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Easter Egg Hunt at Clift Meadow

"A great example of what Bramley does best" – I found this quote in an online copy of the Basingstoke Gazette from 2011. But what was it that Bramley was doing so well, 11 years ago? Queuing at the level crossing? Building on every available field? Picking up litter? No, this resident was talking about the village fete, and the description of the event sounded quite familiar: live music, stalls, a dog show and inflatable slides. Many of those elements, and much more, will be present at the Bramley village fete on Saturday 14 May although, hopefully, the strong breeze that caused a gazebo to collapse on its occupants in 2011, will stay away this year!

The quote was from former resident, Alison Jones, who many of you will remember. Alison went on to say that the fete was *"getting community-minded people together to have a good time"*. There are many opportunities for that this summer. The photograph on the front cover shows lots of people getting together to enjoy the Easter Egg hunt at Clift Meadow in April, and this month's fete will be closely followed by the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. As you will see from the handy guide on page 10, there are several chances to get together over that extended bank holiday weekend and enjoy flowers, music, cream teas and hog roasts. Of course, all these events require community-minded people to organise them as well as attend them. We are very fortunate to have so many willing volunteers who are prepared to spend hours of their spare time doing everything from charming potential advertisers and making cakes to dressing up as Easter bunnies.

Talking of volunteers, in last month's editorial I referred to doing what we can to help those affected by the war in Ukraine. For a lot of us that has meant donating to charity, praying or collecting items for refugees. That's all very valuable, but one resident from Little London has gone the extra mile (or 1,200 miles to be precise) by helping at a refugee centre on the Polish – Ukrainian border. You can read about his mission in the middle pages and see a collection of photos that really capture the humanitarian effort.

If you have a good memory you may recall reading an article last year about Jonah, a pupil at Bramley school who was walking up Mount Snowdon for charity. Well, he has obviously got the climbing bug, as this month he is attempting Scafell Pike. You can find out more on page 13. If you prefer slightly flatter terrain, then a walk along St James' Way may be more up your street. It has the advantage of going through Bramley, as you can see on page 15.

There's plenty more to read in this month's magazine, so I hope you enjoy discovering everything that's going on in your community. There's so much to do that you really don't need to spend ridiculous sums on fuel to drive elsewhere!

Best Wishes,

Rachel

Joint Editor

*"When April steps aside for May,
like diamonds all the rain-drops glisten;
fresh violets open every day;
to some new bird each hour we listen."*

Lucy Larcom, teacher, poet, and author.

Material for the June issue to be sent (preferably by email) to the editor no later than 15 May please.

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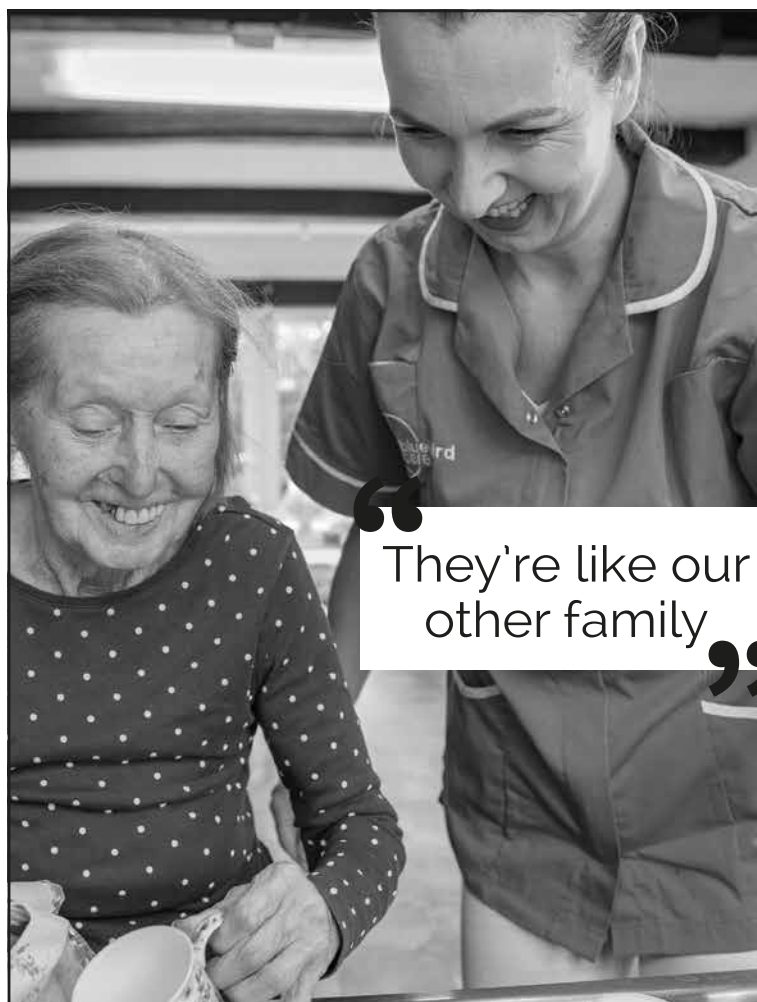
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5th	Pentecost Sunday
10:30	Open Air Service – Clift Meadow Jubilee Sunday Service
12th	Trinity Sunday
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Morning Worship – St James
19th	1st Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

From the Registers in April

Funerals

Jennifer (Jennie) FOOT
Susan JENNINGS

Baptisms

Elsie Evelyn BARFOOT
Malik Paul Mansa PHIRI
George Graham Andrew KIRBY

Other local churches

St Bede's, Catholic Church

Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX
www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

St Michael's, Catholic Church

Bishopswood Road, Tadley RG26 4HG
<https://stmandsto.org.uk>

Breach Lane Baptist Chapel

Sherfield on Loddon

For information on services please contact Geoffrey
Belsham on 01256 882534

Church diary for May...

1st	3rd Sunday of Easter
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Matins (BCP) – St James
8th	4th Sunday of Easter
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James
15th	5th Sunday of Easter
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
22nd	6th Sunday of Easter
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
29th	7th Sunday of Easter
	All Benefice Service at St Leonard's No services in St James

Benefice Services May

1st	3rd Sunday of Easter
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's/ Online
10.00	Family Service – St Mary's Stratfield Saye
10.00	Family Service – St Mary's Hartley Wespall
8th	4th Sunday of Easter
10.00	Morning Worship – St Leonard's/Online
15th	5th Sunday of Easter
10.00	Holy Communion & APCM – St Leonard's/ Online
6.30pm	Evensong – St Mary's Hartley Wespall

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

20th	
4.30pm	Messy Church – Sherfield Park Community Centre
22nd	6th Sunday of Easter
10.00	Together in Worship – St Leonard's/ Online
29th	7th Sunday of Easter
10.00	Benefice Holy Communion – St Leonard's/ Online

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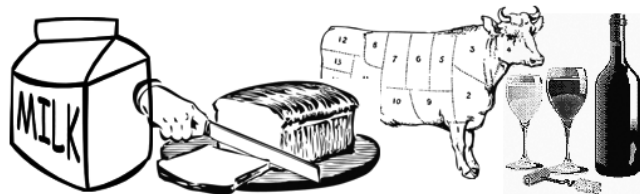
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This month's *On Reflection* comes from **Elaine Steere**, a member of our local ministry team

Hi, my name is Elaine and I am part of the ministry team of the Benefice of churches in this area. I am not ordained, but for the past 25 years I have been a Licensed Lay Minister; this means that alongside my day job (as a School Science Technician) I have been able to lead services, give talks, lead Alpha Courses, run children's Holiday Clubs, and have fun being creative and playing games at Messy Church!

