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Magazine



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- my head is made from a plant pot!
- my arms & legs are made with plastic bottles!
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Editorial

Imagine being Barry Wilmore and Sunita Williams, the two astronauts stranded at the International Space Station. You go on a work trip, thinking you'll be home in eight days and then find you'll be stuck there for eight months. They both seem remarkably philosophical about it despite missing birthdays and Christmas, not to mention risking a loss in bone density and potential heart issues. Barry's wife said, "he just takes it, knowing the Lord's in control and that since the Lord's in control of it, he's content where he is." Sunita's husband doubted she would be bored or unhappy saying that the space station was "her happy place".

I'm not sure I would be that philosophical, but if the pictures in this month's magazine are anything to go by, I would at least enjoy the amazing views. Duncan Wallace has captured some beautiful night time images on page 9 and Facebook was full of pictures of the stunning red sky that appeared last month. Some of your photos are on page 20. John Stubbs has been looking skywards too, but possibly not with such delight, as you can read on page 25. Believe it or not, this is John's 150th article for the Bramley magazine; it doesn't seem long ago that we were celebrating his 100th. I would like to thank John for all contributions over the years; I invariably learn something from his articles and, more importantly, they always arrive at least a week ahead of schedule – an editor's dream!

Thank you also to Christine Delve who is stepping down from helping with our Meet the Neighbours articles on page 8. If you know of anyone who could feature in this section do email editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk It could be someone who has lived in Bramley or Little London for a long time perhaps, or has served the community or done something interesting. Our neighbours this month were very friendly, with an unusual taste in clothes, but they didn't say a lot and gave the impression that they wouldn't be around for long. It would be good to have some more communicative neighbours to interview.

The other big feature in the magazine this month is the Bramley Show. The pictures on pages 16 and 17 demonstrate what a talented village Bramley is. We have master bakers, green fingered gardeners, talented crafters, expert potato-growers. There were some great photos on display too so if you had a winning photo, or think the judges overlooked your masterpiece, why not send it to the magazine and we can include a selection in future issues.

Going back to the astronauts, I assumed they would have lost out on their chance to vote in the US presidential election but apparently they requested a ballot which was due to arrive within a few weeks. That's some postal vote!

Have a good month and I hope you enjoy this issue of the Bramley Magazine.

Best wishes

Rachel

Joint Editor

"Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground."

Theodore Roosevelt

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Church diary for October...

6th	19th Sunday after Trinity – Harvest Festival
9.00	Sunday@nine – St James (coffee in Cross House 8.45)
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
13th	20th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
20th	21st Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
27th	Last Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James

...and into November

3rd	4th Sunday before Advent (All Saints)
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins – St James
10th	Remembrance Sunday
8.00	BCP Holy Communion – St James
10.30	Remembrance Service - St James
17th	2nd Sunday before Advent
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James

Benefice Services

October...

6th	19th Sunday after Trinity
10.00	Holy Communion – St Leonard's
10.00	Family Service – St Mary's, Stratfield Saye
10.30	BCP Communion – St Mary's, Hartley Wespall
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10.00	Café Church – St Leonard's – Harvest Festival
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Little Apples

At Little Apples, we are often amazed by how tech-savvy even our youngest children are, and Ofcom research has shown that 86% of three and four-year-olds have access to a tablet at home, and 21% have their own tablet.



Children of all ages enjoy using technology, playing games, talking to family, watching and making videos and even using voice enabled tech like Alexa and Siri. However, we know that parents are concerned to ensure that this screen time is valuable and educational, and, most of all, safe. Therefore, we thought it would be useful to put together some simple advice on internet safety as well as links to useful guidance and information.

Keeping children safe online.

Childnet.com provides useful advice for parents and families, including:

- Make use of parental controls and filters which can be used on your home internet, devices, phone networks and online services such as Netflix and YouTube.
- Visit the ‘Parents’ Guide to Technology’ on the UK Safer Internet Centre website to find out how to set up controls on a device.
- Ensure everything your child is viewing is age-appropriate. You can find great age-appropriate apps and games for young children to use by filtering by age at Common sense media.
- Visit internetmatters.org to find out how you can set up controls on your home internet, phone network and online services such as Netflix.

For parental controls to be really effective, they need to be used in conjunction with supervision and engagement from parents.

It’s important to begin the conversation about staying safe online as early as possible in order to establish positive behaviour and routines early in a child’s life. The age that you should begin speaking to your child will differ between families but essentially, as they start engaging with technology and the internet, these conversations can and should begin. Advice on how to start these conversations can be found on Childnet.

You can also give your child strategies early on that they can use if something ever worries or upsets them online. These could include; switch the screen off, close the laptop, exit the website, or turn the iPad or phone over and come ask for help.

Useful links:

- <https://www.common sense media.org/>
- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/keeping-young-children-safe-online/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

This is only a brief overview of a complex subject, but we hope you find this information helpful in protecting young children. Next month we will look at top tips to getting the most out of screen time for young children.

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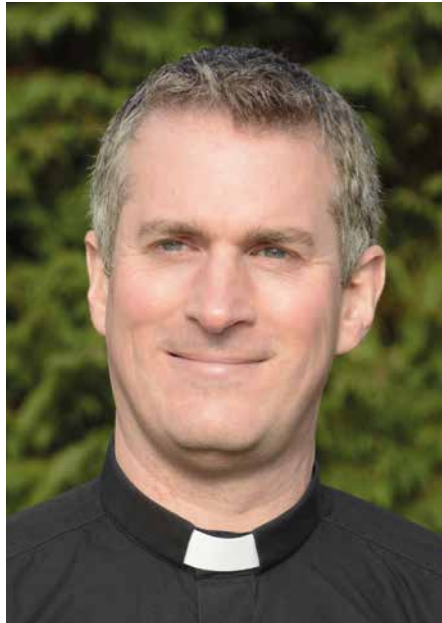
All things come from...

Do you ever wonder where things come from? For many of us these days we have very little idea where the items we buy originate and how they were made. Things are changing a little with TV programmes such as Greg Wallace's 'Inside the factory'; farmer's names (and sometimes faces) on bottles of milk and packets of crisps, and some supermarkets and restaurants pride themselves on how they can trace their ingredients back to the farm where they were grown or reared. However, for most of what we buy, the technology, the everyday items we use, my guess is we have no idea where or how they were made.

It wasn't like this in our village in times past. In Bramley in Victorian times (the nineteenth century) and before, most people would buy their food locally and even know the farmer who grew it. Many manufactured items would be made locally, or at least in England, and many local trades would still be done in Bramley - blacksmiths, farriers, and dairy producers.

As the years pass, we become further and further removed from the person who grows and makes the food we eat and the items we order from websites and apps. The world is shrinking in this respect, as an item made in China arrives on our doorstep all because we make a few touches on our phones.

Thankfully we are becoming more aware of how everyday items are made, not least their environmental impact. There are charities informing us about, and campaigning for, better employment conditions for workers in factories who make the clothes we wear and many other things we take for granted. That t-shirt is that cheap because someone is paid that little to make it. Fair trade coffee and other products ensure a fair price is paid to farmers for the coffee they grow. Look out for the 'fairtrade mark' next time you are shopping.



