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Scarecrows visiting Oakmead

Swimming, fencing, show jumping, shooting and cross country running. Isn't the modern pentathlon a strange mixture of events? Team GB won gold medals in both the men's and women's events this year, but I do wonder how someone who excels at, say, swimming, decides that they really should try fencing and show jumping too. To add to the challenge, competitors aren't allowed to bring their own horses — they must ride a horse randomly assigned to them 20 minutes before they compete. As you may have seen from the Olympics, this proved a challenge too far for Germany's Annika Schleu who went from first place to 31st when her horse refused to jump. All those years of training thrown away because of a temperamental horse. Apparently, the original pentathlon of running, long jump, discus, javelin and wrestling was modelled on the skills required by a Greek soldier. The 'modern' version, now over 100 years old, represents the skills used by a 19th century cavalry soldier.

It did occur to me that the Bramley magazine is a bit like the pentathlon — an odd mixture of articles from many walks of life, but all united by a common thread. Where else can you read about potato-growing competitions, car park re-surfacing, scarecrows, re-wilding and the appointment process for a new Rector in one magazine? A strange mixture of subjects but they all feature in these pages and all have the common thread of being connected with Bramley or Little London.

Another interesting mixture of events will take place at the Bramley Village Fete on 11 September when we will be able to enjoy live music, watch or even take part in a dog show, attempt a climbing wall and browse numerous stalls. Like the Bramley magazine, there is something for everyone! My one regret this month is not securing an interview with Tom Hanks when he was here filming. There were several enormous trailers parked on the MOD land opposite my house, but no sign of Tom. I was all ready to invite him in for a nightcap but I guess Oscar-winning actors prefer hotels to trailers. He was probably enjoying the wedding celebrations at Heckfield Place with Ant and Dec.

Best wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

As some of you may have noticed from the left-hand column, I have recently become churchwarden at St James'. It's an honour to have been appointed but it is also quite time consuming, especially as we don't yet have a replacement for John Lenton. I am therefore very pleased to say that Georgie Blake is going to do most of the work on the October issue of the magazine, so don't be surprised if you email me and get a response from her! You can continue to use the usual editor email address as I will continue to check this and Georgie will be given access to it shortly.

Truth is, I'll never know all there is to know about you, just as you will never know all there is to know about me. Humans are by nature too complicated to be understood fully. So, we can choose either to approach our fellow human beings with suspicion, or to approach them with an open mind, a dash of optimism, and a great deal of candour.

Tom Hanks, temporary resident of Bramley, allegedly spotted in the One Stop, Bramley Bakery, Mekanix and Bramley Inn. Also a reasonably well-known actor and producer.

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Church diary for September

5th	14th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Matins (BCP) – St James’ Church
12th	15th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’ Church
19th	16th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’ Church
26th	17th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Harvest Thanksgiving Service – St James’ Church
12:00	Harvest Lunch – Cross House

... and into October

3rd	18th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Matins (BCP) – St James’ Church
10th	19th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’ Church
17th	20th Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Holy Communion – St James’ Church
24th	21st Sunday after Trinity
9:00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10:30	Morning Worship – St James’ Church

From the Registers

Baptisms

Alexandra Wren
WILKINSON and Iris
Penelope WILKINSON at
St James’ Church on
Saturday 31 July 2021

Marriages

Charlotte Emily DRAPER
and Richard Ralph HANDS
at St James’ Church on
Saturday 5 August 2021

Funerals

Sibyl June WOOD at
St James’ Church on
Monday 12 July 2021
Kathleen Iverna Hilda
MORRIS at St James’
Church on Friday
16 July 2021
Kenneth LOWE at
Basingstoke Crematorium
on 19 July 2021

Services at our neighbouring churches

September

5th	14th Sunday after Trinity
11.00am	Songs of Praise – Online /St Leonard’s
6.30pm	Holy Communion – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
12th	15th Sunday after Trinity
10.00am	Morning Worship – Online /St Leonard’s
19th	16th Sunday after Trinity
10:00am	Holy Communion – Online /St Leonard’s
6:30pm	Evensong – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall
26th	17th Sunday after Trinity
10:00am	Together in Worship – Online/St Leonard’s

October

3rd	18th Sunday after Trinity
10:00am	Holy Communion - Harvest – Online/St Leonard’s
10:00am	Family Service – St Mary’s Stratfield Saye
6:30pm	Evensong – St Mary’s Hartley Wespall

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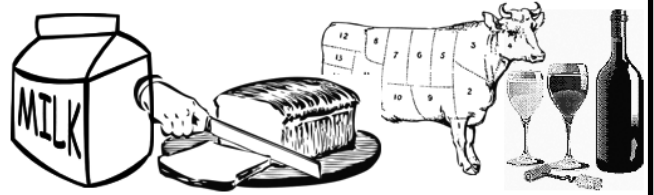
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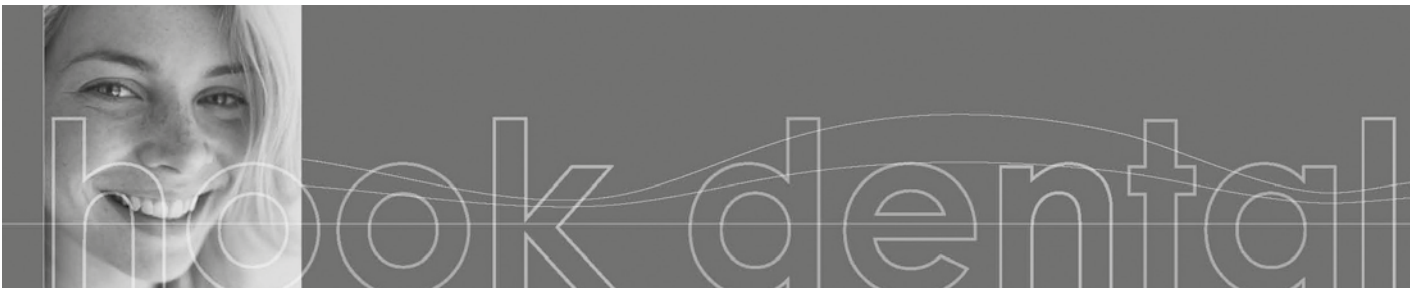
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Mental health. We often ask about people's physical health, but what about our mental health? Many of us struggle at times. It's a challenge to be mentally healthy, especially after the last 18 months. **Keith Dillway** knows people in his circle of family and friends who have really struggled with their mental health and he talks about this important subject in this month's *On Reflection*.

Did you enjoy the Olympics and other sport over the summer? Traditionally, sports people say their performance is 50% mental and 50% physical. But Charlotte Worthington, the glorious Olympics BMX gold winner, reckons it's 90% mental and 10% physical.

The NHS 'five steps to mental health' lists:-

1. being physically active
2. giving to others
3. connecting with other people
4. learning new skills, and
5. mindfulness.