My faith is very important to me, it is right at the core of my life. However, I don't see my relationship with Jesus only as something to bring me personal fulfilment and peace, although of course it certainly does. When someone once asked Jesus what they should do to achieve eternal life, Jesus simply directed them to two commandments: love God, and love your neighbour. He went on to stress that "neighbour" doesn't just mean family, friends, those who are going to love you back, or even those who are the same sort of people as you are. In fact, in one of his most powerful parables, the Good Samaritan, Jesus made the point that God especially wants us to reach out as neighbours to people who are not like us at all. Jesus wasn't talking about a passive, general love, but about spreading kindness in an active way amongst the community, something his brother James in his letter to a new church described as "works". James, who was a very direct guy, simply pointed out "Just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead".

When I moved to this area a year ago, I soon realised that there is a very positive sense of community and a lot of people (both those who go to church and those who currently don't) who are actively helping others in need. Obviously, right now, we are all deeply concerned about the refugees from Ukraine who have had to leave their homes and everything familiar to them, under traumatic circumstances, and will be coming to live in a country where they may not at first even be able to understand the language. We want to make them feel welcome and valued, and I am sure there will be many ways to do that during the coming months, although it is important that we coordinate our actions and make sure



Elaine Steere

we listen carefully to what their needs really are.

There are, however, many other people who are struggling with the harshness

of life, although they haven't been displaced by war. The rising cost of living has forced even more families into food poverty; our donations to the local Food Bank (and I am not talking about the occasional tin of beans or bag of pasta!) are incredibly important. Our amazing local charity shops, which serve the double purpose of raising money for good causes as well as recycling resources so that everyone benefits, are always thrilled when new, enthusiastic volunteers come along. Crucially, there is the simple caring support which all of us can do, however busy our lives are, like being there to listen when a friend is miserable or having a coffee with someone who is lonely.

I think we should be proud to live in this area, where we look out for each other and reach out with practical help where it is needed. I am sure that God is proud of us too.



Friday 20th May
4.30-5.45pm

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In this month's **Meet the Neighbours** we welcome back **Julian Boulter** who lives in Bramley but has spent much of his career working abroad.

Bramley Magazine (BM): What brought you to Bramley and how long have you lived here?

Julian: My wife and I originally came to the village in 1999 as the location suited us, being midway between family and friends in my hometown Poole, and work in London. We also liked the country location with walks around the (much quieter!) lanes. I'm very much a history buff so the 12th Century Church with its medieval wall paintings was also a factor. At that time Farriers Close had just been built and we were amongst the earliest residents. We moved to Bramley Corner in 2007.

BM: You have just returned to Bramley after several years working in Singapore and America. What was it like living abroad for so long?

Julian: We've actually lived outside the UK for 25 of the past 30 years – Ghana, Kenya, Russia, Singapore, Spain and then, after several years in Bramley, back to Singapore and Naples on the Gulf of Mexico in the free state of Florida, for the past 12 years.



Julian, Yasmin and So Young on top of Marina Bay Sands complex looking over Singapore's Central Business District



Julian's dog, Snowy, on the lookout for dolphins in Florida

I think the opportunity to live, work, study, travel, eat and worship God in such beautiful and contrasting places has been incredibly rewarding, and we have friends all over the world.

Our daughter Yasmin is now at the University of Manchester, and became fluent in Mandarin during her time in Singapore. We have a school photo on the wall with her friends, such a wonderfully diverse group – Sri Lankan, Indian, Chinese, Malay, Australian and British – and a couple of them are now studying at Uni here too. She also had the full US High School experience, complete with American Football games, Prom and Graduation celebrations.



Graduation Florida style

My wife, So Young, is originally from South Korea and we love Singapore for its amazing melting pot of Asian cuisines. South West Florida does not

have the same diversity, the cooking being mainly Italian or Mexican. So we both had to learn to cook a lot of different Asian dishes to survive. We often used to drive a couple of hours across Alligator Alley to Miami Beach or Little Havana for lunch – Viva Cuba Libre!

BM: What are the Churches like in such different places?

Julian: In any of the former British colonies, you'll find an Anglican Church and the services are essentially very similar to those at St. James. There is a beautiful white Cathedral in the heart of downtown Singapore, where 8-year-old Yasmin occasionally read the lesson at family services. We also attended St. George's, which is situated in the old colonial barracks area; it's a very attractive brick building with completely open sides and no air-conditioning, so early services are best.

The Church we attended in Naples is a Spanish style mission Church, although Anglican Episcopalian, and the prayer book written after the Revolutionary War with Britain pays its respects to the authors of the Church of England prayer book that they adapted.

BM: You helped organise the Bramley fete before you went abroad and are now back on the organising committee. What do we have to look forward to at this year's fete?

Julian: I was fortunate to have the wonderful Sue Holderness, Marlene from 'Only Fools & Horses', open the Fete in 2008 and she was a real trooper all afternoon, helping with the Dog Show and so on. I am afraid I have not been able to pull a similar rabbit out of the hat this time, but we have a lot of interesting stalls and activities, and I'm sure it will be a great afternoon, rain or shine!

BM: What else keeps you busy?

Julian: I've been challenged by my Bramley Corner neighbours to get the wildflowers going on the verges outside my house, so we hope that's going to bring a bit of colour to those driving past.

On 28 March, **Bramley Cubs** held a very special **Presentation Evening** for a very special young Cub.

Bramley Cub, Fred Taylor, was unaware that he was the subject of the special occasion when all parents were invited to stay for a while, after dropping off their Cubs. Jan Wright, Cub Leader, started the evening by asking Jamie Andrews-Tickle, District Commissioner, to present Oliver Cameron and Felix Lissman with their Chief Scout's Silver Award, the highest award possible in the Cub Scout section. Jan then went on to talk about different types of bravery and courage. Still unaware of what was coming, Fred was called forward and presented with an engraved Cup on behalf of the Bramley Scout Group, and Jamie expressed how proud he was to present the Commissioner's Commendation on behalf of the District.

Cub Leader Jan explained, 'Despite having regular show and tell sessions where the cubs can talk about anything they have done or achieved, Fred never came forward to let us know that he saved his brother, Frank, from drowning in October last year by jumping fully clothed into unheated water and dragging his 6-year-old brother to safety. This is not just a testament to his bravery but also to his unassuming nature, and we were very fortunate that his parents let us know how courageous he was on that day. We are so proud of Fred, and also very pleased we could play a part in this well-deserved recognition.'

Would you like to become part of a team that helps young people achieve goals and gain recognition for their achievements? Bramley Scout Group is looking for Leaders and helpers now. For more information contact Jodie. Saunders@bramley-scouts.org.uk



Fred with his mum and dad, brother Frank, and the District Commissioner

Thank you

To our family of Christian friends at St. James, I would like to express my thanks for all your good wishes, prayers and offers of help during my time in hospital and recovering at home. More especially, your support for Joyce meant that she knew she could call for help at any time if need be, which was greatly appreciated.

Arthur Rawlinson



St. James's Church Plant Stall

Welcome to our stall. We will be selling a range of home grown perennials, herbs, vegetables and ornamentals at the **Bramley Village Fete** on the 14th May 2022.

All proceeds from the stall go towards the church supporting the local community and the Ukrainian disaster fund.

Please note that we can only accept cash at present. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Andromeda Witchalls on behalf of
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The Parish Council invites you to Clift Meadow for a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2 June from 8pm

- The reading of a royal proclamation
- Music from a live bugler and a piper
- Lighting of the beacon at 9.15pm
- Hog roast
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Jubilee Knitting Exhibition

The exhibition will take place at The Pavilion, Clift Meadow, on Sunday 5 June between 1pm and 4pm.

Come and see this beautiful piece of knitted art which has taken many months to complete.