Rev'd Mark Anderson

At this time of year, harvest time, I always think about these things: who provides for me so I have everything I need to live. I remember the miner who extracts the metal for the tin; the farmer who grows the food which ends up in the tin; the person in the factory who makes the tin and in another factory makes sure the right food gets in the right tin; the lorry driver who transports it to the shop and the shop worker who puts it on the shelf. And that's just so I can buy a can of soup for a snack at lunchtime.

As someone who believes in God, I am also thankful to God who has provided this wonderful world which provides for all we need to live and to flourish. God has given us the skill, the creativity and a planet which provides

the minerals, the plants and everything else we need to prosper. My prayer is we become more aware of how all things come from someone's hard work and ultimately from God who created it all. Let's give thanks for it all at this harvest time and be good stewards of our world so future generations can enjoy the fruits of the harvest for many years to come.

Rev'd Mark Anderson
Vicar, St James Bramley



There were some great entries in the Scarecrow competition this year, all made using recycled materials.

The winner, Ariel Dingle Dangle, is on the front page and was created by Danielle Sheppard. Second was Joyce with her Maid of Plastic and in third place was Rebecca Brown's Rosie. The Wizard of Oz characters created by Angie Thomas received a special commendation, while the winner of the public vote was William the gardener with his friend Tommy the tortoise, brought to life by Catrina Stockwell. Congratulations to all who took part. Can you spot your favourites?



Wizard of Oz



Rosie



William the Gardener



Maid of Plastic



Bramley Church of England Primary School Year R Open Mornings

Is your child turning 4 before the 1st September 2025? If so, now is the time to explore different schools.

To help you make the all-important decision as to where to send your child, **Bramley C of E Primary School** is hosting *open mornings*. These mornings will allow you to make an informed choice.



Our open mornings this year are:

Tuesday 1st October at 9.00am

Thursday 10th October at 9.00am

Friday 18th October at 9.00am

Tuesday 22nd October at 9.00am

Thursday 7th November at 9.00am

These sessions will last approximately 1 hour and are a great opportunity for you to see the school in action. You can pick up a prospectus and ask as many questions as you like.

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or St. Leonard's Church in Sherfield

These stunning images were captured by Bramley resident, **Duncan Wallace**, whose interest in photography dates back to when his parents gave him a camera for his 21st birthday. We asked Duncan how he created these photographs of star trails and the Aurora.

Star Trails

I walk around Silchester nearly every day with my dog, Bob, and had walked through St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard many times thinking about creating a star trail image aligned with the golden wind vane on top of the church spire.

The first and most important thing I had to decide was a location to place my tripod. Luckily, these days you can find apps for your phone to help with almost anything. The one I use is called Night Sky. Using this app, you can enter a star name in the search bar, select it from the results and then select 'Directions above horizon'. Then you simply move the phone to follow the arrow on the screen until the app shows the location of the star in the sky for any day/time you want, in my case Polaris. Polaris will pretty much be the same position day or night at any time during the year and all other stars will appear to circle it, so star trails can be captured anytime in the year.

This Silchester Star Trails photo took a lot of planning and waiting for the perfect, clear, moon-free night as I needed at least two hours to take all 162 photos that make up the final image, some of which were light painted (paths and church windows). The photos were then stacked to create the final Astro landscape scene. The whole process including equipment, settings and post processing can be found on my website at <https://photoniser.com>



Aurora

Silchester is a great location for Astro Landscapes and having missed the Aurora that nearly everyone had witnessed in May this year I was really lucky to have another opportunity while out on 13 August. It was a really clear night so I decided to visit Silchester and find a location high up on the wall with a view of St. Mary the Virgin visible across the fields.

Cameras are far more sensitive to light than our eyes and with the right settings can show the Aurora, in the rare event that it is present this far south. As I switched my camera on I could immediately see the pink/magenta/yellow curtains from the skies over the fields appearing on the camera screen. The Aurora lasted for over two hours in which time I was able to not only capture the Aurora but also a number of the Perseids Meteors which I'd originally set out to photograph. The final astro landscape was created using five meteor images together with one Aurora image. I was also able to create a timelapse of the whole 2.5hrs using 20sec shots which can be viewed on my website <https://photoniser.com>

Please contact me via the website if you'd like further information or would like to join a night doing Astro Photography.

This month's update from **Bramley Parish Council** comes from **Cllr Tony Durrant**

Happy Autumn everyone.

We hope you all had the best summer possible. Bramley Parish Council has been busy throughout the summer, keeping things moving along and dealing with the challenges that come our way. Keeping paths clear is an annual source of concern and we can only do so much to compensate for those negligent in their responsibilities. The grass at Bramley Green has recently been cut after a very successful period of wilding, which now moves into its winter phase.

One significant project has come to fruition after ten years of working with the landowner. The derelict village green space at the southern end of Longbridge Road has been acquired by Bramley Parish Council. Over the next two years we will bring it up to full Village Green specification, which will take a lot of work.

The previous owners were looking to overturn the village green status (not a simple thing to do) and develop the site. Our acquisition of the area means that it will remain open green space for the enjoyment of residents without fear of future development.

A Village Green must comply with certain rules, the key one being that it is an open and accessible space. Clearly it is currently anything but that. There are many tasks to undertake to bring the site up to scratch:

1. Removal of the existing damaged fence and original fence posts which contain asbestos fibres. The removal of these posts must be carried out by a certified specialist contractor. The removal of the wooden fence has no restrictions.
2. Conduct a survey of the site as there is a considerable amount of rubbish, followed by the removal of a) fly tipped material and b) the foliage grown up over years of neglect. To achieve this we will have to clear much of the site to remove this rubbish and all but any protected/valued trees.
It must be remembered that a village green should be an accessible open space. Having said that, we will endeavour to set aside a "wilded" area, most likely to the north of the site.



3. The site will require safe crossing paths from The Smithy and the "Cinder Track" to replace the informal paths that currently exist. If you use the current paths then you do so at your own risk.
4. Security of the site is important to avoid misuse by vehicles. We have uncovered the metal gate to the site from Longbridge Road. It will be closed and locked. The entrance will have a permanently accessible pedestrian, cycle, pram/buggy and mobility access to one side joining with the pathway.

Bramley Parish Council is committed to making this derelict land a useable and pleasant space for the local community to be proud of once again.

We will be using professional contractors to complete the initial work. The cost of works will be spread over a two-year time span. Each activity will be subject to our strict procurement policies and at each stage scrutinised by the Parish Council and monitored by our Responsible Financial Officer. We will work up a detailed plan and budget as part of our normal duties with full due diligence and transparency.

The community will be updated via bulletins, the Community and PC Facebook pages also the PC website. Regular reviews at our monthly meeting will be included in our agenda. The working title for the project is 'Parish Green Restoration'.

There are a number of other projects being pursued and these will be covered in a later edition.

