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Aerial view towards Bramley
by Stuart Bastion

The magazine may look slightly different this month. That's because April is the beginning of our magazine year so it's all change on the advertising front. Some adverts have moved, some are taking a break and new ones have arrived. Do take a look at the adverts. The majority of our advertisers are local businesses who have been serving the community for many years. Next time you are looking for a recommendation, forget Facebook, just pick up a copy of the magazine. Without the support of our advertisers we wouldn't be able to produce a free magazine, and they really do cover everything from children's activities to care homes, from roofs and floors to gardens and cars. If you do contact any of our advertisers, please remember to mention Bramley Magazine.

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A brand that doesn't need any advertising is Harry Potter. I must admit I wasn't really much of a fan when the books first came out, preferring real life stories rather than fantasies about witches and wizards, but my daughter has converted me. She has read all the books several times and has been reading them to me for several months now. We are well into book five and I am eagerly waiting to see whether Harry will be fighting Lord Voldemort once again and whether Professor Umbridge really is as sickly sweet as she seems. Whilst not quite as obsessed as Sophia is, I do sometimes have to stop myself reading ahead while she is at school. For about as long as we have been reading the books together, Year 5 at Bramley school have been raising money for their own Harry Potter experience – a trip to the Warner Brothers Studios. It sounds like they had a memorable day and you can read all about it on page 15. In more school news, the Bramley After School Club is celebrating its 20th Birthday this year and The Priory School have a new adventure trail. See the centre pages and page 29 for more details.

Have you been tempted to look around one of the show homes at Bramley View or Centenary Fields? It's always interesting to see what they look like inside and how the interior designers think we should be "dressing" our homes (I think that's the technical term). They are usually immaculate and resemble a feature from a glossy home magazine. The new homes will bring more traffic to Bramley so do take time to comment on the Bramley Lane junction proposals set out by the Parish Council on page 11. Whatever we think of the new developments, Michael Luck points out on page 21 that they will bring newcomers to our village who deserve to be welcomed. Who knows, I may be able to persuade one of them to take over the editor's job.....

Best Wishes

Rachel

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
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| 7th | 5th Sunday of Lent |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion – St James |
| 9.00 | Sunday@nine – Cross House |
| 10.30 | Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James, followed by our Annual Parochial Church Meeting |
| 14th | Palm Sunday |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James |
| 9.00 | Sunday@nine – Cross House |
| 10.30 | Holy Communion – St James |
| 18th | Maundy Thursday |
| 19.00 | Fellowship Supper – Cross House. Everyone welcome. |
| 20.00 | Holy Communion – St James |
| 19th | Good Friday |
| 10.00 | Children’s Service – St James |
| 14.00 | An Hour at the Foot of the Cross – St James |
| 21st | Easter Day |
| | NO early services |
| 10.30 | Easter Family Communion – St James |
| 28th | 2nd Sunday of Easter |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion – St James |
| 9.00 | Sunday@nine – Cross House |
| 10.30 | Holy Communion – St James |

... And into May...

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| 5th | 3rd Sunday of Easter |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion – St James |
| 9.00 | Sunday@nine – Cross House |
| 10.30 | Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James |
| 12th | 4th Sunday of Easter |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James |
| 9.00 | Sunday@nine – Cross House |
| 10.30 | Holy Communion – St James |
| 19th | 5th Sunday of Easter |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion – Little London |
| 9.00 | Sunday@nine – Cross House |
| 10.30 | Morning Worship – St James |

The Bramley Magazine now has a Facebook page

The Bramley Magazine now has a Facebook page! Do follow/like us and feel free to use the page to let us know what you like and don't like about the magazine and to give us ideas for articles and people who could feature in Meet the Neighbours. If have a photo you would like to see in the magazine then do share it. It's your magazine after all!

You can still contact the editor on editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk and for adverts you can email Keith Dillway on bram.mag.adverts@gmail.com

Just a reminder – the deadline for articles is the 15th of the month and the deadline for adverts is the 13th of the month. The magazine fills up very quickly though so get in early to avoid disappointment!

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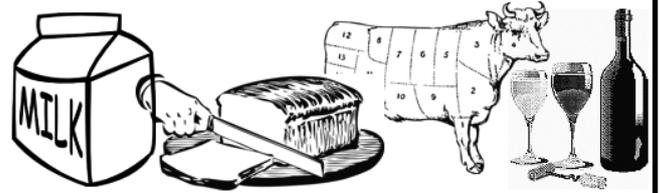


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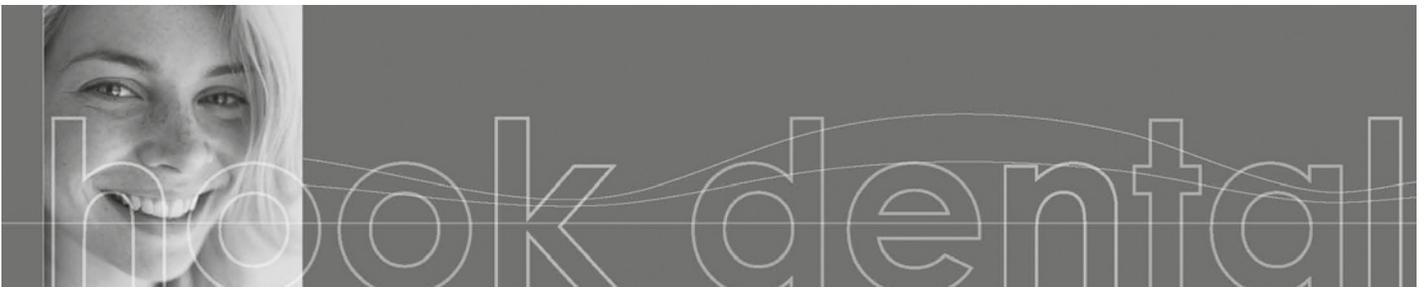
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I was a baby-boomer, which means that my early musical tastes were formed in the Swinging Sixties.

The songs of Cliff Richard, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and the like still have a place in my memory, but they were quickly overtaken by groups like The Rolling Stones, The Animals and the multitude of Merseyside bands. Towering above them all, to my mind, were The Beatles, of course. It's probably much the same for most of us of a similar vintage.

The Beatles' songs had pretty simple lyrics at the outset, but they did usually tell a little story.

"I'll buy you a diamond ring, my friend, if it makes you feel all right; I'll get you anything you want if it makes you feel all right. I don't care too much for money – money can't buy me love."

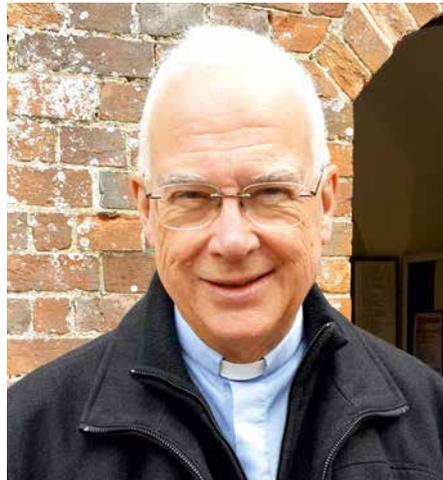
But as the group grew in popularity and sophistication, their songs really developed in depth and interest.

