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John and Ann Lenton, taken by their
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Sometimes, when there is a special national event such as a Royal Wedding or the World Cup, newspapers devote pages and pages to it. The reader will be directed to pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12 for further reports and analysis. And if you are very lucky there will be a special pull-out supplement or a souvenir magazine. Well, it is the same with the Bramley Magazine this month. It may not exactly be a national event, but I make no apology for devoting pages 8, 9, 15 – 18 to a very special couple, John and Ann Lenton, who are leaving Bramley this month, after ten years serving the community.

Even if you are not a regular church goer you have probably seen John and Ann out and about: at the school, visiting the care homes, helping at the Summer Fete. They have touched many aspects of our lives. The children at Bramley Primary School know them as part time actors in the Open the Book assemblies (where John seems to relish playing the bad guys!), young couples know John for his sound advice and marriage preparation, much of it no doubt gleaned from his loving 53-year marriage to Ann. Dog lovers will have seen the couple walking one of the three dogs they have owned during their years at the vicarage, and if you have ever won a prize at the Bramley Show it is very likely that John presented you with your cup. Even if you haven't met them, many of you will have enjoyed Ann's soups and curries at the village fete or marvelled at her ability to cater for vast numbers of hungry people without breaking a sweat. From cream teas to three-course dinners, canapés to cinnamon rolls - she has kept us well fed over the years.

So, in celebration of John and Ann's time with us (and to cause them as much embarrassment as possible!) we have a special pull-out supplement of quotes and pictures. It could have been much longer than four pages but I had to make room for all the other things that have been happening recently. Bramley School has been co-ordinating a community-wide effort to supply food hampers during the pandemic and you can read about this on page 10. The Parish Council celebrate more volunteers in their report on page 12, while we have updates from the Village Hall and Clift Meadow on pages 11 and 19. There is also news of a fete in September and a 12-hour organ marathon at the end of May.

Finally, I must apologise for all the typos and poor punctuation that will no doubt litter this month's magazine. Even if you have never met John Lenton, you will have benefitted from his excellent proof-reading skills. He spots the mistakes and the missing semicolons that I and many others miss. However, because I wanted this issue to be a surprise, I didn't send him the proof to check, so there will be many errors that go uncorrected. Sorry John, you will have to turn a blind eye to those this month!

Best wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

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Church diary for May...

- 2nd** **5th Sunday of Easter**
 9:00 Matins (BCP) – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom
- 9th** **6th Sunday of Easter**
 ** John Lenton’s last Sunday **
 9:00 Holy Communion – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom
- 16th** **7th Sunday of Easter**
 9:00 Morning Worship – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom
- 23rd** **Pentecost Sunday**
 9:00 Morning Worship – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom
- 30th** **Trinity Sunday**
 9:00 Morning Worship – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom

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- 6th** **1st Sunday after Trinity**
 9:00 Matins (BCP) – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom
- 13th** **2nd Sunday after Trinity**
 9:00 Holy Communion – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom
- 20th** **3rd Sunday after Trinity**
 9:00 Holy Communion – St James’s Church
 9:00 Shell Club – Cross House
 10:30 Virtual Service on Zoom

Notes: Even though restrictions are easing it is still important that for in-person Church Services, you need to book in with Steve Day, the Parish Administrator. This is to ensure the numbers do not go over our capacity restrictions due to social distancing and allows us to remain COVID Secure.

To attend the Zoom services for the first time, please contact Steve in order to be added to our email distribution list, which will provide you with the Zoom connection details. Steve can be contacted on 07341 552732 or by email on Crosshousebramley@gmail.com.

The following services will also be taking place during May in our neighbouring churches. See www.stleonardschurch.co.uk for further details They will be both in-person and streamed, **except** where noted. This assumes that Covid19 restrictions don't force any further changes:

- 2nd** 10:00 Holy Communion at St Leonard’s, Sherfield-on-Loddon (SoL)
 10:00 Family Service at St Mary’s, Stratfield Saye
 6:30pm Evensong at St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall - NOT via Zoom
- 7th** 4:30pm Messy Church, via Zoom (to be confirmed)
- 9th** 10:00 Morning Worship at St Leonard’s, SoL
- 16th** 10:00 Holy Communion at St Leonard’s, SoL
 6:30pm Evensong at St Mary’s, Hartley Wespall - NOT via Zoom
- 23rd** 11:00 Together in Worship at St Leonard’s, SoL in celebration of The Revd Stephen Ball’s ministry in the Benefice. The Bishop of Basingstoke, The Rt Revd David Williams will be in attendance.
- 30th** 10:00 Holy Communion at St Leonard’s, SoL



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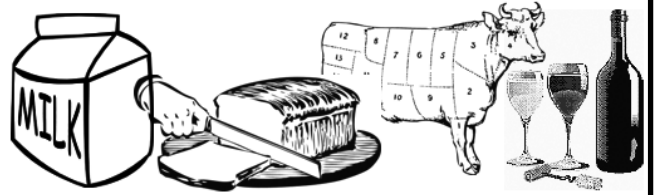
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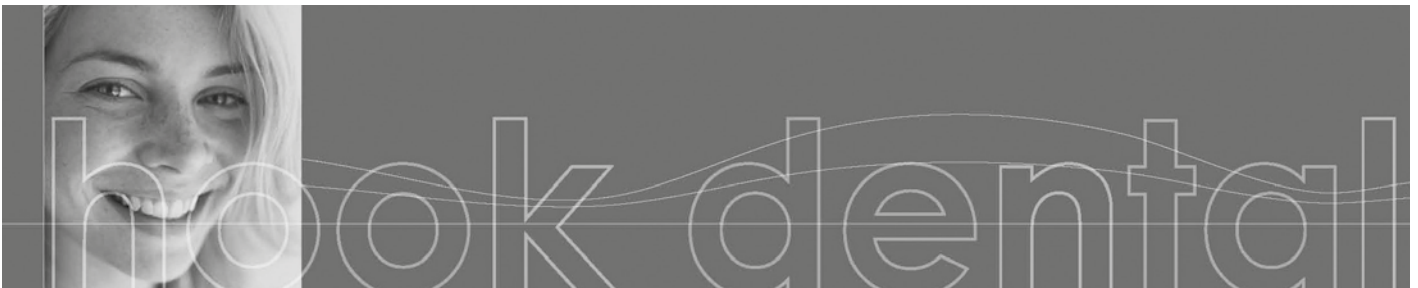
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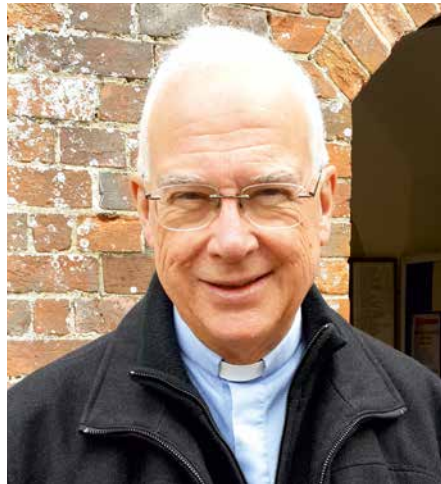
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It's an odd mixture of feelings, as I write those two little words, *On Reflection*, at the top of my blank page for the very last time before I retire next month.

On the one hand, it'll be great, as my deadline of the 15th of the month approaches, not to have to try to figure out how I'm going to fill that blank page this month, not to have to appeal to wife and friends and colleagues to give me an idea, not to have to sit staring at the computer screen, praying for an inspiration. But on the other hand, writing it has been a good outlet for that kind of "thinking aloud" that happens when you let your mind wander free around the various preoccupations of the day. Once I get an idea, a topic – perhaps an inspiration in answer to that desperate prayer – I find the rest of the process, the writing bit, fairly easy. I enjoy writing, and I type reasonably quickly, though not terribly accurately, so it's not a huge hardship. On the whole, I shall probably miss that monthly discipline... but not too much.

Writing this little column has given me a bit of a glimpse of what it must be like for a journalist writing a regular column for a daily newspaper. There's real job satisfaction in creating something of your own, even though a journalist is always aware that today's brilliant insight is tomorrow's fish and chips wrapping; I'm always conscious that today's *On Reflection* is tomorrow's liner for the cat litter tray. But I have to admit that it is nice when I bump into someone around the village and they say, "Enjoyed your article this month, John!" I had an email the other day from someone about wedding banns and she said at the end of her email that she always found my articles 'very interesting and thought-provoking'. How wonderful, to be able to give someone food for thought!