Thank you to Cllr Colin Shimell for this month's update from Bramley Parish Council

Forthcoming events

As I sit and pen these words, the weather outside is a nice spring day – but the forecaster is talking of possible snow for the end of the week. By the time you read these words I'm confident the threat of snow will have abated and we can all look forward to some nice summer weather. You may be making plans for what to do and putting dates into diaries (is anyone still using a diary?). Two dates you should reserve are Saturday 14 May for the Village Fete and the evening of Thursday 2 June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The latter will commence at 8pm on Clift Meadow. There will be a hog roast, the reading of a royal proclamation, music from a live bugler and a piper, all culminating in the lighting of a beacon at 9.15pm. In addition, there will be complimentary drinks and we hope there will be a recording of the Bramley Primary School choir. Complimentary drinks, music, hog roast and beacon lighting – what's not to like about that!

Apart from these village events being an opportunity to have a good time, they are also a useful way to express support for the wider village community. This is your village so help to make it a thriving, vibrant place to live and one you can all be proud to call home.

Allotments

Ever since the first residents moved into St James Park, numerous villagers have been asking what is happening

about the new patch of allotments set out at the northeast corner of that development. Before concentrating on the new patch, let me explain what we have in the village. There is currently a single operational allotment patch at Grey's Meadow to the west of the churchyard. This has space for 21 allotment holders and is fully let. Of the 21, 18 are half plots being nominally 50ft x 15ft and the remaining three are full plots, being twice that size.

As part of the St James Park development, the developer is supposed to lease an area to the Parish Council for allotments. Unfortunately, when the agreement was put in place between the developer and BDBC (as the planning authority), BDBC Officers omitted to specify the standard that the allotments should be at hand-over. This is despite BDBC having an existing specification for allotments that could easily have been called up in the agreement. The result of this is that the allotment patch is not really to an acceptable standard and when the Parish Council finally takes them over, we may well have some work to do to bring them up to an acceptable standard. However, this is not the major issue as there has also been very little progress on the legal side in getting a lease signed by the two parties for the transfer of the land. Until a lease is signed, the Parish Council can do nothing to bring the standard of the area up and cannot allocate individual allotments to those currently on the waiting list.

The Parish Council has been trying to engage with the developer, persuading them to make physical improvements to the allotment patch – not an easy thing to do with no binding

specification called up for the standard that should be provided – and also get a lease in place. Unfortunately, as a number of St James residents who have tried to engage with the developer know to their cost, it is not easy as the developer fields a seemingly ever-changing cast of managers responsible for St James Park and none of them appear to have the authority to direct the solicitors to sort out the lease. The result of all this is that we have no schedule for the allotments to be handed over to the Parish Council.

Assuming the legal issues over the lease can be resolved, the area at St James Park will give a further 24 half-plot size allotments. Currently there are 50 names on the waiting list.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Bramley PC Planning Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 10 May, with Full Council a week later on 17 May. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for 24 May. Further details will be on the Bramley Parish Council website nearer the time. If you have any issues you would like brought to the attention of Bramley Parish Council please contact the Clerk at the address below.

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Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council website – www.basingstoke.gov.uk

Hampshire County Council website -
www.hants.gov.uk

Help shape Hampshire's new Local Transport Plan

The County Council is asking for views on a draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4) that aims to support the county's economic prosperity, decarbonise the transport system and help people in Hampshire live healthy lives.

The LTP4 will define the future of travel and transport in Hampshire to 2050. If adopted, it will guide the County Council's transport and travel infrastructure planning and design in favour of improving travel choices for people by transforming and widening

the appeal of walking, cycling and use of public transport.

The plan proposes transformational changes which:

- Shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places
- Reduce reliance on private car travel
- Support economic development and regeneration
- Meet national priorities to decarbonise the transport system

- Promote active lifestyles

The consultation runs until 26 June 2022 and people can take part at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan>

Subject to the results of the consultation, the new Local Transport Plan is expected to be adopted by early 2023.

Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan MBE
Member for Calleva Division
Hampshire County Council



Bramley Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch (CSW). What is it?

The scheme allows the public to volunteer alongside the police to monitor the speed of traffic passing through their area. The scheme is restricted to 20mph, 30mph and some 40mph zones. Each scheme is managed by a local Police Safer Neighbourhoods team. Police-trained volunteers use equipment that can monitor the speed of passing traffic and record the details. Vehicle checks are undertaken by the police and letters are then sent to the registered keepers advising them of their speed. CSW is not enforcement, it is education.

If you have any question/concerns regarding about SpeedWatch please email:

speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or visit: www.hampshire.police.uk

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity

Two manned deployments were carried out during April, both at The Smithy (West Bound). Details of 25 vehicles were passed onto the Police.

Keep Safe and Watch Your Speed

Graham White Bramley Speedwatch Co-ordinator

Did you know?

The 30mph speed limit was introduced by the Road Traffic Act 1934 as a way of slowing traffic in built-up areas (defined as having a system of street lights no more than 200 yards apart) for road safety.

20mph speed limits were introduced in 1992 on an experimental basis and require engineering measures (traffic calming) to ensure that the police don't have to enforce the limit.

Seen any 25, 35, etc speed limits? You won't, the Traffic Signs Directions and General Regulations only allow round figures for speed limits.

In 2020 a government survey reported that under free-flowing traffic conditions (no junctions, hills, sharp bends and speed cameras) 56% of cars exceeded the 30mph limit.

As a general rule, for every 1 mph reduction in average speed, collision frequency reduces by around 5% (Ref: Taylor, Lynam and Baruya, 2000).

News from the Bramley Village Hub

The Bramley Village Hub is quietly working away to bring together information for and about Bramley.

The aim of the website is to keep all the information about the village in one place and to provide a platform for those who can't or prefer not to access social media

We are developing a Village Calendar so everyone can check to see what is going on, support the hard work that goes into organising events and to assist with the planning for the future. If you have an event you would like to add to the village calendar, please get in touch.

There is also a business directory so if you would like to add your business, please email us.

Keep checking to look for updates on www.bramleyvillagehub.com

We will be at the Fete at Clift Meadow, on 14 May, so come and say "hello".

Scarecrow Festival – May 14 – end of June

Please support us by joining in and making a scarecrow. This event is loved by so many, but it relies on as many people as possible taking part. The royal theme is to reflect the Queen's Jubilee, so let's have a right royal display. Please email us to let us know when your scarecrow is up and we will be round to take a photo. The photos will be displayed at the Pavilion Clift Meadow on Sunday 5 June between 1 – 4pm, where the public can vote for their favourite and the overall winner, chosen by an independent judge, will be announced and presented with a Winners Cup!!

Details are on the Village Hub under Village events, so please email us or send a message on the Bramley Village Hub Facebook page to let us know when your scarecrow is ready.

Jubilee Creative writing competition

This is the final call for the creative writing competition. Send us your short story (750 words max) or poem (20 lines max) to bramleycreativewriting@gmail.com by 10 May. The winner will have their work published on the Bramley Village Hub Web site and there will be a small prize. Please check the guidelines on the Village Hub Events, Creative Writing Section on the web site www.bramleyvillagehub.com

Speed Indicator Device (SID) DATA:

SID Location Traffic Direction	The Smithy central reservation	The Street West of Village Hall before Church Lands	Campbell Road prior to roundabout	The Street east of FC central reservation	The Street by Church Lands
Traffic flow direction	West	East	North	East	East
% of vehicles exceeding 30 mph	57%	44%	50%	41%	58%
Max speed recorded (mph)	61	66	58	58	54

Jonah is climbing another peak and raising funds for Bramley school

After the success of last year's fundraising and summit of Mount Snowdon, Jonah, aged 7, is now challenging himself again. This time the focus is on Scafell Pike in the Lake District. All money raised will be donated to his school in Bramley.

