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Editorial

About a year ago, my husband and I got a dog, a cavapoo called Dexter, who is very excitable and generally happy to see everyone. You may have seen us around the village on one of our many walks. Dexter and I have been enjoying the space recently cleared by the Parish Council at the end of Longbridge Road (p.13), the bluebells in the Frith, and the grassland trail on Bramley Green with new signs by Wilder Bramley (p.20). I now know the difference between a grasshopper and a cricket!

I was disappointed to realise that we would be away during the weekend of the Bramley Fête and I wouldn't be able to enter Dexter into the dog show! I thought he was in with a chance at least of getting a rosette for waggiest tail – maybe next year. The pictures, which you can find on p.18, show what a great event it was. Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers who make this event happen each year for our village.

One of Bramley's most active volunteers is Sarah Stubbs, who has held lots of volunteer roles in the village, and who features in our Meet the Neighbours this month on p.8. As Sarah says in the article, without our volunteers we would not have a village, we would just be a suburb of Basingstoke. Events like the Bramley Fête happen thanks to the efforts of volunteers and help to make Bramley a lovely community to live in. There are various opportunities as ever to get involved in volunteering in Bramley, for example SpeedWatch are looking for new volunteers (p.12), and the Royal British Legion is looking for a new Poppy Appeal Organiser (p.6).

Elsewhere in the magazine, you can read about how VE day has been honoured in and around Bramley, including a flower festival at St James, a community supper at St Leonard's in Sherfield and a red, white and blue tea at Little Apples. We have all been enjoying the sunshine, with members of St James Church completing the annual 'beating the bounds' walk (p.9) and Clift Meadow Community Café has been enjoying some new outdoor furniture (p.17).

As Rachel mentioned in the last edition of the magazine, I'm having a baby in a couple of months so this will be my last edition for a little while. It won't be long until Dexter has a new companion on his walks.

See you all next year!

Georgie

Joint Editor



"June is the pearl of summer, shining with warmth and joy."

L.M. Montgomery

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Church diary for June...

1st	7th Sunday of Easter
9.00	Sunday@nine - Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins - St James
8th	Day of Pentecost - Whit Sunday
9.00	Sunday@nine - Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion - St James
15th	Trinity Sunday
9.00	Sunday@nine - Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship – St James
22nd	1st Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine – Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion – St James
29th	2nd Sunday after Trinity
10.30	Benefice Holy Communion

...and into July

6th	3rd Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine - Cross House
10.30	BCP Matins - St James
13th	4th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine - Cross House
10.30	Holy Communion - St James
20th	5th Sunday after Trinity
9.00	Sunday@nine - Cross House
10.30	Morning Worship - St James

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10.00	Family Service – St Mary's, Stratfield Saye
18.30	BCP Evensong – St Mary's, Hartley Wespall
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10.00	Café Church – St Leonard's, Sherfield-on-Loddon
15th	Trinity Sunday
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11.00	Songs of Praise Open Air Service – Sherfield Village Hall
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From the Registers

Baptism

Sky Churchill	11th May 2025	St James Church
Finley Hill	11th May 2025	St James Church

Royal British Legion

The branch was delighted to be involved with St Leonard's Church in arranging the VE80 community supper held in Sherfield Village Hall on Friday 9th May. After a superb meal, Churchill's VE Day message was read by John Swanston, and a raffle and auction were held. A great time was had by all, and proceeds will be divided between the church and the RBL.

We are looking to recruit a new Poppy Appeal organiser for the area covered by our branch. We express our deep gratitude to Michael Luck who has brilliantly performed this important role for eight years but is now moving away from the area - thank you, Michael.

Anyone interested in joining our visit to the Somme battlefield on 5th – 8th September should contact Rhydian Vaughan as soon as possible - Rhydian@battlefieldtours.co.

John Morley

Vice Chairman 07900 892566



Wanted: New Bramley Poppy Appeal Organiser

Bramley is seeking a new Poppy Appeal Organiser. The current organiser is moving house away from the village, after doing the role for 8 years.

As Poppy Appeal Organiser, you would be responsible for ordering poppy stocks, co-ordinating a team of collectors, receiving the collections, banking poppy money and completing poppy paperwork. That's it in a nutshell.

If you have experience in managing more or less anything, you would be qualified, once trained, to perform the role. Although it's a year-round position, it's voluntary, and would best suit someone who is either retired or who can spare about 6 weeks from mid-October in a full time role, and who could be available for a couple of Poppy Organiser conferences during the rest of the year. Counting the money is easier these days, as about half of all donations are via card machine. There is a coin counting machine which can be borrowed from St James Church for the metal money.

Other responsibilities include ordering wreaths for local organisations and individuals to be laid during the Remembrance period and running a stall at the village fêtes in the area. The area covered by Bramley includes Sherborne St John, Monk Sherborne, Ramsdell, and Hartley Wespall. There is also a desk in Reception at North Hampshire Hospital for two weeks every year, which raises nearly half of all donations in the area. There will be a handover document available which describes how the Poppy Appeal has been run up to now.