As always, residents are very welcome to attend Bramley Parish Council meetings. These are held in the Bramley Room at Bramley Village Hall. The next scheduled Planning Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 8.00pm, and the next full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 7.00pm. Keep an eye on the Bramley Parish Council website and social media for more information nearer the time.

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Bramley PC website – www.bramley-pc.gov.uk

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council – website www.basingstoke.gov.uk, phone 01256 844844

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Bramley SpeedWatch

Tax and MOT

In the last edition I said it was concerning that there are a lot of vehicles passing through the village with no tax and/or no MoT. In the table below I have included the numbers of illegal vehicles recorded for August.

It's worth looking at the Hampshire Police information on untaxed vehicles <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/vr/vehicle-recovery/of/untaxed-vehicles/>.

Camera Data (June - August)

Month/Year	Verified Speeders (= >35mph)	Max Speed Recorded	Highest number of offences committed by one vehicle	Fastest Hour	Hour most speeding recorded	Illegal Vehicles
June 2024	3338	60	17	10am	3pm	
July 2024	3104	61	18	2pm	3pm	
August 2024	2616	59	13	5am	3pm	73

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity

Four manned deployments were undertaken during August. A total of 53 vehicles (9.3%) were reported to the police from the 569 vehicles checked. The top speed recorded was 50 mph; the driver of this vehicle received a visit from the police.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding SpeedWatch please email:

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Graham White, Bramley SpeedWatch Co-ordinator

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data (August):

SID Location	Days deployed	Traffic direction	% of vehicles exceeding 30 mph	No. vehicles exceeding 60 mph	Max speed recorded (mph)	Average speed
The Street by Churchlands	31	East	50%	7	70	31
Farriers	31	West	46%	12	69	30

Young Trustees for the Village Hall

In the last magazine Gareth Jones, the Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees, explained that he was looking to recruit a Young Trustee who would be involved in different aspects of the business of running a village hall. If you are wondering if this is for you then this extract from a report circulated by Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE) explains why it is such a good opportunity for young people. The report, 'Encouraging Youth Involvement in Village Halls and Community Spaces' was the outcome of a workshop organised by ACRE's Scottish counterpart earlier this year.

Lots of young people are involved in activities in their village hall from a really early age, for example a playgroup, brownies or sports activities. It is hugely important to consider young people at the heart of community, recognising the value of involving young people in all aspects of community activity. The earlier and more consistent their active involvement the better, ensuring

young people feel an ownership and pride of their community spaces.

There is a broad diversity of skills and experience that young people can gain through this involvement. There is a recognition that young people learn in a variety of ways and for some young people, traditional academic pathways don't necessarily allow them to shine, and involvement can really add value for future applications, demonstrating commitment, leadership and teamwork. Assisting with village hall activity and governance can develop skills for careers and life. Within the rural economy, a significant proportion of jobs are sole traders and small businesses. That means a lot of people need business skills in terms of understanding earnings, outgoings, risk, health and safety, marketing, insurances and utilities (all of which offer valuable life skills as well). Running a village hall provides an opportunity to learn about all of these things.

We can offer that experience through the 'Young Trustee' scheme we operate at Bramley Village Hall. We are keen to repeat the successful 'Young Trustee' scheme which we ran a few years ago and we would like to recruit more 'Young Trustees' over the next few months. We would be happy to accept two people, aged at least 17 (to turn 18 during the year ahead). They will be mentored by current Trustees and will have specific roles and projects which will expose them to different aspects of the business of running a village hall. Some more formal training opportunities may be available. If you are or know someone who is aged 17-24, interested in supporting the local community and can spare at least one evening per month and a few hours occasionally for some project work, then please contact me.

Gareth Jones - Chairman, Bramley Village Hall Trustees

Contact: chairman@bvht.org.uk

Bramley 0-5s

Another term has started with some new families joining us. We play, chat, enjoy stories, snacks and singing. It's been lovely to see friendships develop with carers and of course with the children.

We meet at Cliff Meadow on Tuesdays (term time) 10am -11.30am. £3/family. All welcome



National Women's Register (NWR)

The aim of NWR is to give women the opportunity of learning about a variety of subjects through informal research and discussion, and to foster friendship.

Next meeting will be a film evening on October 30th.

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Ringling at Winchester

Some of the Bramley bell ringers were lucky enough to ring the bells at Winchester Cathedral in August. They joined 40 other bell ringers, all taking turns to ring the 14 bells. It was a challenge for some of us (well, perhaps just me!) as we are only used to ringing eight bells at St James, but it was a great experience to ring in such an historic building. Sarah, one of our newer ringers, was brave enough to ring the tenor bell which weighs 1¾ tonnes. We also got to see parts of the cathedral not usually open to the public.

Rachel Barclay Smith



The Bramley ringers



Sarah ringing the tenor bell



Exploring the eaves of the cathedral

BRAMLEY WI

At our meeting in July we celebrated our birthday with wine, nibbles and cake. We had a splendid speaker by the name of Trish and she gave a talk on what the women did in the Second World War while rationing was in force. It was a very interesting talk and presentation; for example, instead of make-up they managed with potato for the face and food colouring for lipstick and rouge. We are very lucky now we can just go to the shop and get it.

We had a lovely walk one evening after one of our hot days, over the fields and around the golf course at Sherfield. Of course, we ended in a pub for a well-earned drink.

We had a very enjoyable outing in August. First we went to Lasham Garden Centre for brunch and then drove on to Chawton House for a talk. Afterwards we looked around the house, which was very interesting, and ended up in the tea room for a cuppa and cake and an afternoon tea for some of us.

Jane Matthews

Bramley Bell Restoration Appeal

In April we launched our appeal to restore the eight bells in St James' Church. A recent inspection had revealed that a substantial amount of work needed to be carried out to the supporting structure of the bells to ensure they could continue to be rung safely. Not surprising when you consider that five of the bells have been in place since 1638!

The restoration work will require all the bells to be removed from the tower and transported to the workshops at Loughborough Bell Foundry. As you can imagine, this isn't an easy or cheap job and our fundraising total was set at £50,000. We are delighted to say that in just 6 months we have raised over half our total. All the bell ringers would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated to our appeal. Every contribution, big and small, will help preserve these historic bells and maintain the tradition and art of bell ringing in our village. Special thanks go to Bramley Parish Council who have donated £2000 to our campaign.

If you would like to make a donation to help preserve our bells then please contact:

Dr Claire Roulstone (Deputy Ringing Master), [claire.roulstone@outlook.com](mailto:roulstone@outlook.com)

Rachel Barclay Smith (Churchwarden), rbarclaysmith@gmail.com

Our CrowdFunding site has now closed but donations can still be made in cash, by cheque or bank transfer.

Some of you may have heard the bells ringing in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Who knows what anniversary they could be ringing for in 2224!



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As you can see from all these photos, the **Bramley Show** was a great success. **Sue Howell** tells us all about it.

On Sunday 15 September, The Bramley Show was held in the village and what a fantastic day it was! Anyone who has been involved in a show will know how much work is involved. It takes weeks of preparation: writing risk assessments, booking judges, endless emails, liaising with the printer, finding raffle prizes, regularly promoting the different classes and making cakes for the café.