Bramley School is looking to replace the outdoor stage area in the playground, which has reached the end of its life. They hope to replace it with a more solid structure that can be used for outdoor events, performances and plays!



Scafell Pike

If you'd like to support the Bramley School and Jonah, then we ask for your donation to the Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lucy-halgoa>

The hike up Scafell Pike will take place at the end of May. Due to its remote location, it is a little tricky to access and so the plan is to camp at the foot of the mountain the night before the climb.

Scafell Pike is the highest peak in England, with the summit sitting at 978 metres, and it forms part of the inactive Scafells volcano.

Jonah is training already and preparing himself for the big climb

Let's hope we get good weather, so we can enjoy the views on the way up and down.

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Traditionally, we don't have flowers in church during Lent, so the Easter display was all the more spectacular. It's quite something to come into church on Easter Sunday and see and smell the impressive array of spring flowers. Thank you to all our talented flower arrangers. We look forward to seeing more beautiful displays at the Jubilee Festival of Flowers in St James' Church between 2 and 4 June.



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Someone else has been busy too, decorating our post box. Thank you to whomever has been working hard with the knitting needles.



As the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, you may be thinking of getting out into the countryside for a walk. If you are feeling energetic, you could try following **St James' Way**, a pilgrim path linking Reading to Southampton. **Rachel Barclay Smith** explains more.

I must admit I didn't know anything about St James' Way until I received an email asking if the Confraternity of St James could put up some waymarkers in the churchyard to show the route. As the name suggests, the 68-mile walk takes in churches named after St James, including our own church here in Bramley, as well as other pilgrimage stopovers, such as the hospital of St Cross, just south of Winchester.

St James, a close disciple of Jesus, is believed to be buried in Santiago de Compostela, in northwest Spain. In ancient times, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from all over Western Europe would walk along a web of Camino paths all leading to Santiago. While the practice dropped off over the centuries, there has been a revival in the last few decades and the number of pilgrims being recorded at the Pilgrim Office in Santiago has increased from a few hundred each year to over 300,000. Although it is traditionally a religious pilgrimage, many non-believers also make the trek for a variety of motivating reasons. It's an opportunity to take time out from day-to-day stresses and slow down. The route is also famed for its hospitality, with a network of hosts ready to offer food, accommodation and support to pilgrims.



One of the way markers in St James' churchyard

Years ago, pilgrims from England would make their way to Southampton to catch a boat to Galicia.

The St James' Way uses existing public footpaths to follow the probable route of these medieval pilgrims, who often started their journey in Reading.

Reading was the centre of the cult of St James in England, owing to the belief that the Abbey held the severed hand of St James. The hand was apparently hidden by monks and

then rediscovered in 1786 by workers building Reading Gaol. From the church of St James in the Reading Abbey ruins, the route follows rivers and canals through Berkshire and Hampshire, before joining with the Itchen Way and coming down through Eastleigh into Southampton.

Walkers can obtain a Pilgrim Passport which is used to document their journey by collecting stamps (sellos) from the places they pass through. (It also gives access to pilgrim hostels and a special "Pilgrim Menu" - a cheaper alternative to the Menu of the Day!) Our church has the honour of holding the largest pilgrim stamp on the route, about the size of a mobile phone. It fills a full passport page, so a new one was ordered a few months ago. This was placed in church at 10am one Sunday and less than two hours later two walkers arrived to use it!

To conclude, for your St James' Way plans, I must wish you, "Buen Camino."



Our two stamps



Santiago de Compostela

Knitting Group

We met at Capitol Garden Centre for the first time on 28 March and welcomed a new member, Pat. It was deemed a success, so it was agreed that this was the way forward and the April meeting would also be held there. Jane confirmed that we had joined the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild.

If anyone would like to join us, or know more about the Group, please contact Jane at jane.kettridge@btconnect.com. If anyone has any wool they wish to donate, please also contact Jane.

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So many of us feel helpless when we see the millions of people forced to flee their homes in Ukraine. **Robert Lissmann**, from Little London, tells us about his mission to help the **Ukrainian refugees** arriving in Poland

I couldn't bear seeing the events unfold as they have in Ukraine, so, inspired by an ex-colleague, I wanted to help. With support from work and family, I flew out to Krakow on 11 March and the following morning, drove 250km east to Korczowa, where there is a refugee centre approximately one mile from the Ukrainian border.

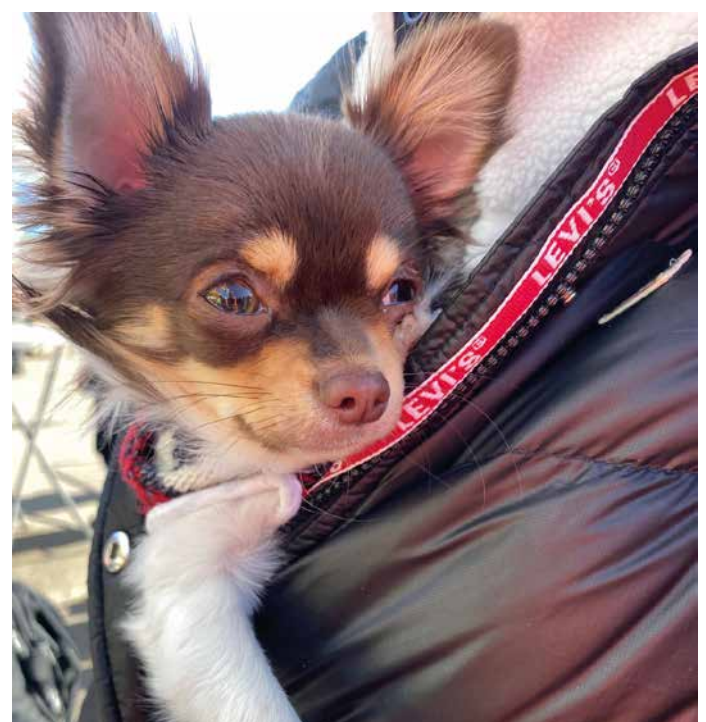
All day long, bus after bus arrived, carrying Ukrainian refugees to a mega logistics warehouse; children, women and men with their belongings in a suitcase, some even carrying pets in their arms. Once they arrived and got off the bus they were provided with hot and cold food, SIM cards, bedding, blankets, toys for kids and more. Some stayed the night or a few days, some people stayed for only a few hours. It all depended on their onward destination - France, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Germany and throughout Poland - and spaces on the next bus.

The entire warehouse was split into large rooms, where people could find medical assistance, hot food and hot and cold drinks. All along all the walls stood row after row of fold up beds. There were mothers with children, babies, the elderly. It was tragic and truly heart-breaking in ways I've never seen before (and hope never have to witness again). But equally, I was inspired by the great work being done to support Ukrainians as they come across the border. No NGOs - not here at least - predominantly just local volunteers from around Poland. I was also amazed

by the generosity of goods being driven from everywhere and brought here to provide Ukrainians with a little comfort while they passed through.

I expected to drive people to and from the refugee centre to Krakow or offer to help at one of the many charity food stands. I ended up working with other volunteers for a local charity, packing bags of food - sandwiches (made by children in local schools), drinks, sweets and fruit. These bags were then provided to Ukrainians as they travelled to their next destination.

The days were long - the buses started arriving at 5am and on the Saturday (the day of the bombing of Yavoriv, 10km away) it felt like buses arrived every 30 seconds to a minute, and then ebbed and flowed until midnight or later. I would try to take the occasional break as it was simply physically and emotionally exhausting to witness. When things did slow





house and flee to another country. Nor can I imagine the difficult journey many had to take and the hours it took to get to the refugee centre and then make difficult life choices (e.g. where will they live, jobs, schooling, etc.) and manage all that fear and uncertainty. I am grateful these are decisions that seem far away from me and my family in Little London. I have always been a believer



down between midnight and 5am, I would warm my car up for 20 minutes and try to sleep a bit. All of the hotels in the area seemed booked up. I also felt terrible about taking a bed in the Refugee centre as you never knew if another bus of refugees might be arriving, with a far greater need than my own.

