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It is a difficult time to write an editorial. I want to talk about all the events we have to look forward to as life gradually returns to normal. This month's magazine is full of things to do as the days get longer and warmer. We have the Easter Egg hunt later this month and then the Bramley Fete on 14 May. The scarecrows will be making a welcome return soon and it won't be long before we have the chance to show off our talents in the Bramley Show. But, as I write this, we are witnessing the terrible war in Ukraine and every day we are faced with heart-breaking scenes on the news: cities being bombed, people living in over-crowded bomb shelters and thousands of people fleeing their homes. And we mustn't forget the many Russian people who are risking imprisonment or worse, by protesting against a war they don't agree with. It seems selfish to look forward to Bank Holidays and fetes when there is so much suffering on the other side of our continent. I guess we have to get on with our lives but also do what we can to help all those impacted by the war. If your mood has been affected by the endless bad news, do read Michael Luck's thoughtful article on page 19, and why not say the prayer for Ukraine on page 7? St James' Church is open every day and, as you can read on page 18, there is a special area at the front of the church where you can reflect and pray. Outside, we have a Tree of Hope on which you can tie a ribbon to remember those caught up in the conflict.

In his Reflection on page 7, Rev'd Mark Anderson talks of Easter being about new life, and that is reflected in the signs of Spring all around us. Easter in Ukraine is celebrated by Orthodox Christians a week after us, on 24 April, because they calculate the date using the old Julian calendar. The word for 'Easter' in Ukrainian is *Velykden*, which translates to 'Great Day', and it is one of the biggest holidays in the country. As well as attending church, Ukrainians enjoy special traditions including the baking and eating of tall and cylindrical Easter cakes (*kulich* or *paska*) and the decoration of eggs (*pysanka* and *krashenka*). This is an intricate process; designs are traced out in beeswax and the egg is then dipped into dye. The dye colours the egg where it is bare but leaves it white where the wax protects it. The process is then repeated a number of times, working from the lightest dye to the darkest. There are some examples on page 19. Eggs also form the basis of a traditional game called *bytky*, which involves smashing your hard-boiled egg into someone else's without breaking your own. The winner is the last one with an unbroken egg.

Let's hope and pray that Easter will be a time of renewal in Ukraine and both they and the Russian people will be able to celebrate in peace.

Best Wishes

**Rachel**  
Joint Editor

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“Easter egg hunts are proof that children can find things  
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**Church diary for April...**

**3rd**            **5th Sunday of Lent**  
 9.00pm Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 10:30 Matins (BCP) – St James

**10th**           **Palm Sunday**  
 9:00 Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 10:30 Holy Communion – St James

**14th**           **Maundy Thursday**  
 7.00pm Fellowship Supper – Cross House  
 8.00pm Holy Communion – St James

**15th**           **Good Friday**  
 10.00 Children’s Service – St James  
 2.00pm An hour at the foot of the Cross – St James

**17th**           **Easter Sunday**  
 10:30 Family Communion – St James

**24th**            **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 10.00 Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 2.00pm Holy Communion – St James

**... and into 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**  
 7.00pm Sunday@nine – Cross House  
 8.00pm Morning Worship – St James

**Services at our neighbouring churches**

**April**

**3rd**            **5th Sunday of Lent**  
 10.00 Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s  
 10.00 Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye  
 10.00 Family Service – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall

**8th**  
 4.30pm Messy Church  
 – Sherfield Park Community Centre

**10th**           **Palm Sunday**  
 10.00 Morning Worship – Online/St Leonard’s

**14th**           **Maundy Thursday**  
 7.00pm Holy Communion and Supper  
 – St Leonard’s Church Room  
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 come to the supper - it’s free!  
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**15th**           **Good Friday**  
 11.00 At the foot of the cross  
 – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall  
 2.00pm The Last Hour: A Meditation with Music  
 and Hymns from Sir John Stainer’s “The  
 Crucifixion” – St Leonard’s

**17th**           **Easter Day**  
 10.00 Family Communion – Online/St Leonard’s  
 10.00 Holy Communion  
 – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall

**24th**           **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 10.00 Together in Worship – Online/St Leonard’s

**May**

**1st**              **3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 10.00 Holy Communion – Online/St Leonard’s  
 10.00 Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye  
 10.00 Family Service – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall



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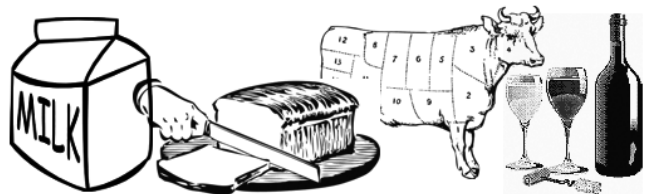
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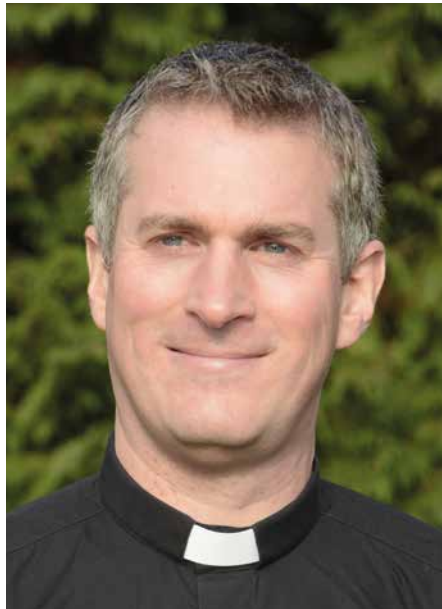
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## Easter will soon be here and as Rev'd Mark Anderson explains, Easter is about new life

How's Lent going? Pancake Day got us ready and then Ash Wednesday started us off on our time of fasting or self-sacrifice. Some of us may have given up chocolate or alcohol or (for the brave) both. Others may even have given up social media! Lent is a time to get rid of the distractions in order to focus on what is important, or rather who: to focus on God, who is always there for each one of us.

Easter Day will soon be here (17 April) and our thoughts will turn to chocolate eggs, bunnies and perhaps chicks too. If you've given up something for the previous 40 days, then you'll be rejoicing as you return to having a treat or tippie or two. The Easter theme of eggs and bunnies and chicks are there because they are signs of new life.

The first Easter provided the ultimate sign of new life: the most amazing event humanity has experienced. The God who called Abraham, Moses and the Jewish prophets, became a man and lived among us. Jesus brought a message of love, hope and peace for a better way to live with each other;



Rev. Mark Anderson

and to care for the world God provided us. However, the people rejected him and killed him, deciding their way was better. Many people today reject or simply ignore the message of Christ. God offers us life in all its fullness, but so often we choose that which diminishes our lives.

Jesus wasn't just a good teacher: he is God. So when they executed him on

the cross (we remember this on Good Friday), death couldn't hold him - he conquered death, so that every person can have new life. Easter Day is the day when Jesus rose from the dead and we celebrate this each year.

That's the reason we have Easter: the new life of the risen Christ, the new life he offers to each one of us.

This is ancient wisdom, which many have forgotten or ignored. It is crowded out amongst the quest for the new and exciting and that which competes for our attention in a world of the instant and now.

God is patient, Jesus waits for us. I encourage you to take a moment this Eastertide; pause and reflect on that ancient offer of Christ - who in his death on the cross, and in his resurrection to new life offers each one of us a fresh start and a new life. We can be free from the demands of the world: which seek to tell us how we ought to be. The Easter story is about being set free to be ourselves, to be the person God made each one of us to be, before the world distracted us and got in the way.

We will be celebrating Easter in church on Sunday 17 April - you are very welcome to join us!

Have a very happy Easter.



## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



## Holy Week and Easter services at St James'

### Maundy Thursday (14 April)

7pm Community Supper  
(everyone welcome\*)  
- Cross House

8pm Holy Communion  
- St James' Church

\* Please contact us if you would like to come to the community supper - it's free!

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### Good Friday (15 April)

10am Children's service with songs and Easter Garden making

2pm An hour at the cross: music, meditation and prayers.

Both at St James' Church

### Easter Sunday (17 April)

10.30am Family Communion  
- St James'

In this month's **Meet the Neighbours** we find out a bit more about **Karen Bentall** whose interests range from painting to woodcarving.



Karen Bentall



One of Karen's wood carvings, Man &amp; Child made from English Walnut

**Bramley Magazine (BM):**  
**What made you decide to live in Bramley?**

**Karen:** I came to live here in Bramley Green over 20 years ago, having decided to move nearer to family and work. The house was about a year old, had a bus service within reach, was just a short drive to the A33 and A340, and Bramley Station gave quick access to Basingstoke, Reading and London. The village appealed to me with friendly folk, farmland and woodland walks. When I first moved here, Bramley still had The Forge so, not long after tackling hard clay soil, I was lucky to get my garden fork reconnected to its handle!