Then it is setting up the display boards, ironing tablecloths and setting out the raffle. The day itself is physically demanding but the reward is great.

We had an excellent number of entries this year, despite the poor summer and the fact that the Show was a bit later than last year, which had a knock-on effect with vegetable production. Despite this, the standard of the fruit and vegetables was high. The cooking section was laden with the traditional Victoria sponges and the craft section was so full, it took the judge almost two hours to consider all the entries. The children's entries were varied, and the judge found it hard to choose the best from so many when so much effort was made.

There was plenty for children to do on the day: judging their favourite scarecrows, taking part in a scavenger hunt and guessing the total weight of all the potatoes harvested from the children's potato challenge, which aimed to see how many potatoes could be grown in a bucket from a single seed potato. As always, the café was very popular, and there were homemade cakes and scones worthy of a bakery.

There was an excited buzz around the hall as the winners were announced and a lot of happy faces, as people left with cakes and raffle prizes.

We have a huge amount of talent in our village and this event was a place where they can show case what they can do and inspire others. This community event allows people of all ages to come together and share their skills and admire others' efforts.

A few thanks: to the Bramley Parish council for their support, to an enthusiastic team of judges; the tea ladies and men; Peter for all things IT; Jan for the website, social media, planning the children's activities and going above and beyond to make the Show a success; Bob, who worked so hard in helping to set up and take down and who took most of the photos in this



BRAMLEY SHOW



Royal British Legion

Some committee members attended the funeral of our friend and former branch President, Tony Evans, on 30 August. Tony was so proud that he served his country in the Royal Hampshire Regiment, mostly serving in overseas locations. He was a member of our branch for over 50 years, being our Standard Bearer and carrying the Standard at the RBL Ypres 90 commemoration in 2011, attended by most UK branches.



Our short AGM will be held at Cross House Bramley at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 October. This will be followed by an illustrated talk by Rhydian Vaughan on the pursuit and scuttling of the German navy's most feared battleship, The Bismarck, in 1941. This is open to everyone and will be a fascinating evening.

The annual Poppy Appeal launches officially on Saturday 28 October. Please support the appeal as generously as you can. It funds the majority of the caring work of the Legion throughout our military family, past and present.

Our Vice Chairman Rhydian Vaughan, who is a member of The Guild of Battlefield Guides, has sent this piece from a recent tour he conducted.

All of our tours and visits to the battlefields are memorable but sometimes there is just a hint of an edge!



I was recently lucky enough to take a group to Ypres which included the great great granddaughter of Field Marshall the Viscount Plumer. It was he who opened the Menin Gate in 1927 with the immortal words 'He is not missing, he is here.'

I had alerted the Last Post Association and asked them to make a fuss of her which they did brilliantly. They put her at the front of the wreath queue, talked her through the process and asked her

to deliver the Exhortation. For her it was a very moving experience and all thanks to the Last Post Association for their kindness and consideration.



Field Marshall the Viscount Plumer opening the Menin Gate

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We will initially meet on alternate Thursdays from 3rd October at 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. at St Leonards Church Sherfield. We plan to move to every Thursday as demand grows and when we have a few more volunteers. We are supported by personal donations and Hampshire County Council.

There will be no overt attempt to convert attendees to Christianity. An occasional short act of worship will be available. This will be optional. The purpose of this act of worship is to help those with dementia rediscover a sense of spiritual identity which may also help them to regain personal identity.

If you would like to know more, book a place or would like to volunteer please contact:

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Bee Garden gets a mini pond

Mini ponds are incredibly valuable for wildlife and can be home for a range of wildlife, including frogs, newts and dragonflies. They are also a feeding ground for hedgehogs, birds and even bats and provide a year-round source of water. With the decline in wildlife anything that we - or you - can do will aid recovery. Mini ponds certainly help, and they are fun to make, cheap and provide enjoyment watching the wildlife come to you. They also provide a home for our friends. So Wilder Bramley have just created one in the Bee Garden!

Our mini pond was entirely sourced from upcycled materials. We used an old Belfast sink that had seen life first as a sink, and then as a garden planter. Thanks to all who donated materials. It will soon be gaining some plants.

Why not make your own mini pond? It's not hard or expensive and the rewards are great. Maybe you have a potential mini pond sitting around: an old wheelbarrow or plant pot perhaps? Be creative, have fun and help nature! A good source of information is Wild about Gardens Ponds for all.

Wilder Bramley is also trying to establish an understanding of what lives in some of the more natural areas of Bramley and to check whether our management regimes are actually helping to increase or at least maintain the biodiversity, or in other words, trying to give Nature a helping hand.

We are completing a series of surveys throughout the years to establish what flora and fauna already exists and what can be encouraged to return to our meadows. We first started last year and so building on that we returned to Bramley Green in July.

We surveyed five distinct sites on Bramley Green and for each took six samples with a sweep net to see what we could collect from the vegetation. Our results indicated quite a wide range of invertebrates, including numerous species of different bugs (hemiptera), beetles (coleoptera) and spiders (arachnids). The highlight was finding some Scorpion Bugs (although they are actually arachnids) which, as their name implies, actually look like small scorpions. Interestingly, we found grasshoppers in most areas of the Green but crickets only around the large oak tree.

Another team member sampled the butterfly population. Although the weather this year was grey and cloudy we were delighted to see six cornerstone species in all areas, including a number of the 'Brown Family' of butterflies, including meadow brown, gatekeeper, marbled white (up on last year), the Essex skipper that loves to live on vetch, and speckled wood near the oak tree.



New mini pond.



Identifying the grasses.



A scorpion bug was a highlight of Bramley Green surveying.

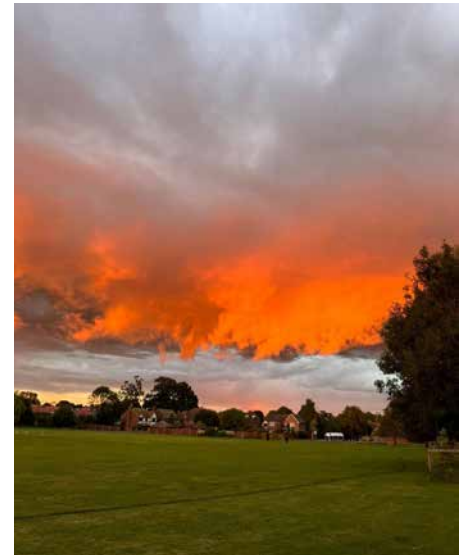
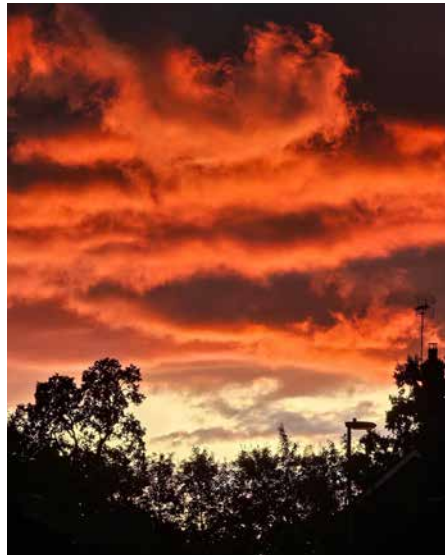


A green bush cricket near the oak tree.