Rev'd John Lenton

Over the course of my time here in Bramley, I've written over 100 of these columns, the first of them in February 2011 for the March edition of the Bramley Magazine. Over the course of the first year, I changed it from being a kind of pastoral letter to people in Bramley and Little London to being more in the nature of a newspaper column. I first called it "*On Reflection*" back in February 2012, when I wrote: "*In last month's Bramley Magazine, the Editors gave my contribution the series title "From the Vicarage", which is a pleasant and comfortable phrase... but feels just a bit too "More tea, Vicar?" for my taste. So I thought I might re-title it, and call it "On Reflection..."*", which tries to capture my two aims: to write brief reflections on things that interest me – and, I hope, other people – and also that it might help us all do what Paul wrote about in his second letter to people in Corinth: "We, who... all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory..." I hope that these scribblings might in some way also help us all reflect something of the Lord's glory." I still feel the same way: I'm very glad I took the plunge and changed the title. It took a few months for me to stop signing it off with salutations like "Yours affectionately, John", but eventually I dropped that in October 2012, and it became simply a column.

If you're a regular reader, you'll know that I always aim to bring in a Bible thought or two which are relevant to the points I've been making. Obviously, in this last piece, I wouldn't want to change that. So how did people in the Bible deal with last words, farewells and the like?

The apostle Paul, on his way back to Jerusalem from his final missionary journey, met with a group from the church in Ephesus, a church he was particularly fond of. Paul told those people, "I know that none of you will ever see me again. Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace..." and then "...he knelt down with all of them and prayed."

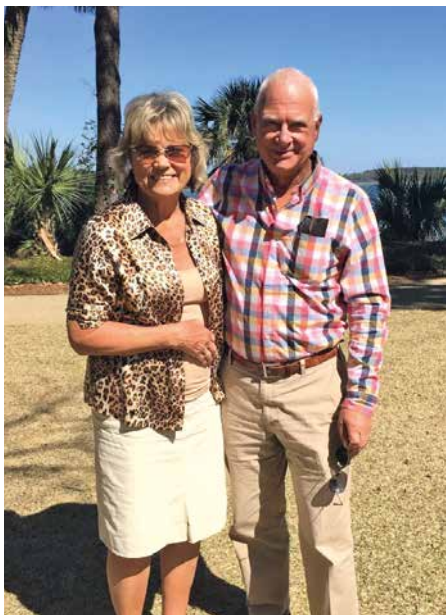
Actually, Paul was following in his Master's footsteps. According to John's Gospel, Jesus Himself, the night before He died, had supper with his friends and at the end of supper, He "...looked towards heaven and prayed." He prayed for those disciples who were with Him: "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name..." And then He went on to pray "for those who will believe in me through their message," – in other words, for all of us down the ages who have put our faith in Him – "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."

Well, their examples are good enough for me as I sign off on this, my final *On Reflection*. Echoing Paul, I pray for you, church member or not, committing you to the grace of God. And echoing Jesus, I pray that God will protect you by the power of His name, that you may be in Christ and that Christ will be in you. Be sure that Ann and I will go on praying regularly for all of you in Bramley and Little London in the days ahead. As some dear American friends of ours say, God bless you real good!

Many of you may already have met the **Reverend John and Ann Lenton**. John has led countless church services, weddings, christenings and funerals. Ann's been heavily involved in many of our clubs and committees - the **Bramley Fete will not be the same without her soups or curries!!** **Bramley Magazine couldn't let them leave without acknowledging how much they've given to our community, in this and every other year!**

What first brought you to Bramley?

Back in 2010, we were sent a profile of Bramley Parish, which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) had prepared. Among other things, it said that they were looking for someone who would "...nurture and teach new and existing believers... enable all traditions to praise, worship and glorify the Lord... respond in a relevant way to the needs of the community... proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God... be a living witness to the Gospel, encouraging others to join us." Those words drew us like a magnet. It was exactly what we wanted to do! And it is certainly what we've tried to do ever since we came.



What are some of your most precious memories of your time here?

The joy of overseeing the renovation of the Vicarage, turning it from a dingy, gloomy place with a tiny kitchen into a warm, welcoming, bright place, a pleasure to live in, and with enough space to invite people to join us for lunches, dinners, one-pot suppers, making it possible to hold many courses like *Christianity Explored*, usually preceded by a meal together and followed by lots of opportunity for discussion and questions. And as a result, we saw many people come to a new, living faith in Jesus Christ, or have their faith renewed and refreshed and deepened as we all studied the Bible together.

At a personal level, a particular special memory was celebrating our daughter Sophie's wedding at St James, followed by a reception in the garden for friends and family. And of course, we celebrated our own Golden Wedding in the church with a special service of thanksgiving, followed by cake and bubbly in Cross House, and then dinner for 100 friends from Bramley and worldwide in a marquee in the Vicarage garden!



John and Ann celebrating their Golden Wedding



In many ways, though, our most precious memories are strongly associated with St James itself – both the people and the building. We think of Bramley School, when the children walk up in a long crocodile for Christmas, Easter, and the summer Leavers' services. We remember with such thankfulness events like the Music Festival and the Flower Festival... the church fragrant and glowing with flowers, echoing to glorious music, laughter and applause. Weddings, baptisms, as well as funeral farewells... and the steady progression of services Sunday by Sunday through the church year. And in contrast, we remember with deep thankfulness and excitement the launch of *Sunday@nine*, our informal, relaxed yet always reverent approach to worshipping God, which has grown and developed its own style and tradition over the years, as we met in Cross House.



This can't have been the 'final year' you expected, with the community and church in lockdown - how has that been?

In some ways, really dismal! Our plan for our last 6-8 months in Bramley was to work our way through the entire church family, inviting half a dozen people at a time to come and have lunch with us every week, so that we could say a proper farewell to everyone personally and individually. Well, for obvious reasons that hasn't happened. The big festivals – Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Easter –



Zoom Services were a blessing

have all had to take place online or with very restricted numbers, and that's sad, too. And our beloved *Sunday@9* services were impossible to do with social distancing – so we've not been able to do it since early 2020.

On the other hand, it's also been a remarkable time of discovery as we've learned to relate to one another on Zoom. It has really underlined for everyone that the church is not a *building* – it's the *people*, the ones who meet together to worship God, to learn more about Him and to enjoy fellowship with each other: we can do all those



things so easily on-line. And we can still have coffee or a glass of wine together – it's just that each of us has to bring our own to sit in front of the PC monitor! So in many ways, we've also been able to meet more people more frequently than we would ordinarily have done. There are some positives!

How has the church been able to support Bramley through this pandemic?

As a church family, we've tried to be there for people, giving support where we can to key workers, or to families in the community who were struggling with loss of jobs and income, or to the NHS itself. People in the church



are always quick to volunteer to do things; lots of folk have had food or medication delivered to their homes by church members over the course of the pandemic.

We regularly publicise the needs of the Foodbank in Basingstoke, and church members have given generously in both cash and kind to support the food packages collected and distributed by the School to families in need. A number of our members are part of the WI and helped to make cloth bags for health workers to put their soiled scrubs in, avoiding a growing use of plastic bags and the associated pollution. Several people are involved in stewarding at the vaccination points in the local area.

We do believe that our Christian faith is evidenced by the way in which we serve others – and we try to put our money where our mouths are.

There'll be a gap while a new vicar is recruited - how can the church and community love and support one another in that time?

It's true that there will be a bit of a gap, although our Bishop has committed himself to try to make the gap as short as possible. For the last three months, we've had a 'transition team' working hard to try and ensure that we don't let anything fall through the cracks, and we think we've covered most of the activities, keeping things going until the new vicar arrives.

Probably the best way for people to give support to one another over the coming months, even when they disagree with each other, is to do what the Apostle Paul told the church in the city of Ephesus to do: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." We all have our private agendas, our particular preferences for the way that things should be done; but the best thing we could all do is to pray with real meaning those words from the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth – here in Bramley – as it is in heaven."



