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Editorial

You may notice this month's front cover photograph is, unusually, not of Bramley. It was taken by a Bramley resident at the American cemetery in Normandy, close to the beaches where British and Allied troops landed on D-Day, 70 years ago this month.

This year is also the centenary of the start of World War One, so we wanted this issue to honour to all those men and women who have sacrificed their lives for their country. Rachel Holland's series of tributes to the fallen of Bramley continues on the centre pages, along with a moving account of the Bramley Royal British Legion's recent remembrance tour.

I've spent quite a bit of time in Normandy recently, as part of my work with ITV News Meridian's coverage of D-Day 70. I've been privileged to spend time with veterans, pay my respects at some of the cemeteries, and speak to Arlette Gondree (see centre pages), whose family was the first to meet the British troops who landed at 'Pegasus Bridge' - all very humbling experiences.

I hope to be back from Normandy in time to meet many of you at the Bramley Fun Day. For now, I'll leave you with the words of one of our editorial team upon seeing our front page picture:

"Omaha beach is one of the most moving places I've ever been to. I was in awe at the size of the place - with the steep hills and surrounding terrain, the task of the Allied Forces was almost incomprehensible. And to do all of that under fire? Only those who were there will ever know ... but it must have been horrific.

"Personally, even as ex-Royal Navy, I believe every world leader and senior military commander should visit all of the cemeteries in Normandy and be made to stand there alone to take in the enormity and poignancy of the place. Surely they'd never have the desire for conflict again.

"Just looking back at these photographs brought back the emotions I felt that day... the sacrifice and remembrance. Whatever their nationality, those Allied forces were there for all of us."

Sarah Mitchell

Editor, Bramley Magazine

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- 1st ***Sunday after Ascension Day***
9.00 Holy Communion – Little London
10.30 Matins (BCP, 1662) – Bramley
- 8th ***Pentecost***
8.00 Holy Communion – Bramley
10.30 Holy Communion – Bramley
- 15th ***Trinity Sunday***
8.00 Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – Bramley
10.30 Family Service
- 22nd ***1st Sunday after Trinity***
8.00 Holy Communion – Bramley
10.30 Family Communion – Bramley
- 29th ***2nd Sunday after Trinity***
NB – No early Communion service
10.30 **OPEN-AIR SONGS OF PRAISE – CLIFT MEADOW**

...And into July

- 6th ***3rd Sunday after Trinity***
9.00 Holy Communion – Little London
10.30 Matins (BCP, 1662) – Bramley
- 13th ***4th Sunday after Trinity***
8.00 Holy Communion – Bramley
10.30 Holy Communion – Bramley

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Alison Jones

We've had some memorable Shell Club sessions over the last term: the children

enjoyed stomping around the room to bring down the walls of Jericho (luckily Cross House is built of sturdier stuff), enacting the crossing of the Red Sea with a pair of blue curtains in the churchyard and making a video to spread the good news that Jesus is alive.

This month we're looking forward to taking part in the Bramley Fun Day and the outdoor Songs of Praise, after which - if the weather is anywhere near as kind as it was last year - we'll have a picnic on Clift Meadow. We're also making preparations for this year's Holiday Bible Club: two days of stories, games, music and activities on 20/21 August. Look out for more details in next month's magazine!

Do come along and join in the fun: we meet in church with the grown-ups every Sunday at 10.30am then head out to Shell Club (except Family Services, when we all stay together).





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Time, like an ever-rolling stream...

Life keeps on gathering speed, I find, and the result is not at all comfortable. A speaker I once heard described us all as suffering from hurry sickness. You can tell whether you've got this disease by checking out your symptoms: one of the surest signs often appears in the supermarket. Having dashed round the various aisles as quickly as you possibly can, you reach the checkout and find yourself walking up and down in order to see not only where the shortest queue is – maybe even counting how many people there are in each queue – but also looking to see how many items each person in the queue has in their trolley.

Having eventually taken the plunge and joined a particular queue, if you then find yourself keeping an anxious eye on the other queues, trying to see where you would have been if you'd joined any of the others - and feeling really frustrated if one of the other queues moves faster than yours - then you probably have an acute form of hurry sickness!

Last month I attended a conference looking at the pluses and minuses of technology, and especially of information technology. The after-dinner speaker, Os Guinness, who is a well-known author and social critic, spoke about the challenges we face by living life in the fast lane. He described having dinner with a man who was helping to run an election campaign for a political candidate. During the time between the serving of the first course and the arrival of coffee at the end, his dinner companion received more than 750 emails. 500 of them required an answer. How can anyone live like that?

It's strange: the technology that was supposed to save us time, to enable us to do the things we really want to do, has actually turned into a slave-driver. Email has become a dominant force in our lives. I find I can actually spend an entire morning doing nothing but answering emails. And if you don't answer promptly, it is quite possible that you'll get a follow-up text message, checking to see if you got the email.

But actually, the worst slave-driver is not my technology, but me, my own inner compulsion to check my email at frequent intervals out of simple curiosity, instead of disciplining myself to deal with it only at a particular time of the work day. I'm not the only one, of course. You see it in a group of people standing having a drink together, perhaps: try watching and timing how long it takes before someone takes out a smartphone and checks their email or their Facebook page – and how long it takes before they take yet another peek at it. According to the Daily Mail, the average person checks their smartphone 110 times a day. No wonder we've got hurry sickness. How else could we keep up?



Rev'd John Lenton

The Bible, as always, has some helpful advice for those of us suffering from hurry sickness. One of the psalms says: "Be still and know that I am God." If we want to have an appreciation of what God is like, we have to stop rushing for a little while and give Him a chance to connect with us.

Jesus was never in a hurry, however much people tried to get him to speed up. On one occasion, an anxious father had come to fetch Him urgently so that He could heal the man's little girl, who was lying critically ill at home. On the way to the house, Jesus stopped to talk, to bring comfort and healing to a woman who had been haemorrhaging for 40 years. You can really imagine the poor father almost dancing up and down in his impatience. But still, Jesus didn't hurry. He told the father, "Just have faith." And in the end, the man did – and the little girl was healed. No time pressure for Jesus: He always made

time for people. He didn't let the pressure of the moment dictate his actions. He did the right thing at the right time.