To find out more about what we are up to, why not join our Wilder Bramley Facebook page or contact us on wilder. bramley@gmail.com

Dramatic sky

Lots of you captured the amazing sky over Bramley on 12 September. This is a selection of your photos. Thank you to everyone who shared them on Facebook.



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Basingstoke Gang Show is recognised as the best-selling and longest running 'family variety show' in the South of England and is set to return to The Haymarket Theatre for its 29th stunning variety show spectacular!



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This best-selling amateur production is not to be missed, as it showcases the very best of local talent in the Scout & Guide associations.

Tickets are on sale from 6th September via www.anvilarts.org.uk so book early so you, your friends and family can experience this feel-good show at The Haymarket.

Dates are Thursday 13th to Saturday 22nd February 2025, excluding Sunday 16th. Matinee performances are also on Saturday 15th and 22nd February.

Ticket prices: Adults £23, Children £16 and last night (Saturday 22nd) all seats £24. Ticket prices include £3 booking fee via Anvil Arts.

Group booking discount of £1.00 off each ticket for every 10 purchased before 31st January 2025. Discounts not available with online bookings.

All adults who are interested in volunteering for Basingstoke Gang Show 2025, please get in touch! There's a lot to do before we reach the theatre in February, from building scenery, making costumes or other support.

Local businesses can apply to be a sponsor of Basingstoke Gang Show with packages from as little as £100 up to £2,000. To find out more go to www.basingstokegangshow.com/sponsorship



Changes to Winter Fuel Payment

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For 2025, we're also looking at garden visits by coach to one or more of: RHS Wisley, Exbury, Hilliers and possibly to King Charles' own garden at Highgrove. Membership offers priority, subsidised booking.

Dates and topics for 2024:

Monday 21 October – Heritage Apples by Chris Bird

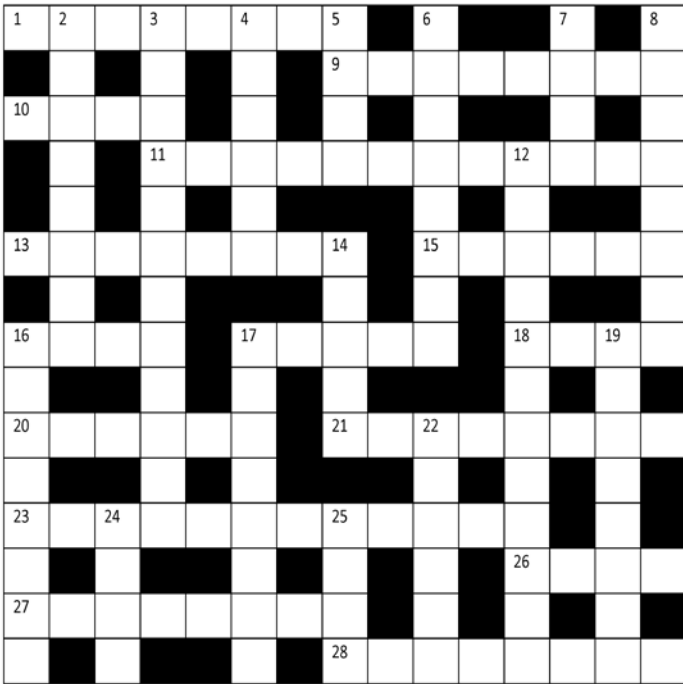
Monday 18th November – The Botanic Gardens of London, before Kew by Dr Mark Spencer

Monday 16th December – Christmas social evening with buffet supper (No speaker this time)

For more information, please contact Ruth Johnston 07867 502542 or Diana Stacey 07554 440537 or email sherfieldgardeningclub@gmail.com

Cryptic Crossword No: 82

See page 31 for the answers.



Across

- 1 River valley northern town. (8)
- 9 Pals dock around for security devices. (8)
- 10 Cheese made in reverse. (4)
- 11 Aid open cycle in disarray for source of information. (12)
- 13 Yep, art is and always will be good at hiding disciple. (8)
- 15 Pride, also conceit obscure principles to be aimed at. (6)
- 16 Cheese initially for eating, tasting and enjoying. (4)
- 17 Feel a sense perhaps. (5)
- 18 Bird going around on the radio. (4)
- 20 Cat made up of courage without a pole. (6)
- 21 Water creature, too small for the Derby though. (8)
- 23 Turtles, hides covering nape. (12)
- 26 Event held not odd. (4)
- 27 Trying or tasting. (8)
- 28 Mixed up, she ate it to waver. (8)

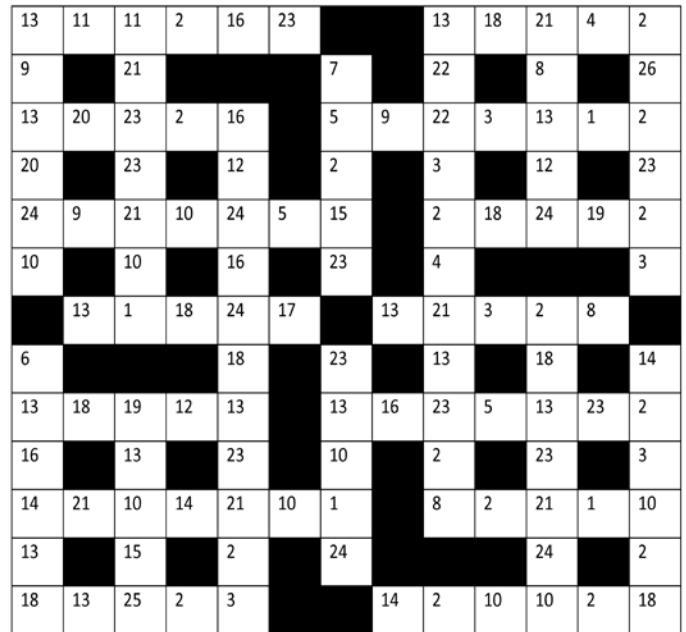
Down

- 2 Stubborn old boy of the French class. (8)
- 3 The last part of abode and true. (4,8)

- 4 Calculator, beaded device. (6)
- 5 Colossal, movie perhaps. (4)
- 6 Moan dish was not right, so tell off. (8)
- 7 Frozen, so enticed to conceal it. (4)
- 8 To be an ass as sinful as hiding a killer. (8)
- 12 Fighter jet device not normally found in cars, except Bond's DB5. (8,4)
- 14 Nuns covering nothing for words for things or places. (5)
- 16 Class fee arranged to have no character. (8)
- 17 Trim cure to find spice. (8)
- 19 Reel sect around to choose again. (8)
- 22 May need part of an accessory to enter a place. (6)
- 24 Attempts or targets. (4)
- 25 In tonight will be found to be near. (4)

CodeWord No: 68

See page 31 for the answers.