If you are interested, please contact Rhydian@battlefieldtours.co.

Rhydian Vaughan MBE

Chairman Bramley & District RBL

New Addition to the Advertising Team

We are delighted to welcome Rick Askin to the Bramley Magazine advertising team. Rick will be taking over from Keith Dilliwai later in the year. In the interim period, you may receive a response from either Keith or Rick while Rick gets his feet under the table. Welcome Rick!

If you are interested in advertising in the Bramley magazine, please email – bram.mag.adverts@gmail.com.

New Additions to our Delivery Team

A big thank you to Sally Treadgold and Caroline Sherlock who have joined our team of deliverers, and thank you to our outgoing deliverer, Flossie Foulis Brown.

Chase the Sun

This year's Chase the Sun event will be on Saturday 21st June, with about 600 cyclists passing through Bramley on their cycle from the Isle of Sheppy to Weston-Super-Mare.

There will be some disruption between 8 am and 4 pm on the day. Clift Meadow car park will be closed to the public and the immediate area around the buildings will be closed off to help manage the event.

Clift Meadow have hosted the mid-way lunch stop for this event over the last few years to manage the impact of hundreds of riders stopping for lunch in the local area. Parking is arranged for support vehicles, and marshals will be directing as required.

Should anyone have difficulty with people involved with the event blocking driveways, or parking inconsiderately, please contact Clift Meadow 01256 805 280.

Bramley Cycling – Smiles, not miles!

Days are beautifully long in June, so let's take the chance again this year for some easy and leisurely bike rides, finishing with a drink. Meet at Bramley Bakery on Thursdays in June at 7 pm. For further details, please contact Keith Dilliwai on - paulchase75@gmail.com.

Bramley Bra Bank

Against Breast Cancer charity is an organisation which takes unwanted or unloved bras and gives them a new lease of life. For every tonne of bras collected, Against Breast Cancer receives £700 to fund breast cancer research. Please drop any unwanted bras (any condition) to Jane Barrett at 4 Strawberry Fields, Bramley, RG26 5QF. There is a bra bank outside. For more information about the scheme and Against Breast Cancer, see www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk.

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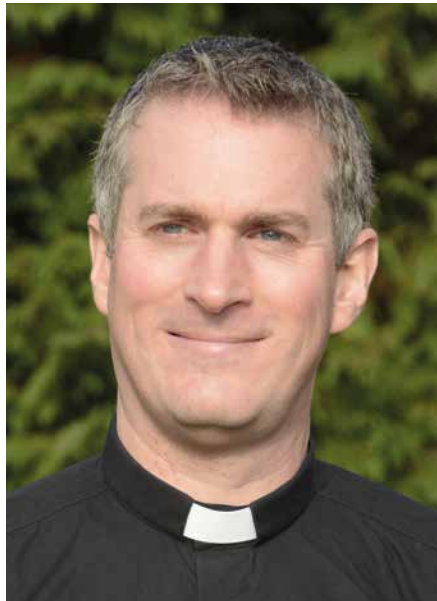
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It's that time of year again... have you remembered?

My family has lots of birthdays at this time of year. Between late May and early July, our close family has 6 birthdays and there's also Father's Day too! It's important we celebrate anniversaries such as these, and many couples will be (hopefully) remembering wedding anniversaries as we begin the wedding season now the weather is more likely to be warm and sunny.

We've recently had the 80th anniversary of VE Day and the Bramley Village Fête, which are significant occasions in the life of our nation and our village, respectively. As in every year, exams will be happening, and Bramley School year 6 children will be looking ahead to starting a new school in September. Others will be beginning college, a new job or going to university.

In the countryside (more than in urban areas, I think) we are aware of the passing seasons. Blossom appears, pollen falls, leaves grow and flowers bloom as the plants have long left behind their barren season, and we are now enjoying the colours and scents of spring and summer.



Rev'd Mark Anderson

Seasons, anniversaries, new starts and birthdays mark the passing of time, giving them meaning and significance. Ever since people have had a sense of the spiritual, a sense of there being something beyond themselves, they have created rituals to give significance to moments in their lives. From celebrating the summer and winter

solstices at Stonehenge, to Maypole dancing on May Day, to Christmas, Easter, anniversaries and birthday parties, we come together to celebrate important occasions.

For nearly 1000 years, the people of this parish have gathered together in the church to celebrate life, to give thanks for this beautiful part of the countryside, giving meaning and significance to moments in our lives which are important to us, such as babies being born, marriages and remembering those who have died. Every week of the year, there is a community of people who meet in St James Church. We remember Jesus: his life-affirming teaching, his peace-giving presence, his rising to new life and God's amazing invitation to everyone, to follow the Way of Jesus, the one who has shown us a better way to live, a better way to relate to and to love others, and to have hope that there is a better future for anyone who wants it.