Well, that's it for now. Can't stop. I'm past the editor's deadline – must rush!



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'The Shoes' has had a recent spruce-up, under new management. London Pride, Doombur and Courage on tap plus a decent pint of Guinness. The food was very good, clearly all freshly cooked I recommend a visit to eat or just for a few pints.

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Frith Bridge - no quick fix in sight

Sarah Mitchell

Frith Bridge has been broken for many months now and Bramley Magazine has been contacted by angry residents,

wondering why nothing is being done. We asked people who use the Frith for their comments:

“It is not safe. People have created their own bridge, which is dangerous. That shows how much the path is used. It is also used by horse riders who cannot get across.”

Runner

“An organic fix would do without having to spend lots on it - maybe money would be better spent on fixing the holes in our roads. In winter that area floods quite badly, so it's no surprise that it's damaged”

Dog walker

“It's been rickety since Christmas 2012, then the bridge finally washed away this past winter. I can't believe it's been that long - surely the council should get involved?”

Bird watcher

“It's a total pain! I have managed to get across a few times but it's very precarious. I can't believe it's taking so long to fix.”

Runner

Bramley Parish Councillor Bruce Ansell, who keeps an eye on our footpaths, told BM he's alerted Hampshire County Council to the problem three times; “I've heard nothing back, nothing at all”, he complained. “I'd like to encourage Bramley residents to register this problem with the County Council on their Web Portal. They're in charge of Rights of Way and the more we highlight issues, the more chance we have of moving up the list.”

To raise an incident report on the Hampshire County Council website go to:

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/rh/row/problem-report.html>

The exact reference for the bridge is:



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Dreaming of summer ...

Eileen Gulston

It's not easy trying to create floral displays called 'A Summer's Day' and 'Sunshine' while it's teeming with rain outside! Fortunately, Anne-Marie Dicker is an inspiring teacher. She kept up morale at the last Bramley & Romans Floral Society meeting with tales of beer-trap pesticides and 'sending snails to heaven'. The beautiful yellow roses, gerberas and green hosta leaves in the design also helped brighten our day.

We went on to make 'A day at the seaside' - with totally different colours: using foliage with small mauve flowers and beautiful mauve tulips, to resemble seaweed.

After some lovely homemade cake and tea, we moved on to



A 'Holiday' display - inspired by imagining sipping a glass of wine at sunset, while looking at the sea!

our next arrangements. 'Cocktail' used a tall wine glass filled with glass baubles, topped with tiny pittisporum, bright pink gerberas and white carnations with pink edges. Finally 'A celebratory summer pedestal' used white and cream roses and carnations, along with beautiful orchids with deep, pink edges.

Our next meeting will be a workshop: 'Playing with Roses'. We'll meet on Thursday 5 June, at 1.30 pm at Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall. There is usually a raffle, and always a very warm welcome for visitors. Contact Eileen - 01256 881125 - for more information.

Quiz night raises the roof - and lots of money

Competition was fierce at the inaugural Bramley Community Quiz Night. Ten teams battled it out to try and win the prestigious 'Bramley Quiz Trophy' and - more importantly - to raise money for the Red Cross appeal for Syria.

Listening to the terrible news reports about the humanitarian crisis in Syria made me want to do something. I hoped a quiz night and supper would be a great way to raise money and provide a fun night out for the village - and both seemed a great success.

We had teams from all over the community; Coopers Lane, Farriers Close and Campbell Road as well as the Scouts, the Floral Society and Bramley Guitarists. 'Vicar's Eight' (like 'Ocean's

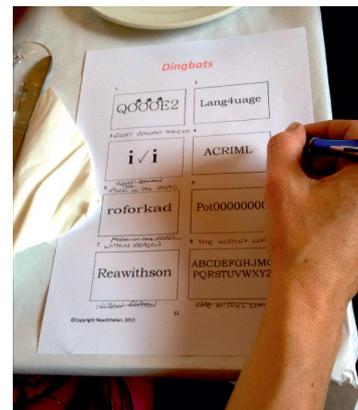
Eleven, but without the stealing!) were firm favourites as the night began. After several rounds - including Bramley knowledge, movie quotes, picture rounds and brainteasers - 'Scotch Egg Heads' came a very close second to 'The Also Rans', an eclectic mix of bell ringers, Iron Mums and friends.

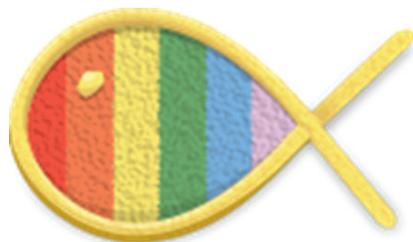
Competitors kept up their stamina thanks to a delicious supper, homemade cupcakes and plenty of coffee (the BYOB policy may have helped, too!).

I'm grateful to all at St James's church for letting us use Cross House, especially to Sarah Marianos and Arthur & Joyce Rawlinson. The Shop at Sherfield helped with the meal and Laura Bartlett took photos. Thanks to the behind the scenes team - Nathan, Tanya, Tilly, Alex, Harrison and Devon. And special thanks to our host, Alf, and fabulous chef, Sarah - aka Mum and Dad!

The evening raised £657 from ticket sales and some generous donations on the night. Given it was such fun we hope it will become an annual village event ... so why not get your team together and start practising now!

Theadora Shearing





Bramley Church of England Primary Andy Higgs - Headteacher

The month of May is always a very busy one in the life of the school. This year has been no exception.

Year 6 have applied themselves brilliantly to the rigour and challenge of the National Tests. The good humour and effort that each child showed was excellent. The whole school supported this most important of weeks with their conduct throughout the week.

