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Where did the summer holidays go? One minute it was July and I was gradually losing all my finger nails watching Ben Stokes win the cricket World Cup and now it's nearly September and I've bitten all my finger nails again watching Ben Stokes win a crucial Test Match. Watching England play cricket really isn't good for your blood pressure!

I hope you were able to enjoy some time away from work, household chores and stressful cricket matches over the summer. I was lucky enough to go to Italy. A lot of the country was familiar: rolling countryside, fast drivers, pizza, pasta and prosecco. We even went over a couple of level crossings. Something that did take some getting used to though was the amount of recycling we had to do. Instead of putting everything into a green bin or a black bin we had to sort our waste between six different boxes, which included organic waste, paper, glass, multi-materials and even nappies. Each box had a different coloured bag and there were collections every day and sometimes twice a day. Quite a contrast to home where I waited three weeks for my garden waste to be collected! It was all very efficient and they even took our (very) overflowing bottle bin.

Most of the recycling was straightforward, although we were caught out by empty pizza boxes which apparently still constitute cardboard even if they are smeared with tomato sauce and mozzarella. It was the multi-materials sack we found the most challenging as that included plastic. Faced with a 150 Euro fine if we got it wrong we had to check everything to see if it could be recycled or if we would have to resort to putting it in the equivalent of our black bin. By the end of the week we had filled three large bags full of plastic. OK, there were 17 of us and we got through a lot of soft drinks and punnets of fruit but even so, it was a lot of waste and much of it unnecessary.

Of course, we wouldn't need to worry so much about plastic if we used less of it in the first place, which is why the Bramley Green Larder is such a brilliant initiative. Instead of buying more products in plastic bottles why not refill ones you already have? As the scarecrow says on page 10, "Plastic is not fantastic". The first Green Larder was so successful it had to be extended by an hour. If you missed it, see page 13 for more details and photos. You'll find lots of photos in this month's magazine. We have a collage of scarecrows on page 10, a report on the Bramley Show on page 29 and an update on three meetings of the flower club on page 24 (which, incidentally, is now looking at ways of avoiding floral foam as it is not biodegradable.)

I hope you find something of interest in the magazine and when you have finished reading it, you know where you can put it – straight into the green bin!

Best Wishes

**Rachel**

Rachel Barclay Smith, Editor

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## Church diary for September...

<b>1st</b>	<b>11th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>8th</b>	<b>12th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>15th</b>	<b>13th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
<b>22nd</b>	<b>14th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>29th</b>	<b>Harvest Sunday</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Harvest Festival – St James, followed by <b>Harvest Lunch in Cross House:</b> all welcome!

## ... and into October...

<b>6th</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Matins (BCP, 1662) – St James
<b>13th</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – St James
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
<b>20th</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Trinity</b>
8.00	Holy Communion – Little London
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

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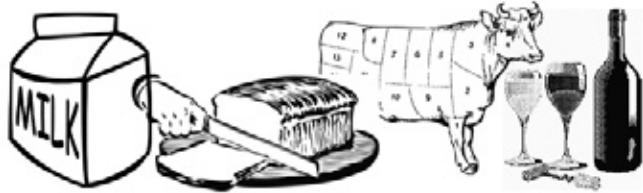
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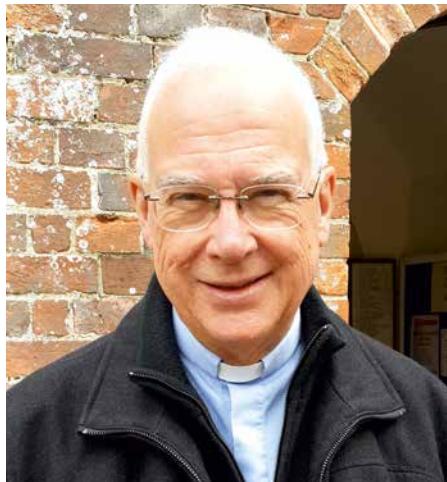
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All through July and August, the media have been reminding us of the momentous things that happened exactly fifty years ago, the summer of 1969: the moon landing; the Beatles' album, *Abbey Road*, and its iconic photo; Woodstock; and, of course, the end of the Swinging Sixties.

For me personally, August 1969 is forever memorable because that's when I started my first real job, a job which changed the course of my life completely. I still really have no idea how or why I landed it, when there were so many people around better qualified for it than me.

The University Employment Office used to send out circulars regarding job openings to any student who'd indicated their interest in a job in industry or commerce, and I was on that list. I'd gone for interviews with a number of big companies who had Graduate Trainee programmes, like Clarks' Shoes and Thomas de la Rue and Metal Box, and I had a couple of job offers, but found it quite hard to get excited about them. But then I was notified about an American chemical company, W.R. Grace, which wanted to recruit two graduates to work as financial analysts in their planned new European HQ in Paris. As a Modern Languages graduate, I thought that sounded interesting, and the salary on offer was even more exciting. I conveniently ignored the fact that I knew less than nothing about financial analysis.

So I applied for and got an interview, which was conducted by a young Australian in his hotel room: I was the last interviewee on his list, and we talked amicably for a few minutes about my background, and then he said he had a problem that he asked all his interviewees to solve. My heart sank. He had two irregularly-shaped containers, he said, one holding five



Rev'd John Lenton

gallons, one holding three, and an endless supply of water. He wanted to end up with four gallons of water. How could he do it? My brain went dead. I sat in silence, desperately trying to figure out how to juggle accurate amounts of water between those blessed containers. My interviewer eventually said he had a train to catch, as he was interviewing in Cambridge the next day, so if I liked, I could walk with him to the station while I tried to figure it out. I accepted with dread in my heart. We walked downstairs, he checked out, and we walked to the station. Still no brilliant solution suggested itself. Eventually, at the ticket barrier, with his train due any moment, I had to give up and he told me the answer. It was fairly obvious once he explained it. Ah, well. It would have been nice.

Over the next couple of days, I couldn't get that problem out of my mind. On the third day, I woke up with a more elegant solution than the one he'd revealed. So I sat down and typed my interviewer a letter to his office in Milan, (no email, no text messaging in those days) setting out my more elegant solution, and saying that I was still very interested in the job he had on offer. A few days later, I received a telegram offering me the job, and asking me to phone him in Milan to accept or refuse the job. We didn't have a phone, so I had to walk round the corner and pump coins into a public phone-box to

make the call. You won't be surprised to learn that I snatched his arm off.

And that's how it turned out that 50 years ago this month, my wife Ann and I caught a plane to Milan, where we were to spend a few days learning about this company I had just joined, before going on to New York, to spend a year training for my new job. From penniless students to international jet-setters in a single bound. Extraordinary.

Some months later, when I was safely dug into the job in New York, I eventually plucked up courage and asked Bob, the man who'd interviewed me back in the hotel room, why he'd offered me the job. It turned out to have nothing at all to do with my follow-up letter providing him with a more elegant solution to his problem; I'm not even sure if the letter ever arrived. He just liked the fact that I'd refused to give up on the problem and walked with him all the way to the ticket barrier. Glad he didn't realise my persistence was born of sheer cluelessness.

In the Old Testament, Isaiah prophesies about the One who was coming who would not give up on resolving this world's biggest problem, our separation from God because of our desire to go our own way rather than His:

"The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;

I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away...

Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,  
And I know I will not be put to shame." That prophecy was perfectly fulfilled in Jesus Christ when He single-mindedly went to the cross. It was when I realised that He'd done all that for my sake (and yours) that the course of my life really did change completely. But that's another story.

**W**hat do chillies, clothes, and the Parish Council have in common? This month's **Meet the Neighbours** finds out from **Bruce and Maria Ansell**.