**BM: What do you like about living in Bramley?**

**Karen:** There is so much to be involved in. You've only got to look at page 28 of the magazine to see how many youth, social and physical activities are on offer in the village. We have the annual Bramley Fete, which will soon be taking place on Clift Meadow, with its stalls, competitions and attractions, and I enjoy being part of the church family at St James', a Grade 1 listed building with its own spirit of place and very early wall-paintings. I enjoy painting and some years ago came an invitation to contribute to the Bramley Art Show in the Village Hall, with other local amateur artists. There are plenty of local views, buildings and people to inspire me. We are also fortunate to have a very ancient woodland at Bramley Frith, with woodland paths around it, inviting walkers to think and stare. As a teacher I enjoyed encouraging children of all ages to be curious, explore and try new challenges. On day visits to Bramley Frith they experienced pond-dipping, Kingfisher pond birdwatching and tales near Tom's Holly Tree.

**BM: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

**Karen:** I joined a working party coppicing, mainly hazel and hedgerows, at Bramley Frith and the Warden invited me to paint there. I also ran a pole-lathe turning weekend, at which villagers could learn to produce a three-legged stool. Mine is in the garage with one rather loose leg! Apart from walking, cycling and painting, I enjoy woodcarving with English woods. It is fascinating to transform an air-dried locally felled log into a figure, form or planter, giving the tree a new creative use. I love theatre, dance and music and am a volunteer trustee of the Basingstoke Area Youth Orchestra which performs at The Anvil in May and has played many concert tours in Europe. In the past I have enjoyed being part of the Open The Book team, going into Bramley School to act in assemblies and introduce children to Bible Stories.

**BM: And as well as all that, you also find time to volunteer for the National Trust at The Vyne?**

**Karen:** Yes, I love history and we are so lucky to have this Tudor house and gardens on our doorstep. As a Volunteer Room Guide I help visitors learn about The Vyne's owners and its famous visitors including Henry VIII, Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth 1st, Jane Austen and Horace Walpole.

One of my favourite rooms is the long Oak Gallery, with floor to ceiling linenfold panelling, early 16th century carvings and about 49 pomegranates honouring Catherine of Aragon! Other favourite spots are the Library, where I was trained to do conservation work on the many well-read books, and the narrow servants' stairs. The Vyne gives up its own spirit of place and secrets!

**BM: So, despite all the development that has taken place since you moved in, you still enjoy living in Bramley?**

**Karen:** Yes, the village is friendly and full of life, and in the past eighteen months, between pandemic lockdowns, we have been fortunate to have local countryside to explore. With more villagers working at home, we have been able to meet and greet people more regularly and get to know each other better. Next time you are out I may see you, with my paint box propped on the bike saddle and a sketchpad in hand, and I look forward to saying hello!



Karen's painting of St James' Church



## Meet the Neighbours

Do you know anyone in Bramley or Little London who you would like us to interview for our Meet the Neighbours feature? Someone who has done something interesting perhaps, or is celebrating a special event or contributes to our community in some way? Young or not-so-young, long-term resident or newbie. Do let us know at editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

### Save the date for the village Fete!

As well as the attractions listed below, there will be a funfair, vintage motorbikes, a falconry display, a brass band, stalls, activities, fish and chips and loads more!



**Clift Meadow**  
**Summer Fête**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**12 – 4pm**

Dog Show, Classic Cars, Fun Fair, Displays From Local Clubs, Crafts, Tombola, Children's Attractions and All The Usual Favourites.

The poster features a colorful illustration of a village fete with stalls, people, and a sign that says 'FÊTE' and 'BOOKS'. There are also balloons and a 'Sale' sign.

## Memories of the Queen's Coronation

In June we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee: look out for details in the next magazine of how our villages are marking this unique event. Are you old enough to remember the Queen's accession or her Coronation? Perhaps you were one of the many people who crowded around televisions to watch the great event. Perhaps you had a street party or went to London to catch a glimpse of the young Queen. If so, we would love to hear your stories and memories. Email us at editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

## News from The Bramley Show

The next Bramley Show will be here before you know it and we want everyone to have plenty of time to prepare their exhibits. That's why the Bramley Show Committee are pleased to announce that the full Bramley Show 2022 Show Schedule has now been published to our website\*.

Please visit our site [www.bramleyshow.org.uk](http://www.bramleyshow.org.uk) and take a look. The Bramley Show is not just a horticultural show, so there is something for everyone.

In previous editions of the Bramley Magazine we already announced the classes for Art and Photography and last month we announced the Children's Potato Challenge - there is still time to enter this if you are quick. Details are on our website.

Now is the time for the gardeners, flower arrangers, crafters and culinary enthusiasts of Bramley to decide on their potential entries. You don't have to be an expert to enter any of the classes. You just need a "have a go" attitude.

There is still plenty of time to practice your skills before the show. Why not try a few of the cookery challenges on your family. And, for the children of Bramley, there is plenty to keep them occupied on wet days and holidays.

Need to know more, then e-mail us on [bramlevillageshow@gmail.com](mailto:bramlevillageshow@gmail.com)



You can also visit our stall at the Bramley Village Fete on Saturday 14 May. We would love to talk to you and answer any of your queries. Maybe you can pick up a plant or two from our plant sale at the Fete.

\*Hard copies of the schedule will be made available at various locations around the area nearer the actual show on Sunday 14 August. If you prefer, you can e-mail us and we will send you a copy.



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## Jubilee Textile Art Project

There will be an exhibition of the latest Bramley Knitting Project over the Jubilee weekend.

It will consist of seven panels, representing the seven decades of the Queen's reign.

Further details will be found on [www.bramleyvillagehub.com](http://www.bramleyvillagehub.com) and in the magazine next month.

## Friendship Walks at Clift Meadow

After a 3 month break due to Covid, the Clift Meadow Friendship walks have resumed. These friendly walks are short and gentle, starting at Clift Meadow and ending at Brocas Hall for refreshments. The aims are to encourage gentle exercise in the fresh air, and provide a place where you can meet new people and have a chat. The route is flat and suitable for prams as well as those with limited mobility.

The walks are supported by Clift Surgery and the Bramley Parish Council, which has kindly funded the use of the hall.

We meet at 10.25am and the walks last for about 30 – 40 minutes.

The walks are free of charge but donations to the cost of refreshments are welcome.

For further info contact Jan on 07740187115 (text preferred) or email [info@bramleyvillagehub.com](mailto:info@bramleyvillagehub.com), or just turn up.

You will be made very welcome.



A recent Friendship Walk

## Lunch Club

Our first visit of the year to the Avenue Garden Centre at Lasham was attended by seven members who enjoyed several different lunch platters.

A card and best wishes were given to Judy whose birthday was in March.

It was lovely to see Sheila again, who has been quite unwell over the last couple of years. We were delighted that she was looking so well, and it was good to catch up with all her news.

As usual, a few purchases were made before we made the journey home.

The venue for April is yet to be decided, Christine looks forward to all the ideas!!!

**Freda Clark**



## Jubilee Scarecrows

Hopefully Bramley is preparing for a right royal Scarecrow festival, beginning on 14 May 2022. The theme is "Royalty", so we are looking forward to seeing lots of kings and queens and princes and princesses from history, film and books. This year there will be a prize and each scarecrow that is registered will be photographed. There will be a display of photographs over the Jubilee weekend.

Please let us know about your scarecrow by emailing [info@bramleyvillagehub.com](mailto:info@bramleyvillagehub.com) or sending a message on the Bramley Scarecrow Facebook page.

## Bramley Village Hub Web Site

The Bramley Village Hub would like to thank the Bramley Parish Council for its continuing support of the web site. The site, now in its second year, is a not-for-profit organisation, providing information and events for Bramley and helping to bring the village together. It also has its own Facebook page.

It is also the place where Clift Surgery's Patient Participant Group posts the latest information from the surgery.

It offers a place to advertise events and fundraisers and is developing a village calendar, so residents can see what is happening. If you have any dates or information you would like added, please contact us.

It is also offering an alternative to those who do not access social media, so keep popping in to visit. There will be an update each month, but items will be added when received.

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## The Bramley Jubilee Creative Writing Competition 2022.

Do you like creative writing or would you like to have a go? If so, dust off your pens, pencils and PCs and join in the fun.

This summer's competition is on the theme of "Royalty".

We are looking for an original take on this topic so think carefully about how the theme can be interpreted. Examples: protagonist called Queenie, a dog called Duke, a family history search reveals a royal relation, a royal jewel theft, etc

There will be a small prize and the winning entries will be published on the Bramley Village Hub.

There are two categories:

- A short story – maximum of 750 words
- A poem – maximum of 20 lines

### Rules

- Only one entry per person per category
- Free entry, but any entry that is over the specified length will automatically be disqualified.
- You must live within 10 miles of Bramley, Hampshire. No entry will be accepted from anyone living outside this area.
- The judge reserves the right to reject anything that may be regarded as offensive.