The first 'Head's Round Table' was held on 21 May. This was the first of a regular opportunity for all stakeholders to engage directly with myself and the strategic future of the school. The focus was on the learning community and how the vision of #brilliantbramley can be extended out into the community and how the inspiration of the area can reach in to the school.

The school is looking forward to supporting the Bramley Fun Day with an information stall, singers and the chance to score a penalty against Mr Moore. It will be a privilege to be part of the event, with so many village and community members present. I will also attend the Sherfield Fete. This is further recognition of the central importance of community in the wider life of Bramley Primary School.

Look out for our revised fortnightly newsletter which is published on the school website and by parentmail. It includes examples of pupil learning and a list of key dates for your diaries.

Enjoy the sunshine!

Anyone for Tennis?

Janet Grieve - Clift Meadow Trust

Clift Meadow
The tennis courts at Clift Meadow have been resurfaced and refurbished, ready for the summer season. Even better news - they are free to use! Is anyone willing to start a group one evening a week - or at the weekend - to encourage more villagers to use the courts?

Clift Meadow



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To avoid delays, all repeat prescriptions due week commencing 9 June must be received by dispensary no later than 5 June.

Any prescriptions ordered between June 5-13 will take longer than a week to process and be ready for collection.

Online Services

Unfortunately the facility to book appointments and order prescriptions online will be unavailable for one week prior to June 10.

Village Trust AGM - all welcome

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Trust will be held on Thursday 19 June at 7.30 pm in the Bramley Room at the Village Hall. Users of the Village Hall and residents are most welcome.

Consultations

In June please bring only one problem at a time to the doctors as they will be familiarising themselves with the new system.

SMS Text Reminders

The new system will eventually allow appointment reminders and/or blood results to be sent to patients via SMS text on request. We think this will be extremely valuable.

We hope this change will go smoothly and ask for your patience as we familiarise ourselves with the new system, as it is very different to the one we use at present.

Apologies in advance for any inconvenience and many thanks for your patience and support.

Janet Grieve

At the last Trust Committee meeting it was agreed that the cost of hiring the Village Hall would be increased to help cover maintenance and repairs. No increase had been made for many years. Regular users were consulted and were in favour of the changes.



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Bramley Weekly Diary

	Monday 19/05/2014	Tuesday 20/05/2014	Wednesday 21/05/2014	Thursday 22/05/2014	Friday 23/05/2014	Saturday 24/05/2014	Sunday 25/05/2014
Village Hall - The Bramley Room	19 Bramley Parish Council (18:00 - 21:45)	20 Petite School of dancing (18:00 - 17:00) Private event (19:30 - 20:30)	21 Guides Scouts (19:30 - 21:00)	22 Local Elections (08:30 - 22:30)	23 Private event (09:00 - 11:30) Rhyme Time (13:30 - 14:30)	24	25 Bison together (08:45 - 18:00)
Village Hall - Main Hall	19 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00) Badminton (20:00 - 22:00)	20 Little Apples (08:45 - 13:15) SMB (14:30 - 16:30) Petite school of Dancing (17:00 - 20:00) Badminton (20:15 - 22:00)	21 Little Apples (09:00 - 10:15) Bowling (10:00 - 19:15) Guides Scouts (19:30 - 21:00)	22 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00) Petite School of Dancing (10:00 - 19:00) Private event (19:15 - 22:00)	23 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00) Soccer School (15:15 - 17:15)	24	25
Village Hall - Committee Room	19 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00)	20 Little Apples (08:45 - 13:15) Petite School of Dancing (17:00 - 21:00)	21 Little Apples (09:00 - 10:15) Rainbows (17:15 - 18:15)	22 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00) Petite School of Dancing (10:00 - 19:00)	23 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00)	24	25
Clift Meadow - Car Park	19 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00)	20 Little Apples (08:45 - 13:15) SMB (14:30 - 16:30)	21 Little Apples (09:00 - 10:15)	22 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00) Private event (19:15 - 22:00)	23 Little Apples (08:45 - 10:00)	24	25
Cross House - Meeting Room	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

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The members of the Fun Day team wish to invite everyone involved in the event to a half hour meeting at the Clift Meadow pavilion on Thursday 5th June at 7pm. The purpose of the briefing is to meet the team and fellow participants and to provide general information including final details relating to the organisation on the day.

In previous years everyone has found this meeting to be useful and informative so do please try to come along. Any new volunteers from the community who can spare a couple of hours help will be most welcome; please introduce yourself to a team member.

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BRAMLEY FUN DAY

Saturday 7 June



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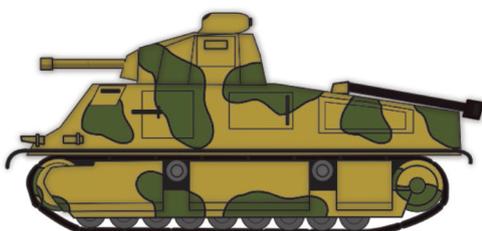
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Bramley Scouts rise to the challenge

Jodie Saunders

The Bramley Scouts have been exceptionally active recently. They all enjoyed an evening at the Reading Indoor Climbing Wall and have also been practising their fire-lighting and route planning skills. Nine of the scouts attended a Pro-badge Survival Skills Camp and five went caving in the Mendips. One, Matt, has recently been awarded the highest award in scouting, the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

The Cubs have been working towards their Chef and Map Reader badges and Jacob has completed his Chief Scout's Silver Award.

The Beavers have been playing lots of games and will be working on their Outdoor Challenge badge this term. They have invested seven new members and welcomed another three at the start of this term. Two ex-beavers (Rowan and Jack), who have now moved up to cubs, earned Chief Scout's Bronze Awards and another two (OJ and Owen) are due to be awarded very soon.

The Group is always looking for volunteers. We currently need a Group Scout Leader (the person responsible for managing and supporting the Scout Group and its leaders). If you are interested in this position, or in volunteering as a scout, cub or beaver leader, please contact: communications@bramley-scouts.org.uk.