The experience had a huge impact on me. I personally can't imagine having to tell my family to pack a bag, leave the



in being of service, by giving my time to others in various clubs, organisations or charities, locally and in London, but nothing prepared me for this. I've also always tried to be a compassionate person. But this has opened my eyes to be more compassionate and try to do more to help other people.



Probus Hears About Creatures Great and Small

Stephen Thair, the speaker at the Probus Club of Basingstoke, and himself a member, sought to air his concerns about the way our planet is headed.

He cited many reasons for changes in the world's ecology. Some UK plants flower a month earlier than decades ago, before bees have emerged to pollinate them. Housing developments need to be neutral in water usage to overcome the impact on the environment. The RSPB calculates that in the last 50 years this country has lost over 38 million birds.



A large jaw whalebone outside Bethel Church in Sisimiut, Greenland

Nevertheless, there has been progress on several fronts. The International Whaling Commission set catch limits to preserve stocks. In 2020 only Japan and Norway were whaling commercially. Today whale watching has become a tourist activity.

Cod stocks off Newfoundland are at 10% of the level seen in 1960. Herrings, around Britain, are now said to be in good numbers following a ban from 1977 – 1983. Tins of Tuna claim that the contents have been caught by lines rather than by nets.

Tequila fish were extinct in Mexico. They have been reintroduced after being bred in an aquarium at Chester Zoo. Rewilding in West Sussex has seen the return of Nightingales, Turtle Doves and breeding White Storks. Last year 72 pairs of Common Crane fledged 40 chicks, with the result that today there are more than in the 17th Century.

Tropical rainforests, the lungs of the world, are subject to extensive logging. Deforestation of biodiverse forests takes place in some parts to grow palm trees for their oil.

The UN COP-15 biodiversity conference is planned for August in China. The aim is to make 30% of the Earth's land and seas protected areas by 2030. Of twenty goals set at a similar conference in 2010, to be achieved by 2020, none have been fully met.

The pressure is on us all to do something to bring these targets back on track. Time is running out.

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NEWS FROM THE BRAMLEY SHOW MAY 2022

The Bramley Show Committee will be hosting a plant sale at the Bramley Village Fete on Saturday 14 May.

We will have a large selection of plants for bedding, borders, pots and baskets at very reasonable prices, so please pop along to our stand and take a look at what's on offer. Sorry, but we are only able to accept cash for payment at present.

Please note that at least 50% of any profits will be donated to the DEC for their Ukraine disaster funds.

And of course, we will be there to answer any questions you may have about the forthcoming Bramley Show in August. You can also arrange to get your own personal copy of the show schedule at the fete.

Finally, can I say a big thank you to everyone who entered the Children's Potato Challenge. There has been a record number of participants this year, so may we wish each and every one of you the very best of luck with your entry.

Need to know more, then e-mail us on bramleyvillageshow@gmail.com

Over £63m was lost by victims of investment fraud who made reference to a social media platform in their report.



False Investment Scams

There has been an increase in reports of investment and 'Get Rich Quick' scams on social media (particularly Snapchat and Instagram). The scammers contact people claiming their investment successes, and use a variety of methods including posting stories and taking over social media accounts to send direct messages from people known to you. After victims have invested, further contact is ignored or further payments are requested to release funds.

Please remember:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Check the Financial Conduct Authority website to make sure the company is legitimate.
- Don't be rushed into making an investment. No legitimate organisation will pressure you into making a transaction, or committing to something on the spot.
- If you receive a message from someone you know about investments or asking for money, call them before sending money, to ensure it is definitely them.
- Seek advice from trusted friends, family members or independent professional advice services before making a significant financial decision.

Basingstoke Gang Show is Back!



The sensational Basingstoke Gang Show is returning to The Haymarket in February 2023 and you could be centre stage!

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- Building amazing friendships throughout this unique, once in a life time opportunity
- Effectively learning new skills and building on existing ones
- Being part of a completely different activity that Scouting and Guiding have to offer
- Being a part of raising money and supporting our chosen charity

The variety of content the show provides includes sensational songs, smart choreography and laugh out loud comedy sketches. Basingstoke Gang Show is known for breaking the boundaries and remaining relevant, slick and confident.

This all begins at one audition day.

Auditions Information:

Where? Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way, Basingstoke

When? 10am – 4pm on the following dates:

Surnames A-L: Sunday 15th May 2022

Surnames M-Z: Sunday 22nd May 2022

We look forward to welcoming you!

For more information and answers to any questions please contact:

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Singing is one of the oldest enjoyments known, going back at least 4,000 years.



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Now we want to reach out to you - the Pandemic has depleted our numbers and we need new singers.

Have you thought you would like to sing with others? Well, if you would like to, we will shortly be having an "open" evening on **May 24th** for you to come and hear us. This will be at our rehearsal hall, St Michael's Church Cottage, (St Michael's Church, Church Cottage, Church Square, Basingstoke, RG21 7QW) at 7:30 PM.

We'll be putting on a mini-performance, absolutely free, so you can see what we do and how much pleasure we get from it. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions and talk to choristers to better understand the world of male voice singing.

Let us know if getting there or finding us is a problem for the "open evening." We will try to arrange transport with one of our members for you. For those of you who may be apprehensive about your ability to sing in harmony, the Choir will hold free, basic singing and music lessons for new members with our Musical Director.

Coming along to our "open evening" places no commitment on you whatsoever. Of course, we do hope you will like what you hear and decide to join us! The evening should last about an hour.

Contact us at BasingstokeMVC@outlook.com or visit www.basingstokemvc.org.uk

Basingstoke Male Voice Choir

Open Evening

May 24th, 2022, 7:30 PM

St Michael's Church Cottage

News from the Hospital

Covid continues to rumble on with around 203 people with the virus in care throughout the Trust. Many, if not most, were not admitted from the effects, but were identified following routine testing on admission. Sadly, this has meant that the Trust needed to continue to operate enhanced covid controls, including limiting inpatients generally to only one visitor, social distancing and a strict regime of mask wearing on site.

At the same time, it has had an impact on the hospital's efforts to reduce the elective care backlog. Progress has been made but there is much further to go. Meanwhile attendances at both emergency departments have significantly increased with patients often experiencing long waiting times for non-urgent cases. Wherever possible patients are being encouraged to access care from the right source for their condition. For instance, their local pharmacy, NHS111 or their GP.

Anyone who has recently visited Basingstoke hospital, will be aware that the building is showing considerable signs of wear and tear due to age. Thankfully, the Hampshire Together programme continues, with a new hospital for Hampshire on course to open by the end of the decade.

The Treasury, who ultimately have to find the funds for such a big infrastructure programme, understandably require local hospitals to rigorously demonstrate the clinical and business case for such large expenditure. The Hampshire Together programme is hopeful that this will be completed shortly and still aims to consult with the public before the end of the year. Factors under consideration include, for example, changes to the local population, how patients might be treated in the future, potential new treatments, transport for patients and wider benefits to the community.

At national level, one group is reviewing the whole health care strategy with more emphasis on 'care in the community'. Another is looking at ensuring so many (48 in the new hospital programme) large construction projects can be coordinated. In addition, considerable thought is going into design ideas to ensure any new structure offers

maximum flexibility as health care evolves over the coming decades.

Finishing on a positive note, with the NHS emphasising the need to be checked early for cancer, the Trust is meeting its new more stringent targets for cancer treatment. What's more, Haematology has just won a national award, the pioneering IT team in Basingstoke has just gained additional funding and vacancies are coming down, thanks in part to a hugely successful international recruitment effort.