Further guidance and details on how to enter can be found on [www.bramleyvillagehub.com](http://www.bramleyvillagehub.com) or email [bramleycreativewriting@gmail.com](mailto:bramleycreativewriting@gmail.com)

**Closing date: 10 May 2022**

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**Planning**

We don't want to add more words on any specific planning application – the Stocks Farm one, in particular, was covered extensively in the last magazine and at the public meeting. But there is a more general issue: how to comment, who can comment, and what to say. Remember, a “comment” can be either to “Support” an application that you would like to see approved, or to “Object” to one you want to see rejected. Anyone can comment on an application, including EACH INDIVIDUAL in a household, and also anyone from anywhere in the country. Any comment should be based upon ‘material’ planning considerations – a guide to these can be found on the Borough Council website: [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/comment-on-a-planning-application](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/comment-on-a-planning-application) Remember, to comment you can do one of two things:

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- Email [planning.comments@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:planning.comments@basingstoke.gov.uk) with the application reference number in the Subject along with the word “Support” or “Object”, and the reasons in the body of the email.

**Economic, Planning & Housing (EPH) Committee**

This Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Committee is meeting regularly to determine the strategy and policies for the Local Plan Update. This affects the future of development not just in Bramley but across the whole of the Borough. More information about the meetings can be found on the Borough Council website - <https://democracy.basingstoke.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CID=131&Year=0> . This includes the papers that members of the EPH Committee have to go through ahead of meetings, some of which, as you will see, are quite weighty. Bramley PC is communicating regularly with members of the EPH Committee and providing input at Committee meetings where necessary. Members of the public can also do this, and also attend Committee meetings if they so wish. This is an important time for the future

of the Borough and Bramley, so please do consider participating if you can.

**Health and Community**

You will be aware that Clift Surgery has had a torrid time in the last year or two – more so, it seems, than other GP practices in the area. We hope you will agree that they do a superb job with hugely stretched resources. There are various small actions initiated by the Patient Participation Group (PPG) that the PC is supporting. We are funding the hire of Brocas Hall for a couple of hours a week to support a “Friendship Walk” aimed at those who are known to the Surgery as being less mobile, socially isolated, with some mental health issues and so on. The aim is a gentle amble (initially around Clift Meadow) followed by tea and biscuits in true British fashion. The Surgery and the Red Cross Social Prescribers will be trying to persuade patients who would benefit to come along.

Another upcoming PPG project is a “Carer’s Group”. Anyone who has cared for an infirm relative will know how isolating this can be long-term, so the idea is to get these carers – many of whom are known to the GPs – in contact with each other, both online and face to face. The more we can do on these “social” lines the fewer patient appointments will be needed – many GP appointments are from people who are just lonely. This reduced demand will mean it’s easier to get an appointment when you really need it.

At the re-launched Coffee morning (as soon as the Clift Meadow Pavilion has power!) there will be a notice explaining all the services on offer and how best to get them. It is no longer just about “seeing the doctor”, all GP Surgeries now have a number of more specialist services. Please be guided by Reception – the receptionists themselves are all trained to judge what service is best for you.

Finally, in the last magazine you may have seen a statistic. In January, Clift surgery had 1615 appointments requested and offered. Patients didn't turn up for 75 of these appointments. That's 75 times you, or your relative, might have been unable to get an appointment because someone else couldn't be bothered to cancel.

**Road Safety**

Bramley Parish Council continues to liaise with Hampshire County Council

and the police about the reworked Bramley Lane junction. HCC and the Police have recently carried out audits at the junction, although Bramley PC is yet to see the result of these. We are aware of recent incidents which could have been extremely serious – details of these have been passed along to the Police. We would encourage any resident involved in such an incident to contact our local Police Constable, Robyn Gaimster ([robyn.gaimster.27676@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:robyn.gaimster.27676@hampshire.police.uk)), and also James Laver, who is our contact in the Implementation team at Hampshire County Council ([James.Laver@hants.gov.uk](mailto:James.Laver@hants.gov.uk)). Please copy the Parish Clerk in as well – it helps if we are aware of any ongoing issues.

**Energy and Fuel Poverty**

We are all aware of the problems being caused by rapid rises in energy costs. It's early days yet, but a group of residents in North Hampshire are setting up a Co-Operative, to be called Loddon Community Energy. The aim is to develop small-scale Solar and renewable heat projects, under community ownership, and use money generated to fund energy saving advice for all, and hopefully direct help for those who are struggling. This a community initiative, not a Parish Council scheme. LCE will be starting to publicise this spring.

**Parish Council Meetings**

All being well, Bramley Parish Council should be back to physical meetings in April. The next scheduled meetings are:

- Planning Committee – Tuesday 12 April at 7.00pm
- Full Council – Tuesday 19 April at 7.00pm

These should both be in the Bramley Room at Bramley Village Hall, but keep an eye on the Bramley Parish Council website and social media for more information nearer the time.

**Cllr Keith Oborn**

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**I**f you are concerned about the number of planning applications in our area, **Councillor Simon Mahaffey**, who represents Bramley Ward on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, provides his **Ten Top Tips** on how to have your say.

To many people, the idea that they can affect planning decisions in their towns or villages seems a very remote prospect. Others give up in despair and resign themselves to what seems to be an inevitable march of development and the concreting over of our precious fields and countryside.

Planning decisions determine the shape, size and nature of the communities in which we live, and I believe it is important that we all try to play our part in shaping these decisions. Unfortunately, it is all too easy to feel like a small or insignificant voice against wealthy and sophisticated property developers, but the purpose of me writing this article is to encourage you, if you have an opinion, to make sure you voice it.

As Borough Councillor I often hear the comment that the Council is not listening. Having sat on the both the Development Control Committee and the Economic, Planning and Housing Committee, I can assure you that every planning decision is anguished over in the minutest detail, either by Planning Officers (under Delegated Authority rules) or by Council Members at the Development Control Committee, and all relevant comments are considered. The key to making sure your voice is heard is to ensure that you make your comments at the right time and in the right manner.

I have listed below ten recommendations to help you make your contribution.

### **1. Read the orange planning notices**

Often, the first time people are aware of planning developments is when they see the builders move onto a site. All developments, both large and small, are required to advertise their intended planning application by posting orange notices in a prominent position at the proposed site. These will provide a brief summary of the development and also a unique reference number to look up the plans on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council planning portal at the following address:

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/view-planning-applications>

### **2. Monitor the planning portal**

Looking up a site on the BDBC planning portal should give you all the information you need to help you make up your mind about a planning application. It will show you all plans and comments made by both statutory consultees and members of the public. It will also guide you through the process for making your comment.

### **3. Understand material planning considerations**

Comments (including objections) to planning applications are strictly governed by law. Only “material planning concerns” are permitted to be considered as part of the planning process and you should make sure that your

objections focus on these. Comments such as the impact on the value of your property or the loss of your view will not be considered, no matter how passionately you argue your case. Google will provide you with a number of sites setting out material planning considerations.

### **4. Attend planning consultations**

Public consultations have to be carried out for large developments. Often this is done by sending letters to residents, but it can also be accompanied by public presentations in places like the village hall. To fully understand the intentions of the developer, these are important events to attend. You will get the opportunity to express your views to the developer and, in turn, they may put your mind at rest about specific concerns you have over their proposals.

### **5. Read the Local Plan**

The Local Plan is probably the single most important planning document for you to understand. Each District or Borough Council is required to have one as it acts as the central reference guide to the Council’s intentions and policies for the future development of the area. The BDBC Local Plan contains a series of vignettes highlighted in green which establish the policies against which each planning application is evaluated. If you wish to make an objection or support a planning application then you should try to establish how your comments support or breach these policies.

The current BDBC Local Plan runs from 2011-2029, however, in line with government recommendations, the Council is reviewing the Plan and extending it up until 2039. The draft update will come out for public consultation very shortly and I encourage everyone to read it and make any contributions that they think necessary.

### **6. Read your Neighbourhood Plan**

Closer to home the Council encourages all Parishes to develop their own Neighbourhood Plans. These plans provide guidance to the Council on how local communities would like to see their local areas develop in line with the local nature of the existing community. Developing a Neighbourhood Plan is a significant task and not all Parishes have them. Bramley, however, does have its own Plan, which is published on the Bramley Parish Council website. I encourage you to read it.

### **7. Speak to your neighbours**

It would be nice to think that a single, well-crafted objection to a planning application would be able to carry sufficient weight to sway the opinions of planning officers and committee members. However, both officers and members are only human and, sadly, the fact is that volume counts for a lot, with 100 objections being noticed far more easily than one. Nonetheless, I should caveat this by referring to point three above and say that only those objections considered to be material will be considered. I should also point out that objections do not have to come from those individuals adjacent to or directly affected by a planning proposal. Objections can be considered from anywhere in the country as long as they are based on material issues.

**8. Speak at Development Control**

Large and/or complex planning applications, or small applications that receive a number of objections, will be referred by the planning officer to the Development Committee. If you feel strongly about a proposal you can apply to speak directly to members at the committee. The number of speakers allowed is limited by what is practical and speakers will only be allowed four minutes to make their presentation, so you must be organised in the points you wish to raise.