**Bramley Magazine (BM): Bruce and Maria, like many people we meet in Bramley, you seem very busy!?**

**Bruce Ansell:** My day job is a Technical Authority for the Home Office. I'm also on the Bramley Parish Council. This

summer  
I started  
my own  
Chilli Sauce  
company,  
Hornet  
Chilli. Oh,  
and there's  
supporting  
Maria, our  
sons (who are  
14 and 28)  
and Boris, the  
cockapoo.



**Boris, the cockapoo.**

**Maria Ansell:** I founded my clothing company - Just Mia Boutique – two years ago. It's a lot of work but I love what I do - I meet lots of lovely women from Bramley and beyond to advise them about clothes, bags & accessories.

**BM:** How did you each get in to your various careers?

**Bruce:** My great grandfather, grandfather, mother and father all served in the Royal Navy. So, it just seemed the natural thing for me to do. I started as an apprentice electronics engineer in the Royal Navy, then the Royal Marines, then government. The Home Office asked me to join its major technical delivery program three years ago.

**Maria:** My father was Joshua Galvin, a famous hairdresser to the stars including Judy Garland and Michael Caine. With Vidal Sassoon he pioneered the major styles of the Sixties. He inspired me to attend London College of Fashion. I love choosing and buying clothes for my Just Mia Boutique customers, keeping it unique from the high street. It's perfect having a business at home that fits in and around family life too!

**BM:** Bruce is a parish councillor – is that hard work for both of you?



**Bruce, Maria and their youngest son, Giles.**

**Bruce:** All the Parish Councillors work really hard to try and make our village better and protect our environment. Working as a team for the village is one of the best bits about it.

**Maria:** Bruce is incredibly capable and doesn't require much support from me. However, I am always there to share a glass of wine and chat when needed. It does take some family time away which is sometimes difficult especially when it comes to physics homework!

**BM:** Do you both share a love of chillies?

**Bruce:** I'm a bit of a chilli nut! I've shared my homemade sauces as I grow a lot of chillies in the garden and people said I should sell them. I might drive the family a little nuts with the smell when brewing a sauce. It was great to meet local people at the Bramley Green Larder\*.

**Maria:** Yes, brewing sauces isn't the most ideal especially when I'm not a chilli fan, dare I say! Bruce has always been bit of an amateur chef and our friends agree he's rather a good one. It's important to embrace your partner's interests and encourage one another.

**(\*Editor's note – you can read more about the Bramley Green Larder on page 13)**

**BM:** What first attracted you to live in Bramley?

**Bruce:** We moved here for my work in 1999. I found out a few years ago, by chance, that my ancestors worked on the Pitts (now the Duke of Wellington estate) as gardeners as far back as 1580 and lived in Stratfield Turgis, so maybe I was meant to come home!

**Maria:** We wanted somewhere not too far from Basingstoke or from school for our eldest son, Samuel. We like the rural aspect and the train station was a huge bonus for not being a taxi through the boys' teens!

**BM:** Is there anything about Bramley you'd like to improve?

**Bruce:** I'd love to create a village centre for the community: the village has grown along the C32 minor road and this means we've lacked a centre. Also, I'd love to cut down the through traffic.

**Maria:** I agree it would be great to achieve a real village nucleus at some point. Having had two teenage boys, I feel there's not enough in the village for them so I would love to see a wooded bike trail or similar.

**BM:** 20 years later, what do you still love most about living here?

**Bruce:** The people. I love meeting and chatting with all the wonderful people. Admittedly, many times it's at a pub: there are so many warm-hearted people in Bramley. I still love the quietness of the village on a Sunday, despite our friendly Red Baron, lol, who I love to watch.

**Maria:** Through the years I've met so many lovely people in the village and made some very close friends. To anyone moving here I would say get involved and reap the rewards; there are so many warm and friendly people to get to know.

Well, the scarecrow festival certainly brought out your creative side! As you will see from the excellent collage on the next page, designed by Jan Wright, we had everything from spiders and sheep to fishermen and gardeners. Sue Howell did a great job organising the festival and hosting a scarecrow workshop and John Booth was even inspired to write a poem. See the Bramley Show report on page 29 for the results of the scarecrow competition.

### The Scarecrows of Bramley

The concrete Pig was furious,  
‘We are coming under attack  
I want you girls to be my troops,  
And drive those vandals back’

The audience felt sheepish,  
They didn’t know what to do,  
So the Pig pointed with his swagger stick,  
‘I’ll have ewe, and ewe, and ewe’

Meanwhile down on Minchen’s Lane,  
There was very little to be said,  
Because for scouts that should be ready,  
Quite a few had lost their head.

The two yokels fishing in the ditch,  
Had nothing much to show,  
An old boot, a rat, and an empty bottle,  
And two cyclists in a row,

Up The Street, the scarecrows frowned,  
At the lorries speeding past,  
And contemplated laying landmines,  
To stop them going so fast.

The sheep manned the level crossing,  
Though their brave stance was fakery  
‘No vandal shall pass this way tonight,  
Unless they bring buns from the bakery’

The Unicorn was nowhere to be seen,  
Hiding deep within some bushes,  
When your only weapon is a rainbow horn,  
You need somewhere to cover your blushes,

As the dark night lightened up to dawn,  
The scarecrows’ night had been a loss,  
For Network Rail had closed the crossing,  
And no vandal had been able to cross.

John Booth



Willow helps make a scarecrow



Annabella shows off her two scarecrows



Elizabeth pretends to be a scarecrow

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amounts of exercise have benefits but the biggest barrier is getting started.

Getting involved in the Park Run as a volunteer is a good way to support exercise and see what can be achieved by all ages and shapes and sizes before taking your first steps into the "couch to 5 km"! The surgery continues to host a successful walking group every Wednesday at 6.30pm from the surgery car park. It welcomes all fitness and health levels and is run by our PPG. As doctors assisting those with chronic illness we can do an exercise referral to the Sports Centre in town for NHS supported advice to improve fitness.

We can all squeeze exercise into our lives, it just takes the first few steps to get you started. Ask at reception for a "Walk for Health" leaflet if you would like to join our walking group at The Clift Surgery.

Dr Ward, Clift Surgery

## BRAMLEY WI

For our July meeting, which was our Birthday party, Steve Herra, who was a Purser on the QE2, gave us a talk on 'Murder through the Porthole'.

We were the jury and had to work out if the accused was guilty. We went into small groups for half an hour and then made our decision. Most of us were right, but it could have gone either way.

The evening finished with Pimm's, strawberries and cream and, of course, birthday cake which was made by one of our members, Dusty Taylor. Our grateful thanks to her for making such a lovely cake.

For the August evening we had an American supper. We all contributed towards a buffet and had a very relaxing and fun evening. There was a quiz and there were also colouring pictures to do. We finished the evening with the usual raffle.

We have been doing the evening walks on a Wednesday and have been very lucky with the weather, although soon we shall have to go back to the day time.

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## **Update from Bramley Parish Council**

I am following on from Alan Munday as another “newbie” on the Parish Council. Happily, the summer break in magazine publication gives me two whole months to get this written!

Given the break, I’d like to take this opportunity to think about wider issues that affect our community.

Everyone in Bramley is aware of the large number of new houses being built in the area. The Parish Council is always engaged in the planning process, but we are a relatively small cog in the wheels of planning, so while we can influence, we cannot control.

You will probably also know that Bramley has a Neighbourhood Plan - the result of a huge amount of work by a team led by Councillor Bell. This Plan has helped us to push back on some planning applications, and so try and control “what and where” is built. Unfortunately the Plan was not completed and accepted (“made” in Planning terms) until after major developments such as Minchens Lane, Razors Farm etc were approved. That means that the Parish Council’s ability to influence these developments was limited. Yes - Razor’s Farm is (partly) in Bramley!

