bells which attaches your wallet to your bag or pocket
- Remove all valuables including bags with bank cards from your car
- Check bank statements regularly, if you see unexpected payments contact your bank immediately
- Don't let anyone take your card out of sight to make a payment and always ask for a receipt
- If you think your card is lost or stolen, contact your bank straight away to cancel it. Many mobile banking apps have the facility to pause or cancel a card immediately.
- If you have been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud using their online tool, or by calling 0800 123 0240



There are several reasons why this caterpillar looks like something from London Fashion week, as **John Stubbs** explains in **The Very Hairy Caterpillar**.

I just can't imagine what this one was thinking about when he got dressed in the morning. A row of scarlet spots down each side; scarlet that is, rather than common old red. Each spot set in a gold cushion – a grey spine to set off the colours. Then sable flanks, deep and furry so that not a glimmer of light escapes, so much more impressive than mere black. For the sheer fun of it, a row of four miniature shaving brushes, like the one great-granddad used to leave in the bathroom, with just a tinge of yellow. A fine pair of hair-horns, as spiky as any prize beast, and black side tufts fore and aft, like some weird sea-creature. And with hairs like that all over, this lad has something to say, for sure. Not the sort of suit you'd wear for a job interview, perhaps, unless it was for a sea-urchin or a lion fish stand-in.

His mother would not have been at all well kitted out. As a female vapourer moth, despite coming up with all that finery for the offspring, she'd have been in plain neutral ordinary brownish taupe. Ideal if you want to blend in with the scenery – which as a no-fly body with no means of defence is probably the best plan. Her lot, in fact, is pretty much confined to one week – hatch from a pupa, then sit it out, to lay a bunch of eggs. She pumps out her vapours, powerful pheromones, to attract the male moths: they have an array of extremely sensitive antennae that can pick up the message hundreds of yards away, high in the summer air currents. And, unusually for a moth, these guys take wing during the daytime, as well as at night – no time to lose, their lifetime is not much longer than that of the female. They do, however, at least get to see a bit more of the countryside, and can easily be taken as a butterfly. Reddish rust-brown wings with a pair of conspicuous white spots; these can give the appearance of a large face with eyes, just enough perhaps to confuse a predator looking for a quick snack. Their flight patterns are markedly jinking – this may help avoid capture, or possibly to detect the direction of a source of vapours – perhaps both.



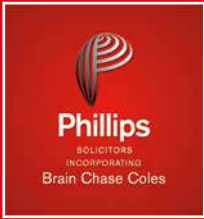
Another unusual trait is that the caterpillars are not at all fussy over which plant they eat. This works well in urban settings, as they're quite happy on a wide range of ornamental and imported plants – though not uncommon, in fact they don't do a lot of damage, pottering around the garden without making concentrated attacks on your vegetation. This gadding about, however, makes them a lot more obvious – as opposed to mum, who never goes out.

Those nice-looking hairs, of course, are not just for decoration. But if they're not going to impress your mates, why go to the trouble of growing such exotic stuff? It's certainly not to attract the opposite sex, as caterpillars just don't worry about mating: that's left to the adults, of course. The big topic of their concern is predation, caterpillars by and large are the bread and butter of so many birds, spiders, wasps, flies. You name it, everyone loves a nice fat caterpillar; except us, I guess, though that, just possibly, could change. Camouflage is fine, but it's no guarantee of safety when the enemy could be using pheromone-detection to track you down. So, a pile of hairs all over makes it a much less inviting mouthful – how

would you swallow something like that? They'll even put off an attacking ichneumon fly: these beasts will inject eggs into their prey, which then hatch and consume from the inside out, real horror-movie style.

The distinctive tufts look cute to us, but could well serve to break up the outline of the caterpillar, changing its apparent shape and shadow; anything to confuse a diving beak's aim. The brilliant colours are part of the international code for unpleasant-tasting insects. True, some devious bugs will adopt flashy dress without the bother of tasting toxic, but who wants to take the risk? In this case, it's not just bluff: those hairs are loaded with irritants, and the hairs are re-charged from glands at the tail, to make sure they're freshly nasty. And when it comes to pupating, the caterpillar doesn't let them go to waste: they're mixed with the cocoon to make them just a bit less vulnerable.

There are much worse stinging things around, but it's really just as well to admire these show-offs on the leaf, and leave them there. There've been some rather painful stories of gardeners busy pruning the roses, then one of these hairys dropping down the front of a dress: not to be recommended, really.



Leave a gift for charity



Lucy Watson

Whilst many Christmas presents will be forgotten as soon as they have been unwrapped, there is a festive gift that can make a big difference – leaving a legacy to a charity.

Three quarters of Britons regularly give to charity in their lifetimes, but only 6% include a charity when writing a Will.

Without this source of income many charities would have to cut important services and some could not exist.

Lucy Watson, who heads the Wills and Probate team at Phillips Solicitors, said: “Charities rely on both regular donations and legacies in Wills to be able to continue their good work. Leaving money to charity in your Will can make a huge difference and what a wonderful way to ensure that your legacy lives on after you’ve gone.”