I've been thinking about this subject and must say I'm lucky because I have people around me who follow these five steps and so I consider them to be good examples, especially my wife. And as I have considered the five steps, I've realised many of them are commended in the Bible. My prayerful reflection here considers some of these steps.

Being physically active. For my wife, Linda, walking is a way of life, either with me, on her own or in groups. She especially likes the Mortimer Tuesday walks. Some years back, I had a serious accident and the



Keith Dillway

policeman at the time described me as a 'walking miracle.' It would have been hard coping without the church who were brilliant to us in so many ways. The medics told me the best thing I could do was to be fit so I often cycle, which is a delightful serotonin surge. And permitted throughout all of lockdown.

Giving to others. Wasn't it wonderful to read about all the examples of people being kind during the lockdowns and making sure other people were OK? Checking up on elderly neighbours, collecting and delivering food, ensuring families with young children were coping, the list seems endless. In the Bible, it says, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Christians like me believe we should give time and money, and God Himself will bless us for doing so. In the 19th century, George Muller of Bristol raised the equivalent of £1 billion to feed, educate and train orphans. In the words of St James, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Connecting with other people

What a joy when a neighbour had her 90th birthday and lots of neighbours surprised her by singing the traditional greeting. Linda and I and other members of the Open the Book team have also connected with Bramley school by continuing to act out Bible stories via Zoom. Yes, of course there were tech problems sometimes. For instance, being unable to hear the children, but this was also an opportunity to learn new skills. When we first worked out how to use the backdrop feature in Zoom, we were telling the children the story in which Moses sees a bush burning without being destroyed. When we changed the backdrop, the children gasped and held their hands in front of their mouth, such was the realistic scenery. What a joy to see the children's faces on our screens and the staff and everyone concerned were so positive. We felt at times that we were receiving more than we were giving.

Mindfulness A new one to me personally, but aspects like concentrating on the present and not worrying about the future are so positive, aren't they? Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air: they do not sow or reap or gather into barns—and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6 v 25-27.

Time to go now. I want to look again at some of those fantastic Olympic videos, including 13-year-old Sky Brown, Charlotte Worthington, and Tom Pidcock, our mountain bike gold winner. These are some of the people who have learnt how to handle their mental health. We salute them.

A big thank you to Nairn and Marjory for hosting a pool party and afternoon tea at their beautiful house, last month.

The children from St James' Shell Club (and some adults!) had a wonderful time in the pool, while the more sensible members of the congregation tucked straight into the cake! The rain pretty much held off and, as you can see from these pictures, everyone enjoyed getting together again.



If you were at Clift Meadow during the open-air ‘Songs of Praise’ last month, you’ll have already met this month’s neighbour. **Karen West** was ordained this summer as a deacon and is the new curate for our area. We asked her to explain what that means!

Karen writes

The 4th of July is probably best known as America’s Independence Day. For me, it was ‘Ordination Day’, and what a day it was!

Being ordained as a deacon means being licensed by a Bishop, so I can work as a curate for the next year or so in our Benefice, or group of parishes (Bramley, Sherfield on Loddon, Stratfield Saye and Hartley Wespall.) A curate is essentially a minister in training. It means I can lead services, preach and baptise people. I can’t yet preside over Holy Communion services or marry couples - that will have to wait until next July when hopefully I’ll become a minister (as long as I ‘behave’ myself!).

The service was held at Winchester Cathedral, as we are in Winchester Diocese. Numbers of guests for each of us was limited, but many church family members could watch on-line - either live or on catch-up. Wonderfully, my family were able to be with me - my mum, two brothers and sister-in-law.



Karen and her family

What made the day even more special was that the Cathedral opened the Royal Hampshire Regiment Book of Remembrance to the page where my mum’s dad is listed (he died at El Alamein in WW2). My brothers hadn’t seen this before.

Inevitably there were lots of nerves for us all, although maybe you wouldn’t know this from this picture of two of my fellow ordinands, with whom I’ve been studying for the past three years.



Dressed for duty!

We helped each other get dressed ‘behind the scenes’ and practised getting up from kneeling without tripping over our new cassocks (the black frock) and what feel like voluminous surplices (the white robe over the top). It’s harder than it looks and made us giggle, which helped no end.

What also helped was the warmth of Bishop Debbie, the interim Bishop of Winchester, both during the time she spent with us at the pre-ordination retreat and on the day itself. Our service was her fourth in less than 24 hours, so she joked that by this time she knew what she was doing!

I felt totally surrounded by the love and prayers of so many - and still do. My kitchen is decorated with something like 50 cards, each filled with lovely words of encouragement. They will remain up for a while yet to sustain me in these early days of curacy.

And the very next day it was off to ‘work’ – accompanying my mentor, Shona, on a funeral visit. It was, of course, a sad life-event to play a part in, but also a massive privilege to be able to assist in the funeral itself. I was also excited to take part in my first wedding as a curate, with the Reverend Ken Batt, from St Leonard’s in Sherfield on Loddon.

I’m already discovering that it’s tough to fit what I’d like to do into part-time hours, especially with four parishes in my ‘patch’, but the variety of my days is already proving hugely rewarding. I have very much enjoyed my visits to Bramley, both to St James church and the open-air Songs of Praise.

Some of you may have met Monty, my cocker spaniel - or perhaps seen him on screen participating in Zoom services. As Ken joked at one of our services together, now he’s not the only one in our household who wears a dog collar!!



Karen and Monty - both in dog collars!

Goodbye Mrs Biffen

There can't be many parents in Bramley who haven't had some contact with Mrs Biffen over the years. She has been a crucial part of Bramley Primary School for 25 years. I still remember her coming to my house nine years ago to introduce herself to my 4-year-old daughter who was about to start in Year R. She made Sophia feel so relaxed and excited about school.

Mrs Biffen is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement and while school holidays got in the way of our planned feature, these quotes from grateful parents really say it all.

"Thank you so much for the support and hard work you have put in to developing our little ones. You will be sorely missed by all!"

"You're amazing. Don't forget it. Thank you so much for everything you have done over the years for our family alone. You have gone above and beyond and will be very missed"

"We all wanted to thank her for everything she has done for EYFS [Early Years Foundation Stage]. She will be missed by so many. On a personal level, I am so thankful that her last year was [my son's] first year. She has given him such a love for school and we will be eternally grateful"

"Thank you Mrs Biffen and all teachers!! [My daughter] is going to miss you so much"

"Thank you for everything Mrs Biffen! We have been very lucky to have you as a teacher for both [our children]. You really did plant seeds of knowledge that will last a lifetime and you certainly made them shine and very happy. We will miss you lots. You have certainly left a legacy. Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it!"

"Thank you so much Mrs Biffen. What an amazing teacher you are.....We feel so lucky that [our daughter] got to be taught by you. What a fantastic start to her education and thanks to you and the other lovely Year R teachers she has a love of school and learning, even after this crazy year. We will really miss you all"

"Mrs Biffen, you have such a special place in our hearts for persuading us to keep [our son] at Bramley school 6 years ago. Now here we are, all three children attending Bramley and they couldn't be happier. I'm so glad!! Thank you for giving each of them a really strong foundation and loving environment. You're the best!!"