So now we have the Plan, all is well, isn’t it? Sadly, it is not that simple! We have some influence, and can sometimes steer smaller developments, but the major ones are harder. For instance, Upper Cufaude Farm is the next “major” development on the books. We are doing the best we can to minimise the impact of this, but it will be built in due course.

We are all aware of the need for “more housing” in the UK. This affects the South East most acutely, and our area is not immune. There will be more development, whether we want it or not.

Central Government has now changed the housing allocation calculation system (it’s complex, unsurprisingly!), and the number of new houses that the Basingstoke area is expected to provide will change, almost certainly upwards.

The next problem is that the Local Plan system has changed. Until now, Local Plans (Basingstoke has one, and that is the one we work under) stood for a fixed period. From now on, they will be subject to more frequent review. The problem is that our Bramley Neighbourhood Plan, which would have run till 2029 under the old system, will now be subject to any changes in the Local Plan from 2021. The Neighbourhood Plan must align with the Local Plan, so we will have to keep updating it to match any changes. If we don’t, the parts of our Plan that don’t match the changes are invalid and will be disregarded.

What can YOU do?

Get involved is always the great mantra, but how?

The PC has run one successful public meeting to help explain the details, with Cllr Ken Rhatigan, the Leader of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council in attendance, and residents who attended were very vocal in expressing their concerns about more development for Bramley, especially in light of how the infrastructure is very much at full capacity. Cllr Rhatigan took on board the comments, and stated that he felt that the robust Neighbourhood Plan would help

to protect Bramley. However, the Borough Council cannot currently demonstrate a five year land supply, which puts communities such as Bramley at immediate risk of opportunistic developers pushing through planning applications.

The Parish Council will be holding another public meeting in September to update residents with the latest information. Keep a look out for details on the website, social media and notice boards.

Keep an eye on Basingstoke planning applications via the website – [www.basingstoke.gov.uk](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk) – it takes time, but it is worth it. When you see something you think needs a comment, please make one - to support or object. The simplest way is to email [comments@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:comments@basingstoke.gov.uk), and put the application number in the subject with the word “OBJECT” or “SUPPORT” as appropriate. Please keep to facts, as planning officers do not take emotional pleas into consideration.

Please remember what I said at the beginning: the Parish Council is a small cog in all of this, and we are volunteers. We can influence and advise, but central Government set housing policy and the Borough Council implement that policy. We, the Parish Council, cannot control planning decisions. But we will do our level best to protect the community and let you know what is going on.

Cllr Keith Oborn  
on behalf of the Parish Council



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## ZERO WASTE HEROES - BRAMLEY GREEN LARDER

Bramley held its first 'Green Larder' at Cross House on Sunday 11 August and there was a terrific response. In fact, the refill & sustainable market stalls and café were so busy they stayed open almost an hour later than planned. And ITV News came to do a report on it.

Organiser Sarah Mitchell said:

"All the stallholders were just blown away by the support of this wonderful community. It's fantastic people are keen to find more eco-friendly ways to shop and support local businesses. On the Bramley Green Larder refill stall alone we saved 91 plastic bottles from going to land fill. So many people have asked me when we're doing another one, which is very exciting. STOP PRESS: The next Bramley Green Larder will be Saturday 28 September - 10am to 1pm



Lonely Lentil's dried goods stall was a huge hit – nothing lonely about it!!



Karen Walton's Tropics natural beauty stall was very popular.



Cupper Joe's hot drinks and St James's cake stall kept everyone happy!



ITV News Meridian came to film.



Bramley's Bruce Ansell and Steve Gibbs were on fire with their chilli sauces.



Sarah Mitchell refilling bottles of cleaning products

## Royal British Legion - Bramley and District Branch



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The practice of carrying colours or standards, both to act as a rallying point for troops and to mark the location of the commander, is thought to have originated in Ancient Egypt some 5,000 years ago. Due to the advent of modern weapons, and subsequent changes in tactics, Standards are no longer carried into battle, but continue to be used at formal events. They are never capriciously destroyed – when too old to use they are replaced and then laid-up in museums, religious buildings and other places of significance.

Most military and veterans' organisations have a Standard. The Bramley Branch Standard is 50 years old and as it is rather heavy, it was becoming a burden for our Standard Bearer, Tony Evans, who is 80. Furthermore, the Branch has now merged with the former Branches at Sherborne St John and Stratfield Saye to become Bramley and District. It was agreed, therefore, that the Branch should acquire a new Standard which, made of modern lighter materials, would be less of a burden for Tony. As well as the basic Standard, we also needed a new pole and new tassels and it needed to bear the GP90 annotation to show that the Standard (with Tony) had participated in the 90th anniversary of the Great Pilgrimage of 1929 when eleven thousand veterans and war widows made a great pilgrimage to the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate in Ypres.

The total cost of the standard including the pole, VAT and delivery was £678.00. Donations from members and the Bramley Parish Council covered £506.00 of this with Branch funds making up the balance.

As part of the Morning Service at St James's Church on Sunday 21 July the Branch Standard Bearer, Tony Evans, committed the old Standard to the Rev'd John Lenton as the incumbent of the Parish of Bramley for safe keeping in the holy church of St James for evermore. Then Tony presented the new Standard to the Minister who unfurled the Standard and blessed it before placing it on the Communion Table. At the end of the service, Tony received the newly blessed Standard back from John Lenton and marched to the back of the church. Our new Standard is now ready for use.



The photo shows the old Bramley Standard (on the left) and the new Bramley & District Standard (on the right).

Bryan Jenkins – Branch Secretary

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## Join "Generations" for an evening of music and supper

**Saturday 5 October 2019**

Following the success of a fund-raising event a two years ago, the Generations Chorale return to Cross House for a musical supper on Saturday, 5 October. Members of the church family will be familiar with the "Generations sound" from their regular contributions to services, most notably at Remembrance Day.

The Generations Chorale is a small mixed *a cappella* choir with a repertoire that spans many musical genres and with an over-riding priority of audience enjoyment (and participation!). Musical sets will be interwoven with a quiz, raffle and supper and will culminate with a "Last night of the Proms" singalong. There will also be a guest set from well-known church musicians, Jeremy Masson, Ann Lenton and Geoff Tennant.

All proceeds from this event will be shared between the Church Flower Fund and our nominated charity, Victoria's Promise, which supports young women through cancer.

Tickets: £12.50 to include supper

Tickets are available directly from Generations members or from Suzy Cox:

sing-generations@live.co.uk or 07920 822221

Our last evening was a sell-out so early booking is recommended!



## Lunch Club

Fifteen of us enjoyed a lovely cream tea at Riseley Tea Rooms in June, thanks to the kind generosity of Phyl Davies. She is sadly missed by us all.



July brought ten of us together for a lunch of chicken in a white wine and mushroom sauce with rice and vegetables. This was followed by a very refreshing fresh fruit salad with either cream or ice cream. Maureen and Sibyl both celebrated milestone birthdays this month. We were able to toast Maureen with wine during lunch, but sadly Sibyl was in hospital. We are pleased to say she is now home, and all wish her well. The two different word puzzles we played did not produce any geniuses. Perhaps it was the hot weather!!

Owing to holidays and illness, even fewer of us were at lunch in August. However, the ones who did arrive enjoyed toad in the hole, freshly picked runner beans, broccoli and new potatoes, followed by lemon meringue pie. We all attempted a word search, which seemed to cause a few problems for a number of us. Two people had birthdays this month but unfortunately neither was present, so cards were delivered to their homes.

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us just contact Christine on 884065.