“It is especially important to think of charities at the moment when so many of their normal fundraising avenues have been cancelled with the coronavirus pandemic.”

Donations can be as small or as large as you wish, as every gift makes a difference. A gift made to a UK registered charity is also inheritance tax free.

“If your estate is large enough to be chargeable to inheritance tax, gifts to charity will reduce not just the overall amount of tax paid by the rest of your estate but may also reduce the rate of tax, resulting in your family getting the most of their inheritance,” explained Lucy.

“If you are looking to leave money to a charity you may well consider Sebastian’s Action Trust, which is Phillips’ charity of the year.”

Sebastian’s Action Trust provides emotional, social and practical care together with outreach and specialist support to families in Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey.

It also offers respite holidays to families from all over the UK at The Bluebells – the Trust’s unique facility in North Waltham, just outside of Basingstoke.

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Mayor is Guest of Honour at Proboscis Club

The Proboscis Club of Basingstoke was honoured to receive a visit from the Worshipful the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane BC, Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, joining the members for lunch at their regular meeting at the Test Valley Golf Club.

Cllr Cubitt told of her background in charity fund raising starting as a seventeen-year-old, encouraging Basingstoke businesses to make small financial contributions to support her work as a volunteer in Sri Lanka. With a business degree she entered the world of high finance, working several years for Standard Chartered Bank. She then tried her hand at estate agency, which she did not like, although her company car proved very beneficial for getting about London, being a black cab.

With ambitions to be a Member of Parliament she applied to join David Cameron's list of potential candidates, but was told that she could not progress as she had no political experience. Consequently, local politics beckoned and she stood initially in the Basingstoke Norden ward where she was beaten soundly by the incumbent councillor. Then an opportunity arose in the Basing ward where she has been their representative for many years.

Proboscis President, David Wickens, presented Cllr Cubitt with a cheque for her selected charity appeal, the Community Furniture Trust and Friends of St Michael's Hospice.

Before lunch, members had been entertained by speaker Geoff Evans who traced the changing role of TV quiz shows over the years. Geoff had been a contestant on *Mastermind*, *Egg Heads* and several others, and these days is a quiz question writer.



Quiz programmes on American TV, being commercial, offered large value prizes, but the BBC's charter would not allow it to follow suit and the prizes were either very modest or even non-existent. Shows like *What's My Line* and *Brain of Britain* then had to compete with the introduction, in 1955, of Independent Television, which had *Double Your Money*, hosted by Hughie Green and *Take Your Pick* with Michael Miles. Trying to emulate the famous American quiz, *The 64,000 Dollar Question*, Hughie Green ran a show called *The Sky's The Limit* with the top prize being 64,000 sixpences.

American audiences like big winners, but shows ran into trouble when it became known that some contestants were fed the answers to ensure that they kept winning. The American Congress became involved, setting regulations to overcome such dishonesty. This influenced UK television which set a limit of £1,000 on each quiz show. The BBC then progressed with quizzes that had intellectual challenges but no



monetary prize, including *University Challenge*, hosted for many years by Bamber Gascoigne, *Six Form Challenge*, *Top of The Form*, *Ask the Family* with Robert Robinson and then in 1972, *Mastermind* hosted by Magnus Magnusson. The show's format was based on the interrogation of prisoners of war in a darkened room with a spot light – still used to this day.

1971 saw *Sale of The Century*, from Norwich, with Nicholas Parsons, *The Golden Shot* on Sunday afternoons with Bob Monkhouse, Jim Bowen with *Bull's Eye*. Then in 1980 the BBC introduced *A Question of Sport*.

The prize limit was raised to £6,000 in the 1990s and by 1996 all prize limits were removed. This eventually led to *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* which had struggled to get acceptance by various TV companies as they thought that showing four possible answers would make it too easy to win.

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

speakers and trips for next year is now available and a copy can be obtained by contacting - csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com. The trips include a visit to Haskins Garden Centre for Christmas shopping on Thursday 18 November and Christmas lunch at BCOT on Thursday 9 December.

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

David Cowling

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

Forty-seven members and four visitors attended the meeting held on 6 October. The speaker was Malcolm Nelson with a talk entitled "40 Years of Catching Smugglers – Lies and Excuses". He told us about his time as a customs officer at Heathrow Airport and the many, often amusing, instances of people trying all sorts of ruses in order to bring goods into the country and avoid paying tax.

He explained the training given to officers which, when also backed up by experience, helped them to target the people thought most likely to be smuggling illicit contraband into the country. Malcolm also brought along some copies of his books: "*Forty Years Catching Smugglers*" and "*In Pursuit of the Two Legged Mule*".

The next meeting is on 3 November when we are having a speaker from the RNLI, and then on 1 December we are having a "Story Tale Christmas" from Fiona Birchall, along with a Christmas buffet. The group's programme of

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>Classical Pilates, 6pm-7pm</i>	Village 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
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tuesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Mother & Toddler group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

Wednesdays	
<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Yoga with Sam 6.45pm & 8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<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>Pregnancy yoga 6.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Petite Dance 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Fridays	
<i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i>	Cross House
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Youth Club 5pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall

Saturdays	
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tennis (age 7-13)</i>	Clift Meadow

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

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