"Eleanor Rigby picks up the rice in the church where a wedding has been; Lives in a dream; Waits at the window, wearing the face that she keeps in a jar by the door; Who is it for?"

The Beatles broke up as a band in 1970, but by that time, I personally had rather lost interest in pop music and was moving on to finding out a bit more about classical music, and that's mostly the way it has remained ever since. When our children became teenagers, pop music could usually be heard throbbing around their bedrooms, but it never really got much further into my consciousness.

There were one or two exceptions. As a family, we loved the stories behind the Cockney songs of Chas and Dave, and would sing along with the cassette tape in the car:

"You won't stop talking, why don't you give it a rest? You got more rabbit than Sainsbury's,



Rev'd John Lenton

it's time you got it off your chest; Now you was just the type of girl to break my heart in two, I knew right off when I first clapped my eyes on you, But how was I to know you'd bend my ear'oles too, with your incessant talking? You're becoming a pest."

As you'll gather, the music of the seventies, eighties, nineties and beyond have pretty much passed me by. On a recent long-haul flight, however, I was flipping through the on-board entertainment and started watching a new release, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, about the rock band, Queen, and their lead singer, Freddie Mercury, and couldn't stop watching it right through to the sadness of his early death from AIDS. His songs really grabbed my attention, because they tell a story using fascinating harmonies and compelling sound-effects. In the song which gives the movie its name, he captures in four lines the tragic horror of two lives wrecked by an impulsive act:

"Mama – just killed a man; put a gun against his head, Pulled the trigger, now he's dead. Mama, life had just begun, But now I've gone and thrown it all away..."

Think about those knife crimes we've been reading about in the papers: in so many cases, there are in a sense two victims, the one stabbed and the one

doing the stabbing. The one stabbed is often killed completely at random, someone who wandered unknowingly into the other's "territory" – a teenager with a bright future ahead of him, doing well at school, surrounded by a loving family. Their dreams are now shattered irrevocably. But the youngster who did the killing now faces – justly – a future of courts, prison, probably bullying and violence: equally shattered dreams.

"Now I've gone and thrown it all away."

How powerful and evocative a song can be when it tells a story! In the Bible, the book of the prophet Isaiah contains a series of passages which scholars refer to as the four "Servant Songs", because they are all about someone who is described as "My servant". Isaiah claims in his prophecies to be communicating the words that God has spoken to him: "This is what the Lord says..."

The fourth Servant Song, in chapter 53 of the book, tells a poignant story:

"He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, And by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; And the Lord has laid on him The iniquity of us all."

Those words, written almost 800 years before the birth of Christ, prophetically tell a story: that God's Servant would give His life in order to take the punishment that we all deserve for going our own way, so that we might be reconciled to God, if we are willing to believe and humbly accept His offer of forgiveness. This Servant Song matches perfectly the Gospels' description of what happened to Jesus Christ on Good Friday. It goes on to describe how "he will see the light of life", which is what the Gospels tell us happened on Easter Day.

But that's another story.

Many of you have asked for the latest news about **Oliver Warner** and his treatment for Neuroblastoma. So for this month's **Meet The Neighbours** we have an update from Oliver's family on his remarkable journey.

Oliver Warner has just celebrated his sixth birthday. It was a particularly special celebration as Oliver has Stage Four Neuroblastoma – a rare form of cancer.

His parents, Jo and Matt, say it was a wonderful moment for their family: "This time last year we honestly didn't know if we'd ever be celebrating his 6th birthday and so we're so happy and thankful to have had this gift and got this far. He's been thoroughly spoiled with celebrations over last weekend with all the family and many more to come over the next few days!

"We've had such a wonderful day with our two beautiful boys; more memories to cherish forever. They've made us laugh and smile so much, just the medicine we need to keep us strong and positive on our journey together."

Oliver's family, friends and supporters raised an incredible £203,000 for Oliver to go to Spain for special antibody treatment. Some medical trials are starting in the UK, but the way Oliver's cancer was developing meant he was not eligible. The treatment sends antibodies to effectively hunt out and destroy the Neuroblastoma cells.

The news has been bittersweet. His most recent scan shows no Neuroblastoma, but Oliver's own immune system is treating these antibodies as hostile – fighting them off and stopping them from working. So the family are now back in the UK having treatment to stop this before they go back to Barcelona in a few months.

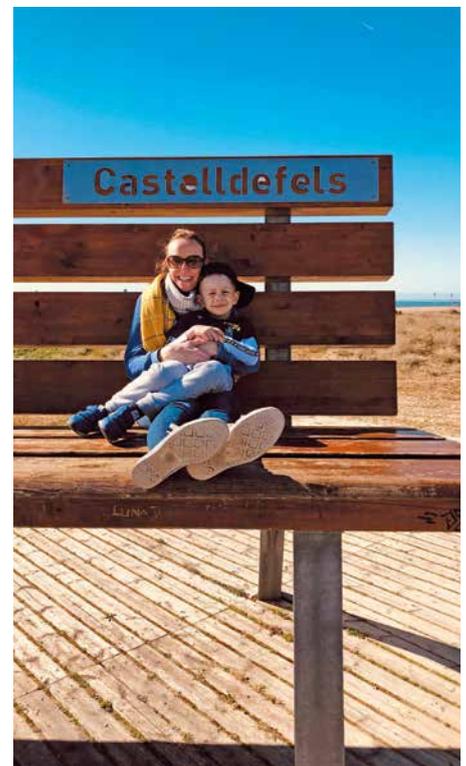
Once treatment in Barcelona is completed the family has been told that a vaccine – only available in America – is the best chance of stopping the cancer cells coming back. This means they need to raise another £235,000.



Oliver and his brother



Oliver and his family in Barcelona



Oliver and his Mum, Jo

"A high number of kids suffer further relapses, so each round of clear tests feels like a battle won," says Jo. "This doesn't mean Oliver's cured for the long term but that's what the antibody and vaccine offer us hope for. That's what the enormous amounts of money you've helped us raise are paying for. It's so much money we've already raised - and so much more still to go - but it's got to be worth every penny."

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Oliver now has a mascot to help raise awareness and funds – not only for him but for the other children with this rare cancer. There are fewer than 100 cases per year in the UK.

‘Oliver Bear’ already has a number of celebrity fans, as you can see from our photos!

There are a number of fundraisers being organised in the area, including a Ball on 6 April and a Pink Floyd Tribute concert on 13 April.

Oliver’s determination and strength is remarkable. He’s even been able to have a couple of days back at school. Jo says they worry about how much school he’s missed:

“It’s a reminder of the awful toll cancer takes on all aspects of life - partly because of the harsh treatments and their side effects. So much more research is needed into childhood cancer to help find kinder treatments. This is one of the reasons we chose to fundraise through Solving Kids Cancer. Not only do they support families to access treatment outside of the NHS but they also work tirelessly to help fund research projects here in the UK.”