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Royal British Legion – Normandy Battlefield Tour 2014

Gareth Doust

June 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the D-Day landings during the 2nd World War; the start of a multinational effort to push the German invaders out of France which ultimately led to the end of the conflict, and an Allied victory. We at the Royal British Legion in Bramley are incredibly lucky to count amongst our members an exceptional Battlefield Tour Guide in Rhydian Vaughan, and in March this year a number of us embarked on a visit to Normandy under his tutelage.



Bramley Royal British Legion in Normandy

I will start with a disclaimer – I am neither a war historian nor a diarist. This is not intended to be a documentary of Operation Overlord, nor a blow by blow account of our visit. It is merely my thoughts and experiences from a visit that, for me, had so much impact and gravitas, especially given the context of time, that it could not go undocumented.

I dare say it would be literally impossible to see everything of note in a few short days, particularly without watering down the quality of experience. Needless to say Rhydian Vaughan has done this many times before and, as a former serviceman himself, had everything planned with military precision. Our first day on land started with a visit of the Merville Gun Battery, which formed part of the Atlantic wall employed by the Germans to prevent an Allied invasion. The sheer scale of these encampments demonstrates the almighty firepower the invasion force was facing before they had even landed – simply staggering.

We then took in breakfast at the Café Gondree, just metres from the famous Pegasus Bridge – the site of an incredible glider landing and assault. I have been to Pegasus Bridge before and the precision of the landings and the swiftness of execution of the plan never fails to impress. If you visit Normandy only once in your life, you simply must visit Pegasus Bridge. Adding to the experience

is the fact that the Café is still owned and run by Madame Gondree, the daughter of the owners who offered refreshments to Allied troops after being the first building liberated on June 6, 1944.



Arlette Gondree

This was merely the start of a visit which, due to the confines of publishing, cannot be documented in anything like the detail I would like. I would love to tell you more about the sight of the Mulberry Harbour in Arromanches (also home to a fantastic independent Calvados shop on the high street and rather incredible 360 degree cinema), the humanity shown by German forces to 3 British servicemen who died in Saint Laurent Sur Mer in 1942 and were subsequently buried in the local churchyard and the eeriness of the German memorials which present a stark contrast to the pride and fanfare on display on American sites.

I would like to put across the emotion felt in Sainte-Mere-Eglise where paratrooper John Steele was caught on a Church spire and is immortalised on a memorial, and talk more about the fantastic museum in Bayeux. Mostly I would like to explain the incredulity felt when standing in the very garden in which Stanley Hollis, the only man to receive a Victoria Cross for actions on June 6 itself, returned to rescue troops who had been left behind after coming under heavy machine gun fire. To stand in that spot, with that story being told, brings home so very hard the sacrifices and horrors faced by so many in a part of the world which now feels so very peaceful.

Unfortunately there isn't the space to tell you



Ranville War Cemetery, Normandy

everything, so you're simply going to have to take my word for it and contact Rhydian yourself – I'm sure he'd be more than happy to share these experiences with our entire community.

Pte Cecil Hoddinott, 1/4th battalion the Hampshire Regiment

Cecil Hoddinott was the son of Simon Hoddinott who farmed at Vyne Lodge Farm, Sherborne St John. He was born at Witham Friary in Somerset in 1894. In 1911 he was 17 years old and working on his father's farm.

He joined the 1/4th battalion the Hampshire Regiment, the same battalion as Herbert Hunt, whom you may have read about in the September 2013 edition of the Bramley Magazine. Herbert was a year younger than Cecil, so the two may well have been friends. The battalion initially formed part of the 128th (Hampshire) brigade in the 43rd (Wessex) Division and sailed for India in September 1914. In March 1915 the 4th Hants were deployed to Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) and remained in Mesopotamia and Persia (now Iran) for the rest of the war. The battalion was besieged at Kut-al-Amara in 1916, when battalion HQ and one



Mikra British War Cemetery, Kalamaria, Thessaloniki, Greece.

company were captured after surrender. After this they formed a composite battalion with 1/5th Buffs (East Kent Regiment) and were eventually transferred to the 36th Indian Brigade of the 14th Indian Division. From January 1918 they saw action in Persia and ended the war in Zenjan, south-west of Resht near the Caspian Sea.

We do not know how much Cecil was involved in all this. We do know that he died of pneumonia on 7 April 1919 at the age of 26, and is buried in the Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Thessaloniki, Greece.

The town was the base of the British Salonika Force and contained many hospitals. Perhaps Cecil was injured in Persia and was sent back to Greece for treatment. By the time of his death his parents had moved to Lambourn, Berkshire. Spare a thought for Cecil next time you pass the turning to Vyne Lodge Farm!

This poem is by 10 year old Dudley Beaugeard, grandson of Pam & Malcolm Bell, of Bramley. He was inspired to write it after learning about World War One at school.

Dudley Beaugeard

*My signature on the form
Now part of the English army
Oh how nervous I was when I wrote it down
I knew I could lose
everything I loved
Just like all the others that
have given their life for their
country
Killed as fast as the bullet
that had shot them
Feeling nothing but pain for a
second
Then seeing a white light and
then,
Nothing.
I was on my way now, close
to that white light
I had no training at all
Nothing that I knew about fighting
But there was one thing I did know
And it was that I had a chance of death*



*I thought I was as nervous as I could be
But it was not over yet.
I was in the trenches now*

*preparing to run over the ladder
into No man's land
I was expecting to die just like all
the others that had,
And now it was my turn
I climbed up the ladder and ran,
Ran for my life firing bullets
killing Fritz,
And then there was a cheer of
happiness
I had killed all the Germans
And we had covered the whole of
No mans land,*

*Although we had got to the end we knew it wasn't the
end
The enemy would come back and fight for their life
And my turn would come again
And my life might end too.*

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Parish Council news

Cllr. Chris Holland

I hope you are enjoying the lovely early summer weather. The Parish Council (PC) completed its elected year on 19 May; we had our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the same day and have elected Councillor Tony Durrant to be PC Chairman for 12 months until May 2015; Councillors have also volunteered to take on other appointments.