Over the last few months, Bramley Primary School and the community came together to contribute towards **food hampers** for families who were struggling as a result of the pandemic. **Georgina Norris and Kerry Gray**, who were working hard behind the scenes, tell us more.



The end of the Spring term also saw the end of the food hampers that we have been helping to organise each week since January. The hampers were for families in need during the pandemic. The community really came together to help with this project and contributed lots of food, as well as donating funds into the account at The Shop in Sherfield. Local businesses also made big contributions.

Thank you to every one of you who has helped us over the last three months. In particular, we would like to thank:

- Paul and the team at The Shop in Sherfield - just so generous
- Bramley Village Bakery - lots of cakes and bread rolls
- Lily from The Four Horseshoes - lots of tinned goods
- Steve Day and the Church Family from St James Church (who have been helping since March 2020) - fresh food such as meat and dairy products every week
- Bramley Parish Council - for their generous contribution
- Alison Pitch - for all of the Easter Eggs
- Bramley WI - for even more Easter Eggs!

It is both humbling and reassuring to know that the parcels have helped to plug a gap.

Here is some feedback from parents who benefited from these hampers:

'The food parcels we received were an absolute life line. My partner and I both work but I had been furloughed so was on less money. This, added with universal credit payment issues, really left us short. The parcels were enough to make a few meals from as well as staples to go with what I already had in. It has been overwhelming the generosity of the community for donating food and money, we even received books. The volunteers have been kind, understanding and non-judgmental'

'Thank you so much, thank you to all involved'



Bramley and Sherfield are fantastic communities who always pull together in times of need. We are both very proud to be part of such a lovely community.



Volunteering

Throughout the pandemic many people have been volunteering through their community Covid Hubs, some for the first time, and have really enjoyed it. In many places activity in the Hubs is beginning to wind down as restrictions lift. Basingstoke Voluntary Action wants to ensure that these volunteers don't miss out on other volunteering opportunities now that they've 'got the volunteering bug'. We'd like to make sure that volunteers can keep up to date with all the latest volunteering opportunities that become available in and around the Borough by inviting them to subscribe to our newsletter. It's the easiest way to stay up to date with available opportunities and takes less than a minute to apply here: <http://eepurl.com/htDy2L>. Volunteers won't be bombarded with emails! Instead, once a month they will receive all BVA opportunities in one place. The newsletter will consist of all the recent volunteering opportunities made available by different groups operating in the area. If you want to know more, our previous monthly Volunteering Matters Newsletters can be found here: Volunteering Matters

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Bramley Green stream

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The number to call is 01256 844844 and you can ask for Robert Draper or David Perkins. Thank you

News from The Village Hall

In accordance with Government guidelines, the Village Hall reopened on 12 April 2021 for indoor children's activities, including dance classes. Other activities such as indoor exercise classes, WI and Parish Council meetings are not yet permitted. Social contact rules continue to apply, meaning that social distancing is being maintained and no indoor mixing is allowed between different households.

From 17 May 2021, controlled indoor events can take place with up to 50% capacity and subject to social distancing. Indoor sports activities, including exercise classes, table tennis and badminton can take place. The "rule of 6" will apply to indoor events.

From 21 June 2021, all legal limits on social contact will be removed.

All dates are subject to confirmation by the Government and will be confirmed a week beforehand. When accepting bookings, we will take into account the dates for the proposed changes and the likelihood of changes or delays to the Government's plans. The test, trace, and isolate programmes will remain in place, so there will be a continuing need to keep records of attendance for this purpose. Continued attention to hand washing, wearing of face masks, social distancing and indoor capacity limits will be required until at least 21 June 2021. The Village Hall will only accept bookings if prospective users can meet the requirements of the restrictions above and will utilise the facility in a 'Covid Secure' manner.

Although we hope to be fully operational again from 21 June, the Hall will be closed from 19 July for major works to replace the existing drains at the Hall with a Sustainable Drainage System, and for resurfacing of the car park. A tender competition resulted in the appointment of S & C Slatter, Newbury, as the contractors to deliver the project. We hope the works will be completed in 3 or 4 weeks and will know more when site meetings commence in June. We will be in touch with users of the Hall and our neighbours shortly about likely disruption during July and August.

Gareth Jones

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Sunshine and Community

Dear Bramleyites -

As I write at the start of April we are still in “election purdah” so none of us on the Parish Council can discuss anything that might be construed as expressing a political opinion. Here’s my attempt to walk that tightrope!

Today is the third day of the start of “unlockdown” (I want to copyright that word!). We’ve all had experiences, frustrations, joys and sadness in the past year that we probably never expected. But one positive thing – here and everywhere – is the huge outpouring of community spirit.

The Parish Council would like to give a big thank you to all volunteers in the Parish over the Covid crisis period – the community has really stepped up to the plate to help those that need it. We note particular thanks to the Rev. John Lenton and the PCC who have been involved in much of it. John is retiring soon, and the Parish Council thanks him for his long service to the Bramley Community. Dr Kenshole from the Clift Surgery has also retired very recently, and we thank her as well.

Sitting between the Parish Council, the Clift Surgery Patient Participation Group, and the wider North Hants Clinical Commissioning Group I’ve seen the impact of this community spirit. Last autumn we went out to the community and asked for volunteers: we had no idea what help would be needed, when or where, but it seemed like a good idea to have lots of volunteers and not enough jobs,

rather than the other way round! Loads of you responded, and if some of you ended up never being called, that’s the best outcome. Remember the furore over the Nightingale Hospitals – loads of money spent, and hardly used? Supposing it had been “no money spent, and desperately needed”. Sometimes you have to take a risk.

Locally, as a result, Bramley Volunteer Drivers have more people to call on. Many of us help at Hampshire Court – which received a letter of congratulation from Matt Hancock! (I was on a Clinical Commissioning Group call and never before have I seen a group of doctors cheering!). Beckie Bethell raised a team to help people who were isolating or unable to get out. There are innumerable other examples, such as Sherfield Shop collecting supplies for hospital workers. Above all, there is now more connectedness, more people know there is help available, and more people are offering it.

The other big issue locally has been the Solar Farm project. I must avoid expressing any personal opinion either way on this, but let’s say that it has caused a LOT of local debate. Some a bit, well, heated :-)

We need to balance the protection of the global environment, which means eliminating CO2 emissions amongst other things, with the need to preserve the local environment, which means open spaces, footpaths, wildlife, views, and so on. There is no simple answer.

The developer, ENSO, is working within a framework set by the government that gives an advantage to solar projects of less than 50 Megawatts. The project in Bramley is one of many that are planned at 49.9 Megawatts and that of course determines how much land they use.

The ENSO application gives Bramley and Silchester Parish Councils and others limited opportunity to do anything but “support” or “object” to the plan they present. The Planning system is rather rigid. It is hard to say “We will support you if you make the following major changes”. We can only wait now: if it is approved, it will be built as designed. If not, it may be appealed and still be built. That said, the planning authority (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, BDBC)

do take note of comments from the public and Parish Councils when determining a planning application, and this one has generated a great number of comments to the Planning Department, both for and against the proposals. BDBC will need to weigh this up with a number of other planning considerations, but the weight of public comment does mean that the application will have to be considered by the BDBC Development Control Committee at some future date, which means the BDBC decision will rest with Borough Councillors on the Committee.

Finally, there have been some comments from people who didn’t know about Parish Council meetings. It seems that we might have missed a few tricks communicating during the pandemic, so our apologies. We really want as many people as possible to attend. Unfortunately, many people treat Facebook (and similar) as their main source of information. We will be putting notices of meetings on the Bramley group, but remember: Facebook is not a reliable information source. Their systems are designed to present only items that will help them present adverts to you, so you don’t get everything that’s posted. For the “real McCoy” go to <https://www.bramley-pc.gov.uk/>

Future meeting dates – there is some discussion about this at present, since the current Government legislation in place to allow online meetings for Councils expires on 7 May. After this date, we have been advised that meetings should be physical rather than online. However, this is being challenged in the courts at present since many Parish Councils (and some District and County Councils too!) are very hesitant to meet in person just yet. With this in mind, Bramley PC is holding fire on setting the date of the May PC meeting until after the court case is heard in the week beginning 19 April. We will publish the May meeting dates and locations on our website and social media as soon as we have a clearer idea of how to move forward.