You can find out more and follow Oliver’s progress on his campaign Facebook page: **“Oliver’s fight against Neuroblastoma”** or donate at Solvingkidscancer.org.uk/Oliver-Warner



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The BSA were delighted to receive a donation for new library books for the children at Bramley Church of England Primary School. Taylor Wimpey West London gifted the £100 donation to mark World Book Day, which took place on Thursday 7th March.

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An update from Bramley Parish Council on what has been going on in the village over the last month.

Development - the Parish Council continues to chase up the developers presently working around the village. The footpath across Clift Meadow is progressing, albeit slowly. The lighting is working and bollards have been erected either side of the bridge. Time will tell if these bollards are sufficiently robust. The hedging has been planted but we are still waiting for barriers to prevent cyclists exiting the meadow at high speed. We are also awaiting bollards along the hedge line as shown on the approved plans.

Parking - the problem of cars overhanging the pull-in opposite Pheabens Field has been addressed by marking it as only two parking spaces. So far it seems to be working.

Vyne Meadow - we have also been receiving enquiries as to which Parish the houses on the Vyne Meadow (Razors Farm) development belong. This has been somewhat clouded as they all appear to have Chineham postcodes. The Bramley Parish boundary includes all the development except Dovecote Way, Redshank Crescent and those houses on Parlour Drive south of the grassed tree line. A few more will be built in Chineham parish at a later stage.

Planning - the Neighbourhood Development Plan is being used with some success against inappropriate development in the Parish. This plan runs until 2029 but may need amending if Basingstoke is required to take more housing. The Parish Council is considering setting up a working group

to consider this scenario and would welcome any comments and/or volunteers. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

Police reporting - can we again ask that any instances of anti-social behaviour or vandalism are reported to 101, or via the Hampshire Police website - www.hampshire.police.uk. Hopefully this will lead to action being taken but, if not, it will be included in the crime statistics. As ever, any emergencies should be reported immediately to 999.

Bramley Lane junction proposals - The Parish Council seeks comments from all residents concerning a proposal currently under review with Hampshire County Council.

Under the Local Infrastructure Fund guidelines, Bramley Parish Council was successful in securing funds for safety improvements in and around the level crossing.

Figure 1 below shows a simple overview of one proposed stage to these improvements. There are 2 objectives to this part of the plan.

1. Provide a pedestrian refuge island on Sherfield Road east of the junction with Bramley Lane.
2. Widen the carriageway by modifying the north eastern kerb line and adjacent footway at the junction of Bramley lane / Sherfield Road.

This refuge island would provide improved safety for pedestrians and school children crossing the road between queuing cars and who may fail to notice queue jumpers travelling on the wrong side of the road.

These works will also increase the junction corner radius and assist traffic exiting Bramley Lane wishing to turn left. This left turn manoeuvre is currently restricted by those waiting to turn right when the level crossing is closed and this change should accommodate these vehicles more readily, relieving the frequency of 'queue jumping' behaviour.

Please send all comments to the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk.

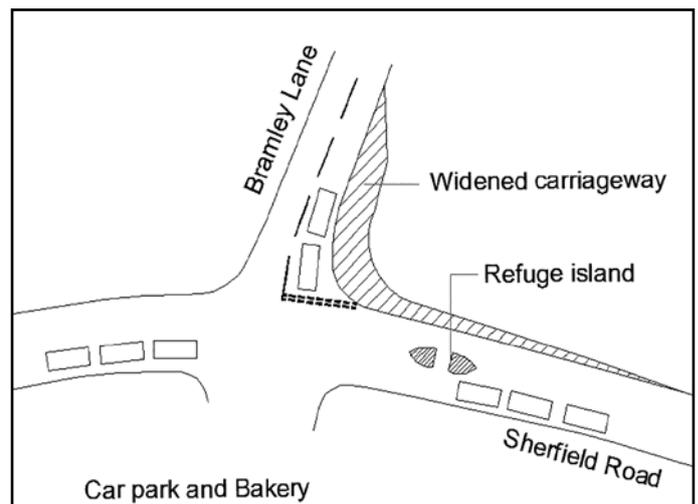


Figure 1 Simplified Plan Overview

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Bramley Show 2019

Regular entrants in the domestic division of the schedule for the Bramley Show will know that there is a class restricted to men only, featuring a cake recipe. The offering this year is a ginger cake to be baked in accordance with the recipe below. So come on, gents, get practising for this year's event and let us have a record number of entries to showcase these Bake-Off skills!

RICH GINGERBREAD

5oz. butter or margarine or cooking fat
 7oz. flour (with plain flour use 2 level teaspoons baking powder)
 6oz. black treacle or golden syrup
 4oz. brown sugar
 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoons powdered ginger
 1 tablespoon water

Put the butter, sugar, treacle and water into pan and heat gently until the butter has melted. Sieve all the dry ingredients together. Pour the melted ingredients on to the dry mixture and beat hard until thoroughly mixed. Make sure no mixture is left in the pan. Add the lemon rind and eggs. Beat once again and then pour into tin lined with paper. If using a 7-inch round cake tin, bake for 1 to 1-1/4 hours in the centre of a very moderate oven (350 deg F or gas mark 3). An oblong tin will take just under 1 hour. Test by pressing gently in the centre of the cake. If no impression left by finger the cake is cooked. Cool for about 30 minutes in the tin and then turn out carefully on to a wire sieve.

Ice and decorate with preserved ginger if wished.

Another perennial favourite of the show is the children's **Potato Competition** and this year is no exception. Seed potatoes are now available along with planting and growing instructions from me at 9 Longbridge Road, Bramley.

This year's charity knit item for the show will be lap blankets for the elderly residents at Apple Wood Care Home in Bramley. The blankets can be knitted or crocheted, should be approximately 26" x 22" in size and may be made as a single item or as a collection of squares.

Anne Porter

Bramley Show Committee

Cross House@25

Many involved with St. James Church, Bramley and in the village of Bramley feel strongly that we should mark the 25th anniversary of Cross House in some way. If you have just started living in Bramley, Cross House is the name for the hall which is next to St. James Church. Do feel free to visit and explore that area of Bramley. St. James Church has an eclectic mix of services on a Sunday morning and is usually open everyday in daylight hours.

We would like to gather some more information about Cross House, so can you help with any of the following:

- Do you know the exact date in 1994 when Cross House was opened? If we have missed the actual 25 years, not to worry, either way we would like time to make sure any event or events are successful.
- Do you have any memories of Cross House, either recently or from its inception?
- Do you have any information about Ella Tubb?