Meetings

The PC will continue to meet formally at least once every month; the June meeting will be on Monday 16 June in the Bramley Room at the Village Hall; we hope you will join us. Our meetings are open to the public; we publish agendas and minutes on the village noticeboards and website:

www.bramleypc.co.uk. You can send the Parish Clerk a comment or question on bramleypc.gov@gmail.com / Twitter [@bramleypc](https://twitter.com/bramleypc) / Facebook page facebook.com/BramleyPC

Apology and Request for Help

I think we can all agree that open, transparent and full communication is key to keeping everyone informed. Let me begin my last report as Chairman with an apology. Since Sarah Smart resigned as Parish Clerk in Nov 2013 we have struggled to keep the PC website up to date, which is deeply regrettable. Sarah used to update the website weekly; it was the task of all Councillors to provide the content and information. We are seeking a community volunteer who can give 2-3 hours per week, to manage and maintain the PC website; if you are able to volunteer I am sure Councillors can provide information and data to ensure residents are fully informed. Please contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk if you can help.

Local Infrastructure Fund and Community Safety - Update



Last month councillors discussed requests for grants from the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) which I informed you about through the Bramley Magazine. We were asked to comment specifically on whether the majority of the available grant to Bramley should be spent on a Footbridge. I have now sent documentation to Borough Officers, our Borough Councillors and the Parish Council. We have concluded the most pressing safety risk which affects the majority of people in the Bramley village community is caused by the road, railway and footpath interchange, within 200m of the level crossing. The need is to make the approaches to the interchange safer for the community.

Bramley PC seeks an opportunity to work with the local business community, Network Rail (NWR), HCC and B&DBC. If NWR is prepared to match the funding from a Borough grant and if others such as local landowners and businesses are prepared to add their resources, the community may significantly benefit from a safety driven enhancement to the railway level crossing and roads and paths up to 200m away from the crossing. It is possible that the



safety-driven infrastructure enhancement could include a footbridge, however the detail of the infrastructure upgrade needs to be defined through the concept and assessment phases of a project.

I have spoken to HCC Officers, who own the environment, transport and educational briefs. I have asked the Officers to support us seeking an opportunity to discuss how a grant from the B&DBC LIF could be added to existing NWR and HCC funds to benefit the Bramley community. I have also asked that the allocation of Bramley specific LIF grants be delayed until Sep 14 which will allow the PC time to further debate and discuss the issues and to define and cost the package of measures required. We will keep you informed.

Development in Bramley - Update

Some residents in Bramley seem to be of the opinion that the PC accepted benefits in return for agreeing to planning applications for housing; may I confirm this is not the case and we remain committed to negotiate a deal with each potential developer whilst actively assessing each planning application against the 22 criteria defined by Borough Council Officers.

I am sure the majority of residents who have tracked our actions over the recent years will understand we are attempting to negotiate a way forward. The reality, defined by local and national government as well as the Governor of the Bank of England, is that the UK has a significant excess of housing demand over housing supply. B&DBC is forced to accept development and Bramley can't expect to be removed from the Local Plan.

The PC is the lowest level of Local Government and we are often consulted before the Borough Council makes decisions; we have no power to say 'No' however if we can offer views we may have some influence. Within the Borough Council Draft 'Local Plan' both Minchens Lane and Strawberry Fields are listed as potential sites for development. When detailed planning applications are submitted the PC and all residents are being encouraged to have their say (through B&DBC website) against the 22 criteria against which all applications are assessed.



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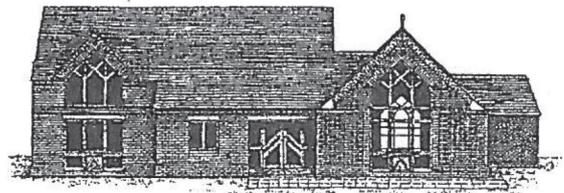
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Parish Council news (cont'd)

I have become aware of some residents seeking to raise a petition against development; I understand the emotional response, however I encourage those involved to consider joining or at least working in collaboration with the PC so they can fully understand the issues and complexities of the planning processes. We need volunteers who want the best for their community to join us.

Parish Council Vacancies

I am sure most of you will be aware that Tracy Predeth replaced Sarah Smart as Parish Clerk in February; it is with deep regret that Tracy has confirmed she has accepted a more prestigious post in Swindon and has formally left Bramley PC. We have advertised the vacancy and hopefully the community will have a new Parish Clerk in place within the next few months. The PC anticipate that a replacement Parish Clerk is unlikely to be available before the July PC Meeting and therefore, as we don't meet in August, it may be the September PC Meeting before the Council has an established permanent Clerk/Proper Officer; in the meantime Councillors will have to 'roll their sleeves up' to ensure the PC functions.

We have two vacancies for Parish Councillors; it is widely understood that we may have three before

the June PC Meeting. All residents are encouraged to consider what they can contribute to our community. We need volunteers to help run our Clubs and Societies; if you could offer a small amount of time you could help. If you wish to be a Councillor you can apply to join the PC and work with colleagues to get the best deal for the community; please contact me or send an email to the Parish Clerk or any other Councillor if you can volunteer in any capacity or wish to be considered for co-option to become a councillor.

Farewell

The appointment of Chairman to the PC is for 12 months and requires an annual election which is an agenda item at the AGM. Each Councillor may nominate themselves to be Chairman and all Councillors attending will vote to decide who they wish to take the Office. I decided to not put my name forward this year and therefore have stood down as Chairman of Bramley PC. I am sure the PC under the chairmanship of Cllr. Tony Durrant will continue to contribute extensively to the Bramley Magazine and I hope the newly appointed councillors will keep the community informed of council efforts to serve the best interests of Bramley.

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Pamber Parish Council Notes for Little London

E.A.Knight

The Pamber Parish Council met on
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Annual Meeting

Cllr Chris Goss was re-elected Chairman for the coming year and Cllr Philip Kingston was re-elected vice chairman. The three councillors appointed to consider planning applications from the South ward were Councillors Frank Mitchell, Mary Hale and David Snook. Councillor Snook was appointed as the Highways Representative from the South ward.