Cllr Keith Oborn

Elections 6 May 2021 Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and others

The new boundary changes come into force this year with the old Pamber and Silchester Ward being split with Silchester becoming part of the Bramley Ward and Pamber and Little London moving in with Tadley. The old wards used to have two councillors and the new ones will have three, giving an overall reduction in the number of Councillors from 60 to 54 in Basingstoke and Deane. Bramley, Hartley Wespall, Mortimer West End, Sherfield on Loddon, Silchester, Stratfield Saye and Stratfield Turgis will now be all in the same ward called BRAMLEY.

The whole of Basingstoke and Deane Council is up for re-election based on these new wards on 6 May 2021 (Covid regulations applying). You will have up to three votes for candidates in the Borough election to elect the three councillors for the new BRAMLEY ward. You do not need to use all your votes if you favour one candidate

The candidate with the most votes will hold office for three years followed by the second place candidate for two years and the third place will stand for one year. This way, the traditional election every three years cycle will be restored.

Below is a list of candidates for the BRAMLEY Ward. On the same day there are also elections for Parish Councillors, County Councillor and the Police Commissioner, so get ready for all those ballot papers and crosses.

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

The flags were flown at half-mast at St James Church, Bramley and St Stephen's Hall, Little London, in honour of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh who died on 9 April 2021.



Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Reason why no longer nominated*
HEATH Christine	Flat 15 Oakridge Towers, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 5LQ	Hampshire Independents	
JAYAWARDENA Nalin Mahinda	(address in Basingstoke and Deane)	Conservative Party Candidate	
MAHAFFEY Simon Heelum	Lone Barn, Clappers Farm Road, Silchester, Berkshire, RG7 2LH	Conservative Party Candidate	
MASSEY Lydia	(address in Basingstoke and Deane)	Labour Party	
ROBINSON Nick	Wayback, Greenway, Sherfield Green, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0EE	Conservative Party Candidate	
SCOTT Mark Edmund	Poplar House, Poplar Close, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0DX	Liberal Democrat	
TOMBLIN Chris	Willow Tree House, Cufaude Lane, Bramley, Basingstoke, RG26 5DP	Basingstoke & Deane Independents	

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John and Ann Lenton have touched many hearts during their 10 years in Bramley. They have been there for the good times and the bad, for the young and not so young, for village fetes and church festivals, and often with food! Here is a selection of photographs and quotes celebrating their life with us.

Hatches, Matches and Dispatches



Esmae's Christening

John's first Christening in Bramley was on 27 February 2011 when he Christened our granddaughter, Esmae Elizabeth Matthews. Three years later he welcomed into the family of God, our son's second daughter, Penny Mabel.
Jane and Alan Matthews

John married Abbie and me in 2011 after giving us some sound marriage guidance. We continue to be grateful for his support in setting our married life off on the right footing. He was of course a very smooth operator on the day itself too!
Tom Stocker



Abbie and Tom Stocker on their wedding day

John conducted the wedding ceremony at St James for one of our daughters, Adele, when she married Chris Wingrave in June 2012. One of our relatives fell ill in the church before the ceremony, which was subsequently held up while an ambulance was called, and he was then taken to Basingstoke Hospital. John was so kind in going up to the hospital after the service, to see how our relative was.

Rosemary & Graham Brailey

We have so many memories of John. He married us in 2013 and christened our son Marcus in 2014. He has been part of the tricky stuff too. When I was told I had cancer I bumped into John when I was sitting quietly alone in church. He was late for a funeral and had forgotten his robes, which he never usually did. He gave me the best hug, let me cry and said some prayers for me. I will never forget that kindness on a day when he had no time to spare.

Malcolm and Lucy Knowles



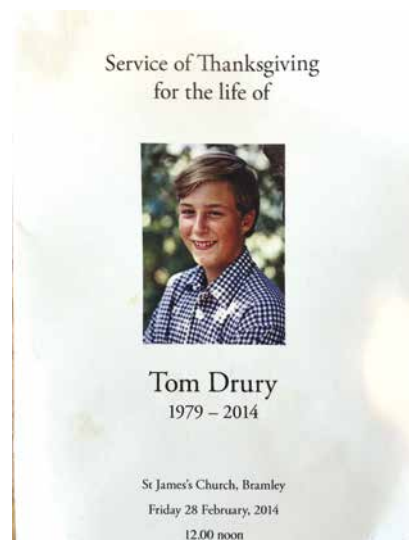
Lucy and Malcolm on their wedding day



John married Andy Barfoot and Harriet Luck in St James Church and then, a few years later, christened their son, Oliver

Our deepest and fondest memory of John and Ann is the kindness and comfort shown to us by them following the death of our son, Tom, in 2014, highlighted by the most inspiring of Memorial Services, for which John and Ann changed their holiday plans on the spur of the moment. Our gratitude is eternal.

Chris and Lindy Drury



Our community

Bramley Church of England Primary School

John, you have worn many hats during your relationship with the school: Reverend, role-model, counsellor, governor, leader, teacher, mentor and more. You have worn each of them with distinction. In addition, you have set the standard in demonstrating our Christian values of love, respect and courage and shown every one of us that these are more than just words; they are a way of life.



John conducts a virtual Easter Service via Zoom

Open the Book

John and Ann both served on the Open the Book team reaching out with Bible stories to Bramley School. In the Christmas story, John acted out King Herod's role with such aplomb that one viewer remarked she'd love that King Herod to do an audio book for her.

Keith Dillaway



As well as playing a mean King Herod at Christmas, John also reminded the children that Easter wasn't all about bunnies



John's friend kept the children entertained

Bramley and Little London Music Festival

We are very grateful to John and Ann for the way they have embraced and championed the Music Festival. John didn't bat an eyelid when one of the performers dressed up as the devil for a rendition of *The Devil went down to Georgia* and Ann has been a star on the catering front, producing hundreds of delicious canapés over the years.

Jonathan and Rachel Barclay Smith



Cherry Blossom Manor

Residents and staff will miss John and Ann's visits to Cherry Blossom Manor. They have held many services for us and John has also visited residents in their rooms when they have been unable to attend due to ill health. Although we have been unable to have any services during the last year, John has visited in his PPE for end of life visits.



John leading the singing at Cherry Blossom Manor



Special occasions and food!

Remembrance

I am so grateful for John's tolerance and his sensitive support in helping to make the Remembrance Sunday service such a continued success over the years. The church is always packed for this mourning of the year and his presence will be sorely missed.

Rhydian Vaughan Vice Chairman Bramley & District RBL



Christingle Service



Ann demonstrating how to make Christingles

Marriage Course

We were fortunate enough to attend the Marriage Course with John and Ann, and over the course of several weeks enjoyed as a couple candlelit Michelin-star quality dinners cooked by Ann, with John acting as waiter and sommelier. Oh, and much thoughtful wisdom and support too. We will never forget those evenings: our marriage was enriched, our waistlines expanded, and perhaps most importantly we were inspired by seeing this wonderful couple living out their love of God and each other.

Thank you, John and Ann!
George and Alison Aitchison

Both Peter and I have been fortunate to experience John and Ann's wonderful hosting skills – evening suppers at the Vicarage whilst attending Exploring Christianity (where we

discovered that Ann is a superb cook!), family BBQs in the Vicarage garden, Harvest Supper in Cross House. Ann is always very attentive and kind – nothing is ever too much trouble.

Anne and Peter Smith



We had hardly moved in to our house in November 2019 when there was a ring on our doorbell and there was Ann with a super shepherd's pie ready to heat and eat. It was so welcome and allowed us to get on with the unpacking. What a welcome to get in your new home!

David and Eileen Knights

June 2016 was our Ruby Wedding Anniversary, and our children had arranged a surprise party at Sherfield School to celebrate the occasion. This photograph shows Ann and John enjoying a drink on the terrace.

Rosemary & Graham Brailey



Special memories

Being Church Warden at the time when St James's Church needed a new vicar, Priscilla Hungerford and I met John in Cross House and I then drove John around Bramley. John was then interviewed and at the next PCC meeting, Priscilla and I recommended that he be appointed as our vicar

What a wonderful choice we had made!

Geoff and Ann Twine



Our dear John and Ann, when we think of you, we think of colour, style, fun, laughter and LIFE (just who else would think of taking Tango lessons before a trip to Argentina?)!