**9. Raise your comments at appeal**

When applications are turned down the applicant has the right to take their application to appeal with the Planning Inspector. It's important to note that the Planning Inspectorate is an independent government body and is not connected in any way to the planning team at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. As a result, you may wish to raise further objections with the Planning Inspector to re-emphasise the point you have made or add supplementary information based upon the conclusion reached by the Case Officer or the Development Committee.

**10. Be prepared – it might not go your way**

I often joke that planning is neither logical, consistent nor fair. Whilst this is said largely in jest there is an element of truth in it. Planners and members of the Development Committee have to make challenging decisions based upon the information placed in front of them. They have to balance a number of competing factors and whilst you may feel that the argument you have put forward is indisputable there may be other factors that you have not considered which may sway their opinions. As such, no two planning applications are exactly alike and decisions may vary considerably between what may appear, on the face of it, to be similar applications.

This is just a quick gallop through the complex and detailed process of planning. Nobody pretends that the planning process in the UK is perfect, and the issues faced by our Borough are similar to those being faced by councils up and down the country. It is, however, the only process that we have, and the better we all understand it and participate in it, the greater the chance that we will collectively be able to create the communities in which we all want to live.

**Knitting Club**

Ten people met at Jean's on 22 February and we welcomed a new member, Lorraine. Dusty told us about an appeal on Facebook to knit teddies for children who have been subjected to domestic abuse, and the patterns have been circulated. The venues for meetings was also discussed and the possibility of going to Capitol Garden Ltd was mooted. Everyone thought it a good idea so the next meeting, on 29th March, will be held there. Jean wanted to relinquish the administration for the group and Jane agreed to take on the role.



Regards

**Judith Harris and the Gang**



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### Bramley Speedwatch

From recent comments on Facebook, it is good to see that people are noticing the SIDs (Speed Indicator Display) in operation. There were some comments regarding the positioning of a SID inside the 30mph zone, just after the transition from the 40mph zone (east end of the village) and whether any useful data could be obtained from it. "Yes it can" is the short answer to this, however it helps to have a little background knowledge on the workings of the SID to understand the reasoning for the "Yes it can".

The SID takes 2 readings, V1 and V2.

- V1 being the first detected speed of the Vehicle, (in this case with the SID located just after the transition from 40mph to 30mph, speeds may be in excess of 30mph).



- V2 is the speed as the vehicle exits the detection area.

As the SID was within the 30mph zone, V2 readings should be 30mph or less,

unless of course the vehicle is speeding. Software enables extraction of this data for analysis and reporting.

Remember, SIDs provide a good visual reminder to motorists about their speed and the data extracted is a good "indication" of driving behaviours through the village which, unfortunately, is not looking too good, judging from the recent data collected.

A manned deployment was carried out, at the village hall west bound, and details of two vehicles were passed onto the police.

Keep Safe and Watch Your Speed  
**Graham White**

### Recent SID DATA

SID Location Traffic Direction	Village Hall East bound	Village Hall West bound	The Street West of Village Hall West bound	Top of Cufaude Lane on the Street East bound	East of Smithy West bound
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Max speed recorded (mph)	59	56	58	58	60



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## Meadow Talk – our monthly update from Clift Meadow Trust

Unfailingly, April signals a time for renewal: The Clift Meadow Trust has been in need of this, with blocked sewers and electrical issues putting Brocas Hall and the Pavilion out of action for several weeks now. Massive apologies to those who have been seriously affected and subject to last minute cancellations. It has been a major problem and, contrary to the financial numbers quoted in the Community Advertising Magazine issued in February, the 2021 firework event did not raise the astronomical figure quoted, and so the costly repairs being faced are a real and unpleasant burden.

April brings greater opportunity for life outdoors again and soon Clift Meadow will hold the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday (15 April), and the major event of the year, the Village Fete on 14 May. Cricket will return on Saturdays in May for OBCC Hampshire League fixtures, and for Youth games on Sunday mornings. It has been a joy to see the enthusiasm of the Loddon Lions and Tigers Football teams, who will

continue to play pretty much every Sunday, in all weathers, until the end of April.

We have had to say goodbye to two locals recently. Jennie Foot, who died in February, played a major role in keeping the Meadow Trust afloat in the early 2000's, being the driving force behind the building of the Ballcourt. In November the CMT will plant a tree as a memorial.

For many, not to see 'Jim', making his way across the Meadow is also a real loss to Bramley life. In his later years he regularly walked to and from the surgery, but in previous years he would be on the Meadow early on Summer mornings with his dog, who was probably the finest retriever of cricket balls from the ditch in this part of the County!

Having survived Storm Eunice, the Meadow is in fair shape so, as the days lengthen, do make the most of the Springtime and enjoy new growth, new colours and the new season.



### Bramley WI

Because of covid and the weather, the committee decided to hold its February meeting at lunch time instead of the evening.

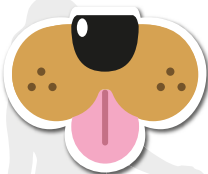
Members of the committee made soup with bread, and fruit crumbles and custard for desserts. It was a great success as some of us had not seen each other since the beginning of December, so we had a good old chat and laugh and held the usual raffle at the end.

Our March meeting was back to normal and we had a speaker by the name of David Woolford. David talked about his experience of receiving a double lung transplant at Papworth hospital 12 years ago. It changed his life from being an invalid pushed around in a wheelchair to becoming a husband, father and son, once again. He is now enjoying life with his family and cannot give enough thanks to the donor family. He recalled his false alarm trip and also his trip to Papworth in December 2009 to see if the donor lungs were a match. He could not believe how easy he found it to breathe again when he woke up after the operation. His life had been saved and he is forever thankful to a selfless act of giving.

Our next meeting is the Thursday after Easter at the usual time of 7.30pm


If anyone is interested in joining us please contact our Secretary Pat Cole on 88175. Hopefully we can now get back to normal and have our regular meetings.

**Jane Matthews**



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## A Story of wartime Love: Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Applewood resident Luigia O'Byrne

Luigia O'Byrne, who has been a resident of Applewood Care Home in Bramley for several years, celebrated her 100th birthday on 26th March.

She was born Luigia Dolia in Milan, Italy, in 1922, the eldest of four sisters. When the war broke out in 1939, the family moved from the city to the relative safety of the villages near Bardolino on Lake Garda. It was from there she recalled looking down on a convoy of German troops when shooting suddenly started. It was coming from Italian Partisans in the surrounding hills. Their house was in the crossfire, bullets entering but narrowly missing them.

"My mother never wanted to speak about it, until a few years back," said her son, Kevin, who lives in Silchester, "We'd chat as I made her dinner when she still lived at home, and she began to talk about the terrifying times she had lived through."

Luigia met her English husband, Denis, near Bardolino when British and US forces liberated Italy. When Denis returned home, they kept their romance alive by writing in French, letters now in the care of her son. They continued to write to each other for two years and Denis put in place the paperwork necessary for Luigia to come to England, naming him as her sponsor. Still relatively young, and with the war barely over, it was love that drove her to make the then difficult trip in 1947 following the death of Denis's father. She helped comfort and care for Denis's mother in the house they shared in Bristol.

"She told me how shocked she was to see the lines of people and the rationing, which was much worse here than it had been in Italy," her son recalls. "It was tough for her, being an Italian. There was a lot of prejudice, understandably perhaps. People didn't see why she should be in line with them, sharing the still scarce supplies, when Italy had been at war with us."

Denis and Luigia married in 1953 and Luigia became a British citizen in 1954. After the war, Denis worked in Customs & Excise at Bristol docks. When Heathrow was chosen for major development, Denis took up a post in Customs and Excise at the airport, and together they moved to Staines where their only son, Kevin, was born in 1956.

Before and during the war, Luigia had helped to run her father's small engineering business. "She told me how she would cycle miles across Milan, running errands for the business," says her son. "Her father's health was declining and so she had to take a lot of the burden on, from deliveries and doing the books, to operating the workshop machinery. It was how they made money to feed the family. Outwardly my mum has always been very soft-hearted and wouldn't say boo to a goose, but underneath she had a steely determination. I think it must have come from those years of keeping the family business going."

During their time in Staines, when Kevin was old enough for school, Luigia took a variety of jobs including a meat packer at Waitrose and in the butchery department at David Greig – two jobs she enjoyed for the friendships she made. "My mum adopted a kind of Ital-English. I think it endeared her to people, but it wasn't always easy to understand until you got to know her. It's as unique as she is."

They moved to Pamber Heath in 1993 to be closer to Kevin and his family, who had moved to Silchester the year



Luigia at Applewood Care Home



Luigia in 1945

before. Luigia's husband, Denis, died suddenly in 1996. She was supported by several good friends locally, and the communities of the Methodist church in Silchester and St Luke's in Pamber Heath, and she shared many coach trips away. She now has three grandsons, one living with his family in Bramley and two living in Silchester, and six great grandchildren.





**W**ell, **Storm Eunice** certainly made her presence felt back in February! These photos arrived too late for the March magazine but I thought it was worth sharing them as a reminder of the power of nature.