Commemorations of the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War I and the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

All parishioners are reminded of the Picnic in Pamber Park, which will be held on 7 June from 2.00 to 5.00 pm. This will be followed by the lighting of the beacon. Bring your own picnic (World War II style!); a prize will be awarded for the most authentic picnic. There will be music, games for children and adults, information about those from the parish who died during WWI, an exhibition from TADS about Aldermaston Airfield at the time of D-Day and a memorabilia display from both wars. Please bring along any items of interest for the memorabilia display. Contact the Clerk for further details.

Neighbourhood Plan, June 2014

The month of May saw the completion of the site assessments in Bramley for potential housing developments. These will now have to be analysed fully by members of the Steering Group and presented to the Parish Council. A decision will be made as to the level of growth acceptable to Bramley and in line with the Local Plan, and this information incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Development Options section of the Neighbourhood Plan can then be completed and we can move on to the issues raised from consultation: the vision, aims and objectives. These define the policy areas that need to be in the Neighbourhood Plan.

An initial Draft Plan has been written by the Consultants, Urban Vision, taking into

account the information from the various surveys, and lists the aims and objectives as seen at this stage which have to be agreed. The Vision for Bramley has been edited from our initial vision to:

“In 2029 Bramley will be an attractive village with a strong rural character, excellent and conveniently located community facilities, a range of high quality homes fulfilling local needs, safe and convenient access to transport services and green spaces, and good opportunities for locally based employment.”

The meeting in the Pavilion on 15 May brought in 55-60 people who were presented with a PowerPoint presentation of where the Neighbourhood Plan is at present, where the

Annual Parish Meeting in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London

The guest speaker this year was Mr Sam Brownfield, Chairman of the St. Stephen's Hall Management Committee. Mr Brownfield outlined the problems facing the management committee, the need to secure funding to carry out essential repairs and the difficulties in letting the hall, especially the lack of parking. Comments and suggestions from parishioners present were addressed and will be discussed further at future parish council meetings.

The Chairman gave his annual report and there were further reports from the Allotments, Pamber Forest Advisory Committee, the Priory School and the County and Borough councillors.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on 9 June 2014 in The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the website.

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Cllr. Malcolm Bell, Chair Neighbourhood Planning

information has been gathered and the next steps. A presentation made by the Consultants, Urban Vision, was also made, and the meeting ended with a workshop where the residents were asked for their views on certain prospective development sites in Bramley. All this information is logged and will be taken into account in the final analysis. At the time of going to print, the results of the second meeting to be held on 22 May are not available, but it is hoped that we have as much if not more support from the community.

Continued support for the Neighbourhood Plan is requested from the residents of Bramley. Remember, it takes Bramley out to the year 2029, so hopefully with your support and ideas we can achieve the vision as above.



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'King of Birds' or cheeky chatterbox?

John Stubbs

So, pound for pound, what's the noisiest bird you'll hear around Bramley? The wood pigeon's interminable cooing, or the jackdaw's raucous croaks? The alarming squawks of a pheasant that nearly got trodden on? Probably not. In fact, the top candidate is the smallest – the little wren scores, in terms of decibels per gram, some ten times the output of a rooster on the dung heap.

When feeding, the wren hops around the undergrowth and flies low down. Its small size allows manoeuvrability that other can't match, and reduces the chance of predation: after birds all, it's one of our most numerous birds, but how often do you get a good view of one? I thought it would be easy enough to get a photograph – but this little chap kept darting in different directions at random intervals,

hitting a perch then diving into the nest in seconds. I guess this is to fool watching cats and crows, as well as cameras.

The wren's song is vital to its lifestyle. It is used to attract females, and to defend the male's territory.

He'll build as many as half a dozen nests, then start broadcasting that the properties are available. If a jenny chooses a nest, she'll complete the soft furnishing inside with moss or feathers, then concentrate on laying and brooding. He, meanwhile, will carry on carrying on. This results in a series of families for him – but the timing is usually such that he'll be able to take on the feeding duties for each nest in turn. What with also having to defend his range from intruding competitors, and building yet more nests, it's no wonder he needs to keep hopping about.

As a survival plan, it seems to work. While a lot of our songbirds are in serious decline, the adaptability of wrens means they're happy in gardens, woodland, hedgerows, marshes or coastal sites. They eat mainly larvae, insects and spiders, though they'll take worms, grain and so on if need be. Not a fussy eater, then! One of the snags of

being so small is that you just can't store a lot of body fat. That's no problem in the summer, but in the winter it's a real threat. There's also the fact that a small body has a relatively greater surface area – so heat is lost more rapidly. Though the males are usually strictly territorial, in winter inhibitions are overcome and wrens may form a bundle of a dozen or more, cramming themselves into a handy cavity or shelter overnight when times are hard.

So why doesn't such a tiny bird have just a tiny song? The thing here is that, like a church organ, the smaller pipes make higher-pitched sounds: not much he can do about that, and the higher the pitch, the more the sound is absorbed by the surrounding foliage. The output volume is boosted

by not having a set of vocal cords, as we do, but a less obstructive syrinx in place of the larynx. This is much more efficient in energy terms, changing the notes by controlling the surrounding membranes instead. What's more, he can sing two different notes at the



This particular character was building his nest on our garden fence quite near to where we normally sit.

same time, as the channels into each lung are separate, and does so while both breathing in and breathing out. Don't try this at home, I think.

Legends have it that chattering wrens gave away the hiding place of St Stephen, leading to his martyrdom... or gave away hiding soldiers to invading Vikings... or lured village lads into the sea to drown... and so on. Hence the 'wicked bird' used to be caught and paraded around towns, tied to a pole, every St Stephen's Day. Not terribly convincing, really, and a bit OTT. But another story makes the wren King of Birds... One day all the avians agreed that whichever of them could fly the highest should be so crowned. The ingenious wren stowed away on top of the eagle, scoring a technical victory. Didn't last long though, as the disgruntled voters then relegated him to low-level flight for ever after. Seems that turned out to be no problem for these fellows.