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## Size

During a recent search through a box of memorabilia (or junk as it's sometimes called) I found something from 50 years ago that I had almost forgotten. A friend of mine had a father who was a printer at The Times, in the days of hot metal presses. But there were moves, even in 1969, to use more advanced methods of printing. My friend's father had brought home some demonstrations of new printing technology, and I was presented with one to keep: a copy of The Times from Friday February 21, 1969, but instead of being the full-size broadsheet it measured a miniature 4.5 inches by 6. It is completely legible, despite being about 25 times smaller in area than the normal broadsheet edition: no tabloid Times then in 1969! The picture shows it with a new pound coin for comparison.

What possible use could this newspaper be? Being short sighted, with my glasses removed, I can read it. A magnifying glass helps sometimes. But basically, it is useless as a source of news because it is the wrong size. This started me thinking about the sizes of things in general, and why they are so. My current mobile phone is the optimum size, I believe. It fits comfortably in the palm of my hand. It slips into a jacket pocket. It weighs 155g, or about 5.5 ounces. It seems to me that phones are now the optimum size: any smaller and they can't be read. But the phone I have is not just a phone: it can hold the entire record collection that I used to have on a couple of three-foot shelves of vinyl LPs. It can hold many books. It can give me access to much more knowledge than the old Encyclopaedia Britannica used to contain. And yet the early 1980s mobile phones were the size of a house brick. The phone has evolved to its ideal size.

Human adults are generally between about 5 feet and 7 feet tall. In legends and fairy tales there are giants of ten times that height. Why do these giants not exist? A scientist called JBS Haldane explained this in simple arithmetical terms. If you multiply the height of a human by ten, you also have to multiply the width and the depth by ten. The total volume, and therefore the weight, of the 60 foot human is consequently one thousand times the weight of the six foot human. But the cross section of the bones is only one hundred times that of the normal human: they would break if the giant tried to walk, which probably explains why the giants in the Pilgrim's Progress sit in their cave and don't chase after Christian, the Pilgrim of the title.

When I was young, the largest thing I had ever seen, so I thought, was in the Natural History Museum: the Blue



Whale. I remember approaching the gallery, and the doorway framed just the 'chin' of the whale. I actually gasped as I entered and saw the size of the whale. Interestingly, it was many years later that I learned what should have been obvious. It was not a real whale but a model, and according to some experts not very lifelike. These days the skeleton of a real blue whale named Hope, stranded in Ireland in the 19th century, is on display.

The miniature copy of the Times from 1969, the year of the first Moon landing, reminded me of the largest object I or probably anyone apart from the Apollo astronauts has ever seen with the naked eye – the Moon. Of course, the astronauts saw the Earth as they returned.

Michael Luck

## Knitting Circle

On 25 June a select group of seven (due mainly to people being on holiday) met at Jean's home. After setting the world to rights we tucked into fruit cake and banana bread.

We have not had any meetings in July and August so the next session will be on 24 September, but the venue has still to be decided. As I said before, everyone is welcome.

Judith Harris and the gang



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## VILLAGE HALL

**S**ummer's here and so are the builders! Refurbishment and extension work is underway at Bramley Village Hall as **Gareth Jones, Chairman of Bramley Village Hall Trust**, explains.

Our dear old Village Hall is nearly 50 years old, high time that it had a serious makeover and some extra space added. The Hall is structurally sound but in recent years has suffered from a growing list of defects, including problems with plumbing and drainage, and from general wear and tear. The Bramley Room was added nearly 15 years ago and users have never been really happy with the size of the kitchen adjoining it nor its close proximity to a (very small) toilet. The Village Hall Trustees have been planning for refurbishment and extra space for nearly three years but finally it's happening - and just in time, as our boiler system packed-up just a few weeks before the builders arrived!

Our contractor is Underwood Construction Services, a Reading based company, experienced in working on public sector and community facilities. In the three weeks since their arrival, they have taken control of the site and undertaken a good deal of preparatory work. The main entrance to the Hall is now closed and new arrangements are in place with access via the nursery garden and the door to the kitchen adjacent to the main Hall. The nursery garden is also temporary home to four Portaloos for use by visitors to the Hall. The contractor has demolished the old toilet facilities in the Hall and created a new access corridor for a new amenities area. The kitchen and toilet in the Bramley Room have been removed and the old portico over the front entrance has been demolished; work is underway to remove the old flat roof over the toilet area. Next steps will include first-fit of the new hot water boiler and associated plumbing, excavation of foundations for the new extension to the front of the building and creation of a new entrance and reception area. The frontage of the Village Hall will have changed significantly by the end of September!

During the past few months we have worked with all of our user groups, messaging them to warn about potential disruption, holding briefing sessions and working with specific groups to make sure that their activities would continue. While the summer



Underwood Construction Services get underway.



There may be no kitchen or loo but there is always a No Smoking sign.



New access points in the old hallway.

months are traditionally a quieter time for activity at the Hall, we were aware of an important annual event in mid-August, the Bramley Show, and had a meeting with Gillie Edwards and her colleagues to ensure their plans would work. We are very grateful to all our users for their patience while work is underway. We are trying to deal with dust and related issues arising from having the builders on site and while Portaloos are not ideal, we hope to have the new toilet facilities available as a priority.

Since the beginning of this process we have been guided by our architects, Stanhope Wilkinson Associates, who have done the heavy lifting in managing planning applications, running a tender competition to appoint a contractor and generally advising the Hall Trustees in planning for the delivery of this project. None of this would have been achieved without the support of the Local Infrastructure Fund team at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. As well as providing us with generous grants



The new toilet block – one day...



Out with the old...

from the Local Infrastructure Fund, the team have assisted us in obtaining s.106 money provided by housing developers in Bramley to enable us to achieve our objectives. The support and encouragement of Bramley Parish Council has been essential in all of this, which the Trustees greatly appreciate. Last but not least, we have also received grants from Hampshire County Council.

We hope that all of the works will be completed by December, but the Trustees are not putting their feet up! Already, we are developing plans for a follow-up project to address drainage issues in the car park at the Hall and to resurface what has always been an expanse of pitted and rutted gravel. Again, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have helped to provide funding and a contractor has been appointed, Surtees Groundworks. We are still addressing issues arising from the planning application, but we are optimistic that solutions can be found with the help of our architects and our contractor.

I will keep you updated on both projects and we'll publish more photographs next month to give you some idea of the progress we're making. When all of the works are completed, we intend to hold a grand opening ceremony – tea and buns at the Village Hall!

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## Basingstoke Rural East

### Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon

On 2 July, a red Honda 250 motorcycle was stolen from Garside Close.

On 9 July, there were several reports of people going door to door to sell goods. In order to carry out this activity, the persons involved need to have a pedlar's certificate.

There has been a reduction in the amount of ASB that is being reported to the police and fewer reports of youths congregating in the park areas and riding mopeds on the footpaths. If you know a young person who owns a moped, please ensure the moped is used responsibly. A moped that is being ridden off-road can be seized!

We received reports of people smoking cannabis in the area of the Cinder Track and near Bramley railway station. If you see this activity, please report it via 101.

### Pamber and Silchester

On 1 July a water pump was stolen from the quarry on Welsham's Road, Mortimer West End.

Around 11–14 July, electric plug cables were stolen from a caravan at Pamber End. There were reports of people acting suspiciously in the area we attended, but we were unable to find anyone.

### Community speed watch

The team at Sherborne St John met at the end of June and were out on Vyne Road. 13 vehicles were

identified at driving in excess of the 30mph limit. 10 recorded for the third time.

Bramley have met three times since the start of June at German Road, Campbell Road and Sherfield Road. 16 vehicles were identified at driving at excess speed, 14 recorded for the first time.