Keith Bunker

Former Hospital Governor

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

Protect your bike

The change in the weather means more people are out and about using their bike. High value bikes are being targeted and are generally taken from sheds and garages and sold online via social media platforms quickly and easily. Always ensure your bike is locked securely and anchored to an immovable point, even when being stored in a shed or garage. It is best to use two locks which are fitted closely to the bike.

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What is Disability Discrimination

It is against the law to discriminate against disabled people in various areas of their lives. If disability discrimination takes place in any of the following situations, you may be able to take action about it:

- at work
- when providing goods, facilities and services
- when renting or buying property
- in education

There are some important areas where it is not against the law to discriminate against disabled people, for example, in access to public transport services.

Disability discrimination can either be **direct** or **indirect**.

Direct discrimination is where you are treated less favourably because of your disability than someone without a disability would be treated in the same circumstances.

Here is an example of direct discrimination because of disability:

A pub allows a family with a child who has cerebral palsy to drink in their beer garden but not in their family room.

The family with the disabled child is not given the same choices that other families have.

Indirect discrimination is where there is a rule, policy or practice which seems to apply equally to everyone, but which actually puts disabled people at an unfair disadvantage compared with people who aren't disabled.



Here is an example of indirect discrimination:

A local authority produces an information leaflet about its services for local people. It does not produce an easy-to-read version of the leaflet in order to save money.

This would make it more difficult for someone with a learning disability to access the services and could amount to indirect discrimination.

Sometimes, it is possible to justify the rule, policy or practice that puts disabled people at a disadvantage. For example, there could be a health and safety reason, or an unavoidable business reason. Where this is the case, it won't count as discrimination.

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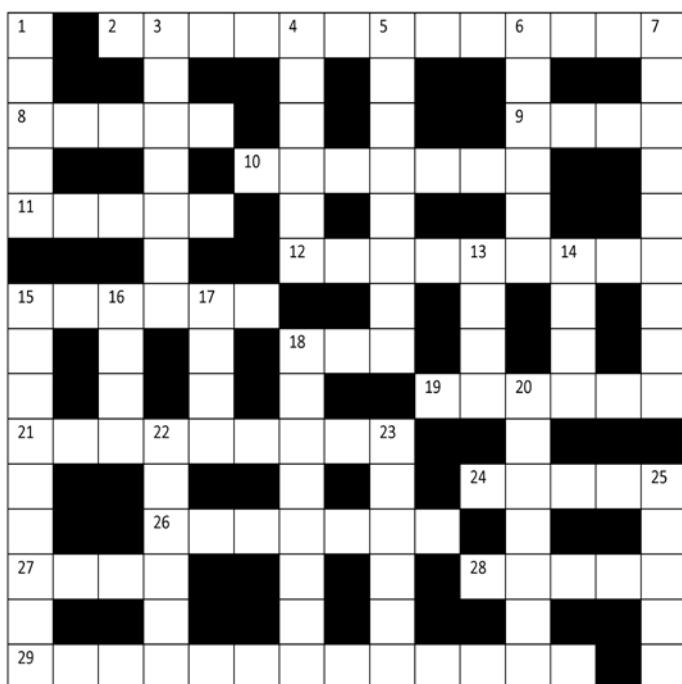
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Cryptic Crossword No: 58

See page 31 for the answers.



- 4 Character or landscape. (6)
- 5 Heard number biggest at the front. (8)
- 6 Make Sid mow the lawn for understanding. (6)
- 7 I don't mind noise in a way, it is magnitude. (9)
- 13 Kiln found in short cooked bread perhaps. (4)
- 14 Small amount I offered to an official in the beginning. (4)
- 15 Said greed was the root of why we argued. (9)
- 16 Is it a coincidence that there is a hidden penny perhaps. (4)
- 17 Stunning reversal produces seeds. (4)
- 18 Put off when ET devoured together. (8)
- 20 Understood north American historian. (7)
- 22 Former lover bird, non-resident. (6)
- 23 Cries between points and clears. (6)
- 25 Frederick cut short, added a point and was released. (5)

CodeWord No: 44

See page 31 for the answers.

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

Across

- 2 Movement to remember when the clocks change. (6,7)
- 8 Best art usually hides the beginning. (5)
- 9 Edwards limits means his disguises are thin. (4)
- 10 An insect's view of the world perhaps? (7)
- 11 Mustard city. (5)
- 12 Mice one so confuses with businesses. (9)
- 15 Respectable though heard to be a drop with a point. (6)
- 18 Skill found in reversing trains. (3)
- 19 Acquire a tan, it shows when looked at in a different light. (6)
- 21 Is mean set to bring about pardons? (9)
- 24 Neckwear, mark with female. (5)
- 26 Tarnished when we entertain Teddy inside. (7)
- 27 Side where extra dimensions get entered at first. (4)
- 28 Declare Texas perhaps. (5)
- 29 Boldness of dynamic relative minus cape. (13)

Down

- 1 Woman applied words which became welded. (5)
- 3 Curtailed cat noise sit for function. (7)

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Bramley Church of England Primary

Wow...what a Spring Term! Despite staff absences being an all-time high due to Covid, the children at **Bramley C of E Primary School** continue to thrive and enjoy a rich range of learning experiences.

In Early Years, the children have been learning all about fairy tales. This has included reading *Fairy Tale Pets* by Tracey Corderoy. As well as loving the book, we were thrilled to be able to meet her virtually as part of World Book Day. The children have also been learning about and retelling 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Cinderella' and have listened to the fairy tales, sequenced the stories and even grown their own turnips and pumpkins to be planted in our allotment.

Year 1 have been on their very first trip at school! They were delighted to embark on the coach and visit Milestones museum, where they delved deep into history. Trying on old-fashioned clothes, discovering what the world used to look like and enjoying a trip to a sweet shop, created memories that the children will treasure. In addition, the children have been designing potato heads and using their design and technology skills to decorate these adorable vegetables.

Year 2 have continued the vegetable theme by planting beanstalks and observing their growth for weeks now – the children have become a little competitive about whose beanstalk can grow the most! They have been designing, making and evaluating shelters for teddy bears. They have made some snuggly shelters for their bears to rest in. The creativity has continued as they have been sewing and creating fabric patterns, inspired by the artist El Anatsui.

Year 3 have had a busy half term immersing themselves in all things Ancient Egypt. They explored Tutankhamun's tomb, taking pictures of the artefacts and hieroglyphics within. To learn about the mummifying process, the children have mummified tomatoes, using salt and wrapping them in tin foil. They went on to master the art of mummification by acting out the process using their teddies, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They have used this knowledge to write their own mummification guides in English, and the children have made their own canopic jars out of papier-mâché and clay.

The theme of ancient civilisations continued in **Year 4** where the children have been learning about the Ancient Maya. They used their geography knowledge to locate the area where the Ancient Maya lived and plotted several of their city states on a map. They learnt about the Mayan calendar and created their own. It was great to see the children working out the Maya number system from 0-20. The children also found out about the Mayan writing system and created glyphs for their own names.

Year 5 have been keen geographers, learning all about India. As part of this topic, the children have looked at a range of Indian patterns, which they then used as inspiration for making their own tie dye t-shirts. They all look amazing! They went on to create travel guides, packed full of

information, to persuade others to explore this beautiful country. In D.T, they have taste tested a range of different dips before making their own Indian inspired one, and in R.E, they have spent some time researching and learning about different religious festivals and Hindu gods.