Butter Daisy Nursey gets physical!

Vicky Peterkin

Babies and children need to develop their physical skills in order to fulfil their potential. The government's Early Years Framework says: 'the physical development of babies and young children must be encouraged through the provision of opportunities for them to be active and interactive and to improve their skills of coordination, control, manipulation and movement'.

Our children have been working on 'gross motor' tasks such as throwing, catching, rolling and hand/eye co-ordination. These



encourage the skills children need in everyday life - like using a knife and fork.

The children have been encouraged to use two hands together, to dress themselves and put their shoes on. We've also been honing their fine motor skills; using tweezers to pick up small objects, playing games with clothes pegs and threading. These all help encourage good pencil control.

All this is designed to prepare them for the transition to school. But, of course, having fun is important too! So we've enjoyed races, dancing and hula hooping outside.

A busy term at Little Apples

Jo Whatley

Those of you who use the Village Hall might have noticed some improvements to our garden, including an improved safety bark surface and a great new aeroplane see-saw. Many thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising to enable this.

They've also been learning about vets - and had some live, friendly pets come to visit. In this sort of role play, children practise their mark making and writing, extend their



Look who came to visit! "Which one is called Sam?"

communication and language skills, use textbooks and replicate what they already know of the outside world. They also have the chance to explore what they think to be true; a learning known as "exploring schemas".

On a lighter note we are very much looking forward to our summer trip to Beale Park as well as a Stay and Play run by our committee and our Family sports afternoon in July. Those children who are leaving us to go to school will have a party at the end of term. It

is always sad to say goodbye but we are already planning for next academic year and our new children. If your child is going to be three before September 2015, you can pop up for a visit and a chat about reserving a place to start next year.

Since Easter, the children have been thinking about people who help us - including visits from some fire-fighters and a nurse. They have had great fun making giant fire engines and a police car, bandaging up the staff, playing hospitals and taking care of "babies" in the children's ward.

Bramley WI

Jane Matthews

This month's meeting was our Annual General Meeting and voting for the resolutions. This year it was 'Increasing organ donations' Sarah read out the proposal from the National Federation of Women's Institutes. Apparently three people die every day whilst waiting for an organ transplant. We had quite a discussion about this topic but all voted that this resolution should go ahead.

After voting for the new committee, we had wine and nibbles, followed by a bring and buy sale which proved to be very popular.

On Sunday 1 June we will have a car at the boot sale on the football pitch, to raise funds for the New Forest Show. Joyce spoke to members about some of the items that we are going to exhibit at this show.



Last month a number of our members had two successful afternoons making 'Heidi Heart Pillows' which are being donated to Basingstoke and North Hants. Hospital.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

We are starting evening walks on the 19th May (weather permitting); anyone who is interested can come along. We meet in Sherfield car park at 7pm.

Next month a speaker will be talking to us about Bramshill House (Police College). Anyone who is interested in coming along to our meetings, please contact Anne on 881691.

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Bramley in 1887

Jay Hudson

Minutes for the Village Fun Day, continued from last month:

..."A committee was appointed to make further arrangements, consisting of: A Welch Thornton, Rev. C Eddy, W Clift, T Matthews, A Butler, J Mulford, A Follett, E Englefield, H Dodd, E Ham and W Snell.

"It is very unfortunate that many people whom we consider Bramley people live outside the bounds of the parish, though they live nearer to most of us than some of the actual parishioners.

"It is, however, so extremely difficult to admit some out-parishioners without admitting more, and to draw any line except the bounds of the parish, that we shall probably have to limit ourselves to actual parishioners only, though this, to our regret, will exclude some whom we should much wish to invite.

"The committee of the Church Society are progressing with raising funds for the stained glass window at the East end of the church and Mr Thornton has kindly said he will contribute the same sum as that raised by the parishioners up to £120. A very generous gift indeed."

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'Tea @ 3' - save the date

Becky Kirby

This will be the seventh year we have held 'Tea at 3'. We couldn't do it without the help of family & friends and the kind people of Bramley and beyond who come along and support us.

As a family, we owe a lot to St Michael's Hospice; not only for the care given to my father-in-law, Graham, who passed away in the Hospice in 2003, but for the help and support they gave us all at a very difficult time. This event is our way of saying 'Thank you'.

Apart from 2012, when the heavens opened on the morning of our event, we always hold a 'Tea @ 3' in July. We have now raised more than £3,000 for the Hospice and have steadily increased the amount raised at each event. Last year we raised more than £1,000 in one afternoon!

Entrance is by donation; tea and freshly homemade cakes will be served. So many people donate cakes and the choice is amazing: from chocolate cakes to scones with cream and jam. Guests can wander around and buy from the local craft sellers who come along. This year we'll have Phoenix Cards, The Little Heart Workshop, The Lonely Butterfly Co, Subtle Flame & SweetBriar, to name but a few.

We're looking forward to hosting this event again this year and would like to invite you to join us - so please pop along if you can. Join us in raising money for our local Hospice and take the opportunity to relax and enjoy a lovely afternoon of tea & cake. Fingers crossed, the sun will come and visit, too!



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Views from our Borough Councillors

Councillor Chris Tomblin

Summer is nearly upon us and possibly this has reached you before the Bramley Fun Day – so I hope that you go and if you did that you enjoyed it!

After the recent Borough Council elections we now have no party with a majority of councillors. There were no elections for Bramley this time: overall, Labour gained 3 seats and UKIP now have 2 councillors and the Conservatives lost 1 seat. This will most likely now see a round of “deals” and arrangements being made to form a council. This is unless the Conservatives decide to run a minority control and risk the possibility of not having a voting majority. However we do have a new constitution which will see that committees are made up of more cross party control to “remove” some of the politics from the council as was suggested after a recent peer review performed by a panel of councillors from other boroughs.