We think of extraordinary hospitality, welcome, generosity, kindness and sound good sense.

As if this wasn't enough, we always find ourselves blessed by being in your company, encouraged by your love and inspired by your Godliness and commitment to Jesus.

Bishop David and Helen Williams

We want to say, dear John and Ann,
 We know that you are in God's plan,
 We are so thankful you were there,
 An amazing answer to our prayer,
 God will bless and use you still,
 To bless others and fulfil His will,
 Yet we will miss you very much,
 Your firm, yet oh so gentle touch,
 Your hospitality and teaching,
 We'll miss Ann's singing and John's preaching,
 But the hardest thing we'll face, by far,
 Is the absence of a bass guitar.

Ken & Judith Payne.

John and Ann Lenton have had a major impact on my Christian journey. I came back to faith under their guidance and John has really encouraged me to grow as a Christian over the past 5 years. **Steve Day**



To the most remarkable couple in the world! Our dear John and Ann, thank you for coming into our lives, for your friendship, love, amazing hospitality, fellowship and wisdom that you share with us both! **James and Andromeda Witchalls**

John & Ann, you are an inspiration for your devotion to each other and your family as well as to God, St James church and the whole community of Bramley. Thank you for your example, your teaching and above all your love and friendship to us. **Nairn & Marjory Glen**

John and Ann made an immediate impression on us with their warmth, friendliness, enthusiasm and their strong sense of Christian mission and values. One particular delight was when John, in one of his earliest services, christened our granddaughter, Imogen. We very soon became firm friends and their presence has been such a blessing to our parish.

Ian and Gill Evett

John's preaching has been inspirational. John and Ann have done wonderful work as trustees of the Amadet charity which supports mission in Africa. **Gill Williams**

John's preaching style is very easy to listen to – his anecdotes from real-life experience bring the Bible message to life time and again - yet his message has also been very challenging at times. Quite often I've been disappointed when he stops though – I've wished he could carry on preaching!

Anne Smith

The first carol service John took part in at Little London, he commented that without street lights he would need a torch! He has brought light to our church! **Sarah Hodnett**

A few years ago, we were having a difficult time, both health-wise, and job-wise. It was a low point, and we talked things over with John. Imagine our happy surprise to come home one day to find a lovely Ann-made chicken pie waiting for us in the porch. It was such a thoughtful gesture. Anonymous

Ill health meant that at the age of 85 my mother, Betty, moved from Bath to be near us in Bramley. To move away from your home to pastures new is hard at any time but the church family and especially Ann and John made this move more bearable for Mum. As Mum's health deteriorated and she was unable to attend church, John would bring communion to her home. Mum's faith was very important to her and this act brought her great comfort.

Sue, Allan and Alexander Douglas

My Christian faith has been greatly enriched by you, John, through your 10-year ministry, starting with the 'Christianity Explored' course. Although I am a traditionalist at heart, I greatly endorsed the need for and value of Sunday@9 and I have benefitted from taking part.

I must also add that I have always enjoyed playing golf with you – having a fair chance of winning when you took the game up, but not so as your game improved and mine languished. I appreciated your thoughtful encouragement.

Ian Nicholson



It wouldn't be Christmas without the Crib Service!



John and Ann have seen these cute rascals grow into teenagers!

MEADOW TALK

As 2021 continues 'strangely', time continues to pass, but the weather and seasons seem reluctant to follow accepted patterns.

It has been reassuring to see youth football resuming after such a long break. The tennis courts, now netted again, are back in use and Simon is undertaking coaching for 7-13-year olds on Saturday mornings. Cricket for youngsters is planned to commence from Sunday 23 May.

This is all encouraging news, along with plans for a Community Garden to take over the former Muddy Fingers plot. Wild flower seeding is also in hand and the plans for additional memorial trees through donations are progressing.

But other issues remain. The urgent necessity for additional waste bins is apparent to everyone, and applications for grants to cover these costs are being processed: big thanks



to everyone who clears rubbish unprompted and especially to Jo who willingly empties our existing bins. A few more benches would be good too as more of us now meet outside, and the young and the not so young always appreciate a moment of rest!

Yoga, Pilates and other classes are returning to the Pavilion and Brocas Hall this month; so good to be opening up again other than for emergency plumbers!

It is now 30 years since plans for turning the field given to the village by the Clift Brothers, into Clift Meadow, were progressed. Big thanks to Messrs Edwards, Evett, Taylor and others for their efforts back then for making it happen.

Clift Meadow is for all in Bramley to use and enjoy. Let's do that.

Clift Meadow Trust

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Bramley & Romans Floral Society

We held another Zoom meeting on Thursday 1 April, entitled "Postcards from France". Our demonstrator was Melanie Smith who based all her arrangements on her own memories of visits to different areas of France. Her first demonstration was in a window box with pittosporum, free ivy, sunflowers and white chrysanthemums, highlighting the very dry and hot area of France

Her second design took us to the mountainous areas of France and some skiing, with Japonica leaves, cream snap dragons, an avalanche of white roses and white carnations depicting Mont Blanc

We then went on to the South of France and an area between the mountains and the sea, which she depicted with fatsia leaves, plaited date palms and orange and red gemini (true terracotta shades).

Then on to the North of France with a traditional and sophisticated arrangement of Japonicas, pale pink gemini and three green and white carnations.

We finished with an arrangement in a lobster pot made from a lampshade, with tropical red and white anthuriums and light pink carnations



Dusty had also sent all our members a tutorial of an asymmetrical arrangement so that those who wanted could have a go. Below are some attempts that were sent in:-



Our next meeting will be held on Zoom on 6 May and Carol Bennett's demonstration will be entitled "Maytime". Dusty will send out the link nearer the time, hopefully with another tutorial challenge.

Our regular meetings, when this is possible, are at Sherfield on Loddon village hall at 1.30pm on the first Thursday of the month.

Eileen Gulston

100 years of the Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion has been supporting service men and women, ex-serving personnel and their families since 1921.

The British Legion was formed on 15 May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War:

- The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers
- The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers
- The Comrades of The Great War
- The Officers' Association

The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

As a result of the war, Britain's economy plummeted and in 1921 there were two million people unemployed.

Over six million men had served in the war; of those who returned, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled.

Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent.

The Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. *And it has been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.*

The Royal British Legion - Purpose

The Legion is dedicated to supporting not only serving and ex-serving personnel but the whole of the Armed Forces community, *including dependants and carers*. This includes:

- Serving personnel, or those who have previously served, who have received seven days' pay and were aged 16 or over at the time of service
- Reserve or Auxiliary personnel, or those who have previously served

To mark its move into its second century the Royal British Legion has adopted a completely new logo, below. Like many organisations today it has moved much of its focus to online services and the Poppy Shop is well worth a browse. www.Poppyshop.org.uk.

The local Legion Branch is the Bramley and District and we are always looking for new members to help ensure that we have the network of people to help us identify those people who qualify and are in need of welfare support. In normal times the Branch has a social programme and we hope to continue this as soon as it is safe to do so.

We really would like to attract more members. If you would like to join us or find out more, please contact any of those listed below.

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

Steve Day – Branch Treasurer at Bramley.treasurer@rbl.community

Michael Luck – Branch Secretary at Bramley.secretary@rbl.community

Rhydian Vaughan – Branch Vice Chairman at Rhydian@battlefieldtours.co



Organ Marathon update!

Hello everyone. I promised an update about the Organ Marathon being held at St. Leonard's church to help raise funds for our new roof. Remember, £200 000 is required and although it would be great to get all that in one go, I don't think that's going to happen, even with the best organ playing in the world! But the event is still being held on Saturday 29 May 2021 with organists Andrew Doggart and Mike Abrams, and will run for 12 hours, from 9:00 am to 9:00pm. If they feel particularly energised, it may run for another hour or so...but it probably won't. It's going to be live-streamed on YouTube but the details for that are not yet finalised, however, you'll be able to search for it on YouTube and it will be easily found. You may donate using the link: "<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-doggart>" and we'd be very grateful for any amount.