The schemes that operate throughout the area would welcome more volunteers, if you would like to help out then please contact holly.neale@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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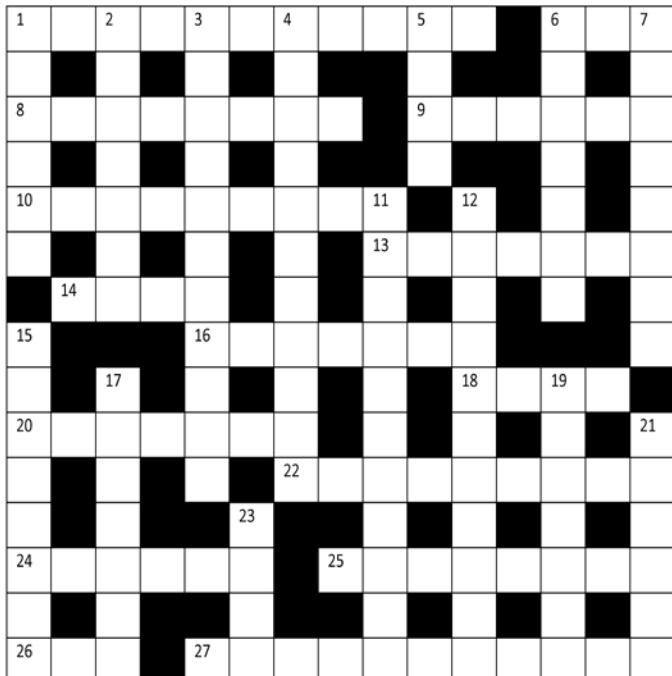
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## CROSSWORD/CODEWORD

### Cryptic Crossword No: 30

See page 31 for the answers.



#### Across

- 1 Display chap's joint for entertainment skill. (11)
- 6 Porpoises or dolphins initially described differently to a group of whales. (3)
- 8 Discover if you want, cope with finding a city in Africa. (4,4)
- 9 Mean to be tinned around. (6)
- 10 Reading the telegraph, I calculated a visual description. (9)
- 13 To add to try using neat gum. (7)
- 14 Exclamation passed so subtly that its inside and in front of you. (4)
- 16 With a gin tree I made a whole number. (7)
- 18 I find as time goes by I discover wine. (4)
- 20 One's ticker can lead one to a label. (7)
- 22 Using aide's nuts can be prolonged. (9)
- 24 Group's equipment handler, on the highway that is. (6)
- 25 Liberian mistakenly denoting a mathematical function of two variables. (8)
- 26 Supernatural creature found to have unselfish feelings within. (3)
- 27 Reefs strain alters rubbing shoulders. (11)

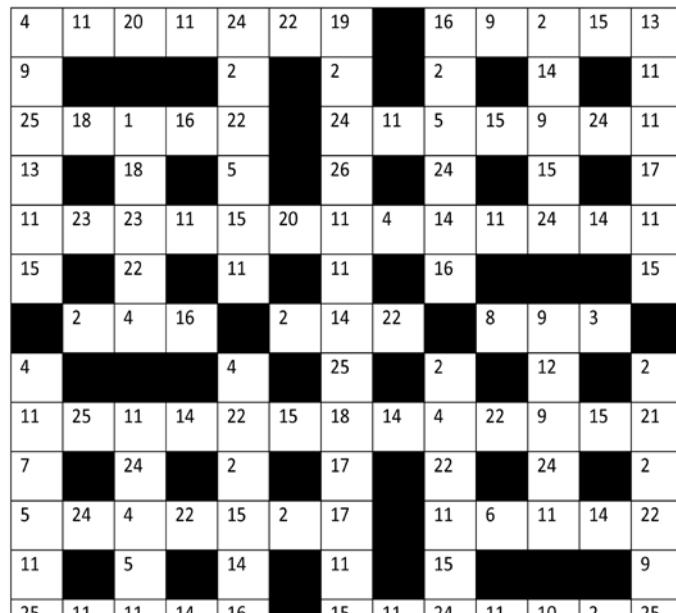
#### Down

- 1 Short confused accountant goes to find some sort of feudal arrangement for rental payment. (6)

- 2 Unfortunate children see confused child around harp of sorts. (7)
- 3 Contest before bundle perfect for fire raisers. (11)
- 4 Announcers who throw stories around it seems. (11)
- 5 Goddess who exists twice apparently. (4)
- 6 The feeling of an involuntary sailor perhaps. (7)
- 7 Reduced act around vent. (8)
- 11 I unseat long various crustacean. (11)
- 12 Annoyance felt when a mixed rag and string precedes a tax and charged particle. (11)
- 15 Is a greed going to lead one to have a different opinion. (8)
- 17 Initially deep in silted river to find stick. (7)
- 19 Stun Len around in subways. (7)
- 21 Decorates short notice, alternatively finish with a couple of poles. (6)
- 23 Sounds like an endearing term for a wild animal or a backward water plant. (4)

### CodeWord No: 17

See page 31 for the answers.



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Hampshire County day is 15 July when the flag was raised outside the Great Hall in Winchester. This day is also St Swithin's day – St Swithin was an Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Winchester.

Rhydian Vaughan  
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## Bramley Badminton

Just a reminder that the Badminton will start again in September. If anyone is interested please contact Jane on [jane.matthews80@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.matthews80@yahoo.com). There are a few vacancies on Monday night



As we start back to Guides this September, it's good to remember a few of the fun activities of the last 12 months. Girlguiding has been running its new programme throughout 2019 and the Guides have been working for their Skill Builder, Personal Interest and ultimately their Theme badges. There have been many changes to our badge programme. New ones like Mixology for instance (making Mocktails no less) and Confectioner have been popular. We had a Saturday meeting where Guides came to complete a whole badge and work together.

It's not all about badges though. Additionally, we had a Pamper Weekend away making beauty products (and using them too), faced a 'Ready Steady Cook' challenge, had a Balloon Debate and enjoyed campfires, parties and BBQs to name but a few activities. A trip to Herons Wey Activity site for the day was Guiding fun at its wettest but warm fires and hot chocolate following the kayaking and zip wire rides were welcome and we all had a great laugh. Flipout, bowling and the cinema were also popular events. This next term, and beyond, there are more activities being planned for our current Guides and for the new members joining the Unit.

Guides meets at the Village Hall on Wednesday evening from 7.30 – 9pm (term time). It is open to girls from 10 – 14 years of age. We have a small number of spaces available so if your daughter is interested, or you are interested in becoming a leader/volunteer, please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and click on the 'Guides' logo or 'Register as a Volunteer'.

We look forward to meeting some new friends as well as old ones when we start back on 18 September 2019.

Ailsa, Pam, Amanda and Jem

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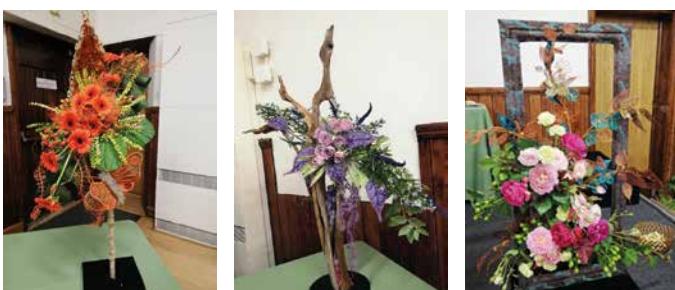
## BRAMLEY FLORAL SOCIETY

For our June meeting, Mrs Carol Bennett demonstrated 'All kinds of everything'. Her first arrangement was inspired by a lovely purple bowl from TK Maxx, which was filled with a layer of leaves of many different shapes and textures. Some white twigs rose from the centre, surrounded by purple alliums, and some paler hydrangea heads were tucked in below. Her second arrangement was an interpretation of a workshop given by a German demonstrator called Brigitte, who threw all the usual rules out of the window. A white container was filled with white ornithogalums, Sweet Williams and roses, interspersed with alchemilla mollis, delicate sprays of delphiniums and nigella. This was followed by an arrangement in a wooden rose wine box of antirrhinums, alstroemeria and roses in various shades of pink, all accompanied by a fascinating tale about being filmed for 'Cash in the attic'.