The Local Plan is still out for consultation until the 13th June. The team can be contacted on 845450 /845410 or by email local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk. You can comment on the changes or any part of the plan. All comments, including those made in the last consultation will then be passed to the Government Inspector when he makes his review.

The application for Minchens Lane development has now been submitted and the consultation will have now closed. The application will be decided at a forthcoming Development Control Meeting – the date to be published (look on the Borough Website). I would encourage anybody with a view to attend this meeting. Groups of people with the same view (i.e. to oppose or support) will be allowed a total of 4 minutes to present their argument to the committee.

Following on from this we will soon see an application for houses at Strawberry Fields – another application that is taking advantage of the Council not having a Local Plan in place and not having a 5 year supply of planned housing. This is all due to delays in the Local Plan process – particularly due to the current administration’s well documented actions regarding the Manydown site.

I have had only one reply to my question as to support for a footbridge at the station, so might I conclude that there is little demand?

Finally, I would wish all the best to our local students as they sit their exams at this time. Good luck to you all!

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Councillor Ranil Jayawardena

The last month saw most of the Council preoccupied with elections. Locally there has been little change: the Conservatives lost one seat to Labour in Buckskin (Basingstoke) - but the Liberal Democrats lost three seats to Labour and one to UKIP. Interestingly, the UKIP Councillor elected was the candidate who was exposed as having said he felt like “stabbing someone” and that Basingstoke women are “pug ugly”! Candidates like this do, unfortunately, get elected with a turnout of less than 30%.

Who will run the Council now? The Conservatives are still the biggest party with 29 seats, so we may be able to continue our work - only time will tell! The work that the Conservatives have delivered over the last twelve months demonstrates a clear track record. The portfolio I've been responsible for has seen a Waitrose and John Lewis at Home be agreed for Basingstoke, significant improvements to the top of the town (with more to come), new occupiers on Basing View, and a Leisure Park that is beginning to change for the better. That's a record I'm proud of and I'm pleased I've had the chance to serve the community in this way.

Locally, as you know, the developers have put in a planning application for homes at Minchens Lane. They still have not dealt with the concerns raised by me and many other local residents. This is disappointing, but unsurprising. I will continue to fight on your behalf, not least because Bramley is working up a Neighbourhood Plan and this should be allowed to conclude prior to developments like that.

In addition, the Stratfield Saye Estate is investigating the possible development of some of their land. My views on this are not dissimilar from my views on Minchens Lane - we're working on a Neighbourhood Plan which local people will be able to vote on to determine what Bramley should look like by 2029 - and this should be allowed to conclude first. In any event, any development in Bramley needs to provide the necessary infrastructure improvements to the school, to the doctors' surgery, to local retail facilities and so on.

As ever, please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

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What's on in Bramley this week?

Regular events for June

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
<i>Parish Council Meetings</i> <i>3rd Monday of the month</i> Village Hall <i>Pilates</i> Clift Pavilion <i>Zumba</i> Cross House 9.00 am <i>Beavers</i> School Hall <i>Cubs</i> School Hall <i>Badminton</i> Village Hall <i>Trail Runners</i> Clift Meadow car park 7.30pm	<i>0-5 club</i> Clift Meadow Pavilion <i>Dance Club (Petite School)</i> Village Hall <i>Slimming World</i> Village Hall <i>Zumba</i> 7pm Cross House <i>Community Choir</i> 7pm Sherfield School <i>Short Mat Bowls</i> Village Hall <i>Badminton</i> Village Hall <i>Karate</i> Primary School Hall <i>Bell Ringing</i> St James's	<i>Rainbows</i> Village Hall <i>1st Bramley Brownies</i> Village Hall <i>Scouts</i> Village Hall <i>Pilates</i> Village Hall <i>Circuits</i> Primary School Hall
Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society</i> 1st Thursday, Sherfield on Loddon V Hall <i>WI – 2nd Thursday</i> , Village Hall <i>Lunch Club –</i> 2nd Thursday Cross House <i>WI Lite</i> 4th Thursday, Village Hall <i>Circuits</i> Clift Meadow Pavilion <i>Short Mat Bowls</i> Village Hall <i>Dance Club (Petite)</i> Village Hall <i>Dance Club</i> Primary School Hall	<i>Circuits</i> Clift Meadow Pavilion <i>Royal British Legion social evenings</i> 1st Friday Bramley Inn 2nd Friday The Swan SSJ 3rd Friday Four Horseshoes SOL 4th Friday The Plough LL	<i>Dance School</i> Village Hall Sundays <i>Church services at St James's</i> 9.00 and 10.30 see Church Diary for details <i>Bramley United FC Sunday Car Boot Sales</i> June 1, 8, 15, 29 Sellers 11.45am / Buyers 12.15am

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Badminton	Jane Matthews	881214		
Bell ringers	Terry Cooper	881102		
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Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Jodie Saunders	881113	communications@bramley-scouts.org.uk.	
Community Choir	Dorian Edwards	07825 616759	www.singhealthy.co.uk	
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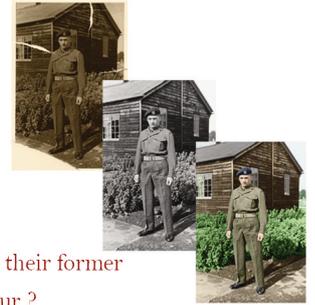


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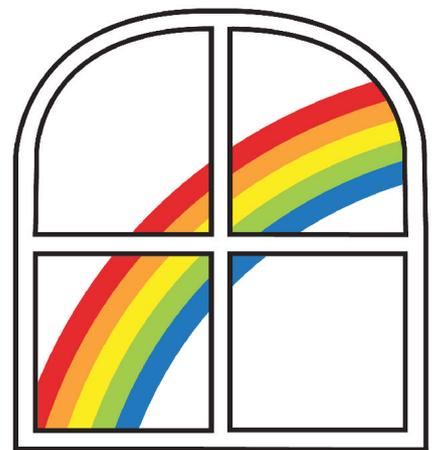
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