The first two photos were taken by Ray Morton and show a large oak tree snapped at the trunk, in a field between Bramley Corner and Boars Bridge. Surprisingly, it was not uprooted and the other three oaks survived.

Rhydian Vaughan was not so lucky. His 120 ft poplar tree was uprooted and did quite a bit of damage, as you can see in the third photo. Part of it blocked the road but, apparently, even that didn't slow down the traffic!

**Rachel Barclay Smith**



## Little Apples

Two years ago, I happily wrote our copy for the Bramley magazine without any realisation of how much the world was about to change.

As things are finally returning to some kind of normality, life at Little Apples is busier than ever. This is the first time in my 18 years here that we have been full for this current academic year by February half term. We are also seeing unprecedented interest in places for children for the academic year beginning September 2022 and it's lovely to feel the village coming to life again. Lots of our Little Apples completed our Spring Treasure Hunt during half term, enjoying exploring Bramley for their treasure. This sponsored event raised money for new resources for the children and we are grateful for their support.

The children at Little Apples are also enjoying looking out for the first signs



of spring and learning about new life and baby animals. Last week we celebrated World Book Day and lots of our children dressed up.

This week we are featuring The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have made beautiful caterpillar and butterfly crafts and learned about the life-cycle of butterflies. We also have puzzles and games focusing on this classic children's favourite.

Coming up we also have St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day before Easter,

so there's plenty to celebrate and learn about.

Soon we will begin to allocate sessions for next academic year, so please get in touch as soon as possible or visit our website [www.littleapples.org](http://www.littleapples.org) if you are interested in registering a child.

In line with Government policies for Early Years Education, Little Apples accepts all children from two years old. If you would like to register a child or pop in for a visit, please contact Jo on 07598 588460 or [manager@littleapples.org](mailto:manager@littleapples.org)



**C**an it really be 40 years since the **Falklands War? John Morley, Branch Development Member at the Royal British Legion, looks back at those historic events**

Forty years ago, on 2nd April 1982, Argentinian Special Forces invaded South Georgia and the Falkland Islands and claimed them for their country. Ownership of the islands was a diplomatic row which the UN had been urging Britain and Argentina to resolve since 1965. Argentina believed that as the islands were 8000 miles from the UK, Britain would not react other than through UN and diplomatic sources.

However, under Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a Task Force of 127 ships was assembled, about half of them being requisitioned merchant ships. This was the first time since 1945 that all elements of our armed forces, including special forces, had cooperated on a military endeavour. By 25 April, UK forces had retaken South Georgia and the battle for the Falkland Islands commenced.

As most will recall, battles were fought in some of the most difficult terrain imaginable and in the South Atlantic winter. 30,000 British sailors, soldiers and airmen were involved. 255 British servicemen and women were killed and about 1,000 seriously wounded, many with life-changing injuries. Some will remember Simon Weston CBE, so badly burnt when the RFA ship Sir Galahad was attacked. The conflict ended with the surrender of Argentinian forces on 14 June 1982.

The Royal British Legion, along with other military charities, has been at the forefront in providing welfare services, disablement aids and financial assistance to so many who went without hesitation to right a wrong perpetrated half a world away. To their number can be added casualties from the Gulf War in the 1990s, Afghanistan, Northern Ireland and other military engagements.

The RBL supports not only those in need who wear or have worn uniform but also their dependents. This is perhaps not as well-known as it should be. Some people think that the RBL only exists for two weeks each year to lead the Poppy Appeal - but we are working all through the year, raising funds and promoting the objects for which our charity exists: Comradeship, Representation, Welfare and Remembrance.

Come and show YOUR support! We have a lunchtime gathering on Tuesday 12 April at The Four Horseshoes pub in Sherfield on Loddon. It begins around 12 o'clock and there is a finger buffet. We hope to be joined by two of our county officers. No pressure, no obligation, just an opportunity to find out more about us!

**RBL Drop-In coffee mornings.**

These will continue in April meeting at Sherfield Coffee Shop on the first Wednesday each month (6 April, 4 May) and at The Pavilion, Clift Meadow, Bramley on the Third Wednesday of the month (20 April, 18 May). We're a friendly bunch and love a good conversation, so come and share the hospitality of our table!



**A Tree of Hope**

The war in Ukraine and all the associated suffering can cause us to feel overwhelmed. St James' Church is open every day (10am to 5pm) for people to spend a quiet moment, to reflect or to pray. There is a small area at the front of the church where you can add your thoughts or prayers to a 'prayer tree'. Outside, we have a tree of hope on which you can tie a yellow, blue or white ribbon to remember all those caught up in the conflict, both in Ukraine, Russia and beyond. The ribbons are in a box in the church porch, which is open 24 hours a day.



The Tree of Hope



The prayer tree inside church

## How Is Your Mood?

That is a question I was asked a few years ago by a doctor, in a consultation about something that I have now forgotten. 'Oh, it's OK, you know...' I probably said, having never thought about it until that moment. The question popped back into my head recently. I am writing this in the middle of March and you won't be reading this until early April, so all of the following may very well have changed by then.

Here is what is in my head today, regarding the state of the world. We have been suffering a Covid pandemic that has ravaged the populations of the world for the last two years. My family and I have been relatively unscathed, but the stories of suffering during those two years have been relentless. At this moment we can see a faint light at the end of the tunnel. But as someone wiser than me once said, when you see a light at the end of the tunnel, it could just be a grizzly bear with a head torch\* coming for you. That in itself is enough to put a damper on your mood.

And now, even the continuing story of the pandemic has been overshadowed by the events in Ukraine. It had to be something pretty horrible to push Covid off the main headlines, but the Russian invasion of Ukraine, with all the senseless killing of civilians as well as the soldiers of both sides, has done just that. I defy anyone to look at the news every day and not find their own mood drifting towards a feeling of despair at the state of the world.

How does this all affect us here in Bramley? Well, judging by the comments on social media, the main preoccupation of people is with the price of fuel, for vehicles now and for our gas and electricity in April, when the price cap is raised. I know that this is a big thing for people here, but I sat and thought about it a little. When we compare our fuel price issues with the trauma of people whose houses have been reduced to rubble, and who are fleeing with whatever they can transport to a potentially uncertain future in other countries, I think a sense of perspective is required. Yes, it will be a difficult few months for us, but for Ukrainians it will be so much more devastating. We will manage but they will need help.

The Home Office is currently working to launch a Humanitarian Sponsorship scheme that will be the main route for Ukrainian refugees to gain entry to the UK. St James' Church in Bramley



Ukrainian Refugees

is signing up to the scheme as I write. This is not a scheme to house refugees - that will be the Government's responsibility. It is about being willing to be the Community Sponsor for a refugee family; for example, to meet them at the airport, befriend them, and help them access services and support as they settle in or near the parish. Just think of what help you would hope to receive if you suddenly had to move to a totally different environment in another country.

And strangely, when I read of this, my mood lifted. There is hope in the world even at the darkest times, and we have the opportunity to help others who, through no fault of their own,

find themselves displaced from their previous lives. I will be hoping to do whatever I can if the opportunity arises here in Bramley. And I recently read this short sentence in the Bible:

*Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews, chapter 13 verse 2).*

You never know...

\* Well obviously a grizzly bear can't hold a torch in its paw: it needs to keep all its paws free for you!

**Michael Luck**



Pysanka and krashenka Ukrainian decorated eggs

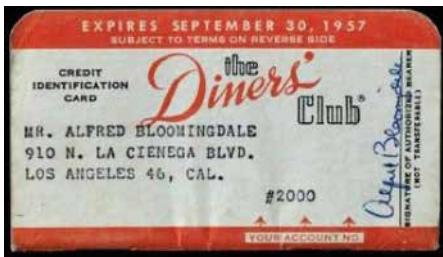
**P**aul Flint explains how Probus learned to Play their Cards Right after a talk from Bramley resident and magazine contributor, Michael Luck.



The phrase, “Not a lot of people know that!”, which is generally attributed to, but denied, by the actor Sir Michael Caine, could be

applied to some of the information that came from the talk at the latest meeting of the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

Michael Luck, an expert in card payments systems, spoke about the history of credit cards and how their security has changed over the years with advancing technology. One fact that instantly connects to the phrase above was that a pin number, used to confirm the user, is not seen by the bank when making a payment but stays within the chip on your card.



The first on the scene was the Diners Card in 1950, followed by the American Express card in 1958, both of which were printed on cardboard. This goes some way to explain why they are still called cards, even though they are now made of plastic. Amex changed to a plastic card with embossed lettering in 1959. These two early ones were in fact charge cards in that the full amount had to be paid off each month.



Probus' David Wickens (left) and Michael Luck

Barclaycard arrived in the late 1960s with a credit card as we know them today. Zip-Zap imprinters used three-part payment slips which the user had to sign.

The magnetic strip, as seen today, was introduced in 1970 and contains the name, card number, expiry date and some other data. Point of Sale electronic terminals, introduced in the 1980s and used to swipe the magnetic strip, were considered secure as there were no computer viruses and hackers in those days. The latest chips contain even more information which means that, in all probability, the magnetic strip will eventually vanish.