You can send electronic information to jonathanlarge@waitrose.com or hardcopies can be posted at Cross House, in the letter box by the door, marked "F.A.O. Mr. J. Large - Cross House @ 25". If for any reason you find yourself less mobile then we may be able to organise a short visit/ telephone conversation. You can contact 0795 229 3001 but text only please (the voicemail is playing up!). You can also post information on the Bramley Magazine Facebook page.

Any information you have will be shared with the Rev. Stephen Ball, Rev. John Lenton and the churchwardens at St. James Church, but we will consult you first about how we use the information.

Any fundraising from 25th anniversary events will be used to maintain Cross House for future generations but also on occasion to donate to causes within the Church of England as well as in the community of Bramley as a whole.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jonathan Large

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News from Butter Daisy

We have had a fantastic month at Butter Daisy Nursery and we are enjoying the first signs of springtime as the seasons change.



We got into the spirit of World Book Day, dressing up as our favourite characters and reading many favourite stories.

After reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen, we went on our very own Bear Hunt. The children explored a tuff tray inspired by this story, which contained mud, 'snow' and sticks; they found the 'swishy, swoshy' grass very tickly to touch. Musical instruments were used to make our hunt even more atmospheric and we eventually found a bear, hidden in a deep, dark cave!



Everyone became enthralled with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and were astonished at just how much food the caterpillar ate! The whole nursery enjoyed some fresh fruit for snack which contained all the fruits that the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' ate in the story, even some pickles! After this we made our very own book marks to take home and use in our favourite story books.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday we all enjoyed taking part in a Pancake Day race as well as an obstacle course around our garden – it was such fun to see everyone test their balancing skills as they flipped their pancakes and were cheered on by their friends!

As part of our farming theme we have also been 'shearing sheep', using shaving foam and lolly pop sticks, and taking part in 'herding pigs' – which were actually lots of pink balloons!

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The Year 5 children at Bramley School recently went on a Harry Potter Trip. Max A, Mackenzie, Evie and Ronnie tell us about their exciting day and how they are going to build on what they learned.

Since September, the students in Year 5 at Bramley School have been fundraising in order to fund an amazing educational trip to Leavesden studios, where the Harry Potter films were created. On 6 March, we jumped onto a bus and finally made the trip to learn all about how stories can be made into film.

Harry Potter World was fantastic for it had everything you could need to learn about the majestic world of Harry Potter and see how the books were made into movies. Although the bus journey was long, it was all for the better. When we first arrived we were sat in a luxurious cinema, where we watched clips from the films to remind us of the magical adventure Harry Potter and his friends took throughout the seven books and eight movies. Then, the screen lifted up and everyone rushed up to the doors at the front of the room to open the doors into the Great Hall. Within the Great Hall we were taught about how certain sets were made to last (like the Great Hall as it featured in all of the films) but how others were built and taken down within a few days.



After we had marvelled at the size of the Great Hall and the huge amount of detail that had gone into creating it, it was time for our 'Script to Screen' lesson. Within this lesson we got an hour of education, teaching us about all the different roles that were needed to turn a book into a screenplay and finally into

a film. As well as this, we spent time thinking about everyday objects and historical events that could easily be turned into great ideas for phenomenal films, for example toys have featured in many blockbuster films- Toy Story, Transformers and many more! Within this lesson we got to see some amazing props that were actually used in the film! One of us was transformed into a goblin, whilst two others couldn't even fill Hagrid's huge trousers!

The staff were great because you could ask them anything. If you had any questions then the staff were there especially for you. Many of them had actually been in the Harry Potter films as extras or had worked alongside the cast and crew whilst the films were being made. They filled our brains with amazing facts – for example, did you know Voldemort's green cloak gets lighter and lighter throughout the films to symbolise his loss of power?! Although some of us had never seen or read the Harry Potter movies and books, it was still hugely engaging and now we know nearly everything about them. One of the most exciting parts was learning about the special effects- we loved seeing how green screens and animatronics (like Hagrid's huge head!) were used to create the magical world you see on screen. It was an amazing experience!

Now that we have been to Harry Potter studios and have seen real life props, scenery and scripts we are going to



use this to create our own magical plays. Over the next few weeks, we will be writing magical stories, which we will then transform into scripts – just like the journey J.K Rowling's Harry Potter took! Finally, when our scripts are completed, we will be creating scenery and props as well as practising really hard to learn our lines in order to showcase our efforts to our parents (in only four weeks time!) As well as performing our plays, we are composing and learning musical pieces to play on the recorders and adapting and singing magical songs to include more of the fantastic knowledge we gained at Harry Potter Studios.

We loved going to Harry Potter Studios because it was really interesting and an amazingly fun trip! We can't wait to use everything we've learnt behind the scenes to create our own magical performances.

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Councillor Venetia Rowland updates us on the Boundary Review in Basingstoke and Deane Borough

With all the debate about whether we are coming or going just yet from Europe (at the time of writing it looks as though we are staying for a bit longer!) you may not have been aware that in March 2017 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), who had nothing much to do at the time, outlined a timeline for the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council electoral review.

A preliminary period, which offered the opportunity to submit proposals on the number of councillors the council should have, ran from March until 2 October 2017. The LGBCE then confirmed that it was ‘minded to’ recommend a council size of 54 councillors i.e. a reduction of 10% down from 60 councillors currently. It can be noted that the figure of 54 is divisible by three, and reflects previous advice received from the LGBCE that where a council wishes to continue to elect by thirds they will have a presumption of three-member wards. Based on earlier discussions with the LGBCE it is understood that the “minded to” council size figure of 54 is only likely to be departed from in exceptional circumstances.

Between February and May 2018, the LGBCE opened a consultation on warding arrangements, inviting submissions for new ward boundaries for Basingstoke and Deane. There was a further consultation from August to October 2018 on the LGBCE’s draft recommendations.

Having considered the consultation responses, the Commission has now produced its final recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Basingstoke and Deane to accommodate a council size of 54 councillors, together with 18 electoral ward boundaries, compared to 29 wards currently.

The Commission will now lay a draft order in both Houses of Parliament and subject to any parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into force at elections in May 2020.

So what does that mean to you? Well the Ward of Bramley and Sherfield changes to just Bramley and gets a whole lot



bigger! And how do they come to call the ward just Bramley?

An extract from the final report advises ...

“There was a mixture of support and objections to this ward. The Conservatives expressed support for the boundaries but proposed that the ward be named Wellington after the home of the Duke of Wellington in Stratfield Saye. Councillor Robinson also supported naming the ward Wellington, as did a local resident. They all considered that naming the ward Bramley would not be reflective of the other communities in the ward. The Liberal Democrats suggested

the ward should be called Bramley, Sherfield & Silchester. We do not propose to change the name of the ward to either suggestion as we consider naming the ward after the largest settlement is more appropriate and identifiable than naming the ward in relation to a single dwelling within the ward or a number of parishes within the ward.”

To read the whole report the web address is <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/hampshire/basingstoke-and-deane>

So, in May 2020 there will be ‘all out’ elections whereby all councillors will effectively have to stand down and all the hats go back in the ring for the residents of “Bramley” to elect three councillors. In the meantime, we will still have an election this year to elect a Borough Councillor for Bramley and Sherfield.