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Although we had no meetings planned for August, several ongoing projects are now nearing completion. There are also works which are not progressing as we had hoped.

Bramley Lane junction - this project is finally progressing well. The work to re-route Openreach cabling proved somewhat problematic. Speaking to “the man with the clipboard” he seemed confident that it would be completed before the return to school in September.

Village Hall car park - progressing well with only the re-surfacing to be completed.

St James Park allotments - awaiting a response from Persimmon’s legal team regarding the lease to the Parish Council. Work will need to be done as the site is badly overgrown, as is the northern kickabout area.

Bramley Green - ditches around the green re-dug in response to an illegal incursion near Pond Road.

Foul water drainage - further meeting with Bewley Homes and Thames Water on 28 June. Thames Water have stated that their preferred option of a new pumped main to Sherfield treatment works is too expensive. They are presently leaning towards other works to improve the capacity at times of continuous rainfall - further updates are expected.

Clift Meadow path - the access by the Bramley Inn has been narrowed to deter unwanted wheeled vehicle access to the meadow. Awaiting details from Persimmon concerning the flooding at the northern end and the replacement lighting along the path.

Clift Meadow Trustees – members of the Parish Council are meeting with the Clift Meadow Trustees to receive a guided tour of the Clift Meadow premises, and for the Trustees to discuss their vision for Clift Meadow moving forward. As landowners of the Meadow, the Parish Council has a responsibility to support the Trustees where appropriate – this is of course given due scrutiny at Parish Council meetings.

Bramley Training Camp - those adjacent to the Ordnance Road access to the training area will be aware of the filming which recently took place. SDTA productions have been making parts of an Apple TV mini-series called Masters of the Air; this is a follow up to Band of Brothers. The production team were very complimentary about the welcome and support they received from the residents despite one night of continuous comings and goings.

Solar Farm & Battery Storage planning applications - Hampshire Highways have lodged a holding objection on the battery storage and solar farm applications. They require more clarity on traffic management from The Street to the site access on Minchens Lane.

Local Plan Update – Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council are continuing with the Local Plan Update, with meetings with Parish Councils in August to discuss site

assessment and selection, the recent settlement studies, and how this all might feed into the Neighbourhood Plan. Bramley PC’s meeting is booked for 23 August.

Parish Council meetings – the next Parish Council meetings are as follows:

Planning Committee: Tuesday 14 September

Full Council: Tuesday 21 September.

Venues for both are to be confirmed once we have examined the best venues to observe social distancing.

Finally, a big thank you to the Clift Meadow trustees for organising the music event on 13 August. About 300 tickets were sold and it was a very enjoyable evening with even the weather being kind.

Councillor Chris Flocks on behalf of Bramley Parish Council
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When will we get a replacement for Reverend John Lenton?

The search is on for our new Rector to replace the Reverend John Lenton who retired in May. The new Rector will live in Bramley and will be in overall charge of three other churches as well as St James’: St Leonard’s in Sherfield on Loddon, St Mary’s in Hartley Wespall and St Mary’s in Stratfield Saye. A team representing all these four churches has been working extremely hard to produce what is called the Profile - a document which prospective candidates will read to find out all about us and, hopefully, be inspired to make an application.

The timetable for the process looks like this:

- 9 September - 8 October - our advertisement is ‘live’ and applications are received
- 13 October - applications are shortlisted
- 3 – 4 November - the selection process takes place, conducted by elected representatives of each church, supported by the Bishop or Archdeacon of Winchester and the churches’ patrons.

Once we have a new Rector, a new hunt will begin for an Associate Priest, who will live in Sherfield on Loddon.

And so, what happens in the meantime? Legally, in vacancy periods, each church is led by its Churchwardens - at St James’ our wardens are Malcolm Knowles and Rachel Barclay Smith - supported by a Ministry Team who work across all four churches, and our Parish Administrator, Steve Day. In many respects church life continues as ever with weekly services and occasional baptisms, funerals and weddings, so please do get in touch with us if we can help. Our contact details are on page 3 and you can also email our curate, The Reverend Karen West, on revkarenw24@gmail.com

We’ll be delighted to hear from you! And in the meantime, please pray that God is already working in the heart and mind of the man or woman that He wants to appoint to this important post in our community.

Bramley Guides

Well, after a year and a half it looks like Guides can at last return to our normal Wednesday evenings at the Village Hall. We have been running on Zoom throughout the lockdowns and the Guides have been amazing, creative and active, even though we were not meeting face-to-face.

We have been working on the Guiding Programme and have clocked up lists of time towards theme badges. The Recycled Beasts, armpit fudge (!) and a fantastic music evening have been a few of the favourite activities. We finished the year with a BBQ, together for the first time. It was scary to see how much taller the girls were (something we couldn't see on Zoom).

We are always happy to take new Guides. They don't have to have been a Brownie. If your daughter is between 10 - 14 years then contact www.girlguidinguk.org and register there. Ailsa, Amanda and I will look forward to meeting everyone again on 8 September at 7.30pm.

Pam Luck

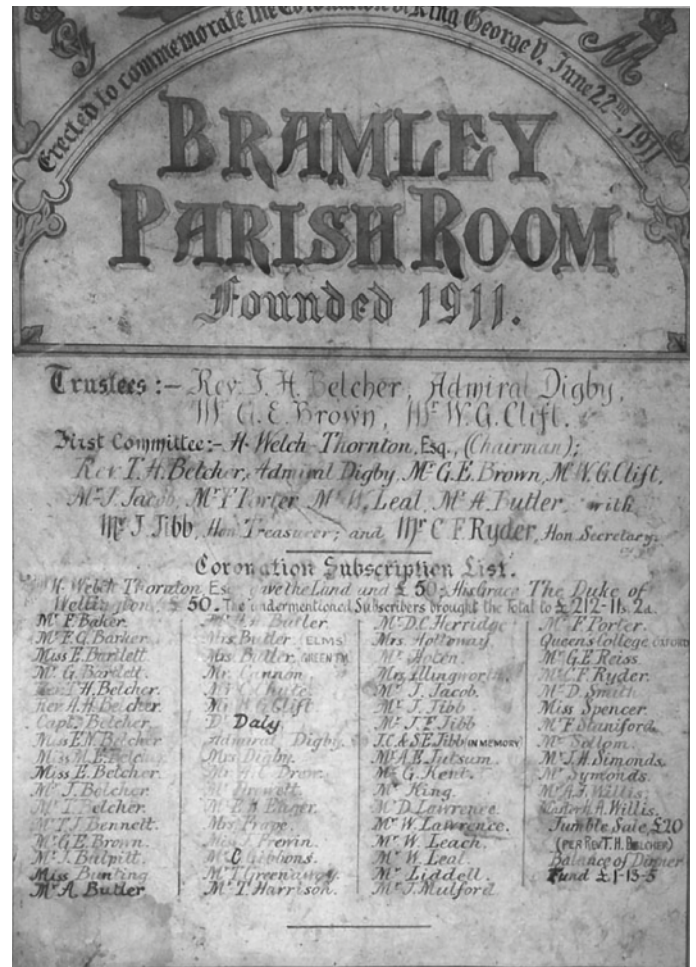
A little bit of local history

The poster below was found in the Wade Road wood skip, by Brian Shergold of Old Basing, seven years ago. As it happens, Brian works for neighbours of ours who knew my Parish Council connections. The frame is a bit tatty, but the actual poster seems remarkably well preserved. I have passed it to Gareth Jones, the Village Hall chair, and it will be restored and hung there. The Village Hall is effectively the "descendant" of this organisation, founded exactly 110 years ago.