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Back to School

It was lovely to welcome all of our families back to school at the start of September. The children were eager to start their learning and have settled into new routines brilliantly. We have had several new families join this year, and the children bounced in on day 1 and were so excited for their new start – a huge welcome to them all.

It's been a busy start to the half term for Upper Key Stage Two; the children have thrown themselves into their learning with fabulous attitudes and an eagerness to develop their skills.

To start Year 6, the children have travelled back in time and across the seas to the Galapagos Islands where Charles Darwin first discovered many of the animals that would help him to develop his theory of evolution. They started the term using clay to create mini sculptures of animals of the Galapagos.

In Year 5, the children have been learning all about the Stone Age. In the second week of term, the learning came alive when 'Stone Age Matt' came to share artefacts and lifestyle stories to help children understand the changes between the Stone Age and the Iron Age.



In Year 4, the children have had a great time exploring major sporting events such as the Olympics in their topic Ready, Steady, Go! They have loved making their own medal designs and then creating medals using clay.



Year 3 have had a fun start to the year, enjoying their launch days focused around their topic of the Victorians. Later this term they will be having a re-enactment of a Victorian school day – not sure how much they will be looking forward to that!!

So far, Year 2 have been enjoying their first topic – the Great fire of London! They have been role playing retelling the key events from that night and reading Samuel Pepys' diary. In a few weeks, we will be welcoming a fire crew into school to talk to the children as well as having our very exciting 'Great Bramley Fire'.

The children in Year 1 have settled beautifully in their new classes after the summer break. Their topic this term is Beautiful Bramley – exploring different areas of the village and what our local community has to offer.

The newest members of the school community are our amazing EYFS children – we cannot believe how well they have settled and how confident they are! We are so excited for the next 7 years we have with the children and their families as they begin their learning journey with us.



It always amazes us how quickly the children settle back into school life and take that step up to the learning and expectations of a new year group. We couldn't be prouder of the children in our school. This year we will continue to live our values of Compassion, Friendship and Respect across our school.

Butter Daisy

As our Summer of Fun drew to the end we explored the continent of Oceania. The children learned about various beach sports, including beach football and volleyball, and brought these games to life. We were thrilled

to have Crocodile Encounters visit us, showcasing a variety of reptiles from around the world. They taught the children how to safely interact with these reptiles while sharing fascinating facts about their diets and habitats. We also



celebrated our School Leaver's festival, a heartfelt event where we reminisced and sent off our school leavers with confidence as they embark on their next chapter.

The children at Butter Daisy Nursery participated in this year's Bramley village scarecrow trail! With the theme centred around 'recycling,' who better to use as inspiration than Sir David Attenborough to promote recycling and saving our planet? Each age group contributed to making the scarecrow, exploring how to craft each part from recycled materials.

In honour of International Literacy Day, we created a sensory walk based on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' The babies enjoyed feeling different textures underfoot as they practiced their first steps, boosting their walking confidence. Toddlers expanded their vocabulary by exploring ocean-themed books while making marks with shells. In Pre-School, the children practiced their pre-writing skills by using leaves to follow directional instructions such as "round," "up," and "down" to create marks in flour, before freely exploring other mark-making techniques.

If you would like to hear more about Butter Daisy Nursery, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01256 882515 or email butter@mydaisynursery.com



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Phillips Law urges local families to plan ahead to reduce their inheritance tax bill



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Latest figures from HMRC show that inheritance tax receipts have risen by 7.2% since last year. By taking advantage of available tax reliefs and planning carefully, families can make sure their loved ones pay the smallest tax bill possible and get the most out of what they inherit.

The Association of Lifetime Lawyers represents a community of the most qualified legal professionals in the UK supporting vulnerable and older people with expert advice and support.

Sian Lias, Legal Director at Phillips Law member of The Association of Lifetime Lawyers says there are precautionary steps to take if you plan for family members to inherit part, or all of your estate upon your passing. Sian said: "With more estates than ever liable for IHT, it's crucial to plan ahead to avoid a large tax bill for your loved ones. If the value of your estate is below the current nil rate band allowance of £325,000, no inheritance tax (IHT) is owed, provided the allowance hasn't been reduced by relevant lifetime gifts.

For married couples or civil partners who leave their entire estate to each other, HMRC permits the full transfer of the nil rate band to the surviving partner, effectively doubling the

allowance to £650,000. Even if only a part of the estate goes to the spouse, the unused portion of the nil rate band can still be transferred upon the death of the second spouse.

If your estate includes a business or related assets, at present, additional reliefs currently apply at rates of either 50% or 100%. Likewise, certain agricultural properties, such as land used for rearing animals or growing crops, can pass free of IHT, provided specific criteria are met.

Creating a will is essential to ensure your assets are distributed to your chosen beneficiaries. Without a valid will, your estate will be divided according to the intestacy rules, which may result in your family not receiving what you intended. Research from The Association of Lifetime Lawyers shows nearly half of UK adults (49%) do not have a will. It's important to consult a legal professional to help you draft a will.

Given the recent change in government, we'd recommend keeping an eye out for any potential policy changes and speak with a Lifetime Lawyer to help minimise your tax bill.

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Is this a beautiful picture of multiple hashes in the sky or evidence of **Environmental Hash?** In his 150th article for the **Bramley Magazine**, **John Stubbs** considers whether we are doing enough to protect the environment.

Here's the view one fine Spring morning over Clift Meadow. Multiple hashes in the sky – surely this must signify something very special, apart, of course, from booming air travel? No, of course it doesn't: that sort of magic augury went out when more people learnt to write; nowadays we have lots of other ways of finding out what's going to happen. Trouble is, many are worse than planetary alignments or chicken entrails – and possibly a bit more addictive. If the human brain's always looking for existential guidance, consciously or otherwise, in the past it might have been absorbed verbally from multiple cultural sources – then boiled down to a sort of group wisdom. It's so much easier now to dive into a pool of like minds, complete with appropriate facts, alternative if necessary. There exists, in such places, comfort in the familiarity of concepts and ideas, and exemption from the bore of distinguishing truth from imagination or plain wishful thinking.

Robert Jay Lifton, a noted US psychiatrist, brilliantly coined the phrase “the thought-terminating cliché”. This rhetorical device is a sort

of linguistic sandbag: ‘fake news’, ‘too late now’, ‘it's always been like that’, ‘get used to it’, the effect being to close down further discussion or resolution, using a familiar truism. We now have probably the most difficult-ever worldwide problem: how to implement effective global climate moderation. And yet these terms are wheeled out regardless. The actual physical fundamentals of climate change and its mitigation are now less in contention, but still progress is over-hyped, targets are shifted, priorities revised and goals lost from sight in a fog of chronic myopia. No-one has all the answers, for sure, but anyone can at least think through some ideas about what should be done, personally or by the government, which shouldn't just be shrugged off or passed on to another committee. Government Ministers are much exercised by dealing with ‘hard questions’. Mostly, these matters could have fairly straightforward solutions, though in implementation they may be very unpopular with some particular interests.