After our usual break for tea and cake, Carol demonstrated a hand tied bunch of peachy yellow gerberas and roses in a frame that she had made from natural materials, as NAFAS is encouraging us all to work without floral foam as it is not biodegradable. Finally for something completely different, a tropical arrangement, based around a piece of thick twisted ivy stem attached to a base, with strelitzia, small white orchids and many different kinds of shiny green leaves, depicting Barbados where the WAFA (World Association of Floral Artists) festival was held in 2017.



Our July meeting was a demonstration by Graham King called 'Absolutely Bonkers'. Graham is a National Demonstrator with brilliant arts and crafts skills, noted for making all his own accessories. We were all very interested, not only in his flower arrangements but also in the details of how he made his accessories. The photos below are from his 'Absolutely Bonkers' demonstration.



To finish our Summer season we had a workshop by Mrs Lorraine Saunders on Thursday August 1st. We were provided with two rings, spatula sticks, parcel tape and ribbon to make a container and we filled this with flowers, foliage and ornaments we had brought along. The effect was brilliant as you can see from the photos.



Our next meeting, on 5 September, will be a demonstration entitled 'These are a few of my favourite things'

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## BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB

Our main fundraiser for the month was the '**The Moscow Drug Club**' at QMC. They gave us a superb performance and when it was over I had the opportunity to talk to a few of the audience who were lingering over their drinks. They had clearly really enjoyed it and several groups were seeing them for the 2nd and 3rd times. So if the opportunity to see them comes around again, they are definitely good value.

Our next planned event was supposed to be Ali Mac's Rhythm and Blues band on 21st September at the Royal British Legion Club in Old Basing. Unfortunately the group had to cancel due to the hospitalisation of one of its members. **We've rebooked them for 5 October.** Tickets are available from Tony Bamberger, tony.bamberger@hotmail.co.uk telephone 01256 850254, Maurice Hockley email: mauricehockley@hotmail.com or telephone 01256 421867, Toucan Travel at Chineham or direct from our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk .

Our next fundraiser will be our notorious **Quiz Night** at the **Cliddesden Millennium Hall** on

**9 November.** If you fancy your chances email me philipjhwilson@btinternet.com You need a team of 3 or 4 and a short pithy team name. Visit our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk to see the full format of the evening. It's the best £5 worth of fun and frustration you'll have all year!

A week later, on **16 November**, the **Heritage Light Orchestra** will play a concert of music associated with places on the route of the Orient Express for us at QMC. These concerts are specially designed for us and feature local musicians and singers. They're well worth supporting.

Another date for your diaries is **10 October** when we will again celebrate **World Sight Day** in the Malls. This is your annual opportunity to speak to someone who may be able to advise you or point you towards the right people to approach on sight related matters, and to donate your unwanted spectacles for recycling to the third world. No doubt Lennie the Basingstoke Lion will be in attendance.

On the Welfare front the demand for white goods for families without the means to replace broken appliances

continues unabated. We normally obtain expertly recycled goods from the Community Furniture Project. But demand for cookers recently exceeded supply and we had to resort to a new purchase.

We have had a request to assist with equipment for a young girl suffering multiple disabilities. We will help, but cannot meet her needs on our own. We are currently trying to recruit other local Lions Clubs to her cause. We'll let you know how we get on in due course.

We also had a very interesting talk from two members of the **Basingstoke Rape and Crisis team (BRASSAC)** and have set aside funds to assist them when needed.

Regrettably I have to end on a sad note. Our previous District Governor, **Ken Staniforth**, lost his battle with cancer. In my monthly report in December 2017 I wrote "VDG Ken Staniforth attended our last business meeting. He's always a welcome guest .....". He was great company and continued his dedication and enthusiasm for helping others through Lionism to the end. His spirit lives on!



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**B**ack in May, Phil McCorry emailed me about a local artist, **John Davis**, who had been featured on the BBC2 *Flog It* programme. **John Stubbs**, who knew John Davis, did some research to find out more about this former Bramley resident

On the face of it, you'd never have expected top rock stars of the 1960s and 70s coming to little old Bramley for the sort of inspired graphics their fans wanted. But, yes, they did, and they found them. The result was this book, the authorised history of, who else? The Who.

These pictures in the book each relate to one of The Who's songs: some of them will be familiar, some perhaps now less so. The first main colour spread, for instance, celebrates their song 'Ivor the Engine Driver'. This, though, is not quite the innocent engine driver of storybooks – but in concert went down a wow. The illustration shows a stylised steam engine – in GWR colours and carrying the modest headboard 'World's Greatest Band', the driver and his girl carried away on top of the train. Look more closely and the engine number 5006 can be seen, this being GWR's Tregenna Castle, in 1932 hauling the Cheltenham Flyer, when it bore a very similar headboard declaring 'World's Fastest Train'. In the foreground is a GWR route card – including, of course, Bramley for Silchester. One of the train signals carries the marking 'JD72'.

The song 'I can see for miles ... and miles ... and miles...' has an ovoid, green face with weird red clouded eyes, in an elaborately friezed night-sky. 'My generation' gives Mods, Lambretta mounted, triumphant over Rockers on what can only be Brighton sea front. 'Pictures of Lily' shows a lad's fantasy of Lily Langtry, she's showing him a grey heron that's eating a newt – I haven't worked out quite what that signifies... In another, Great Western steam trains bring folk to 'Tommy's Holiday Camp', the tracks running under a pharaonic temple complete with granite lions and smoke deflectors on the footbridge. Lots of little details – crescent moons, white horses in particular keep appearing throughout.

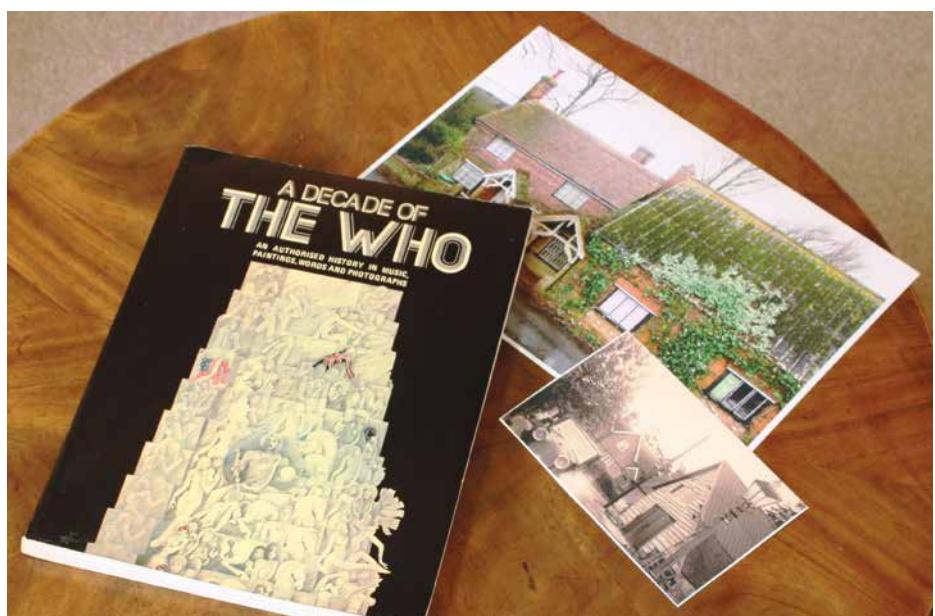
The thirty-six images, then, were conjured by the artist, living in Bramley, around 1973. He was John Davis, and he lived at Lime Tree Cottage – just over the road from St James' Church. But how come this apparently mild art student from Bramley landed a commission like that? Well, not so mild, it seems – around 1969, he embraced The Who and all they stood for, their following of the Indian guru Meher Baba, as well as the Mods, motor scooters and of course flares all round. As a self-confessed Who freak, John blended his interest in railways and the local Mod scene with the rock band – following their gigs around the country and setting his impressions down in a series of drawings and paintings.