If anyone has any more information about the poster or the people named on it, please get in touch with me, the Parish Council or the Village Hall.

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News from Butter Daisy

What a busy time of year! We have been enjoying our 'Summer of Fun', this year's theme being occupations. We invited our parents in to share their occupations with our children. So far we have had a visit from a teacher who works with visually impaired children, who taught us some braille and a visit from a Health Visitor who measured our height and taught us about how we look after our teeth. We were fascinated when a parent who works in IT brought in some old computer software and the children loved pressing the buttons and exploring it. Additionally, we had visits from a bridge building expert and a shop keeper; we learnt how to prepare octopus as well as other fish (we were even shown some fish brains!).



We are lucky enough at Butter Daisy to have a chef, who runs a cookery club once a week for the children. This month the babies got to make shortbread biscuits and they enjoyed mixing the ingredients together. The preschool children made pizzas.

We held a hero themed dress up day, which sparked lots of conversations about kindness and how people help us. A visit to the train station gave us the opportunity to see lots of different types of transport and we also got to wash a real-life car and eagerly tried to make the black car "white".

We are looking forward to the next two weeks with visits from a research scientist, a farmer and Relax Kids, who are going to do some meditating type activities with the children.

As we move into September, we say farewell to some of our children as they move on to 'Big School'. We are planning a lovely graduation ceremony for them.

Please do contact us on 01256 882515 or email butter@mydaisynursery.com if you would like to know more about our nursery.

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If you have been near the **Village Hall** recently, you will have noticed a lot of activity in the car park. **Gareth Jones, Chairman of the Bramley Village Hall Trust,** explains what has been going on.

Anyone who has driven into the Village Hall car park in recent years and has negotiated the ruts and potholes, frequently filled with water, will appreciate the need to replace the surface with something which is much more user friendly. This sounds easy but the Village Hall Trustees have spent nearly three years trying to get this project delivered (and the Covid pandemic hasn't helped!). While not a large car park, being surrounded by trees and shrubbery raised issues of root protection and the need to avoid altering the drainage in any way which impacted on the sustainability of the trees. The Hampshire County Council Flood and Water Management Team were concerned about any water run-off from the newly surfaced car park adding to the water management issues further along The Street and in Minchins Lane. Design engineers were employed to come up with solutions to these problems, test pits were dug, and run-off rates were calculated for a range of rainfall scenarios.



The work begins.....

The solution recommended was a permeable asphalt Sustainable Drainage System, (SuDS), which permits rainwater to seep through the tarmac and compacted layers of clean stone, slowing its absorption by the underlying clay. Special membranes will be put in place to protect tree roots and the gradient of the car park will be improved to ensure



New, washed stone ready for the SuDS

rainwater is not allowed to pool. The use of design engineers was important as their work not only improved on the original concept, which would have necessitated excavating a sump to hold back rainwater, but their efforts saved 25% of the costs based on the initial design. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, who are funding this work using Section 106 funds provided by building developers, finally gave us planning permission on 15 March 2021.

Our contractors, S & C Slatter of Newbury, began work on the car park on 26 July (delayed a week by another contract) and at the time of writing have made good progress. The site has been cleared and the spoil removed, including large quantities of compacted brick rubble which had been used in the past to form a base for the car park. The membranes to protect the tree roots are in place and some of the clean stone has been delivered for the first layer of the SuDS. Compaction of these layers began on Monday 9 August and the contractors plan to start laying tarmac on Monday 16 August. Before starting that, all the drain inspection pits will be opened, and the lintels and manhole covers replaced, as some of them have cracked badly over time. Bollards will be installed to prevent vehicles from breaking through the fence into the nursery playground. We hope that all the work will be completed by Monday 23 August, and we can plan for the reopening of the Hall and get back to business as usual.



Spoil to the left, new stone to the right

The Village Hall Trustees are very grateful to all our users for their patience and understanding during this period of closure, coming so soon after the Covid restrictions were lifted. And to our neighbours, apologies for the noise and disruption caused by our contractor's operations over the past few weeks.



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**Now in
Bramley**

It's been 18 months in the making, 2 postponed dates and show dances learnt on Zoom but **Petite School of Dancing** finally got the chance to take to the stage on Saturday 24 July 2021 at The Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke. Their Principal, **Miss Louise**, tells us more.

What an amazing feeling it was to finally see all the hard work come together. A night of movies and musicals was the theme of the show, which guaranteed everyone would hear a song they loved. My first show as principal of Petite and with many obstacles in the way, it felt like it might not happen. I am so proud of everyone's determination to get the show to happen.

Lockdown was a challenging time for the dance school and we decided to take our lessons to Zoom. As well as our usual sessions, we introduced a core and stretch class. This was a fitness class in a Hiit format to keep everyone's fitness levels up. We also had adult tap and adult ballet classes. We had lots of fun on Zoom, doing weekly challenges such as dress-up weeks and scavenger hunts. We were so impressed with everyone's determination and commitment, week on week.

We went back and forth between Zoom and face-to-face lessons but when we were finally allowed back to dancing in person in January 2021, we jumped straight back into our show work, with just a few months to get everything done. We powered through, got all the dances finished, sorted out all the costumes and held our dress rehearsal at the end of May. It was so good to finally see all the dances together. We felt ready to go for our early July date, however the government put a stop to those plans when they delayed opening up until the 19 July. Luckily the Haymarket sorted us a new date nice and quickly, and 24 July was in the diary.

So, we finally got our show! All the boys and girls did an amazing job. Our adult tappers took to the stage and even got to dance alongside their daughters. We had a great team of people behind the scenes and we couldn't have done the show without them.



We are now looking forward to returning to lessons in September. We have lots to look forward to, including performing at the village fete and taking part in 'A Chance to Dance' in Bournemouth.

Petite celebrated its 50-year anniversary this year and Bramley has been its home for the last 15 years. We pride ourselves on being a community dance school and are very proud of the dance family we have created. If you would like to join our family then you are welcome to try our classes. Just get in touch to arrange a free trial lesson.

www.petiteschoolofdancing.com



Beach's Crescent Potato Competition - The Results.