In **Year 6**, the children threw themselves into their topic, 'The Groovy Greeks', by sampling a range of Greek foods. The bread, yoghurt and honey were well received but the olives and figs did not go down so well! They have also learnt about Greek architecture and Greek theatre. From this, they have created beautiful pastel and charcoal drawings of columns and expressive masks similar to the ones they would have used in Ancient Greece. Following this, the children developed their crafting skills by designing and creating clay pots in the style of Ancient Greek pottery.

Since returning after the February half term, we have spent time reflecting on the terrible situation happening 1500 miles away. We had a Sunflower Day to show our support for Ukraine during this horrific time as the sunflower is their national flower. The children learnt all about the sunflower and took part in arts and crafts based around this. We have also been planting sunflowers within the school grounds. We have focused on support and peace, linking with our values of love and courage, as opposed to war, and have raised money for the charity Sunflower of Peace. They provide first aid medical tactical backpacks for the areas most affected.



As we enter the Summer Term, I reflect back on this time two years ago, when we had no idea what challenges lay ahead. We have endured the roller coaster of masks, social distancing, bubbles, R Rates, hand sanitiser and much more. This summer however, I'm full of optimism and excitement as we gradually continue our journey back to 'normal'. I hope we all manage to enjoy a summer of fun and joy and, most importantly, stay healthy!



LOCAL CARE HOME GOES TO THE RACES – TWICE!

Residents at Cherry Blossom manor care home in Bramley were treated to a virtual trip to the races to celebrate Ladies Day at Aintree. They had so much fun that they decided to hold their own Grand National the next day!

Staff at the care home pulled out all the stops to give the residents an afternoon to remember. They rolled out the red carpet, chilled the pink fizz and served delicious canapes so that residents felt like royalty. Our ladies decorated their own headpiece of choice for Ladies Day, while our men made and decorated Horses Heads so they could be the jockeys for our race. The whole home joined in with the celebrations.



Angela MacQuillin, Activity Lead at Cherry Blossom said: "Our residents are absolute stars so they deserve to

SPOTLIGHT UK IS SHINING A LIGHT ON LONELINESS

Local charity, Spotlight UK, which has a long-standing relationship with Cherry Blossom Manor care home in Bramley Green, has very kindly donated 77 Wellbeing packs to the home – one for every resident.

Based in Berkshire and Hampshire, Spotlight UK supports people of all ages and all walks of life, anyone who is struggling. As part of its Beating Loneliness project, Spotlight wanted to give residents a little pick me up during the winter months so they donated Wellbeing packs containing toiletries, books, puzzles, solitaire games, jars with positive thoughts and so much more.

Residents at the home were touched by the charity's thoughtfulness and very much enjoyed exploring all the items in the packs, especially the games and puzzles.

Gigi Despojo, General Manager at Cherry Blossom Manor, commented: "We were so touched to receive the Wellbeing packs, they were a real tonic for our residents – it was very kind of Spotlight UK to think of us. It was lovely to connect with them again and see some familiar faces on both sides."



be treated as such. We had such a fantastic time getting dressed up and watching all the races together on Ladies Day – it was such a brilliant day we decided to do it all again the next day too!"

Jenny Osmond, a resident at Cherry Blossom care home who picked the winning horse, commented: "I absolutely loved our day at the races, it was so much fun! We get so spoiled here, the staff are lovely and they go out of their way to make us feel special every day."



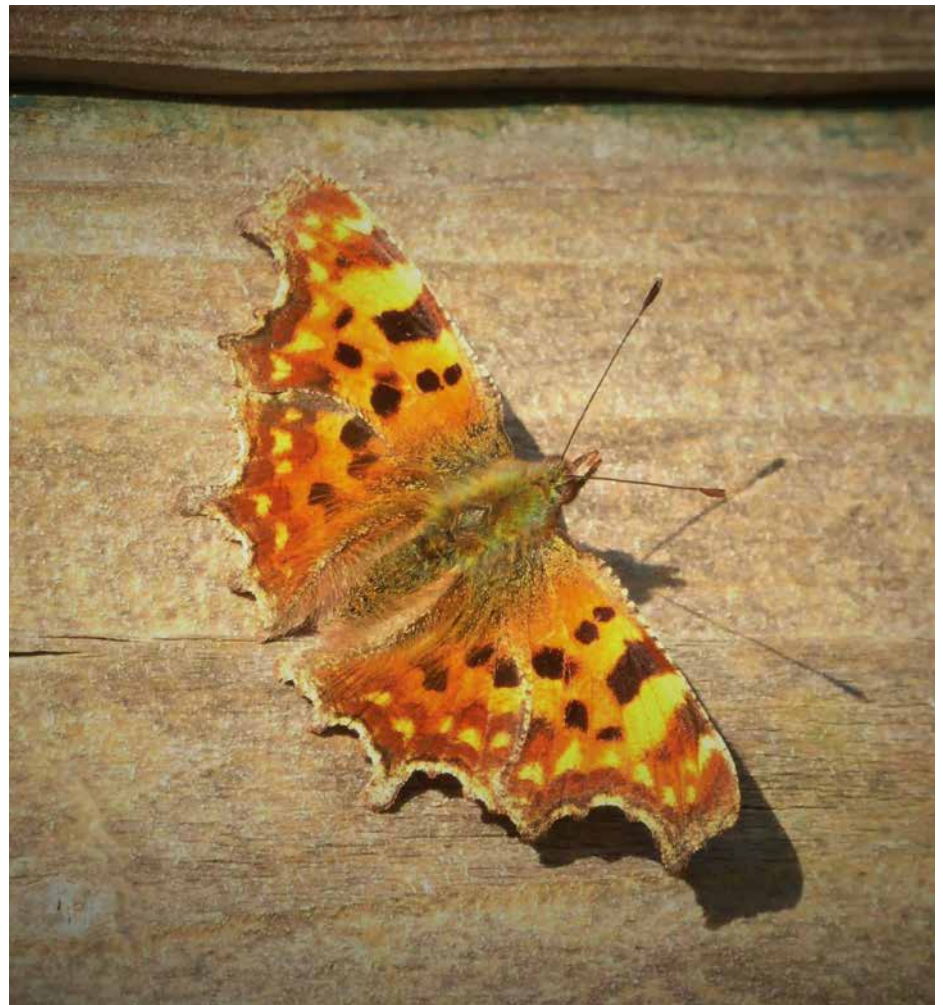
In this month's article, **John Stubbs** explains why this **Comma butterfly** is rather **Commoner** than you would expect

A hundred years back, this butterfly would have been a bit of a rarity. Nowadays it's not an unusual sight in the garden or around our woodland spots, pretty much throughout the year, given a warm afternoon. At a time, then, that we're losing so many species of insect, how come this one's on the increase, not just round Bramley but all over the UK? As is often the case, there are several factors involved, and probably some that only they know much about. The big one, of course, is climate change. Butterflies love a hot sunny day, don't they? So, bring it on.

Well, no, absolutely not. Sure, any insect has the capacity to tolerate some changes, and will make the most of any improvements. But there are always limits to how quickly change can be tolerated, and what adaptations can be made for related effects, for instance in the way that food supplies and predators alter. In fact, the majority of any population will favour a stable environment – round the edges, there'll be individuals which can adventure and take risks, for better or worse.

As it happens, the comma butterfly had a couple of very lucky breaks. For a start, it has managed since way back to schedule two broods each year if conditions are right: the food plant of the summer brood larvae was the hop plant, while the spring brood was laid on nettles, as they were more likely to be in leaf early in the year. The comma was widespread in the UK up to the start of the 19thC, but went into serious decline as hops were less widely grown. By the beginning of the 20thC, it was confined to a few areas around the Welsh border counties: from that time onwards though, numbers have recovered, now recorded as far north as Aberdeen. However, trials of breeding the insect at a range of temperatures showed that warm conditions don't improve the survival of individuals, indicating that the population increases would more likely have been due to better nutrition and improved successes of the early brood.