I thought it might be interesting to include some personal information about each of us so here is what Mike says about himself: *I've always loved music, though this wasn't my career; for 30-odd years I was an IP lawyer, with 20 years as a Partner in a large international firm of Patent Attorneys. I retired almost exactly 20 years ago, and have been pottering around - largely with music - since then. I came to the organ as a pianist, and picked things up as I went along - to a greater or lesser extent! I have played the organ for services at St Leonard's for 35 years. My main musical activities are singing and composition. I have been a member of the BBC Symphony Chorus for 26 years, singing a dozen or more concerts each year (other than in times of pandemic!) in venues such as the Albert Hall and in music festivals including the Salzburg, Istanbul and Canary Islands Festivals. In my activity as a composer, I have written around 80 art songs, 50 anthems, and various instrumental pieces. I released a CD of my works (choral and instrumental) in 2018, entitled "The Rose of Sharon", and copies will be for sale on 29 May for the benefit of the church. You can also download the tracks from Spotify, Amazon Music and all the usual digital platforms. When listening to music, I enjoy a wide range of styles from early music to 21st century. Pop music of the 50s and 60s is also a favourite. If I had to name just one classical composer whose music would keep me alive on a desert island, it would have to be J.S. Bach. Such variety and depth of emotion!*

Thank you Mike! And this is what I (Andrew) say about myself: *I too came to the organ via piano, though I did have some lessons on the magnificent Belfast Cathedral organ about 20 years ago when I was (briefly) an organ scholar in Lisburn Cathedral, a city just outside Belfast. I must say I struggled with the instrument for a long time because it was difficult to get time for practising. In fact, before starting to play again in St Leonard's, Hartley Wespall, and Bramley, I'd stopped playing completely for quite some time. However, I work in the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, and the chapel there has a nice little organ, so by deliberately taking time to work at it during lunchtimes, and sometimes after work, I think I've improved, though my listeners may have a different opinion; nonetheless, they do keep asking me to come back, so I am probably on the right side of being acceptable. With the assistance of an eclectic bunch of very helpful singers from Bramley, I successfully studied for the Certificate in Church Music a few years ago. I do really enjoy being a liturgical organist.*

Please do plan to make a donation. If you have any difficulty in finding the event or in the logistics of how to give, or if you have any other questions at all, just get in touch with me at: ajdoggart@hotmail.com and I'll do what I can to help.

Andrew Doggart



Andrew at the organ of Eton College.

RESIDENTS AND RELATIVES RECONNECT WITH LIMITED INDOOR VISITING

For residents at Cherry Blossom Manor care home, the long-awaited reunion with one family member has become a reality, as one single named visitor is now allowed to visit each resident in their bedroom.

There has been much anticipation of this moment by families and residents alike. Guidance was issued by the Government on March 4 and Barchester Healthcare, who run Cherry Blossom care home, is proceeding with a safe and cautious approach to visiting. Strict protocols are in place with all visitors required to have a negative lateral flow test result before being allowed into the home, and infection control measures and social distancing in place for every visit, with hand holding allowed but not recommended.

Despite the need for testing and social distancing, it was still welcome news for so many residents and their

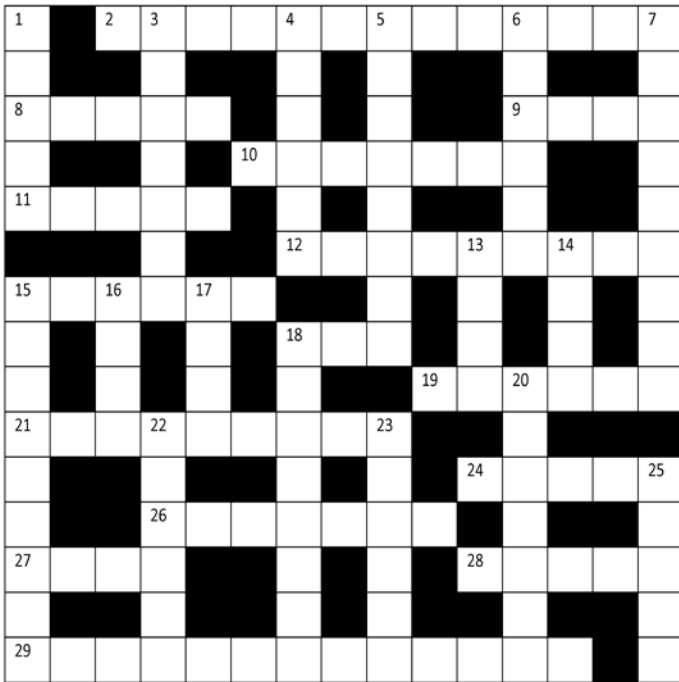
family members to be able to meet in the comfort of their bedroom. Residents and their designated visitor enjoyed getting together and catching up face to face.

Gigi Despojo, General Manager at the home, said: "This is the first cautious step towards having a buzz of visitors in the home again. It was wonderful to see how happy it made the residents and their relatives. We have a great booking system in place to ensure the visits are well organised, and visitors are doing a great job of following the safety measures to keep everyone as safe as possible. For those that are not able to come inside the home we are pleased to be able to continue to offer visits in our visiting suites, or outdoors when the weather allows"

Amanda Crowden, resident at Cherry Blossom said: "The staff here have been so wonderful supporting me to use video calls and creating the visiting suite so I could keep in touch with my family, but nothing beats seeing my husband in the comfort of my room. This was a special moment and I was over the moon."

Cryptic Crossword No: 48

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 2 Definite well known quintet. (3,6,4)
- 8 Footsie German concealed attack plan. (5)
- 9 Clear free. (4)
- 10 Are Chad characters going to play a game. (7)
- 11 Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee are gentlemen hiding the same cloth. (5)
- 12 Positioned again as the ace retold. (9)
- 15 Number or agent. (6)
- 18 Begin to get a sense of the state of a substance. (3)
- 19 No change at home for drug. (6)
- 21 Fruit is a tinge near being off. (9)
- 24 Is Sue disguising her output. (5)
- 26 Pat dead against having changed. (7)
- 27 No one could tell it was twelve o'clock. (4)
- 28 Repeat profit. (5)
- 29 Moore's first outing, a philosophy of life perhaps. (4,3,3,3)

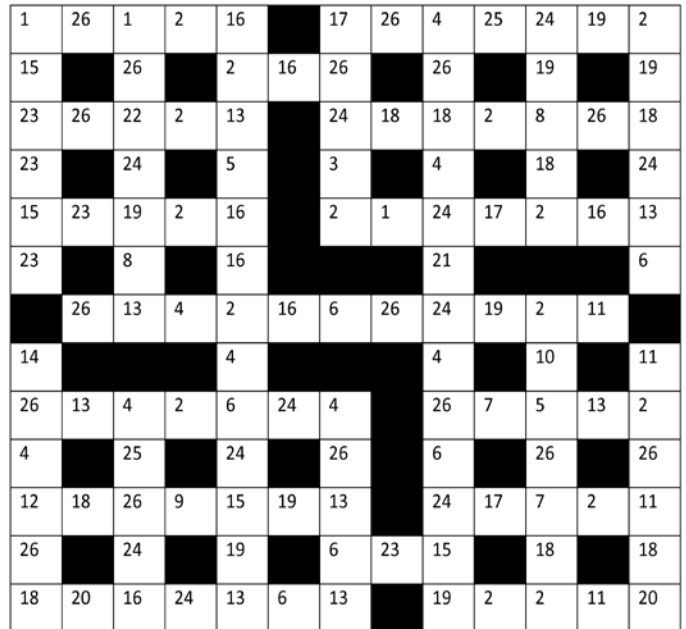
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- 1 Possession reportedly a collection. (5)
- 3 When heights become extreme superlative. (7)

- 4 Cho ran around moor. (6)
- 5 Totally encompassing work clothes. (8)
- 6 For all visitors entering Los Angeles initially do not expect a slum. (6)
- 7 Duck low for quilt. (9)
- 13 Garment cover. (4)
- 14 Content to find camping gear. (4)
- 15 Fern with altar interpreted to be brotherly. (9)
- 16 Coincidence to find means of payment. (4)
- 17 Gore turned into a terrifying man. (4)
- 18 Caught sight of Gordon limp so effectively down at first. (8)
- 20 Spear is discovered as age is confused. (7)
- 22 Look, cleaning not at home. (6)
- 23 Come out of an electronic join. (6)
- 25 Open nuisance disguised a lack of interest. (5)

CodeWord No: 34

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.

April fun at Butter Daisy Nursery...