You may remember reading about the Potato Competition in a previous edition of The Bramley Magazine. Joyce and Arthur Rawlinson came up with the idea of challenging their neighbours to grow a bucket of potatoes; they provided buckets and starter potatoes, we had to provide soil and then loving care to get as many to grow as possible.



On Saturday 7th August all 'undisturbed' buckets had to be returned and Judith and Peter Tyson took on the job of emptying, weighing and counting the contents of all 29 entries. It took a couple of hours for them to weigh the potatoes and discover who was going to win prizes.

We were not very lucky with the weather but extremely fortunate that Will and Lisa Hockey allowed us to gather in their lovely garden for the presentation of awards and for a BBQ afterwards. The children [and some adults] very much enjoyed playing on the bouncy castle that Will had organised for the day.



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Lots of people contributed by donating raffle prizes and Ernie made sure we had salad produce to go with our BBQ.

Joyce had crafted three trophies to be awarded and had rosettes for all the winners and for those that came second in each category. Rhydian Vaughan, our local Hampshire County Councillor, came along at 4pm to award the prizes. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Largest Potato: First Prize to Linda and Mick Nichols, Second Prize to Joyce and Arthur Rawlinson.

Greatest Number of Potatoes: First Prize to Lin and Tony Van Sant, Second Prize to Rob and Mary Huitson.

Heaviest Weight of Potatoes: First Prize to Judith and Peter Tyson, Second Prize to Linda and Mick Nichols.

The entry fees were used to purchase the buckets and starter potatoes and surplus went towards the cost of the BBQ.





However, people were generous enough to give raffle prizes and also buy raffle tickets. This ensured all BBQ costs were covered and the surplus went to a charity nominated by the last raffle ticket winner. This was Rob Huitson and he nominated ActionAid - an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. Thanks to the generosity of all potato competition competitors and those attending the results event, ActionAid have received a donation of £132.

Thanks to all those that helped make the event a wonderful success - so enjoyed that everyone voted that we should make the Potato Competition an annual event in Beach's Crescent.

Apparently, Mick Nichols didn't use the horse manure gathered from the road but may be persuaded to divulge the true secret of his success - for the right price!





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BRAMLEY WI

The Bramley WI have been quite busy during the summer, starting with the Bike 200 at Clift Meadow in June, as mentioned in the last magazine. It was really good fun. We made sandwiches and cakes and sold a meal deal, which seemed to go down well with the riders. The girls worked very hard: obviously we had not done catering on such a large scale before. Our grateful thanks to Mekanix for their donation and also the Shop at Sherfield for getting us boxes of bananas at cost price. Thank you both very much.

A number of members went to Sibyl Wood's funeral in July. As you can see from the photograph, we lined the church path, each holding a flower. Sibyl was a long-standing member of the WI and was President for a while. Whenever we sang *Jerusalem* we always got her to start the singing as she had such a wonderful voice.

The July meeting was the AGM, which we held in the garden of one of our members, Anne. This was very informal and fortunately the rain held off so everyone could sit and chat in the lovely garden and enjoy a glass of procesco or wine with nibbles.

The WI hosted a memorial tea for Pat Jones, who died last year. Lots of friends from the village turned up to enjoy a cream tea and there was a presentation on Horatio's Garden by the founder, Dr Chapple. Pat had left her legacy to this very worthwhile cause, so it was appropriate that she explained about the charity. We hope



Saying goodbye to Sibyl

we will visit the Salisbury garden next year. Joyce, one of our members, spoke about a lovely pen picture that Pat had done, which will now be displayed in the Village Hall, near our WI notice board.

At the August meeting we went to Rawlins Farm at Charter Alley, which belongs to one of our members, Sarah.

We had a cream tea and a chat and then a walk around the garden, which is beautiful. It was a very relaxing August evening.

Our next meeting will be a game of crazy golf, followed by lunch. Hopefully we will be back in the village hall for the October meeting.

Jane Matthews

Bramley and Romans Floral Society.

In July, we had a Zoom demonstration by Irene Hickox, who produced these three intriguing arrangements, including one depicting a view of garden meadows.



In August we had our first Zoom workshop by Jenny Langton, on spiral arrangements. She sent us a list of flowers and items needed so, hopefully, some of us will attempt to create one of these arrangements at home.

Our next meeting is on 2 September and, as long as we are still allowed, we will be back in Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall



at 1.30pm for a workshop. We look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

From then on, hopefully, our regular meetings will continue to be in Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall at 1.30pm on the first Thursday of the month.

Eileen Gulston



SPAM Down the Ages

I often find myself saying things and then wondering what the reaction of one of my teachers or my grandfather would be to the modern terminology. A little conversation ensues, only in my head and entirely imaginary of course. These conversations are caused by the very strange things we now say every day.

ME: I am getting spammed by these people several times a week.

TEACHER: You mean people are throwing slices of spiced ham at you? You are referring to Spam, that staple of Sunday School picnic sandwiches and end of the month packed lunches? This is monstrous! During the war, we were lucky to even get Spam from the American soldiers. We loved it!

ME: No not that kind of Spam. Let me grab my mobile and I'll google it for you.

TEACHER: Mobile? You mean an artistic structure, consisting of dangling forms, with movement caused by air currents? What on earth are you thinking?

ME: No, my mobile phone. Stop quoting your dictionary at me. It's out of date.

TEACHER: Mobile phone? Why would you want to move it from the table in the hall where everyone keeps their phone? Anyway, phones are very heavy.

ME: No, this phone is no bigger than one of your cigar packets. We see you puffing in the staff room.



TEACHER: Are you going to call someone to find out about Spam? Do you have a contact at the manufacturer?

ME: No. I hardly ever use it to phone. No one does. But it's very useful for messaging people, googling stuff and keeping your diary up to date.

TEACHER: Googol? You mean the number 1 followed by 100 zeroes? How is that relevant?

ME: No, Google.

TEACHER: Like a googly in cricket, an off-break bowled with an apparent leg-break action?

ME: Wrong again. You haven't kept up have you? Oh wait. You're in the past so it's not your fault. Google is a search engine. I can type anything – you know what typing is – and I can find the answer. Or indeed many answers.

TEACHER: You have an encyclopaedia in your phone?

ME: Well, if that helps you understand

it then, yes. But it's better than any encyclopaedia. It gets updated frequently. You could update it if you felt that something was not quite right.

TEACHER: Ah now you're talking. I did not agree with that critique of Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War I read last year. I can't wait to set that chap right.

ME: Well, you'll have to wait about 30 years or more. You're in 1970, remember? Anyway, I was telling you about people spamming me. Spam is unwanted electronic mail. Messages on my mobile phone that I do not want. Oh, and while we were talking, I have just googled Spam and found its history. And it seems that your 'spiced ham' is wrong as well. Neither ingredient is used in Spam. It's pork shoulder.