It was the French, in 1975, who developed the use of a chip placed on the reverse of the card while it took until the early 2000s for the Safeway supermarket chain to become the first in the UK to use this technology.



Contactless cards were introduced into the UK in 2008 and had very slow acceptance as people were concerned that if their wallet was close to a terminal, a payment just might be actioned. Young people, as

with many technological advances, saw the ease of use, especially when in May 2011, the restaurant chain McDonald's introduced this no signature required system. With most of their sales transactions below £20 this was seen as a great benefit by the company and today they have one of the most sophisticated card payment programmes in the world.

The Covid pandemic saw the rest of the UK rapidly come to accept this system, especially when the maximum limit was raised to £100. However, this also brought about increased fraudulent activity if a card was stolen, because no signature was needed.

What next, you wonder? The future has arrived and as banks and retailers boost their security systems, customers will now be sent a code by their bank, to enter online or at a terminal in a retail establishment, as proof that they are the card holder. This is called Strong Customer Authentication (SCA). This will not happen on every occasion, perhaps one in four, but if a retailer is not ready for the new process there could be times when a card is declined.

Some retailers are already using this system when large values are involved or when a customer uses a web site for the first time. There is a problem that a user might be confused as not all banks use the same criteria. PayPal is included and Apple Pay already use a code, fingerprint or facial recognition to approve the payment.

If there weren't so many dishonest people in the world these changes to the security systems would be unnecessary, but the banks are doing their best to ensure that only you access your money.

[www.probusbasingstoke.club](http://www.probusbasingstoke.club)

## Local Homeless Produce Stunning Artwork

Local homeless clients have produced stunning artwork in collaboration with a local artist. The painting entitled 'Looking through the window' was produced over several months by clients at The Camrose Centre, as part of the artWell project run by artistic director Corinne Marsh. The project aims to empower people through creativity, and Corinne helps those taking part to develop their creative skills, to build confidence and believe in themselves.

Camrose clients were given the option to be involved with the project if they wished. By taking part, the creative process often evoked particular thoughts or memories, and enabled them to talk about their lives, their backgrounds, their challenges.

Corinne Marsh said “Each flower is a favourite flower and represents a person who made this work. The finished piece delights in its lightness and brightness, its sense of hope and potential. It has been my great privilege to work with each person, bringing their ideas together and enabling them to make their ideas a reality and something to be proud of.”

The artWell project is sponsored by The Mayors Community Chest and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.



**County Councillor  
Devolved Grant Scheme**

This grant scheme enables County Councillors to support local initiatives within their Divisions.

For the financial year 21/22 I have given financial support to the following:

- Stratfield Saye – Traffic calming
- Sherborne St John – School play track
- Mortimer West End – Car park bollards
- Bramley – Clift Meadow Trust ground maintenance
- Little London – Speed indicator device
- Sherfield on Loddon – Car park EV charger
- Monk Sherborne – Union Flag
- Hannington – Union Flag
- Silchester – Village sign refurbishment
- Pamber – Strimmer
- Monk Sherborne – Adult outdoor exercise kit
- Mortimer West End – Church Ground maintenance
- Sherfield on Loddon – Christmas Reindeer Trail
- Stratfield Saye – Wild flower meadow start-up
- Bramley magazine – Contingency fund
- Hampshire County Youth Orchestra – Overseas concert tour
- Sherborne St John – A340 speed survey

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- are 60 or over (you must show proof of age to the pharmacist)
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- are under 16. You must show proof to the pharmacist



- are still in full-time education and aged 16 to 18. You must show proof to the pharmacist
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- are a prisoner
- are pregnant or have had a baby in the last 12 months and have a valid exemption certificate. This includes if you have had a miscarriage after the 24th week of pregnancy, or your baby was stillborn
- have got a community care order and you are expected to take medication for the treatment of your mental disorder

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**Update from the Force  
Crime Prevention Team**

**WhatsApp Scam**

Scammers using WhatsApp are posing as family members in order to manipulate people into transferring money. Scammers pretend they have a new number, and then go on to say they are having some sort of difficulty e.g. their bank’s app isn’t working on the new phone or they have some urgent payments they need help with. If victims try to call them they say the microphone is broken or they can’t talk right now.

“Hi Mum I’ve dropped my phone down the toilet but have managed to borrow one.”

“Hi dad I’ve lost my phone, please can you save this as my new number?”

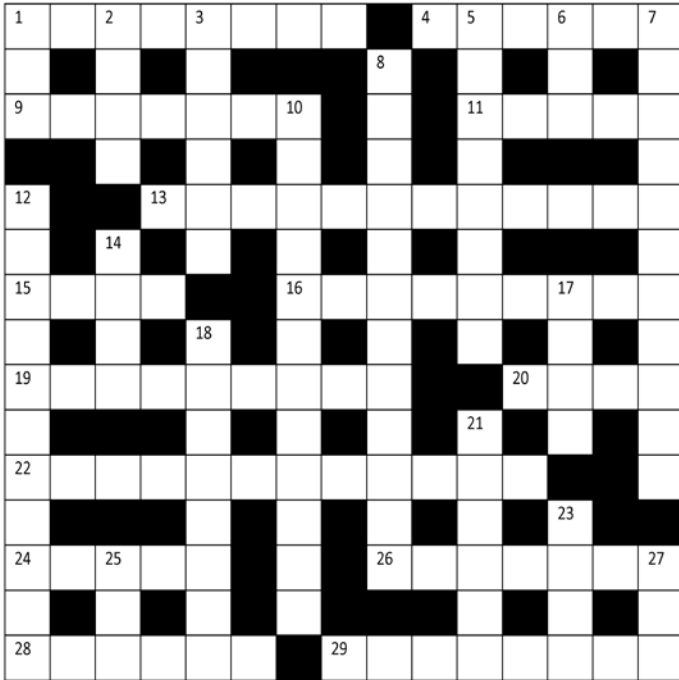
**Advice from the Fraud  
Safeguarding Protect Officer**

- Always contact the family member or friend (try their original number as well) to check the request is genuine before sending money.
- Confirm with them in person or on the phone to ensure that the account details are correct.

- If you are suspicious, ask a question that only your family member could answer.
- Scammers will often give excuses as to why you shouldn’t transfer it to the family/friends account details you already have for them.
- Even if the message wording and spelling sounds like them, always conduct these extra checks to be sure.
- If you are unsure on a transaction made, please contact your bank immediately.

**Cryptic Crossword No: 57**

See page 31 for the answers.



**Across**

- 1 Mare I can associate with a continent. (8)
- 4 Record and preserve create a holdup. (6)
- 9 Fought the french dust arrangement. (7)
- 11 Pinky number perhaps. (5)
- 13 At noon, shone our confusion making statement. (2,4,6)
- 15 State of steak not seen very often. (4)
- 16 Fall barren as does laundry process. (9)
- 19 MP cries that is to say, not exact. (9)
- 20 Turnover to sound like actor's part. (4)
- 22 Castle modern to stay ahead. (4,4,4)
- 24 Made a mistake on hearing clothes being ventilated. (5)
- 26 Measure limb for spar end. (7)
- 28 Backward dresser bashed swords. (6)
- 29 He'd tired in circumspect and hesitated. (8)

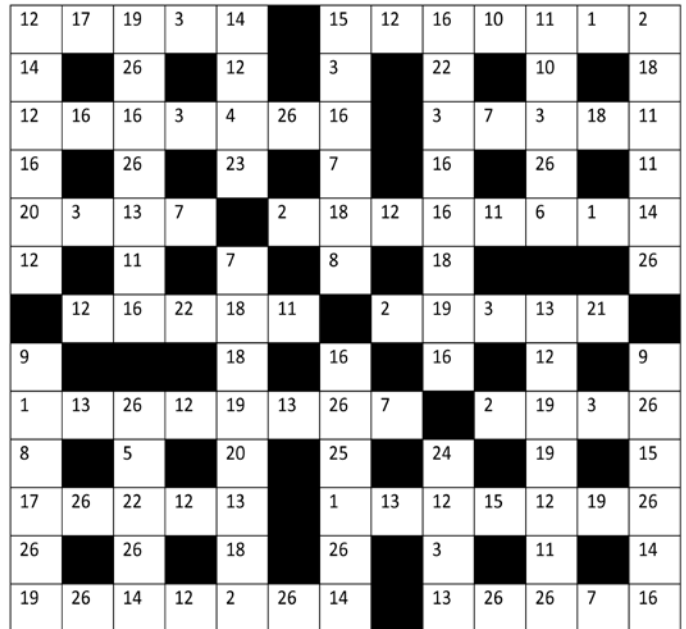
**Down**

- 1 Antique dealer hid insect. (3)
- 2 Simple economic and so you initially. (4)

- 3 Obedient and straight. (6)
- 5 Africa or Europe perhaps sounding like an ageing planet. (3,5)
- 6 Container to follow Toby possibly. (3)
- 7 Let Cleo cry most for want of vehicles. (11)
- 8 Central time of year. (12)
- 10 Tod's turbo din flies in the face of this instruction. (2,3,7)
- 12 Broadcast affliction for flight complaint. (11)
- 14 Let go of the wound rope. (4)
- 17 Do Omani Rials carry such a fate. (4)
- 18 To confuse, bud fled around. (8)
- 21 Stiffener charts a way around. (6)
- 23 Just blonde. (4)
- 25 Steal a name perhaps. (3)
- 27 Dirt made under dangerous conditions firstly. (3)

**CodeWord No: 43**

See page 31 for the answers.