We have had a busy month at nursery celebrating Easter and also the extremes of British weather! Who would have thought it would be snowing as we arrived to start the day, but brilliant sunshine in the afternoon. Our team have been providing a wide variety of physical challenges for the children. This has given our Pre-School lots of preparation for school, dressing in warm layers to combat the cold. We see how quickly they can get ready for outdoor play using the sand timer to focus their attention, and get ready to have fun outside. Our Pre-School children developed their competitive spirit during Easter egg races and used the lovely space of the meadow to run free as fast as their legs would carry them.



You might have seen the Toddlers on the meadow learning how to participate in cooperative ball games, for example rolling the ball back and forth to friends. This develops good listening skills as they have to listen carefully for their name to be called and resist running to their friends to collect the ball. Great patience was shown by all participating. Well done Toddlers!



The youngest children took advantage of the swings - singing as they went back and forth. They enjoy the swaying motion and looking around the play park to see who else they can see, waving to any dog walkers that might pass on the field. It is such a treat to have such lovely open spaces that our children are able to enjoy.

If you are interested in coming to visit the Butter team please call on 01256 882515. There is lots of information on our website www.mydaisynursery.com

103 not out!

8 April was a special day for Mary Wythe and Cherry Blossom Manor as Mary celebrated her 103rd birthday. Mary was the first resident to join Cherry Blossom Manor on 3 March 2011 and over this time she has been a big part of the CBM Family and has celebrated many occasions.

Mary has a love of God and garden birds. You can often hear hymns or the sounds of birds coming from her bedroom where she can be seen listening and smiling and occasionally humming along.

Congratulations Mary!



Mary celebrating her 103rd Birthday.

Is Mary the oldest resident in Bramley? Can you beat 103 or do you know anyone in Bramley born before Mary? Do let us know as we would love to celebrate such a long life. editor@bramley.magazine.org.uk

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored my recent Dreamflight challenge. I managed to walk 350 miles during February and raised £2016.24. Without such support Dreamflight would not be able to take 192 deserving children to Orlando each year. Your donations have made a huge difference and let's hope Dreamflight 2021 will be able to take place

Maggie Wardle

Since Bramley School fully opened (again), Steve Moore has been amazed at how much has been achieved across the school community.



A particular highlight was the success of Science Week. This proved that Covid restrictions and high standards in keeping everyone safe can be maintained whilst ensuring school continues to be a rich, engaging and exciting place to learn.

Science Week was one of my favourite weeks in school for a very long time. I have never heard so many children talking about science and wanting to be scientists when they grow up. Mrs Hanson co-ordinated and drove a hugely entertaining week, full of whizz, pops, bangs and more. Leaf blowers, toilet rolls, rubber gloves, dry ice,



biscuits, Lego, microscopes and countless other resources were all used to demonstrate the wonders of science. The children loved having their minds blown (metaphorically – this was not one of the experiments!). On behalf of the children, we would like to extend thanks to our very special visitors from Sublime Science and The Education Group who delivered sessions in everything from Forensic Science to Silly Science, which included wow moments for all of the children.

On the final celebration assembly of each term, we ask staff to select one child in each class for a 'Values Award'. This is a very special award for a select few children who, without fail, demonstrate our school values of **Love, Respect and Courage**. Spring term's values awards were even more special with the challenges of remote learning as well as in-school learning. In recognition of their achievement, the children get a Values Award badge as well as a certificate. In previous years, we have taken the children ten pin bowling as a treat.

Unfortunately, we are unable to bowl this year. Instead, the children have each been given an Amazon voucher.

We're very proud to share the Spring Term winners of the Values Awards:

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| Puffins – Freddie K | Ladybirds – Nathan SS |
| Rosen – Jonah H | Jeffers – Oliver S |
| Gravett – Evie A | Dahl – Skyler M |
| Lewis – Caoimhe B | Riddell – Logan K |
| Morpurgo – Jessa C | Pratchett – Hollie F |
| Ibbotson – Lily T | Kipling – Daisy R |
| Collins – Aimee M | Rundell – Emelia J |

Finally, we are all very positive about the gradual easing of restrictions. We will always be cautious in our approach and ensure the safety of our community remains an integral part of our decision making. However, the potential for school trips, a Year 6 residential, events for parents and even some form of Sports Day taking place in the summer term is something we can all get really excited about.





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This insect may look delicate but as **John Stubbs** explains, it is a **Great Escaper**

One morning a few weeks back I was cleaning the bedroom window and came across a lion. I slowly backed away. Luckily the beast was more intent on finding somewhere to hibernate than hunting, and did no more than wave its antennae, though it did so quite scarily. It's said that a lacewing can give a human finger a bit of a nip, but this might be something of a scare story: its main victims are likely to have been aphids - hence the alternative name 'aphid lion'. It does, of course, look quite the delicate, flittery sort of animal - those dainty wings gleaming, veined a bit like tiny Beaufort windows, and bright orange eyes, its slender trunk with a metallic sheen, waving antennae almost its own length. But don't be deceived, this is a serious predator with all sorts of strategies, both defensive and offensive: a survivor.

Like most insects, it starts with an egg soon hatching into a larva, this is the really voracious eating stage. Mother will have laid the eggs on minutely thin stalks of silk along the edge of a plant leaf where aphids and the like are happily browsing; the stalks fool any guardian ants, as they're not trained to look up there, it seems. The baby hatchlings are equipped with fearsome pincers, and their next days are spent catching, injecting and digesting by the hundred almost any soft-bodied creature smaller than the aphid lion itself; this earns it much gratitude from gardeners - you can even buy the little beasts for sixpence a head to release in your greenhouse. Another of their clever ideas is to carry around on their backs bits of soil, dead aphids or plant debris - sort of blending in with the scenery. It's as well that real lions haven't worked that one out. After a few weeks, the larvae pupate - then in another week or so the adult emerges, winged and ready to go. It is a weak flyer, though, and potters round low down, mainly at dusk or night-time, looking for pollen and nectar, or the odd aphid. This is a pretty vulnerable lifestyle, however. Just about every little predator will be on the lookout - spiders in particular. So, it needs defences, and as a very successful insect, it has several. For a start, it's got good hearing, and will drop under cover on detecting a bat's ultrasound. They also have a chemical weapon, releasing a vile-smelling warning when challenged, to show that they will not taste at all good.

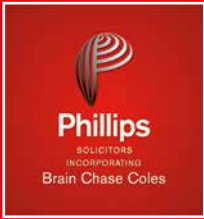
All small insects are targeted by spiders, and various tactics have been evolved to avoid meeting such sticky ends. Butterflies and moths, for instance, have a coating of loosely attached scales on their wings, this will often allow them to pull free, just leaving a bald patch on the wing and a smear of scales in the web. Beefier bugs will often barge straight through a spider web, just as the laws of a country may only catch lightweights, a rather cynical comparison once made by Honoré de Balzac, though more lately still endorsed.

To us, what follows an insect hitting a spider's web just looks like a bit of frantic struggling followed either by a completely fortuitous escape, or an inevitable failure: what else could there be? Well, plenty, it seems. Delicate, lighter victims with large wings like the lacewing are at a disadvantage here, but they have definite escape procedures, both structured and adaptable to the immediate circumstances. One advantage that the lacewing has over for instance moths is that it has proper mandibles - as the escaping prisoner might have a pair of wire-cutters, much more useful *in extremis* than a neatly coiled feeding tube. If, then, the lacewing finds that its head, legs or antennae are caught on gluey web silk, the



first priority is to bite through those strands it can reach. Then legs caught further out are pulled in towards the head so that they can be cut free, one at a time, carefully wiping away the glue residue as it accumulates. But then, how can it hope to free itself when those frail wings are tangled in these enormously strong, sticky filaments? This stuff, weight for weight, is stronger than steel, and stretchy - so you can't just snap it. Our hero is a bit more mobile, but usually still well stuck. This is where a really counter-intuitive strategy comes in. It does nothing. No struggles, no pulling or twisting; that would only make things worse. What it does is just hang there: those flimsy wings carry thousands of minute hairs - long enough to keep the web silk and the glue from contacting the wing membrane, but each hair too small for anything to get a grip on. Hence the lacewing's weight, little as it is, slowly lets the body drop down until it's free from the web.