TEACHER: I'm glad I'm staying in 1970 then. My pupils can't contradict me here!

Michael Luck

Re-wilding Bramley

I'm sure a lot of you drove past this junction at Bramley Corner in summer and noticed all the wild flowers. After a bit of detective work I found out that it was local resident, **Gordon Ewart**, who planted the seeds that resulted in such a beautiful display. Thank you, Gordon, for brightening up our village!

If you have been walking through the churchyard you may also have seen the beginnings of a re-wilding programme. An area towards the back of the churchyard is being left un-mown as an experiment to attract wildlife and encourage wild flowers. We will see how it develops over the year. Thank you to **Debbie Grey** for suggesting this initiative.



Thank you, Terry

It was with a mixture of gratitude and sadness that the Reverend John Lenton and the St James' Bell Ringers presented Terry Cooper with a certificate recognising his 25 years of service as Tower Captain and bell ringer.



Terry maintaining the bells

Gratitude for all he has achieved since 1996: maintaining the bells, organising practices, ensuring we had enough ringers for weddings and major church services and, top of the list, teaching new bell ringers. I have lost count of



Terry and his wife, Pat

the number of people he has taught to ring over the years, but they certainly include nearly all the current team. And when I say maintaining the bells, well that's a pretty big job when you are talking about eight bells weighing anything between 15 and 97 stone (198 – 616kg). He has made and replaced stays, greased and spliced the ropes, planned and coordinated the replacement of all eight ropes, and that's on top of all the day to day jobs that have kept the bells in working order over the years.



Terry, Pat and the band of ringers

It's no exaggeration to say that without Terry, there probably wouldn't be a team of bell ringers at St James', so it was a sad day when Terry decided to step down as Tower Captain. We will all miss his expertise, wisdom and Yorkshire humour and very much hope he will join us to ring occasionally, as the tower isn't the same without him.

Rachel Barclay Smith



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News from the Hospital

The really encouraging news from Basingstoke hospital is that in August there were very few Covid patients, with nobody in critical care, unlike the situation 12 months ago. A great testament to the fantastic vaccine roll-out and to the efforts made by all of us.

However, we all need to remember that Covid hasn't gone away and that cases are still prevalent in the community. As such, when visiting we all need to maintain social distancing, wear our masks, and use the hand gel on entry. This is not only to protect ourselves, we should also be mindful that there are many patients in the hospital who have reduced immunity to infection, for example anyone undergoing chemotherapy.

In addition to the above positive news, it is encouraging that the hospital has recently been meeting all of the national targets for seeing cancer patients. Elective work is also hitting targets and patient length of stay has dropped, so that whilst the number of people visiting A & E has risen by 40%, we no longer have the critical bed shortages of a year ago.

Recent talk of concentrating some of the services at either Winchester or Basingstoke, has caused considerable local concern. It is important to remember that no options have been decided upon at this stage and that there will be a full public consultation. There are arguments in favour of some centralisation, for instance, to maintain highly specialist expertise in our local Trust. There is also a real risk that failure to consolidate may mean the Trust loses these services, with patients having to travel much further for treatment. At the same time the NHS is significantly changing – with more care than ever being provided in the community or in people's own homes.

Headline news about our new hospital has been quiet of late but work has been going on behind the scenes. Given the plans to build 40 new hospitals, it has been recognised at national level there could be some synergies of design and build, and also a degree of coordination of the available contractors capable of undertaking each of these large projects.

Keith Bunker
Former Hospital Governor

Queen's 70th

On the 2 June, 2022, Bramley Parish Council is preparing to celebrate the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with other councils, towns, and cities across the UK and Commonwealth with the lighting of the Beacon on Clift Meadow. Bruno Peek is the Pageant Master arranging this celebration and has arranged a timetable for the event with the Beacons being lit at 9.09 in the evening.

Prior to this, there are certain things that are happening.

- Town Criers across the country will be declaring a Proclamation at 1pm. We could do this prior to the Beacon being lit if we can find a person with a strong voice. Any offers?
- Choirs across the country will be encouraged to sing a specially written song coinciding with the lighting of the Beacon. A competition to select the song will take place throughout the Commonwealth. We are looking for a choir?
- As the Sun sets at 9.09pm across the UK and the Commonwealth, individual pipers and pipe bands are being asked to play "Diu Regnare" from central locations within their communities as a personal tribute to Her Majesty The Queen. Have we a piper in our midst?

So, prior to lighting the Beacon, it would be good if we could find within our community a person with a LOUD VOICE, a CHOIR, and a PIPER.

Bramley Parish Council will be putting on some food etc. as yet to be decided, but if you can help with filling in the position of Crier, Choir or Piper, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@bramley-pc.gov.uk Let's make this a special event for the whole community.

Ranil Jayawardena MP

Ahead of our children and grandchildren returning to school, I wanted to write on what is surely the most important part of Our Plan for North East Hampshire – a great education for the next generation. Not only does this mean making sure that there are enough school places for everyone in the future, but making sure the funding and support is there for pupils today.

It goes without saying that COVID-19 has been a real strain on us all, not least our children and our schools. That's why I welcome the news that our children will be benefitting from a share of the £1.7 billion made available for catch-up support like summer schools and mental health support – part of over £3 billion for education recovery. I know that this funding has given parents, teachers and children here in Hampshire and further afield help to get things back on track.

Having two young children of my own, I know how hard it has been for parents to juggle the uncertainty of school life with the everyday stresses and strains of working in the 'new normal' world. But the fantastic grades from this year's A-Level and GCSE pupils – despite disruption – shows the huge potential they have.

HM Government has already committed to increasing school funding by £14 billion. For us here in Bramley, in schools such as the Church of England Primary School, this means every pupil will benefit from at least £4,362.

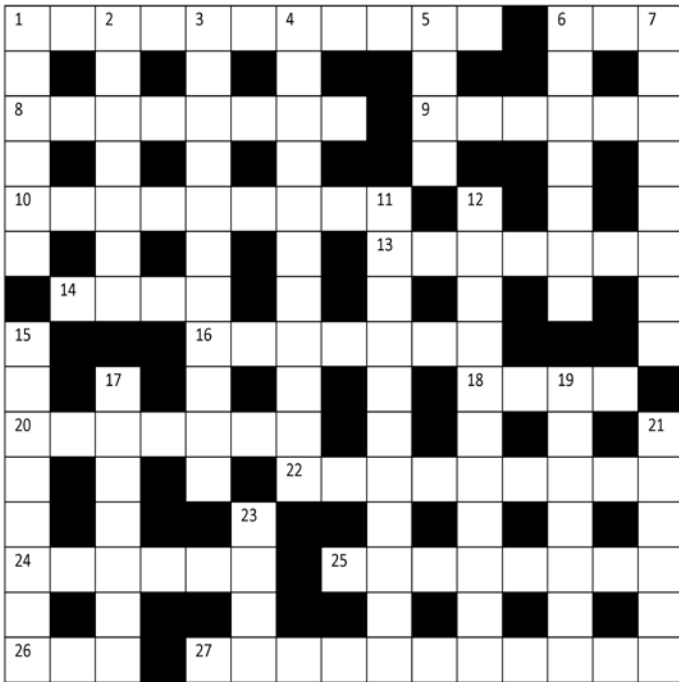
And, looking to the future, it is important we build new classrooms – and even a new school. Schools across North East Hampshire, from Hook Infant and Junior Schools, to Calthorpe Park in Fleet have been extended in recent years. This is great news. But I know that there is an appetite for a new school in time too. Take a look at: ranil.uk/school for more information – together, we can provide more school places, increase choice and improve standards further.