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A lot of dedicated people worked hard to save toads crossing Cufaude Lane in March.

CLlr Rhydian Vaughan writes “I spent time in Cufaude Lane of an evening in March and was impressed by the dedication of Andrew Cleave and his team in helping to save our toad wildlife.”



Andrew comments:- “Cufaude Lane is no longer the quiet country byway it once was. It has become a busy commuter route with a constant stream of traffic in both directions at peak times. Sadly, the wildlife of the area has not been able to adapt to this change in conditions. Large numbers of Common Toads, which spend most of their lives out of water, head for their spawning ponds on mild, damp nights during February and March, often having to cross roads to get there. Toads are especially vulnerable to road kill as they freeze in the car headlights, looking rather like dead leaves on the road, and many get killed. Help is at hand, however, in the form of many volunteers who patrol Cufaude Lane at night, wearing high-visibility jackets, and carrying buckets and powerful torches. They carefully collect the toads and move them to safety so that they can continue their journey to the ponds. Some toads will travel almost two miles to reach a breeding pond, and they always return to the same pond each year, so the Cufaude Lane toad crossing is a traditional route for them to use. If you drive along Cufaude



Lane at night at this time of year, please take extra care and look out for toads and the very kind volunteers who help out every night. To find out more visit the Froglife website and look for the “Toads on Roads” page: <https://www.froglife.org/what-we-do/toads-on-roads/> FB.com/tellrhydian




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Bramley Out of School Club is celebrating its 20th birthday this year. We spoke to the manager **Julie Wilson** as well as **parents and pupils** to find out a bit more about the club.

Bramley Out of School Club is an independently run charitable organisation that has been successfully running within Bramley Church of England Primary School for 20 years. The club has grown with the school and there are around 90 children who attend the club over the week, from over 60 families. Its aim is to provide affordable, reliable wraparound care for children in our community.

The team have worked hard to maintain their Good Ofsted rating for over 10 years with the last inspection taking place in 2018.

Over the years there has been a greater need for the club, with more parents working longer hours, and the club endeavours to assist as many parents as possible. The addition of a new room for the Key Stage 2 children in September 2018 has allowed the club to accommodate more children, offering activities and games more suited to the age group.



Key stage 2 children enjoying their new room

The club's diverse and fun activities are themed and planned around special calendar events, the seasons, children's interests and the world around us. A healthy snack is provided at the start of every session. This is so important for the children as they are always hungry after a day at school!

Julie Wilson, the manager, has been running the club since 2003. She and the team work closely together to ensure the well-being of all children, ensuring a fun, safe and nurturing environment for all ages. This is what Julie has to say about the club:

"I am very excited that the club is celebrating its 20th year and we are planning a celebration of this with details to be announced soon. I am privileged and proud to have worked at the club for the past 16 years. There have been lots of changes over the years, from the Out of School

Club expanding its services to include a 2-week summer holiday club in 2006, to the addition of our breakfast club in 2010. Keeping up to date with changes in legislation and constantly changing Ofsted requirements is always a challenge. I work with my amazing deputy Angie Allaway-Greenhow, who has been at the club for 10 years, and a fantastic team of playworkers. I am also supported in my job by a voluntary committee. They provide invaluable support to the club and to me personally. I am looking forward, as always, to seeing what the next few years will bring."



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Of course, the most important part of the club are the children and their parents and this is what some of them have to say.

Sophia Age 10

“I like after school club because there are lots of games to play and books to read. The staff always put out colouring sheets and pens so we can do whatever we want. There is also a pool table, ice hockey table and table football. Every day we get a craft activity which we can take home. As well as that all the staff are really nice to us and are always helpful. Overall After School Club is a really fun place to be.”

Katie and Paul whose son has attended the Out of School Club and Holiday Club since Year R and is now in year 6;

“The Club has been an invaluable facility to us, but equally importantly has been a Club that William has enjoyed going to for nearly 7 years. Knowing he will be so well looked after during his time there made being at work that bit more tolerable!

Julie and her team offer a great range of themed activities across the year and the introduction of the second room for the older children was a fantastic idea which has been well received by all concerned. On the handful of occasions when there were issues, the team’s support was invaluable.

In addition to breakfast and After School Club, the two weeks of holiday club each Summer have been a lifeline. William looks forward to going every day and the team put 100% into each day to ensure all the children have an awesome time.

We will all miss Julie and her team come early August, but we’re confident that the Club will give the next intake of children a brilliant time.

Thank you all”

Sephi Age 7

“I like all the staff at the club. I like the food at the club and colouring and playing. I love the arts and crafts, being with my friends and reading the books.”

Sid Age 7

“I like playing with the Lego. I also enjoy the food activities and playing outside.”

Karen whose daughter started school in September 2018:

“When my daughter was due to start school I was worried how I would juggle a full-time job with the school hours but Bramley Out of School Club took all that worry away. The Club provides an opportunity for my daughter to mix and make friends with children in other year groups and the activities are fun and stimulating. She absolutely loves going and never wants to leave in the evening! “

Matthew Age 9

“I like after school club because the staff are nice. I also like it because the staff make it fun and safe. They also put out fun games like colouring and hama beads. It’s calm and nice to be there. Also it’s nice to go there after a hard day at school and have a nice afternoon. Their food is amazing as well.”

Nathaniel Age 5

“I like doing the food activities and everything we do with crafts. I enjoy playing table football with my friends and like it when we can play outside.”



Fun at holiday club

So as we enjoy our 20th Year we look forward to many more years of serving the local Primary School Children and their families in our community. If you would like more information about our club, please visit our website www.bramleyoutofschoolclub.com

Our summer club opens on the 22nd July for 2 weeks and is open to all primary school children even if they don’t attend Bramley School. Please email info@bramleyoutofschoolclub.com for more information.

Lunch Club



We made our way to Avenue Nurseries, Lasham for our lunch this month. It is always very popular, with the ladies especially spending time and money before their lunch in Edinburgh Wool Shop or The Works as well as the nursery! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their tasty, piping hot lunch served by the very helpful staff. It made a nice change for Judy to have her lunch served to her, as it was her birthday. We sang Happy Birthday and gave her a miniature orchid in appreciation for all the work she does, catering for us every month.

Lunch Club would like to say a very big thank you to the Bramley Show Committee for their very kind donation.

New members are always welcome, please contact Christine on phone no. 884065

Christine Woodward

Bramley & Romans Floral Society

Our first meeting under our new president Linda Dove took place on 7 March and was a demonstration entitled 'Sapphire & Steel'. The demonstrator was Mrs Kathryn Goddard Austin and these are some of her arrangements.



Rose Quartz



Linda Dove with an arrangement called Peridot & Onyx



Ruby



Sapphire

Whilst creating her arrangements Kathryn gave us very detailed information about her foliage and flowers and explained why and how she was using them to form each creation. Half way through the demonstration we stopped for a very welcome cup of tea and home-made cake and at the end of the meeting we held the all-important raffle to win the flower arrangements.