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

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### Butter Daisy Nursery

We are very lucky at Butter Daisy Nursery to have a cook who makes some lovely meals, and also runs a baking club with the children. Each month the children explore different foods and this month we are looking forward to learning about leeks. Children in the Toddler Suite also recently made their own pinwheels - the best part was eating them!

We celebrated Pancake Day in style this month. We have been using Kidslingo for extracurricular activities with our Pre-School, which is a Spanish language learning activity using Makaton to help children understand it. The children learned how to say 'pancake' in Spanish, as well as different names for toppings. Children in the Toddler Suite enjoyed choosing their toppings and independently putting them on their pancakes using spoons and pouring skills.

At Butter Daisy we continue to offer a programme of professional development for our colleagues. Jenny Taylor, one of our Senior Educators, has recently completed a Speech Sounds and Cued Articulation course. Jenny has shared her learnings with the rest of the team, which has impacted the communication skills support we give to children. We offer a language group in which children build on their essential skills for now and the future. Our colleagues are really creative with these sessions, making

them fun and interesting by focusing on, for example, space themes or by basing learning on the children's favourite books.

Though Butter Daisy Nursery is proving very popular, we continue to give tours to parents. If you are interested in joining us please do make contact for a tour. Our email address is [butter@mydaisynursery.com](mailto:butter@mydaisynursery.com)



### The Priory

Mental wellbeing at The Priory Primary school this year has been a 'never more important' concern. The global pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine and life as a child in an increasingly fast-paced world, are all hardships that our children need to contend with.

The Priory has developed an action plan for introducing ways to promote mental harmony, positivity and resilience amongst the students. One physical project that has recently come to fruition is the development of our school sensory garden. The construction of this tranquil garden has been strategically placed next to our playground, so children can take some time out of their busy day to relax and take stock. With a generous donation from the school's PTA, we were able to construct the sensory garden and begin to equip it with a range of materials. Mr Charlie Best, one of our school parents, was responsible for the creation of the garden area



and he has done a marvellous job. Our next steps will be for our gardening club to plant a range of herbs in the planters and create a garden that will inspire the senses. We will also be equipping the garden with wind chimes and other materials designed to offer our pupils peace of mind and a sense of calm.

We will update you as The Priory Primary Sensory Garden takes further shape.



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**St Michael's Hospice celebrates 30 years and thanks the community who sustains it**



This year marks 30 years since St. Michael's Hospice started seeing patients on Aldermaston Road.

The Hospice has always been funded by the local community and St. Michael's think the community should be celebrating the role it has played in maintaining this vital service. To remember the extraordinary ways in which the community has kept the Hospice going, the Hospice is launching its anniversary with an appeal for stories. Do you have a story to share about care you or a loved one received?

Stories like Sharon Fryer's. *My mum was in the Hospice 30 years ago, when you first opened, and were brand new. I can remember the smell of the new carpets. You were all so kind and nothing was ever too much trouble. Susan Pearce was 49 and spent almost a month in your care. She had ovarian cancer and we sadly lost her on 29th August 1992. All your staff were amazing and you couldn't do enough for us as a family. I was 22 when my dear Mum passed in the Hospice but I know how safe mum felt in your care.*



Susan Pearce



Hillary De Ferranti - digging the first turf



Some of the first nurses at St Michael's Hospice

Sue O'Flinn, Communications Manager at the Hospice, believes that telling these stories is the perfect way to connect the community to the extraordinary difference it has made to the lives of its neighbours. "We are sure that everyone is connected some way, they may know someone who has had our care, may have worn a crazy hairstyle for Mad Hair Day or brought in donations to a store," said Sue. "We are really excited to be celebrating this anniversary. It gives us an opportunity to look back and reflect on how far



St Michael's Hospice, providing care for 30 years

we have come but also to share with the community where St. Michael's is heading as we expand our services."

"This year we plan to make our Hospice at Home service 24/7, further reducing strain on hospital services and allowing people to stay at home where they are most comfortable. We plan to expand our Day Services to support patients and their families earlier in their diagnosis, helping them with their symptoms but

also allowing them to grow support networks with other patients" said Iain Cameron, Chief Executive.

If you have a tale to tell, get in touch at [stmichaelsospice.org.uk/30th-anniversary/](http://stmichaelsospice.org.uk/30th-anniversary/) or by email at [sue.oflinn@stmichaelsospice.org.uk](mailto:sue.oflinn@stmichaelsospice.org.uk).



**I**t may be April, but will the hawthorn be in bloom when you read this, wonders **John Stubbs**. Maybe too early?

A fairly well-known presenter of TV nature documentaries points out that we, all human life that is, depend entirely on plants – in that sense, plants include fungi. Way back, they produced the oxygen that we breathe, the food that we eat, the warmth and the shelter that are essential. And, in truth, they possibly don't now have the kudos that they consequently deserve, even with their own TV series. Perhaps the main present-day image of trees as our benefactors is their value in capturing carbon – but they can multi-task probably better than any other living thing.

Here in Bramley you can see the oaks, lime, ash and chestnuts standing tall: but look more closely and you'll find a whole lot of hawthorns doing all sorts of things, all round the village. They make boundary hedges with built-in 24-hour security features, they'll be windbreaks, sight screens, animal shelters, decorative trees, caterpillar restaurants, pollen and nectar provisioners, and free-at-point-of-delivery bird feeders. Low maintenance, long-lived, self-healing and ever-changing through the seasons: it's no accident there are plenty around.

Both literally and figuratively, the hawthorn has been woven into countryside lore. Most common trees collect the occasional legend or myth, good or bad, sometimes both, over the millennia. Inevitably tales and stories formed a great part of rural day-to-day culture: what wood's best for strength, which burns well, which can be poisonous, and so on. Before there were dodgy websites in which to find your misinformation, stuff was picked up and passed on by rote, word of mouth, and tradition. There might have been a sort of natural selection of local knowledge and remedies – if they didn't come up to expectations, presumably they tended to fade away: this process appears less prevalent lately. And in the case of hawthorn, it really doesn't seem to have worked that way. You might expect a bit of ambivalence – hedging their bets, as it were: but in this case they seem more like polar opposites, associations with both sanctity and depravity. There are literally hundreds, many pre common-



era, legends adapted and changed to accommodate new beliefs.

Much of such lore has an association with faerie life, in particular in the case of the lone, ancient hawthorn tree by a well or spring. This would be a portal to their world: fall asleep there and you may wake seven years later, not a day older. A piece of cloth might be hung nearby; as it rotted, so the illness or woes of the supplicant should fade. The process has become less reliable with modern synthetic materials, as they can last so long, and modern medicines might now be preferred. If that's all the treatment there was, though, fine – it would have been more sensible than casual vaccine avoidance. The hawthorn tree is jealously guarded by its spirits – cut it down at your peril. In Northern Ireland, despite warnings from the locals, DeLorean cleared away a lone hawthorn tree when building their sports car factory: that just goes to show what can happen.

Written at the beginning of the twentieth century, William Clift's book refers to Bramley Maying on the green, the annual event that was sort of replaced by Easter and Whitsun, these being a bit more civilised. Originally a pagan event associated with fertility and Beltane: not just dancing round the maypole but also the sporting of the Green Man, the King of May. The hawthorn, or may tree, would be decorated and boughs of blossom paraded. Such cut flowers, though taken only after asking the tree's

permission, should never be allowed inside a home: that would likely bring illness or death. The blooms' scents reminded people of plague deaths, and it has since been found that they carry some of the sort of rotting meat perfumed chemicals that insect-eating plants use to bait their fly traps.

It always seems a bit implausible that a maypole should be made from a may tree. They just don't do a straight trunk – not one a human could dance underneath, anyway. The wood, however, is reputedly quite serviceable for despatching vampires, and apparently it's the preferred material for the main seating spar of a witch's broom: I guess the thorns would be carefully removed before commissioning. Maids are advised to bathe in the dew from a may tree in springtime – guaranteeing both strength and beauty for a year.

We'll soon be welcoming may blossom, a mass of delicate pink and white flowers along the hedgerows. The very similar blackthorn blooms first, before showing its leaves, then follows the hawthorn, after their leaf buds open. The timing is not going to be so precise, though, as it used to be. Many plants are waking a good month earlier in the year than of yore, so we probably won't have to wait until the Merry Merry Month – the blackthorn was in bloom late in February this year. First they changed from the Julian calendar, then they changed the blooming climate.