Building back a better education system is not only vital for Britain and its future in the world, but for North East Hampshire and local families.

For my latest updates, you can follow me on Facebook ("Ranil Jayawardena MP") – or sign up to my newsletter at: ranil.uk/newsletter – and, as ever, if there is anything my team and I can help you with, send me a message: email@ranil.uk.

Cryptic Crossword No: 51

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 I crept heavy around over working. (11)
- 6 Looking into all the hiccups we found a trophy. (3)
- 8 Minus the state of an electron. (8)
- 9 See that it was not ice on the road. (6)
- 10 Strengthened after points and was charmed. (9)
- 13 French and timed to mix so gave out. (7)
- 14 Architectural feature found in stoats. (4)
- 16 Yearning for a stretch perhaps. (7)
- 18 Can ears be found so close. (4)
- 20 Predict before seeing inside. (7)
- 22 Photographs drinks taken after card game. (9)
- 24 Silly nonsense to drive late. (6)
- 25 Dive covering four is tending to split. (8)
- 26 Is dragster a man hiding a cloth ? (3)
- 27 Tent equipment is normally beneath one. (11)

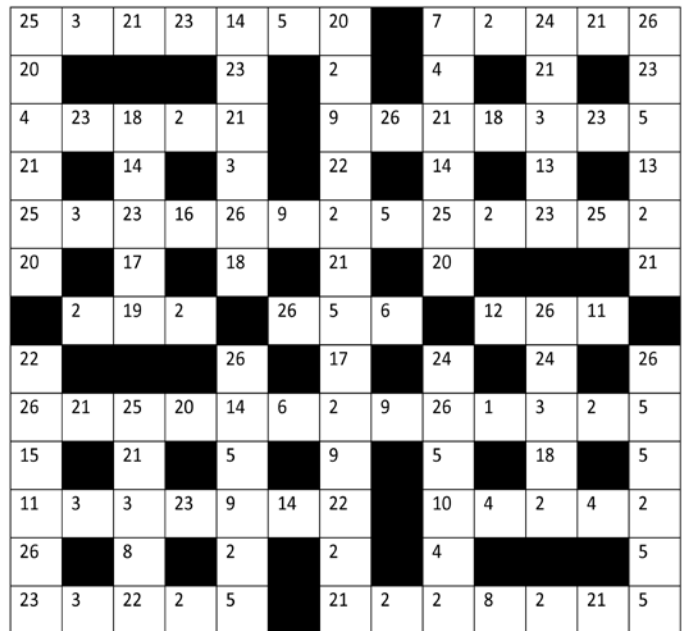
Down

- 1 Impede behind errant insider. (6)
- 2 Procession from part of book insect. (7)

- 3 Reason as one shares a lie in a way. (11)
- 4 Race van 'cos I want to find statistical tools. (11)
- 5 Weathercock announced as blood vessel. (4)
- 6 Lime cat soon adjusts to the weather. (7)
- 7 Goes before when arranging deer spec. (8)
- 11 European digs nation over for title. (11)
- 12 Symptoms of Di's coverage of a non believer. (11)
- 15 Law breaker perhaps not on edge with hesitation. (8)
- 17 Leading a team perhaps to distraction. (7)
- 19 Break down a cat in small elements intially. (7)
- 21 A perfume or climb. (6)
- 23 Pronounce indistinctly for blame. (4)

CodeWord No: 37

See page 31 for the answers.



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Bramley Village Hub

Knitting at Clift Meadow Fete

The Clift Meadow Village Fete is going to be a great opportunity for the Village to come together and, at last, the **Bramley Village Knitted Map** will be on display for everyone to see. The knitters have had to wait so long to show off their masterpiece and visitors will have the opportunity to buy postcards and cards. The Village Hub will be there to say "Hello", as will the Village Garden and Clift Surgery's Patient Participation group. Hope to see you there.

Rain stopped play

Although we had fewer scarecrows this year, the quality was excellent. So artistic and imaginative and they gave the younger (and older!) members of the Bramley Community such enjoyment. By the time the photos were due to be taken, the weather had given them a bashing and so we decided that every entry is a Winner!!


From next year the Scarecrows will be teaming up with the Bramley Village Hub and we are already planning a **Scarecrow Extravaganza** to coincide with the Jubilee, with a royal theme, so start thinking about Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses! There will be a prize and hopefully lots of

fun. Details will follow, so keep a look out on the Bramley Village Hub www.bramleyvillagehub.com and in the Bramley Magazine.

Sue Howell

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Sherfield Park Community Centre

Messy Church - it's back from 8 October at Sherfield Park Community Centre

It's something like 18 months since Messy Church last met - since then, children have grown, babies have been born and many families will have moved to and from our local communities, so it seems like a good time to remind everyone of what Messy Church is - and indeed, isn't!

So, in a nutshell, Messy Church:

- Is a way of being church for families that involves having fun.

- Helps those who come along to meet and learn about Jesus.
- Happens across the world; but here locally at the Community Centre on Sherfield Park on the second Friday of each month from 4.00-5.00p.m.
- Typically includes a welcome, doing something 'messy' as a way to explore our theme for the month; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and refreshments.
- Is a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age, although most children who come are from 0 to junior school age.

If that's what Messy Church is, what isn't it?

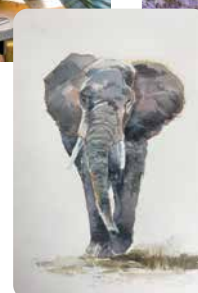
- Just for families - all are welcome. Church, including Messy Church is inclusive, not exclusive.
- Just for church families
- A way of getting people to come to church on Sundays - although, of course, you'd be very welcome to join us in any of our churches! You'll find details of all our services elsewhere in this magazine.

Why not come along on 8 October and see for yourself? We'd love you to join us.

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Bramley has its own **pyramids** – prettier than the ones in Egypt, but not around for quite as long, as **John Stubbs** explains.

You really couldn't miss it. Head and shoulders over its neighbours, as is only right and proper, the orchid knows that it's more than just an ordinary flower. They're not always big. Some are rare, though this one can't claim that. They'll pop up in all sorts of places – waste ground to hedgerow, field side to riverside. Somehow, though, they're always just that bit distinctive. Orchids are just about the most numerous family of flowers, and they show more variety than any other group, in structure, size, habitat, root, stem and blossom. They've been around an awfully long time, perhaps a hundred million years: that gives plenty of time to come up with things a bit special. That said, it's usually pretty clear when you see one, that it's one of the clan.