John apparently had little expectation of much of a welcome when he ventured up to Pete Townshend's doorstep with a bunch of his art. Sure, he was lucky – but that could only have been a small part of it. The outcome was a long chat over the work, then the two of them went off to the next gig together. A proper exhibition of the paintings was later set out down here, and both Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey came along, resulting in several new pieces of artwork for the group. Come 1973, the book celebrating the first ten years of The Who was being put together, and here was the obvious illustrator.

John, born in 1950, and his father Jack lived in Lime Tree Cottage in the early 1950s, Jack working in the laundry at Park Prewett Hospital. John left

home for Art College, and later was employed at the BBC Written Archives Centre in Caversham. On Jack's death in the mid-1990s John came back to Bramley, making Lime Tree Cottage his very individualistic home. (*More on that in another article, to follow*). He was a member of St Mary's Church in Silchester, and he'd be seen walking, or rather marching to services there, striding along the footpaths. An enthusiastic member of the Legio Secunda Augusta, the Roman Living History group – he joined re-enactments of the Legions' activities around the UK and Continental Europe, and in particular taking in Roman Silchester. Sadly, one morning in July, 2006, on the way to Chedworth Roman Villa for a display, the car in which he was a passenger was involved in a serious collision and he died shortly afterwards.

The funeral was held at a packed St Mary's, the cortège escorted by a phalanx of Mods, duffel-coated on motor-scooters. There was a copy of the book carried behind the coffin, and three of The Who tracks echoed in the small church. Roger Daltrey tactfully sat at the back, out of the way, Pete Townshend sending his regrets. John's ashes were scattered at the Roman Amphitheatre, Silchester. He had much impressed a whole lot of people from a wide range of life-styles: he certainly didn't conform for the sake of doing so, but used his skills and enthusiasm to good and lasting effect.



## Butter Daisy Nursery

We have been enjoying the sunshine here at Butter Daisy Nursery and we have been taking part in so many fun activities! To keep cool in the garden, we have been splashing around with lots of water and ice play. We have even made our own ice lollies using natural fruit juice and our favourite fruits, which have been a real hit!

We are currently enjoying our Summer of Fun, where we have been on an exciting journey around the world. We started in the Americas, exploring the United States of America, South America and the Caribbean Islands. We had a carnival outside in the garden. All of the children paraded around with colourful masks which they had decorated with feathers and rhinestones. All of the suites experimented with some exotic fruit as well; papaya, pineapple and mango, which everyone thought were delicious!



We also celebrated Asia by taking part in Thai food tasting, dressing up in Chinese dresses, creating

Chinese lanterns and flying Indian kites in the garden - they looked so colourful!

In the following weeks we will be celebrating Africa, Oceania and Europe, finishing off our celebrations with a really special Graduation ceremony for

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## A Blooming lovely afternoon at the Bramley Show

The unpredictable weather did not dampen the spirits of those who entered and attended the 33rd Bramley Show on Saturday 17 August at the Village Hall.

The weather plays such an important part for the flower and vegetable entries, as not enough sun or too much rain can adversely affect crops and blooms, but once again there were some excellent entries in the flower and vegetable sections. There were many more entries in the floral art section this year, displaying great imagination and skill and the domestic classes were well represented with various cakes, breads, jams and chutneys.

It was a shame there weren't more entries in the handicraft and art sections. The highlight was the new section of a 3D knitted or crocheted scene, which included maypole dancing mice, a garden scene and a teddy bears picnic. There is evidence that creativity is good for mental health and there is a renewed interest in crafts, so next year we hope to see more entries in these sections.

It was particularly pleasing to see the number of children taking part, as such shows rely on the younger generations to carry on the village traditions. Their entries included flower arrangements, decorated cakes, fruit sculpture and

painting and photography, plus growing vegetables and the potato competition.

The winners of the scarecrow competition were The Auld Family with their unicorn in first place, Butter Daisy Nursery in second and Sarah Hodnett's spider in third. The People's Choice, voted for at the show, was also the unicorn, with Wally and Wilma coming second and Spiderman in third place.

Adding to the enjoyment of the afternoon was the café offering a wealth of homemade cakes. Thank you to the catering team!

This event would not happen were it not for the hardworking committee and volunteers working tirelessly to prepare for the day. A special thanks goes to Anne Porter who has been the chair of the Bramley Show for many years. She has decided to step down and she will be very much missed.

Please note the Bramley Show has a Facebook page and the website [www.bramleyshow.org.uk](http://www.bramleyshow.org.uk) will be revamped soon. Please keep a lookout for our Christmas event and if anyone wants further information and wishes to get in touch please email [thebramleyshow@gmail.com](mailto:thebramleyshow@gmail.com)

Sue Howell, with photos by Jan Wright of Jan Wright Photography





## Greater awareness doubles the number of LPAs



Caroline Wallis

The number of Lasting Powers of Attorney registered in England and Wales has more than doubled in the last three years.

That is according to the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) which published its annual report in July.

Figures show that as at 31st March 2019, 3,847,008 LPAs had been recorded compared to 1,870,393 in March 2016.

Caroline Wallis, Head of the Wills and Probate team at Phillips Solicitors puts this down in part to a greater awareness of the importance of setting up LPAs.

She said: "This is a significant rise in the number of LPAs. With an aging population as people live longer, there also seems to be a greater awareness of conditions such as dementia."

"LPAs certainly have an important part to play in looking after vulnerable people, particularly with the elderly and those with medical conditions."

If you would like to discuss setting up an LPA, please contact Caroline Wallis by calling 01256 854637 or by emailing [caroline.wallis@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:caroline.wallis@phillips-law.co.uk)

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An LPA is a way of giving someone you trust the legal authority to make decisions on your behalf should you lose mental capacity or if you are worried about managing your affairs in the future. This person is called an Attorney.

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The LPA will only be valid if you have the mental capacity to set it up and have not been put under any pressure to create it.

Caroline said: "We recommend that everybody has an LPA in place as mental capacity can be lost or diminish suddenly, as a result of a serious accident or suffering an illness."



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The speaker this month was Paul Whittle who gave a talk about the life and times of "The Lady with the Lamp", Florence Nightingale. She was born on 12 May 1820 into a wealthy and well-connected British family in Florence, Italy, and was named after the city of her birth. Florence's older sister Parthenope had been similarly named. The family moved back to England in 1821, to their homes at Embley, Hampshire and Lea Hurst,

Derbyshire. In February 1837 Florence underwent the first of several experiences that she believed were calls from God, which prompted a strong desire to devote her life to the service of others. She worked hard to educate herself in the art and science of nursing, despite opposition from her family and the restrictive social code for affluent young

English women. In 1853 she took the post of superintendent at the Institute for the Care of Sick Gentlewomen in Upper Harley Street but it is her time at Scutari during the Crimean War for which she is best known. Her forcefulness gave rise to a great change in the care of wounded soldiers and to improvements in nurse training and hospital care here at home. She suffered from bad health for most of her life but lived to 90, dying on 13 August 1910.

The group's next outing is a Thames trip from Abingdon to Oxford, with lunch at the Duke of Monmouth, on Thursday 12 September. Then on Friday 11 October it is the Mystery Trip which includes elevenses, lunch and afternoon tea.

Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting [csrbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:csrbasingstoke@gmail.com).



David Cowling

## Time to Get Creative – BMAF 2020 Programme Deadlines Announced

It may be another six months to the festival weekends themselves, but the 58th running of the annual Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival (BMAF) is already well underway.