Gill Brown



Jacqueline Kendal



Anna Burdett

## Employment Law Tips For Start-Up Businesses

Starting a new business is an exciting time, but if you are planning to take on an employee, there are various laws, rules and regulations that you should be aware of.

Before recruiting it is important to make sure your business premises are safe and fit for purpose and that you are adequately insured for public liability and also for employer's liability.

An employment contract exists as soon as an applicant accepts your offer of employment even if the contract is only verbal.

It is a must to have a written employment contract at the start of employment to ensure that both you and the employee are clear about what you expect of each other.

There are legal obligations placed on all employers including notice periods, the right to be paid the minimum or living wage, rights in respect of holiday pay and sick pay, breaks, pension provision and rights to time off. Checking the employees right to work in the UK before the employee starts work is also a strict legal obligation.

The rights to time off include such statutory rights as flexible working, parental leave, dependant leave,

maternity, paternity, adoptive and shared parental leave. As an employer you must familiarise yourself with these matters which protect the rights of the employee as well as your obligations in respect of pay during these absences.

You will also need to consider policies and procedures that you will wish to rely on later such as grievance, capability and disciplinary procedures.

If hiring self-employed people initially you also need to be aware that if they are not employees but are workers, then they will still have certain rights including an obligation for you to pay them holiday pay and in some cases sick pay. Even workers hired through an agency acquire the right to be treated in some respects the same as employees after 12 weeks in the business.

Employment law is complex and is constantly changing, with many potentially expensive pitfalls for the unsuspecting. It is imperative that you seek the advice of an Employment law specialist, such as Gill Brown, Jacqueline Kendal or Anna Burdett at a very early stage so that you do things correctly from the outset.

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## BDDF - Basingstoke & District Disability Forum – your local disabled adult charity

### Activities

All free and include walking groups (Thursdays); monthly in person Cuppa & Chat; monthly Chronic Pain Support Group meetings; and weekly mobility improving seated yoga (both online and face to face).

### Disability Awareness Day

Will be held at Basingstoke's Malls shopping centre on 1 April 2022. This event is an opportunity to gain information, support and advice on disability related subjects from local organisations, businesses and government departments.

### Do you have a disability related question and don't know which way to turn?

BDDF have extensive signposting information. We can point you in the direction of the service or local organisation who will be able to help. We also offer 1-2-1 in-person sessions to give us time to listen to and understand your needs so that we can better assist you.

### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING FOR FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP

**Scottish Country Dancing** can now be enjoyed at the **Sherborne St John Village Hall**. The group meets on Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30pm, until the end of June. New dancers, beginners and experienced are welcome to join us for a free trial evening, any week. Contact us through our website [www.tadleysd.wixsite.com/tadleysd](http://www.tadleysd.wixsite.com/tadleysd) or just call in one evening. Dress is informal, flat soled shoes are best for dancing and as it's usual to change partners with each dance, it doesn't matter if you come alone. You will be made to feel welcome and helped to learn the few steps and formations that you need to join in with the dancing. The Sherborne St John Hall has a superb sprung beech dance floor. Outside there is plenty of parking space.

**Get Fitter.** Research shows that dancing, and particularly Scottish Country Dancing, is one of the best forms of activity for keeping the body active and the mind alert. It can reduce the risk of osteoporosis and help prevent or complement the treatment of serious and chronic conditions.

**Reduce Your Stress Levels.** It's known that regular exercise increases the chemicals in the brain, notably serotonin, which improves mood and so can reduce stress, anxiety and depression. As well as an increased sense of confidence and general happiness, a link has been established between dancing and a lowered risk of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia compared to other forms of exercise.

**Boost Your Social Life.** Scottish Country Dancing is very sociable with a great sense of enjoyment. It is an activity suitable for all ages and levels of ability and fitness. Also, it is an ideal way of meeting people and making new friends. As well as bringing a wealth of physical health benefits, studies show that regular participation in Scottish Country Dancing leads to positive self-esteem, overall good health and longevity.

**Valerie Gardner**

### Scarecrow Trail

Our third family fun event will take place around Chineham, Sherfield Park and North Binfields on 28 May to 5 June. Buy a map and follow the trail to see wonderful historical themed scarecrows. Visit Christ Church, Chineham on Saturday 28 May - there will also be a community café, face painting and raffle. On Sunday 29 May at Sherfield Park Community Centre, other local charities will be joining us with plenty of fun activities.

### Volunteer opportunities

We have two spaces on our Trustee Board and are looking for a signpost service assistant. If you have time to offer and care about making Basingstoke a more inclusive place for people affected by disability, do consider joining us.

### Keep in touch

As well as following BDDF on social media, or visiting our website at [www.bddf.org.uk](http://www.bddf.org.uk), you can sign up to be a free member to receive our regular newsletter detailing our latest events and services and invitations to members' events.

### BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY'S SPRING CONCERT

Come and hear us perform Carl Orff's rousing *Carmina Burana*, one of the most dramatic and popular choral works of our times. Basingstoke Choral Society is combining with Croydon Philharmonic Choir and the choir of St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Oxted, to sing at Fairfield Halls, South London's largest arts centre, in the heart of Croydon, on Saturday 2nd April, at 7.30 pm.

The choirs will be joined by Docklands Sinfonia, a young and pioneering orchestra that has become a major cultural force in London's Docklands and which has enjoyed incredible success since its inception in 2009. Previous performances include playing for the Queen at Buckingham Palace, with Grammy-award winner Imogen Heap at the Royal Albert Hall and broadcasts on the BBC Radio 3 and BBC1. As well as accompanying the choirs, the orchestra will play the evocative *Rhapsody in Blue* by George Gershwin.

Completing the repertoire is Constant Lambert's enchanting jazz-age *The Rio Grande* for choir and orchestra, based on a poem by Sacheverell Sitwell. This is sure to be an exciting and enthralling evening, not to be missed!

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### PLAY CROQUET!

Croquet: six hoops, four balls, some mallets and a patch of grass. Sounds easy enough? However, croquet is a game of skill and strategy, angles, tactics and guile. A bit like snooker on grass. It is enjoyable at all levels and you don't need to be an athlete to play it.

Free open days on Saturday 14 May and Sunday 15 May 2022. Just turn up any time between 10am and 2pm. Equipment will be provided, just wear casual comfortable clothes and flat shoes.

We are in Howard Park off St Andrews Road in South Ham. Please see our website: [www.basingstokecroquet.co.uk](http://www.basingstokecroquet.co.uk)

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

<b>Tuesdays</b>	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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

<b>Wednesdays</b>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Thursdays</b>	
<i>Bramley &amp; Romans Floral Society 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Lynden School of Dance &amp; 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

<b>Fridays</b>	
<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

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

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

**Do you have a listing on this page? If so, please can you check that the details are correct and let me have the timings if they are missing. Any corrections or additions can be emailed to [editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk](mailto:editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk)**

**THANK YOU**

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Cross House	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
Village Hall	Catriona Hayward	07464 749997	Bookings@bvht.org.uk	Bookings
School Hall	Alison Tarrant	881339		
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Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
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Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
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Classical Pilates	Naomi		naomi@nbkpilates.co.uk	
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Clift Meadow Youth Football (Loddon Sports)	Chris Stevens	07782 325094	loddonfcsecretary@outlook.com	
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Guides	Ailsa Stockwell	07584 676931		
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Kickboxing	Leigh Bushnell	07730 678049	wkmabikma@gmail.com	
Little Apples	Jo Whatley & Sian Davies	07598 588460	manager@littleapples.org	
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Lynden School of Dance & Gymnastics	Charlotte	07717 803080		
Mother & Toddler group	Christine Delve	07739 763618		
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Pilates	Heather Lewis	07785 254313	hsfitnessuk@mac.com	
Pilates	Kelly James	07789 487499	kkellyjames@aol.com	
Pilates (WG Pilates)	Wendy Gill	07961 102535	wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk	
Royal British Legion	Rhydian Vaughan	07774 681516		
Short Mat Bowls	John & Pauline Walker	881065		
Side by Side Dog Training	Carolann Dyson	07779 121440	sidebysidedogtraining@gmail.com www.sidebyside-dogtraining.co.uk	Bookings
St Stephen's Hall	Doreen Quilter	850394	doreen.quilter@btinternet.com	Bookings
Tennis (Clift Meadow)	Simon	07904 340004		
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If you would like to arrange a talk or a visit for either scheme, either go to our website <https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk/bobby-scheme-choice/> or email the team at [info@bluelamptrust.org.uk](mailto:info@bluelamptrust.org.uk) or call 0300 777 0157

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OLDORLD	5	DIGIT	11
JUG	6	ONONESHONOUR	13
MOTORCYCLES	7	RARE	15
MIDSUMMERTAY	8	TUMBLEDRY	16
DONOTDISTURB	10	IMPRECISE	19
AIRSICKNESS	12	ROLL	20
DROP	14	KEEPUPTODATE	22
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### CodeWord No: 43 Solution

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