One of these very tricky matters, carried over from the previous government, relates to how farmers are to be rewarded for extra environmentally-beneficial management of their land. On leaving the EU, a new system was set up in place of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), called the Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS). In very broad terms, the UK schemes are aimed at improving habitats and biodiversity on farmland, rather than the CAP payments based on the

area of land farmed. Sustainability, flood avoidance, pesticide control, hedgerows, biodiversity, carbon capture, and woodland maintenance are to be grant rewarded, and advice provided on a wide range of best practice. Over the few years that at least some of these measures have run, Natural England, the government advisors of the scheme, report significantly greater numbers of butterflies and some birds in areas complying, compared with like habitats elsewhere. That, of course, is good progress. What is still fairly clear, however, is that there's an awful lot more to be done to halt the alarming and continuing overall declines in biodiversity: in the last forty years we've lost some 20% of our native species, making the UK one of the worst 10% of countries globally.

Farmers are inevitably caught between the demands of running economically viable businesses and the costs of caring for the environment. As a relatively small part of the economy, it's inequitable for them to have to support a greater share of the country's environmental stewardship, though making grant allocation fair and adequate is quite a task. Sadly, surveys show that farmers' confidence in the ability of the government agriculture body DEFRA to bring effective change is low, and has been steadily decreasing over past years. The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs now has the task of reversing this trend. My guess is that it'll need more than a little magic spread over the country to achieve that.





Probus Hears About a Hairy Helicopter Flight to Alexandria

Probus Club member David Stiles recalled an experience he would not want to repeat involving a long-distance helicopter flight in 1968. He was acting as “Flying Spanner” with two pilots who had to ferry a newly introduced Bell 212 helicopter from Coventry to a Shell oil drilling ship in the Mediterranean Sea above Alexandria in Egypt.

As an avionics expert, he was monitoring an advanced navigation system throughout the flight of 4,500 kilometres. Bell 212 helicopters had a range of under 300 miles which meant many refuelling stops, hence the need for an indirect route.



The Bell 212 helicopter

Difficulties soon arose between the two pilots who squabbled as to which of them was in charge. There were several instances when they put the helicopter, and themselves, in great danger. One decided to take a short cut over the French Alps to Nice, instead of the planned route to Marseilles. The Bell 212 did not have de-icing equipment and with cloud up to 9,000 feet the helicopter started to ice up at 10,000 feet. Reducing height to above the top of the clouds they just missed the weathervane at the top of a monastery.

Flying down Italy, one pilot decided he should ‘take a look’ at the Vesuvius volcano and descended into the crater. While the volcano was dormant, sulphur fumes curtailed this sightseeing.

Severe turbulence became problematic as they crossed Greece and they had to fly as low as possible. The Corinth Canal offered calm conditions; flying just a few feet above the water, the 200 feet high sheer rock walls were only 15 feet either side of their rotors.



The Corinth Canal

A nervous Egyptian army insisted the helicopter circle slowly over their army base with their missile site tracking the flight, while they checked that no armaments were visible. The Bell 212 was American made with a British crew and both countries had supported Israel in the recent Six Days War, which the Egyptians had spectacularly lost.

The Bell 212 had behaved impeccably as had the navigation equipment throughout the flight that had taken a total of seven days.

Returning to England David Stiles left the company six months later, having never been fond of helicopters, and returned to his first love of fixed wing aircraft working for Dan Air at Lasham.

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The route to Alexandria

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CATRIN FINCH & AOIFE NÍ BHRIAIN

Thursday 3 October, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Tickets: £24

Dublin native Aoife Ní Bhriain is a versatile and gifted violinist, a dazzling musician who commands both the classical world and her Irish traditional heritage. From across the Irish Sea and the west coast of Wales, harpist Catrin Finch has also built an impressive classical career and ventured into uncharted musical territory, most notably through her award-winning collaborations with Seckou Keita and Cimarrón.

MARK WATSON: Search

Friday 4 October, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Tickets: £24
Suitable from age 14

Mark Watson's 12-year-old son has just got a phone. His 70-year-old dad has been through the most frightening experience of his life. Both a dad and a kid himself, around the midpoint of his life, the *Taskmaster* star considers the search for meaning that we're all on, with or without Google.

THE TIGER LILLIES - Come On Down (The Nihilism Tour)

Sunday 6 October, 8pm
The Haymarket, Tickets: £29
Suitable from age 16

Grammy-nominated, post-punk pioneers The Tiger Lillies are one of the foremost avant-garde bands in the world. Olivier Award-winners, their shows are dark and varied, with moments of black humour and immense beauty.

WILL GREGORY'S MOOG ENSEMBLE WITH BRITTEN SINFONIA

Wednesday 9 October, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
Tickets: £42, £35, £28. Under 25s and f/t students £12

Will Gregory's 10-piece Moog Ensemble brings together music and maths, and synths and soundtracks. On lovingly restored analogue synthesisers, they perform tracks and soundtracks from the original *Dr Who* theme, through Vangelis' *Chariots of Fire* theme to Wendy Carlos' *Switched-On Bach*.

Rumpus Theatre Company in association with the Sarah Thorne Theatre, Broadstairs, presents

ARMS AND THE MAN

(or The Chocolate Cream Soldier).

By George Bernard Shaw

Thursday 10 – Saturday 12 October, 7.30pm & Sat 2pm
The Haymarket, Tickets: £26, 2pm £24.
Under 25s and f/t students £15.50

A real audience-pleaser, *Arms and the Man* is a sparkling comedy. Beautiful young Raina is betrothed to Major Sergius Saranoff, who is away fighting alongside her father. When escaping enemy Captain Bluntschli climbs into her bedroom through the balcony window, does he have ammunition in his pockets? No... he has chocolate creams, like any other jobbing soldier.

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Saturday 12 October, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
Tickets: £45, £40, £34, £25, £17.
Under 25s and f/t students £12

Enjoy a programme which includes Beethoven's beautiful *Symphony no. 6 (Pastoral)*, Shostakovich's exuberant Concerto for piano and trumpet, and Stravinsky's rich and glittering *The Firebird* (1919). The BSO is joined by award-winning pianist Martin James Bartlett, Principal Trumpet Paul Bosworth, and the concert is conducted by Elena Schwarz.

LUCY BEAUMONT - The Trouble & Strife

Wednesday 16 October, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke. Tickets: £29
Suitable for: ages 16 and over

BAFTA nominee and star of *Taskmaster*, Lucy Beaumont is going to let loose with off-beat stories, unusual anecdotes, and bizarre journeys through modern day womanhood. Lucy is co-host of chart-topping podcast *Perfect Brains* with Sam Campbell, creator and star of award-winning *Meet the Richardsons*.

ALED JONES - Full Circle

Sunday 20 October, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
Tickets: £34. Meet & Greet upgrade £74, VIP upgrade £54

He was the boy treble who captivated the world with his angelic voice. Selling over seven million albums, his recording of *Walking in the Air* firmly established him as a household name.