Our next meeting on 7 April is a workshop entitled 'Spring Basket'

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Newcomers

By the time you read this an important anniversary, for my family at least, will have passed. In March 1989 the Luck family moved into our new house here in Bramley. It was just before Easter and one of my first memories is eating hot cross buns for breakfast on Good Friday morning – a treat still to come this year as Easter is about as late as it can be.

Change was in the air. Our road was still new and some houses were still being built. We were very conscious of being ‘newcomers’ to the village. These days people immediately look for information about the location they have moved to on the web. In March 1989 Tim Berners-Lee (now Sir Tim) had only just proposed the new World Wide Web. In those days it was viewed as a mechanism for connecting scientists and sharing information easily. There was no Amazon, Google, Facebook, or any of the facilities that we now take for granted. So how did we find out about this village in which we had just landed?

I think we got hold of a copy of the Parish Magazine. It was not the glossy icon you now hold in your hand but, as I remember it, a photocopied and stapled affair available to subscribers for a nominal fee to cover costs! We must have found details in the magazine of the Toddler Group that ran in the village hall periodically, where Pam took our toddler Amy to meet others. Or maybe we just spoke to our neighbours. There were a lot of new families in the village. All that generation of toddlers have now grown up and in many cases are now parents themselves.

What facilities did we find in the village? The school was expanding

because of the new housing, and some of the classrooms were in portakabins - a contrast to the nice new buildings that have been added since. There were some small shops where the Bramley Bakery now stands. The One Stop shop was some years in the future. There was a newsagents and small shop there, owned by a chap called Raj. I think we had a newspaper delivered for the first few years that we lived here. The pub was called the Six Bells in those days, and was somewhat different to today - no Dhaba. You had to travel to get an Indian takeaway. The level crossing was still two half-barriers. You had to keep hold of small children when waiting: they could easily run under the barrier and into danger.

In the late 1960s there was an early evening soap opera on BBC called ‘The Newcomers’. The storyline was based around a London family moving into an expanding country town, and adapting to a new life in a different environment. Only five episodes apparently survive the BBC’s misplaced economy drive that reused videotape rather than preserve old programmes. Several well-known actors developed their early careers in the series, among them Jenny Agutter and Wendy Richard. I often think about this long-lost series when I see the new houses now being built in Bramley. This year we will welcome quite a few new families to Bramley, in the Centenary Fields and Bramley View developments. I guess they will consult social media to find out about their new surroundings but I think we should all try to engage with these ‘newcomers’ as they settle in to our village. It will stay a village, not a small town, if we all know each other.

Michael Luck

The latest cold calling - Loft insulation scams

Trading Standards and Hampshire Police have been receiving reports of companies which are actively cold-calling elderly residents, quite often using scare tactics and misinformation to pressure them to sign up for a loft insulation spray foam. This foam is totally unnecessary for homes, and the homeowner will be charged thousands of pounds. The people they target are not being advised of a cooling off period (14 days) or their consumer rights once they have signed up, and then contractors will turn up the very next day to do the work.

Once the foam sets (like concrete) it traps moisture so the wood in the roof starts to rot, meaning the foam will need to be removed. Not only will the homeowner have paid thousands for the unnecessary work, they will then have to pay thousands to remove the foam, then pay again for repairs.

These companies have websites and are registered on Companies House, but this is by no means a confirmation that they are reputable. Trading Standards are investigating these companies, and have seen company directors jailed in the past.

Our advice is never to buy at the front door, and never feel pressured to accept an appointment from someone who has telephoned you. Always seek the advice of a trusted friend, relative or neighbour, or if you have no one to ask, please call Hampshire Police on 101 or the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06.

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Cryptic Crossword No: 27

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Across

- 1 Essential committee useful for instrument or computer. (8)
- 4 Season to arrive with a jump perhaps. (6)
- 9 Nought conditional before unknown to cancel out. (7)
- 11 Joint number around negative response. (5)
- 13 Fire him Di due to air conditioning equipment. (12)
- 15 Drama reported to include an animal. (4)
- 16 Arrangement of client age relates to origin. (9)
- 19 Performance that went well leading to a formal discharge. (9)
- 20 Northern girl just short of rope. (4)
- 22 Food first woman with fifty fish is making things untidy. (12)
- 24 To start with, operating systems are kept altogether in this city. (5)
- 26 Ape with a game stream article. (7)
- 28 Tie up together without reverse travel. (6)
- 29 A move to avoid. (8)

Down

- 1 Relation of a kind within. (3)
- 2 Key university ? (4)
- 3 Voiles knitted to become fruit. (6)

- 5 Faithful countrymen tap backwards before violent demonstrations. (8)
- 6 Sounds like a fashionable pub. (3)
- 7 Commented universally when commander dies in disarray. (11)
- 8 Floating Alan aligned his country's ensign. (8,4)
- 10 AA, they rung to sort out those old ones with inner immaturity. (5,2,5)
- 12 Tell and send, just the job at a fort perhaps. (7,4)
- 14 I requested all questions intially to be about the country. (4)
- 17 That merry old sole sounds just like this black stuff. (4)
- 18 Free late brie to be sorted. (8)
- 21 Mixed tuner and you sounds false. (6)
- 23 Groove can be found in the Oslo Times. (4)
- 25 Skill in Go-carting. (3)
- 27 Current in damp conditions is dangerous. (3)

CodeWord No: 14

See page 31 for the answers.

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On Friday 14 June **Signum Brass** will be performing at St James Church, Bramley for the second night of the **Bramley and Little London Music Festival**. Let's find out a bit more about this London based quintet.

The Music Festival prides itself on being ahead of the curve and supporting young talent. Six years ago you may recall listening to Voces 8 in St James Church and they are now featured regularly on Classic FM and BBC Radio 3 and are often in the classical music charts. Signum Brass have similar potential. The ensemble was formed in September 2018 and, as well as carrying out numerous live performances, members of the group regularly record and perform in London and across the UK and have featured in various TV and radio broadcasts. This young group has already carried out work with artists including Jamie Cullum, Gregory Porter, and Grammy Award winning rap artist Stormzy. The group was also selected to represent the Guildhall School of Music at the "Brass Spectacular" concert in February at St John's Smith Square, a showcase with the top brass ensembles from the major UK music colleges.

The quintet is made up of two trumpets, a horn, a trombone and a tuba. **Harry Plant** plays one of the trumpets and first started playing when he was three. You pity the neighbours at that stage of his career! He is primarily a classical trumpet player but also enjoys performing folk/ jazz on both trumpet and the flugelhorn. He has played professionally with many orchestras and has performed in major venues across Europe, including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Royal Albert Hall, the Barbican Centre, Chartres Cathedral and Glyndebourne Opera House.