The oddities they have in common reflect the fact that they made a breakaway, way back, and kept some unusual features ever since. One such oddity is that, rather than setting their seeds up for a quick start in life by providing a supply of nutrients from the get-go, as do most plants and animals, they take the alternative tactic of despatching a million tiny seeds, and flowering a whole lot longer. Sending out lots of them is obviously a good ruse, survival wise – but there is a downside, as these economy-grade seeds don't come fully equipped, so they can't just settle down in a nice bit of soil and start growing. Mostly they can't photosynthesise, they can't suck up carbon – who's going to help a minute seedling then?

In this case, the good guy would be one of a range of specialist fungi. They have mutual back-scratching pacts: some of them attach to a seed and quite literally feed it – in return for supplies of nutrients that the fungus needs. This sort of transfer trade is normal with plant roots, but it's usually a straight deal whereby the plant takes phosphorous and nitrogen from the soil, care of the fungus, and the fungus takes carbon that the plant's leaves absorb from the air. In the case of orchids, the seed just can't germinate without finding its particular benefactor, as it has no reserve of starch. Later on, once it has made its

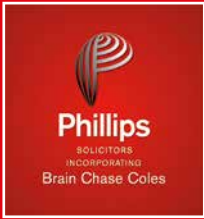


deal with a suitable fungus, the flow of nutrients can be reversed, as a pay-back deal. Where the orchid is growing as a parasite on another plant, as do many tropical species, the whole issue gets enormously complicated with lots of three-way deals: quite how all this is organised is yet to be pinned down.

When Charles Darwin published his seminal work 'On the Origin of Species' he was open to the criticism that there weren't enough examples of minor, incremental changes in organisms that have to function closely in conjunction with another, different species. How come a plant employs one particular insect to pollinate it, and which of them came first? Apparently this was quite a concern of Darwin, but the major tome's content was growing unwieldy. His answer was to leave this aspect to another book, published in 1862, showing how orchids and insects co-evolved and, in particular, benefitted from the avoidance of continual self-pollination. The work showed an incredible amount of detailed observation and extraordinary perception. For example, he showed

the structures within the pyramidal orchid (the one shown above) with minutely detailed line-drawings of the internal parts of the flower. He dissects and identifies how each part functions: for instance the way the saddle-like sacs containing the pollen, arrayed precisely to attach themselves to the proboscis of the visiting insect, are contrived to avoid the wrong type of bug wasting everybody's time.

In terms of his wider audience, the book was a flop. People wanted apes and humanoids to fret over – perhaps Darwin had under-estimated the importance of nineteenth century click-bait. Botanists at large, however, saw the enormous significance of the work, and it further cemented his authority on the truths of evolution. In the case of this particular flower, however, evolution's plan of sprinkling out its seeds over an extended period came unstuck. I photographed it one morning, growing in the verge on the sunny north side of The Street. A couple of days later, of course, the verge was cut.



Summer holiday break-ups and family mediation



Sheila Parkes

For many families the summer holidays are the best time of year. This is especially so for children when they can spend some quality time with their parents.

Unfortunately, this is not always the case as for many people the summer break can reveal cracks in a relationship that were previously papered over. Indeed, spending a great deal of time together when a marriage is already on rocky ground can often be the final straw as has been proved to be the case by many in the pandemic.

Divorce may already be on the cards, but we often find that parents are unwilling to start proceedings until the children are back at school, when couples can take stock as to whether the marriage is worth preserving.

Sheila Parkes, who heads Haymarket Family Mediation, which is part of Phillips Solicitors, tends to see an increase in mediation enquires following the end of the summer months, in much the same way as there is an increase after the Christmas and Easter holidays.

“If you feel that you want to separate, then my advice is to use a qualified family mediator, such as myself, to help you resolve issues around children and finances on or in the lead up to a separation,” said Sheila, who has been a qualified family mediator for more than 25 years.

“When people discover that family mediation is less expensive than being represented in court proceedings in a divorce case, as well as being less stressful and quicker than the court process, most realise it is a process worth considering.”

“Over the years I have helped hundreds of parents work together to develop realistic and effective parenting plans and fair financial outcomes, always with the aim of putting the best interests of their children first. After all, parents are the best people to make the decisions that will affect their future and that of their children, rather than a judge imposing a decision.”

If you feel that mediation is right for you or to find out more information, please contact 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 About the 80th Anniversary of Douglas Bader's Operation Leg

Many Probus Club members can remember the 1956 film "Reach For The Sky" starring Kenneth Moore as the legless WW2 fighter ace, Wing Commander Douglas Bader. However, very few members knew that it was an aeroplane from 18 Squadron, now based at RAF Odiham, that made the drop of a replacement limb bound for the Luftwaffe hospital holding Bader. Coincidentally, this August marks the eightieth anniversary since Bader was shot down over German occupied France on 9 August 1941.

Probus Club of Basingstoke member, retired RAF Squadron Leader Chris Perkins MVO, explained how he came across a faded WW2 photograph of three young aircrew whilst recently researching archives at RAF Odiham, which started his investigation into this historic event.

Douglas Bader only managed to bail out of his stricken Spitfire after a leather strap broke, leaving his right prosthesis jammed in the rudder pedals. His artificial leg was returned to him at a Luftwaffe hospital after some repairs, but a replacement was really needed.

The German authorities reported his safe arrival and status as a PoW and requested that a new leg be delivered.



They offered safe passage by the Luftwaffe but the British realised the important propaganda opportunity this offered the enemy, so decided instead to use an aircraft involved in a nearby bombing mission to parachute drop the replacement limb.

The faded photograph was of the crew of a Blenheim light bomber of 18 Squadron. They were non-commissioned sergeant aircrew with a 19-year-old Canadian pilot and two twenty something Englishmen as observer and air gunner. They had only been on the squadron a month before

the mission to drop the artificial leg came their way and they survived only eleven missions. Their names are listed amongst the 55,000 other airmen lost in Bomber Command during WW2.

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Our greatest joy is to sing and we are looking forward to getting together again as we plan our return to rehearsals in September. So, if you are looking for something new to do after lockdown with a friendly group of people, we would love to welcome you!

Our choir open evening taster sessions are 13 September 2021, 10 January 2022 and 9 May 2022 or we would be delighted to welcome you on any Monday evening for fun while you sing.

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

Wednesdays	
<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>Guides 7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>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 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Yoga with Sam 6.45pm & 8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>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>Lynden School of Dance & Gymnastics 3.30 to 7.15pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Pregnancy yoga 6.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i>	School Hall
<i>Petite Dance 6.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

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

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

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

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
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Cross House	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
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Mother & Toddler group	Christine Delve	07739 763618		
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