Spoiler alert: it doesn't always work - it all depends on how busy the spider is - if she's hungry and waiting nearby, well then, that's it. If Aesop had had a good microscope, I expect he'd have composed a useful moral tale from that.



Family Mediation Voucher Scheme



Sheila Parkes

Separating couples are being offered £500 vouchers to spend on family mediation to help them avoid acrimonious court proceedings.

Haymarket Family Mediation, which is part of Phillips Solicitors, is participating in the scheme funded by The Ministry of Justice via the Family Mediation Council (FMC). Launched on 26 March, the scheme, which is limited to 2,000 cases, will offer a financial contribution of up to £500 per family towards the costs of their mediation.

Welcoming the initiative, Sheila Parkes, who heads the Haymarket Family Mediation team and is an accredited member of the FMC, said: "Family mediation is a proven cost-effective way to resolve differences following separation. The voucher scheme will make mediation accessible to more people, and help separated families agree to solutions that are best for their children."

"However, it is important to note that the scheme does not cover the initial mediation information meeting (the MIAM) but does provide a contribution towards the cost of the subsequent mediation about child

arrangements, irrespective of the income of either party. This will make the process more affordable to those who may not be eligible for Legal Aid but are still on modest incomes."

Having been a qualified mediator for nearly 25 years, Sheila added: "Over the years, I have seen how much more beneficial it is for separating clients to reach agreement in mediation, rather than go through the adversarial court process which often ends up with an outcome that neither party wanted and almost inevitably leads to a further deterioration in the parent's relationship."

"Mediation is often a quicker, cheaper, more amicable and less stressful way of resolving disputes. The biggest advantage of mediation is that it can help you communicate better at a very difficult time which will help you to move on as separate individuals and help when future issues arise."

"There are a limited number of the vouchers available, and when they are used, the scheme will end. So, if you are thinking about family mediation then it would be a good idea to think about this sooner rather than later."

Should you wish to discuss the Family Mediation Voucher Scheme, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Sheila by calling 01256 854652, emailing sheila.parkes@phillips-law.co.uk or by visiting www.phillips-law.co.uk/haymarket-family-mediation

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Probus Hears of Three Pyrenean Adventures

Probus Club member, Chris Perkins MVO, recalled three expeditions to the French and Spanish Pyrenees some four decades ago.

Chris joined the RAF in the 1960s, later joining the RAF Mountain Rescue Service. A decade later, he put together a 'trekking adventure' to the French/Spanish Pyrenees. Being military sponsored, permissions had to be obtained and diplomatic clearance achieved for them to operate in the border area. They were challenged on the first two expeditions by the French National Gendarmerie, as Basque separatists were active in the area.

None had experienced the Pyrenees during July. They only knew about rocky ridges and peaks, permanent glaciers and high valleys holding year-round snow and ice. For the first expedition, they used normal RAF Mountain Rescue mountaineering clothing and equipment as if tackling a winter trip to the Scottish Cairngorms or Glencoe. This proved to be completely the wrong attire as, at 30 degrees, they were overtaken by people in summer clothing.

They were bound for French Alpine Club mountain huts, where accommodation and food were available. Utilising these facilities and locating camps nearby, the RAF team were able to access the upper snowfield couloirs, peaks and frontier ridge, obviating the gruelling descent and climb each day.

Much was learnt from that first excursion. This knowledge set the scene for a return next year to expand the trip into a lightweight trekking expedition.

They had gained access to a remote and unspoilt, beautiful area of the Pyrenees for these expeditions. Unforgettable adventures for all and extremely gratifying. It is hoped that with the passage of decades, climate change causing glacier melt, mass holidays and the advent of vehicular incursion into those mountains, that the area has not changed for ever!

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Weather

Much of my time these days is taken up with conference calls, either for work or social get-togethers. Nothing unusual about that these days. But as I began a work call the other day with colleagues who are based in Croatia, the usual subject came up as we waited for others to join. The weather. What's the weather like in Croatia today? What is it like here, in the various UK locations of those on the call?



60 years ago, in June 1961, Tony Hancock, a famous comedian (to us oldies at least) appeared on BBC TV in 'The Radio Ham'. These half hour programmes were gems of comedy: written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, two of the finest writers of the 60s and 70s, each episode put Tony Hancock in a particular topical situation for 30 minutes and extracted every last ounce of comedy with a minimal cast in front of a live audience, recorded for subsequent broadcast. Why did the weather cause this to come to mind? Read on.

Hancock in this episode is a 'radio ham', a popular hobby at that time (maybe it still is). Ordinary people could operate a radio transmitter and chat with other total strangers with a similar set up. And what is the first or second item of conversation when engaging with another ham? The weather, of course. Soon Hancock finds himself saying to his Japanese contact, 'It is raining here also'. Nothing has changed over the past 60 years – we can now use the internet to communicate with anyone anywhere. And we still focus on what the weather is like at both ends of the conversation.,

Different nations have different viewpoints about the weather. My geography teacher, Mr Meredith, a Welshman, told us that he had spent a long time researching climates and weather around the world to find the ideal place in which to retire. His requirements were sunshine, but not too much, low humidity, and predictability. He told us that he had found his ideal place, the uplands of Kenya. This was probably before Kenyan independence from Britain in the 1960s. Then he revealed why he would not be going there. The suicide rate among Europeans in Kenya was very high. The boring predictability of the weather was too much to bear for people who thrived in an unpredictable climate.

The other side of this story relates to my colleague in the 1970s, Madhu. He came to England from Nairobi, Kenya along with many East African Asians, following independence. He was a computer engineer for ICL, and found it easy to settle into a similar job here. He arrived in summer. After a few days he set off to work in his short-sleeved shirt. His neighbour asked him as he left if he had seen the weather forecast. He wondered why, and found out when later in the day the weather went from sunny mid 20s to miserable rainy 15 degrees. He always took a broly after that.

Two people who have come to England after being raised in Kenya are our vicar John Lenton and his wife Ann. As you have seen from elsewhere in the magazine, they leave Bramley soon. It would be remiss of me not to wish them both a happy retirement, and hopefully many sunny days in our interesting climate. But savour the rain as well...

Michael Luck

Mondays	
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 9am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Tuesdays	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing 8pm</i>	St James's
<i>Karate</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Slimming World</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tuesday Club</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Pilates 9.30am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>WG Pilates 6.45 – 7.45pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

Wednesdays	
<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Scouts</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am</i>	Cross House
<i>Caterpillar Music 9.45am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Pilates 6.30pm & 8.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Yoga with Sam 6.45pm & 8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Lunch Club 2nd Thursday</i>	Cross House
<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>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Pregnancy yoga 6.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Activ8 youth club Years 3,4,5 and 6: 4pm - 5.30pm Years 7 8 and 9: 5.30pm - 7pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Petite Dance 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Fridays	
<i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i>	Cross House
<i>Muddy Fingers 10:00 - 10:50am</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Pilates 11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<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	
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3	HIGHEST	8	SIEGE
4	ANCHOR	9	VOID
5	OVERALLS	10	CHARADE
6	FAVELA	11	TWEED
7	EIDERDOWN	12	RELOCATED
13	COAT	15	FACTOR
14	TENT	18	GAS
15	FRATERNAL	19	STATIN
16	COIN	21	TANGERINE
17	OGRE	24	ISSUE
18	GLIMPSED	26	ADAPTED
20	ASSEGAJ	27	NOON
22	GLANCE	28	AGAIN
23	EMERGE	29	LIVEANDLET DIE
25	ENNUJ		

Down: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25
Across: 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29

CodeWord No: 34 Solution

L	Y	R	I	S	T	S	N	E	D	Y	
A	I	N	T	W	O	L	L	L	L	L	
K	L	A	X	N	S	I	M	B	E	D	
C	H	I	A	V	T	A	A	V	A	V	
A	S	C	E	T	I	C	A	B	U	S	E
J	C	C	D	Q	D	D	D	D	D	D	
A	S	C	E	R	T	A	I	N	E	D	
W	G	R	R	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	
O	W	N	E	R	E	P	I	M	E	R	S
W	I	U	Z	C	L	L	L	L	L	L	
W	A	V	E	S	I	L	L	E	G	A	L
O	A	A	R	A	A	N	N	N	N	N	
P	A	P	E	R	M	A	C	H	I	N	E

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