Adam Meyer is the other trumpet player and he was playing in a brass band and concert band when still at primary school. His love for orchestral playing stemmed from the five years he played in Thames Youth Orchestra, of which he was principal trumpet for three years. Adam has since performed with the Brandenburg Sinfonia, London Mahler Orchestra,



Young Musician's Symphony Orchestra and Epsom Light Opera Company in their production of West Side Story in October 2018. He has also been broadcast on BBC Radio 3 with the Guildhall Jazz Ensemble as part of a BBC Total Immersion project.

Alex Grinyer plays the French Horn and took this up at the age of 7. At the age of 11 he won a place in the National Children's Orchestra and two years later obtained a place at the Junior Royal Academy of Music in London. From there he auditioned successfully for the National Youth Orchestra. Alongside the Horn, Alex is also a keen pianist and organist. He was an organ scholar at Stowe School for two years and enjoyed performing Rachmaninoff's second piano concerto with orchestra in 2017.

Will Morley plays the trombone and recently received a place to study on an ERASMUS placement at the world-renowned University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna under Dietmar Küblböck, principal trombone of the Vienna Philharmonic orchestra. He has played with many well-regarded orchestras and ensembles at venues

including the Musikverein, the Vienna Konzerthaus, the Royal Albert Hall, Cadogan Hall and the Royal Festival Hall. William is part of multiple chamber groups and in 2016 he became Bexley Young Musician of the Year.

Last but not least is **Charlie Jones** who plays the Tuba. Charlie grew up playing in various brass bands across the north of England. He was principal tuba in the National Children's Brass Band from 2013 and was later a member of the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain until 2017 when he gained a place to become principal tuba in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, playing at prestigious venues across the UK including the Royal Albert Hall at the BBC Proms.

I am sure this talented group of musicians will raise the roof on 14 June and when they are top of the classical music charts you can say that you saw them in Bramley first.

For tickets for this concert and the concerts on Thursday 13 June and Saturday 15 June call Rachel on 01256 541251 or 07570 972425 or email rbarclaysmith@gmail.com

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Community priority

The community priority that has been identified for your area is theft from motor vehicles. Three incidents were reported in February:

- Power tools were stolen from a transit vehicle in Pamber Heath on the night of 22-23 February.
- On the same night an alarm was activated at 10pm in Tadley. The suspects were disturbed.
- All four wheels were stolen from a school mini bus at Sherfield on Loddon on the evening of 25 February.

Now that the weather is getting better, we have had reports of vehicles being broken into while being left unattended in rural car parks. It might sound obvious, but lock the car and close the windows and sunroof when leaving it unattended. Never leave any valuables in your vehicle — not even in the glovebox

or boot. Keep all other possessions out of sight. Even if you know there is nothing valuable in a coat or bag left in the car, a thief may try their luck. Remove your sat nav and wipe away any suction marks, as these could suggest that the sat nav is still in the car.

Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon

There have now been three incidents that have been reported where motorbikes have been stolen. If you own a motorbike, please make sure it is left secure. If you park a motorbike in a garage then consider alarming the garage.

Police are investigating an incident where a business premises reported receiving unwarranted phone calls from a company who had laid tarmac in their car park.

PCSO Page is visiting the Cherry Blossom Manor Care Home this month. The topic is how to prevent being a victim of fraud. If you have an event that you would like a PCSO to help out with, please email Basingstoke.Rural.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

There have been several reports of anti-social behaviour at the new building site at Minchens Lane. PCSO Page is working with the housing association to address the issues. If you have any problems then please contact us or Crimestoppers.

Pamber and Silchester

A car battery was stolen when a farm in Pamber Green was broken into on the night of 19-20 February. A battery was also stolen from a field at Violet Lane in Baughurst. Our colleagues from Country Watch have recently asked rural residents to paint large batteries pink.

These batteries are typically stolen so that the lead can be sold on to a scrap metal merchants. We are encouraging them to reject pink batteries, because the pink paint should make it obvious that they are stolen goods.

On 25 February, a report was made of a dog walker being assaulted without injury whilst walking through woods in Mortimer West End. Persons on a scrambler bike threw mud in her direction as they drove past.

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The Day of the Teasels by John Stubbs

Perhaps this piece should begin with a warning that those of a nervous disposition might wish to turn the page right away. The subject plant may look quite familiar – I photographed it in Clift Meadow’s Millennium Garden, after all, but it does have several properties that are distinctly similar to those of the infamous *Triffid*.

It stands (best not say lurks) tall and gaunt, to one side of and a bit above its neighbouring plants. After its first year of green growth, and flowering in the second year, it can hang around for a couple or more years, starkly biding its time... Approach it with caution: though the fabled *Triffid*’s vicious sting is replaced by rather smaller prickles, the stem is still to be handled with some care. And though I’ve yet to see one move, they are in some countries classed as an invasive species; can this be no more than coincidence? The *Triffids*, apparently, had a funnel-like appendage that trapped and digested meat: it was a carnivore. A serious carnivore.

The familiar teasel, oddly enough, has the same sort of device – the leaves form troughs around the joint onto the stem which fill with rainwater. In this area, the stem has no prickles, making escape by any struggling insect very difficult. As the bodies decay in the water, nitrogen and phosphorus are absorbed through the leaf surfaces. In fact the plant isn’t really a carnivore – that would involve its producing enzymes to digest the poor unfortunates, with the plant relying on the meat for nourishment. The teasel is a sort of half-hearted semi-carnivore: it can get by without the little extras, though experiments show that deprived of the nutrients from dead insects, seed production is significantly reduced, so the plant certainly does make use of the bonus rations.

Another similarity with the monster plant, reportedly grown to produce a valuable vegetable oil, is that the teasel was also grown as a field crop. In this case, though, it wasn’t something to be eaten – those prickles really don’t appeal. The variety selected was the fuller’s teasel, an even tougher customer than the normal wild one we see. The spiny seed head, carefully dried and mounted, was used for teasing the surface of woollen cloth to raise the nap – smoothing and softening the feel of the material. This was no easy cash crop, however – it took two years before there’d be any return, during which time the plots had to be cleared,



fertilised and constantly weeded, then the teasels cut by hand to be dried under cover: rain at this last stage could destroy the lot. Teasels were grown around Leeds for the local cloth trade from the 14th Century, and as trade increased they were grown on the warmer Somerset Levels – and carted all the way to Leeds. During the nineteenth century machines were built – the teasel gig – with a steel drum on which as many as 3,000 teasel heads were mounted to process the cloth. This is a ‘gig’ as in whirly-gig, not a pub group, though perhaps the root of the word was the same. The teasel was ideal as it was strong enough to catch and pull the fine fibres, but not so strong as to tear the cloth if it caught a loop of thread. The sheer labour-intensiveness of growing and mounting teasels lead to their demise early in the 20th century, though some hand-made fabric producers still use teasels imported from Portugal, it seems.