YOMIURI NIPPON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF TOKYO

Tuesday 22 October, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Tickets: £45, £40, £34, £25, £17. Under 25s and f/t students £12

The distinguished Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra Of Tokyo is welcomed to The Anvil for the first time, with one of the world's great violinists Christian Tetzlaff.

Blackeyed Theatre in association with Harrogate Theatre and South Hill Park Arts Centre presents

DRACULA

by Bram Stoker. Adapted for the stage by Nick Lane
Thursday 24 – Saturday 26 October, 7.30pm & Sat 2.30pm
The Haymarket, Tickets: £26, 2.30pm £25. Under 25s and f/t students £16.50

This brilliant, theatrical treatment of *Dracula* blends Victorian gothic with the contemporary, and features a haunting soundscape, powerful performances, and innovative design for an exhilarating theatrical experience.

MILKSHAKE! LIVE ON HOLIDAY

Sunday 27 October, 12pm & 3.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
Tickets: £21.50. Under 16s £20.50

Join your favourite Milkshake! friends on holiday with Chase and Marshall from *Paw Patrol*, Dora, Pip and Posey, Blue from *Blues Clues and You!*, Milo, Milkshake! Monkey plus two Milkshake! presenters for an all-new adventure. Pack your bags and jump aboard for an all-singing, all-dancing afternoon together.

DEAR ZOO LIVE!

based on the book by Rod Campbell
Monday 28 – Tuesday 29 October, 1.30pm & Tue 10.30am
The Haymarket, Tickets: £19. Under 16s £17. Suitable from age 2
Running time: 55 minutes (no interval)

Dear Zoo, the popular children's book returns to the stage! As the characters write to the Zoo, who will be delivered? A cheeky monkey, a jumpy frog, and of course, a perfect puppy. Help your children learn as the book leaps onto the stage, and share a magical experience as the story unfolds with child-engaging puppets, music, and lots of audience interaction.

Mondays	
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>NHS Heath Visitor</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pregnancy Yoga with Sam 6pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Yoga with Sam 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Classical Pilates, 6.45-7.45pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Cubs 6.30-8pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Tuesdays	
<i>Parish Council Meetings 3rd Tuesday of the month</i>	Bramley Room, Village Hall
<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bell Ringing 8pm</i>	St James's Church
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	Village Hall
<i>Body Control Pilates 9.30-10.30am</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bramley 0-5s 10am – 11.30 am</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 5.45pm – 6.45pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Scouts 7-8.30pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-9pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Table Tennis – 7pm</i>	St Stephen's Hall, Little London

Wednesdays	
<i>1st Bramley Brownies</i>	Village Hall
<i>1st Bramley Rainbows</i>	Village Hall
<i>Wednesday Club 10am to midday</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>1st Bramley Guides</i>	Village Hall
<i>WG Pilates 9.15 – 10.15am and 12.30 – 1.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Bramley Tea and Coffee morning 10-11.30am</i>	Clift Meadow Community Cafe
<i>Squirrels 5-6pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<i>Sue Cordery Yoga 6-7pm and 7-8pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Thursdays	
<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>NHS Heath Visitor</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Friendship Walks, 10.30</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 5.45pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Hatha Yoga 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Classical Pilates - 6.30-7.30pm</i>	Village Hall
<i>Walking 4 Fitness & Friendship 6.40 for 6.45pm (April-Sept)</i>	Clift Meadow car park
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates 7-8pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion

Fridays	
<i>WG Pilates 12-1pm</i>	Cross House
<i>Hipp Pilates 1.30-2.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Perform 3.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Youth Club 5pm</i>	Brocas Hall

Saturdays	
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Tennis (age 7-13)</i>	Clift Meadow
<i>HIPP Pilates 9.30-10.30m</i>	Village Hall
<i>Karate 11.00-12.00pm</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Live Country Music with Dance 8pm 1st and 3rd Saturday each month</i>	Village Hall

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

Do you have a listing on this page? If so, please can you check that the details are correct and let me have the timings if they are missing. Any corrections or additions can be emailed to editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk
THANK YOU

Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

Organisation	Name	Tel No	Email	Remarks
Parish Council	Maxta Thomas	07810 692486	www.bramley-pc.gov.uk clerk@bramley-pc.gov.uk	Not for bookings
Clift Meadow	Bookings Team	01256 260270	bookings@cliftmeadow.org.uk	Bookings
Cross House	Anne Smith	01256 880327	admin@stjamesbramley.org.uk	Bookings
Village Hall	Catriona Hayward	07464 749997	Bookings@bvht.org.uk	Bookings
School Hall	Alison Tarrant	881339		
Activ8 Youth Club	Ed Ives	07964 069390		
Badminton	Jane Matthews	881647		
Bell Ringers	Jonathan Barclay Smith	541251	rjbarclaysmith@gmail.com	
Bramley 0-5s	Jo Weineck	07717 340985		
Bramley Tea and Coffee morning	Jane Kettridge		jk.cmcc@btconnect.com	
Bramley United FC	Mick Walsh	07802 912615/ 01256 881241	michael.walsh59@outlook.com	
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Brownies	Katie Slater	07545 319342	bramley.brownies@gmail.com	Now Weds only
Classical Pilates	Naomi Baker		naomi@nbkpilates.co.uk	
Clift Meadow Youth Cricket (Old Basing CC)	Nick Cooper		nickcooper1@sky.com	
Clift Meadow Youth Football (Loddon Sports)			loddonfcsecretary@outlook.com https://www.loddonsportsfc.com	
Country Music	Maureen Durrant	07512 704707		No children please
Floral Society	Linda Dove	01256 886167 07842 339161		
Friendship Walks			info@bramleyvillagehub.com	
Guides	Viv Salem		firstbramleyguides@yahoo.com	
Hipp Pilates	Jo Kemp Williams	07557 412400	jo.kemp-williams@outlook.com	
Little Apples	Jo Whatley & Sian Davies	07598 588460	manager@littleapples.org	
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NHS Health Visitor	Kerry Frost		kerry.frost@southernhealth.nhs	
Perform	Gemma Payne	07825 916496	gemmapayne@perform.org.uk	
Petite Dance	Louise Pain	07877 890673	misslouise.petite@outlook.com	
Body Control Pilates	Heather Lewis	07785 254313	hsfitnessuk@mac.com	
Pilates (WG Pilates)	Wendy Gill	07961 102535	wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk	
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Royal British Legion	Rhydian Vaughan	07774 681516		
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St Stephen's Hall	Doreen Quilter	850394	doreen.quilter@btinternet.com	Bookings
Sue Cordery Yoga	Sue Cordery	07884 138026	suecordery@icloud.com www.suecorderyyoga.com	
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Tel: 07810 692486

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Website: <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/>

Planning enquiries:

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/environment-and-planning>

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Taylor Wimpey ccwestlon@taylorwimpey.com

Tel: 01494 509090

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Friday 25 October 2024
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14	NOUNS	18	TERN
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8	ASSASSIN	16	FETA
7	ICED	15	IDEALS
6	ADMINISH	13	PARTISAN
5	EPIC	11	ENCYCLOPEDIA
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2	OBURATE	1	ROCHDALE

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