Certainly, the nettle is a better choice of leaf for the caterpillar to eat, as it's one of the most nutritious weeds around. It seems, then, that the comma was happy to adapt to laying its eggs on nettles



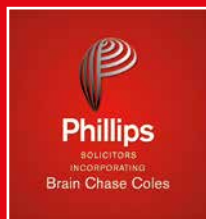
rather than hops, when hops were less widely grown for beer production. And the mid to late 20thC saw an enormous increase in the use of artificial fertilisers in agriculture: nettles, being very heavy feeders, just love the field run-off. The early brood, then, has been better fed, and grows well so that more survive. If these first caterpillars grow up while the days are getting longer, they go into overdrive and hatch into butterflies during June and July; they then have time to lay eggs for a second brood. If they are slower or later starters, the caterpillars sensing the days shortening, the resulting adults will press the pause button and retire from the rat race to hibernate over winter. These butterflies have a darker colouration than the early brood.

Even the newly hatched adults always look a bit ragged round the edges – that's one of its clever tricks so that, as soon as the wings are folded together showing only the dark undersides, it disappears, transformed into a bit of an old leaf, not something any bird would want to chew. The caterpillars are also masters of disguise, though in this case using a very different tactic. As they grow, once they start venturing onto

the upper surfaces of the leaves the rear end shows a whitish tint and the front has orange and brown speckles. The effect is a most realistic lump of bird poo on the leaf; again, less than totally appetising.

Climate change, then, can give rise to some apparently random outcomes. Most of our butterflies are suffering substantial losses: this one is an exception. It's not that it particularly likes the warmer weather – rather the opposite. If a species needs a moderate climate, it may spread northwards to escape the rising temperatures, given the availability of food plants and not too much competition. The problems arise when they meet a barrier such as a wide, dry plain, or if they get trapped on isolated high ground. An adult butterfly, of course, can't sweat or pant to cool down. The lighter coloured ones, like cabbage whites, have less of a problem: the darker ones such as the comma must look for a shady spot. The eggs, larvae and pupae just have to up with it put.

This butterfly is probably one of those creatures trying to keep out of the heat, rather than enjoying any extra sunshine.



Planning for worse case scenario



Jack Gardener

We often like to think of ourselves as invincible. A lot of the time we are. I am constantly amazed by what business owners manage to achieve whilst also balancing the never-ending challenges of running a business.

Sadly, sometimes life events can bring a halt to our best laid plans. I recently helped a family friend through a very difficult situation which I wanted to share so that you can ensure you have the relevant plans in place for you, your business and your family.

Background

My family friend was happily married with three children. Her husband was a one third shareholder in a professional service company. He was in his early 40s and was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Very sadly, he died six months later.

I became involved, after his death, and it was clear that little planning (which was not that unsurprising given his age) had been put in place. This left his wife and children in a difficult situation.

There was no life insurance in place, and by the time he received his diagnosis, it was too late to get any insurance in place. There was also no provision in any of the company's constitutional documents as to what happened with the shares.

As a result, my contact was left with a large mortgage to pay, three children to support and

minimal income as she, at the time, was retraining. Given that most business owners are growing their business ultimately for their family's benefit, I wanted to set out some of the points which you may want to consider.

1. Set out a clear process in the articles of association or shareholders' agreement as to what will happen on the death of a shareholder.
2. Consider whether a cross option agreement may be suitable for your business model.
3. Ensure you have adequate life assurance in place for you and your spouse/ civil partner
4. Make sure you have a Will in place and that it is up to date
5. Consider having a lasting power of attorney for both financial and health matters.
6. Consider what the effect on your business would be if you were unable to work for a prolonged period or were to die.

I highly recommend that you do spend time to consider these points and discuss them with your fellow shareholders and family.

I would be delighted to discuss with you your plans and thoughts for your business because for us business is personal.

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Mayoral events

Date	Time	Event	Location
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Sunday, 5 June 2022	11am	The Big Platinum Jubilee Picnic	War Memorial Park Basingstoke
Sunday, 5 June 2022	3pm	Mayor's Platinum Civic Sunday Service	St Michael's Church Basingstoke
Monday, 20 June 2022	10am	Armed Forces Day, Flag Raising	War Memorial Civic Offices Basingstoke
Saturday, 1 October 2022	7.30pm	Basingstoke Variety Show 2022	The Anvil Theatre Basingstoke
Friday, 11 November 2022	11am	Armistice Day	War Memorial Civic Offices Basingstoke
Sunday, 13 November 2022	11am	Remembrance Sunday	War Memorial Civic Offices Basingstoke
Saturday, 10 December 2022	6pm	Mayor's Carol Service	St Michael's Church Basingstoke

A CELEBRATION OF ENGLISH COMPOSERS

For Basingstoke Choral Society's 2022 summer concert on Saturday 25 June at The Anvil, we shall be celebrating some of the best in English choral and orchestral music and, to mark the Platinum Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen, the programme includes three pieces performed at the Coronation in 1953.

The programme includes *Zadok the Priest*, by naturalised Englishman, George Frideric Handel, and Sir Hubert Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens* and *I was glad*. The choral repertoire for this concert is completed by Ralph Vaughan-Williams' *Fantasia on the Old 104th*, and the first performance of *Dover Beach*, a setting for chorus and orchestra of the well-known 19th century poem by Matthew Arnold, composed by David Lucas, a long-standing member of the choral society.

No programme of English music would be complete without including a work by Sir Edward Elgar. The two orchestral pieces in this concert are his *Cello Concerto*, and *Crown Imperial*, composed by Sir William Walton for the coronation of George VI in 1937.

The choir's musical director, David Gibson, will be conducting the concert and the choir will be performing with the New London Sinfonia. Tickets are available from the Anvil Box Office: 01256 844244 or from boxoffice@anvilarts.org.uk

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<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pregnancy Yoga with Sam 6pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Yoga with Sam 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Classical Pilates, 6pm-7pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Kickboxing 6-7pm juniors, 7-8pm adults</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Tuesdays

<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing 8pm</i>	St James's Church
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Mother & Toddler group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 5.45pm - 6.45pm</i>	School Hall
<i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

Wednesdays

<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Wednesday Club 10am to midday</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>Guides 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>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>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park
Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1st Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Lynden School of Dance & Gymnastics 3.30 to 7.15pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Classical Pilates - 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Fridays

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

See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley

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Wild About Gardens follows a different theme each year, inspiring gardeners to help a different species. For example, in previous years we've separately championed hedgehogs, bats and butterflies.

So, why is it so important for us to dedicate our own patch to wildlife? Well, almost 90% of UK households have a garden. This equates to over 20 million gardens, which, incredibly, covers a larger area than all 2,300 Wildlife Trust nature reserves combined. With many UK species in decline, using these spaces means we can collectively make a huge difference to our struggling wildlife.

It doesn't even have to involve lots of time and money because letting nature take its own course can often be the best way. Try leaving a patch of grass to grow wild and you'll soon have lots of new visitors, plus it can work wonders for our own wellbeing.

We're dedicating this year's Wild About Gardens to our high-flying summer visitors – swifts, swallows, and house martins. While these amazing migrant birds rarely touch the ground and only remain in the UK for a few months a year, there are still ways we can help them. Swifts and house martins were recently added to the UK's Red List for birds, meaning they're seriously threatened, have suffered severe declines, and require urgent action.

The simplest thing you can do is let a patch of grass grow long – this will encourage insects in your garden and provide food for birds. You can have a similar effect by planting a colourful, insect-friendly wildflower border. Creating a boggy garden patch will provide mud that swallows and house martins use to build their nests. And to provide a home for a swift, consider installing a swift box or brick.

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