Made redundant from industry, and hardly passing muster as a horror-plant, the poor old teasel might nowadays be feeling a little dispirited. However, it does still have a couple of very valuable roles, attracting and provisioning both small birds and a wide range of insect life. In its second year the unique egg-shaped seed-head starts to flower – a ring of blue florets around the middle. These will each only last a few days, with the rings above and below replacing them in turn. In this way insects get a good long-lasting supply of nectar, and as the seeds form later in the year birds can dig them out from between the spiny, spikey recesses well into the winter. All things considered, those two functions are probably worthier causes than chasing people, particularly residents of Bramley.



It’s always a sure sign that Spring is on the way when you see the new born lambs skipping around in the fields. These two were grazing in Little London pastures and were photographed by Jenni Saunders on a beautiful sunny day.

Bramley WI

At our February meeting we were visited by Samantha from 'Barking Dogs' who talked about her work of housing dogs while their owners went on holiday. A very interesting talk and we raised over £50 for her charity. The evening ended with refreshments and the usual raffle.

At the end of February, a number of members went to Jane Austen's House at Chawton. We had a talk last year about Jane Austen's quilt and we thought we would like to see it in real life. It was an excellent day; we went around the house, saw the quilt and watched a video of Jane's life. Afterwards we walked up to the church in beautiful sunshine and stopped on the way home for a late lunch at the Avenue Nursery, Lasham. This is a photo of a couple of our members dressing up in the kitchen of Jane Austen's house.

In March we had a Welsh Evening with lots of Welsh food, which the members had made. Christine, our President, is Welsh and she set a quiz all about Wales and put pictures of all the castles around the room. There are quite a few!!! She also put some activities on the tables, for example making a Welsh Peg doll. It was a very good evening.

Since Christmas we have had a couple of walks, mostly along the canal, ending with a pub lunch. We have been lucky with the weather!

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Life at Little Apples

This half term has been another busy one filled with fun. We have celebrated Shrove Tuesday, when we made and flipped pancakes, and on World Book Day all the children went on a bear hunt. We celebrated St David's Day with handmade daffodils and images of Wales.



We are learning about things that grow and looking for signs of spring in the Little Apples garden. We have seen flowers and birds and heard the birdsong. Inside in our role play area we have had a farm with a farm shop selling real fruit and vegetables. This was followed by a garden centre where the sensory experience of playing with compost has been great for the children, even if it was rather messy! The children are growing cress and learning about what plants need to grow. We are also learning early maths vocabulary through measuring ourselves against a giant sunflower that we have made.



The Nursery Rhyme of the week has been very popular, with Humpty Dumpty and Hickory Dickory Dock being particular favourites. Coming up we also have St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day before Easter, so there's plenty to celebrate and learn about.

Around Easter, we will begin to allocate sessions for next academic year, so please get in touch or visit our website www.littleapples.org if you are interested in registering a child.

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As well as our new amazing adventure trail, we have raised lots of money with non-school uniform days to buy some awesome play equipment. Some of these new playtime toys include: skipping ropes, hula-hoops and ball games.

Every week, a group of children from the juniors are chosen by Mrs Kelly, to take part in our new play project. The play project happens every day of the week at lunchtime. They do all sorts of exciting things like playing with the new equipment, going on the tyre park and playing on scooters.



All of the Priory children are really excited about the new play initiatives!

By Sophie Adams and William Bowen

Bramley C of E Primary School has just become 'Makaton Friendly'.

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| <i>Stay Active As You Age Class – 11am</i> | Brocas Hall |
| <i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i> | School Hall |
| <i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i> | Clift Meadow car park |

| Tuesdays | |
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| <i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i> | Bramley Room, Village Hall |
| <i>Badminton</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Bell Ringing</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>Pilates 9.30am</i> | Brocas Hall |
| <i>0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)</i> | Clift Meadow car park |
| <i>Yoga 7.00pm Beginners 8.15pm Continuers</i> | Bramley Room, Village Hall |
| <i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>Table Tennis - 7pm</i> | St Stephen's Hall, Little London |

| Wednesdays | |
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| <i>1st Bramley Brownies</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Guides</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Rainbows</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Scouts</i> | Brocas Hall |
| <i>Baby Clinic plus Stay and Play 2nd Wednesday 9.30-11.00am</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>WG Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Caterpillar Music 9.45am</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Pregnancy yoga 6-7pm</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Pilates 6.30pm & 8.30pm</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |

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| <i>Clubbell yoga 7.15-8.45pm</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i> | Clift Meadow car park |
| <i>HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30</i> | School Hall |

| Thursdays | |
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| <i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i> | Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall |
| <i>Burlexercise</i> | 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>Body Tone 9am</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <i>Muddy Fingers 10:00 - 10:50am</i> | Brocas Hall |
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| <i>Hatha Yoga 6-7pm, 7.15-8.15pm & 8.30-9.30pm</i> | Cross House |
| <i>Youth Club 6-8pm</i> | Brocas Hall |
| <i>Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm</i> | School Hall |
| <i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |

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| <i>Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am</i> | Clift Meadow Pavilion |
| <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 | |
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| <i>Petite Dance</i> | Village Hall |
| <i>Yoga Meditation, 11am-12.30pm</i> | Village Hall |

| Sundays | |
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| <i>See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley & St Stephen's Little London</i> | |

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Attendees at the Probus Club Spring Ladies' lunches and Christmas dinners are entertained by his pictorial and brain teaser quizzes. Clearly his interest in doing crosswords comes to the fore.

A bi-lingual answerphone message indicates his wife has Belgian parentage. Several family trees displayed Alan's expertise in genealogy from investigating the Kent side of his

family to that of his in-laws in Belgium. In 2018 Alan and his wife were invited by the Belgian local council to a naming ceremony of a road containing her family name of Faes.

A 1959 GCE "O" level in art was put to good use in retirement when he bought some watercolour paints. He soon progressed from Beginners to Improvers concentrating on flowers and birds.



"I enjoy the peace and quiet together with the calming effect and it is very relaxing. You meet others who are always willing to help and comment."

This artistic bent has come in useful with his "secret hobby" of Cross Stitch. Usually a female pastime his wife taught him to such a degree that he featured in the Cross Stitcher magazine. A regular cruiser he can often be found in the lounges with a small design.

"I get a few raised eyebrows but I am too old to worry what people think. I bet they can't do it!"

Alan is a classic example of following the expert advice that people should get out of their comfort zone and try something new.



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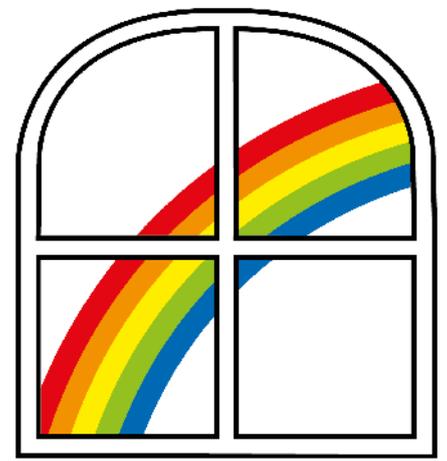
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