BMAF is Basingstoke's unique annual celebration of Music and the Arts. Disciplines include Brass, Recorder, Strings, Woodwind and Singing plus the added ingredients of Drama plus the spoken and written word. It doesn't matter if you are nine or ninety, there's an opportunity for everyone to participate.

The first entry deadlines, for Band, Choir, Ensemble, Orchestra, Strings and the Creative Writing Sections, are on Monday 16th December 2019. Entry deadlines for remaining disciplines are on Thursday 16th January 2020.

The three, themed, 'Festival Weekends' will take place on 7th/8th, 14th/15th and 21st/22nd March next year. The Gala Performance Concert, featuring the overall winners of ALL the 2020 competitions, is scheduled for Sunday 26th April. All events will take place at Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke.

Full details are available in the BMAF 2020 syllabus available now as a FREE printed booklet. If you prefer, you can download as a PDF, or view on-line at the BMAF website: <http://basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk>. For details of the individual competition categories, click on the 'Sections' TAB.

To request a copy of the BMAF 2020 syllabus, please email [jeanfilkin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jeanfilkin@hotmail.co.uk) the BMAF secretary.

Let the Festival begin!

## Cryptic Crossword No: 30 Solution

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## Mondays

Badminton	Village Hall
Boxercise	Brocas Hall
Petite Dance	Village Hall
Hipp Pilates	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Pilates 9am	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Stay Active As You Age Class – 11am	Brocas Hall
Cubs 6.30-8pm	School Hall
Trail Runners 7.30pm	Clift Meadow car park

## Tuesdays

Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month	Bramley Room, Village Hall
Badminton	Village Hall
Bell Ringing 8pm	St James's
Karate	Primary School Hall
Petite Dance	Village Hall
Slimming World	Brocas Hall
Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Tuesday Club	St Stephen's Hall
Pilates 9.30am	Brocas Hall
0-5 Toddler Group 10.15 - 11.45am	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.50 for 7pm (March-Sept)	Clift Meadow car park
Yoga 7.00pm Beginners 8.15pm Continuers	Bramley Room, Village Hall
Hipp Pilates 7-9pm	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Table Tennis - 7pm	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

## Wednesdays

1st Bramley Brownies	Village Hall
Guides 7.30pm	Village Hall
Rainbows	Village Hall
Scouts	Brocas Hall
Baby Clinic plus Stay and Play 2nd Wednesday 9.30-11.00am	Clift Meadow Pavilion
WG Pilates 9.30-10.30am	Cross House
Caterpillar Music 9.45am	Village Hall
Pregnancy yoga 6-7pm	Cross House

Pilates 6.30pm & 8.30pm	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Clubbell yoga 7.15-8.45pm	Cross House
Trail Runners 7.30pm	Clift Meadow car park
HIIT/Bootcamp 7.45-8.30	School Hall

## Thursdays

Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
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Dance Club	Primary School Hall
Lunch Club 2nd Thursday	Cross House
Pilates	St Stephen's Hall
WI 2nd Thursday	Village Hall
Yoga for Sleep and Stress 1st Thursday	Village Hall
Body Tone 9am	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Muddy Fingers 10:00 - 10:50am	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Perform 5.45pm	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm	Cross House
Youth Club 6-8pm	Brocas Hall
Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm	School Hall
Hipp Pilates 7-8pm	Clift Meadow Pavilion

## Fridays

Hatha Yoga 9.30-10.45am	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Pilates 11.30am	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Perform 3.30pm	Clift Meadow Pavilion
Beavers 6.30pm - 7.30pm	School Hall

## Saturdays

Good for Mums Hiit Fix	Brocas Hall
Ladies Boxercise	Brocas Hall
Petite Dance	Village Hall
Yoga Meditation, 11am-12.30pm	Village Hall

## Sundays

See page 5 for Church services at St James's Bramley & St Stephen's Little London	
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## Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Tel No</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Parish Council</b>	Maxta Thomas	07810 692486	www.bramleypc.co.uk parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk	Not for bookings
<b>Clift Meadow</b>	Eileen Gulston	881125	e.e.gulston@gmail.com	Bookings
<b>Cross House</b>	Steve Day	07341 552732	crosshousebramley@gmail.com	Bookings
<b>Village Hall</b>	Catriona Hayward	07464 749997	Bookings@bvht.org.uk	Bookings
<b>School Hall</b>	Alison Tarrant	881339		
Active Mums Post Natal Exercise	Emma Perkins	07973 389407	emmatraining@hotmail.com www.emmaperkins.com	
Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Jodie Saunders	881113	jodie@bramley-scouts.org.uk	
Bell ringers	Terry Cooper	881102		
Bramley Out of School Club/Holiday Club	Julie Belam	07711 339306	info@bramleyoutofschoollclub.com www.bramleyoutofschoollclub.com	
Bramley United FC	Mick Walsh	07802 912615/ 01256 881241	michael.p.walsh@openreach.co.uk	
Bramley Volunteer Drivers		07787 166924	Visit us on Facebook	
Bramley Youth Club	Roxy Mills	01256 423812	rmills@BVaction.org.uk www.basingstokevoluntaryaction.co.uk/youth	
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Caterpillar Music	Jasmine McCarthy	07952 935021	jasmine.mccarthy@caterpillarmusic.com	
Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
Exercise classes	Caroline Sherlock	07845 217901	caroline@this2thisfitness.co.uk	
Floral Society	Joyce Rawlinson	889040		
Guides	Ailsa Stockwell	07584 676931		
Hatha Yoga	Jacqui Morris	07539 432228	jacqui.morris28@gmail.com	
HiiTFix (Postnatal Exercise)	Helen Hill	07766 554599	helen@goodformums.co.uk www.goodformums.co.uk	
Hipp Pilates	Jo Kemp Williams	07557 412400	jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com	
Ladies Boxercise	Helen Hill	07766 554599	helen@ladiesboxercise.co.uk www.ladiesboxercise.co.uk	
Little Apples	Jo Whatley & Sian Davies	07598 588460	manager@littleapples.org	
Lunch Club	Chris Woodward	884065		
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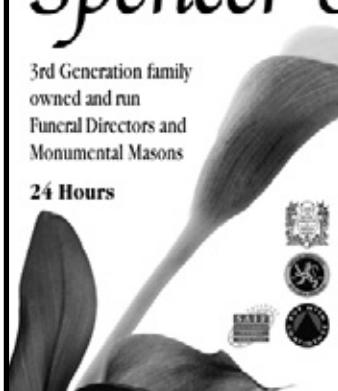
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The Commandant and his party inspected the Parade and the Sovereign's Platoon presented Arms following which they trooped the Sovereign's Banner. The Parade marched past in slow and quick time and then in review order.



At the end of the Parade the Adjutant, who had been on horseback throughout the proceedings, rode his horse across the parade ground and up the steps and through the large doorway of the Old College, a tradition started in the nineteenth century.

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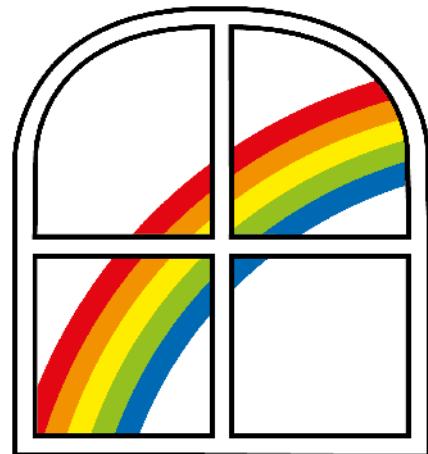



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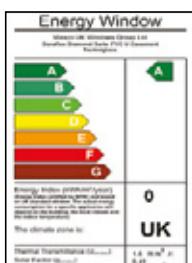
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