Rev'd Mark Anderson

Vicar, St James Church, Bramley

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In this month's **Meet the Neighbours, Sarah Stubbs** reflects on the many volunteering roles she has held in the village over the years:

When did you move to Bramley?

We moved to Bramley in 1971, to a quiet village of 500 houses, several farms, two grocers, a butcher who also sold fish on Thursdays and an army camp full of ordnance and Gurkhas.

Tell us a bit about your family - your husband is well known to Bramley Magazine readers for his literary skills, isn't he?

We have two daughters, the elder now a senior taxation manager at an accountancy firm, living in Mortimer with her two sons. The younger daughter lives near Hungerford and is a senior social worker. Husband John has now run up something over a hundred and fifty magazine articles on the Bramley environment, trying to maintain a balance about the rapid changes around us as we move from a rural to what may be called a post-rural village.

How did you first get involved with volunteering in Bramley?

When we arrived, the new village hall was nearly finished, and the villagers were beginning to plan activities and clubs. I became involved with the Badminton club and then Playgroup Committees, which led me to become part of the Village Hall Committee

and enabled me to meet lots of other villagers. The big event involving all the village clubs and societies was the late queen's 25-year Jubilee in 1977. This involved children in fancy dress walking from the school to the football field where the British Legion provided a BBQ picnic and the gym club entertained, despite monsoon conditions. Such a coming together of Bramley residents!

And after that?

When our children started school I joined the School Association Committee, a good way of getting to meet other parents, joining in social events, as well as raising valuable funds to improve resources and facilities. These events were always well attended and are still well supported. I next joined the Parish Council, while John Clift was the Chairman (John and his brother William gifted the land for Clift Meadow and the Village Hall to the village). He demonstrated great foresight in planning ahead ways to improve the village and welcome the many new residents. I learnt a great deal about local services and planning. My next volunteering was as a governor at the school, where I served (or survived) 23 years, 13 as the Chair. During that time, the pupils increased in number and the facilities were improved and enlarged, computers were upgraded and increased, and I met and socialised with many staff and parents. I learnt much about our education system, policies and school management.

My next volunteering focus was as a Trustee with the Clift Meadow Trust.

This was less formal, and often very agricultural when we reclaimed the car park and surrounds from the vigorous undergrowth. It was the Trustees who organised the next Village Fête, but now it is jointly managed with the Church and any other volunteers who would like to lend a hand. My latest effort has been with Speedwatch, which is developing rapidly and successfully to identify the drivers who think it's okay to race through the village, endangering our lives and creating so much noise that wrecks the once peaceful atmosphere.

What were the meetings like?

Informal, friendly, supportive, very rarely combative because we were all like-minded people, with shared values, there to promote and support.

What do we gain from volunteering?

We meet our neighbours, socialise over food and drinks, we are introduced to new activities and learn new skills. We gain satisfaction over a job well done, often accompanied by humour, laughter and fun.

What does the village gain?

Without our volunteers we would not have a village, just a suburb of Basingstoke.

So, how about giving it a go? There are details of the clubs and groups you can get involved in at the back of this magazine, or you could contact Sarah on - sarah.m.stubbs@btinternet.com.

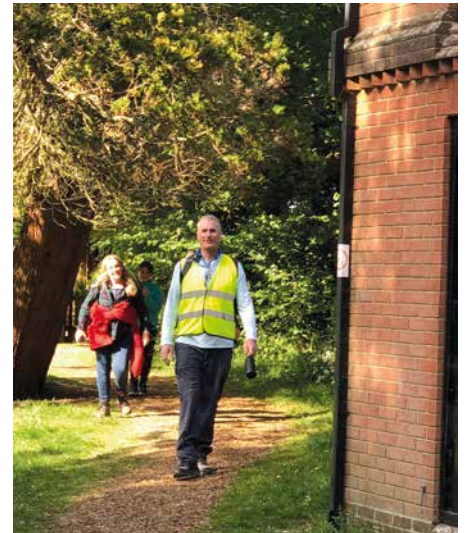


Beating the Bounds

Centuries ago, the tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' was a way of reminding people of the boundaries that were important in their lives, particularly parish boundaries. The villagers, with the Rector and other local dignitaries, would walk the parish bounds and children would carry willow wands which they used to beat the boundary markers.

Although modern maps mean we no longer have to beat the bounds, it is still a good excuse to get together and walk around our parish. Around 50 walkers, two dogs and, of course, the Rector, met at St Leonard's Church in Sherfield for bacon rolls before setting off on a 12 mile walk around Hartley Wespall, Stratfield Saye and Bramley. It was a cold start, so the hot drinks and biscuits that greeted the walkers at St Mary's Church in Hartley Wespall were very welcome, as was the delicious BBQ served at St James' Church at the end of the walk. Some people walked the whole way, some stopped at lunchtime, while others just came for the BBQ, but everyone was welcome, and it was a lovely community event. Thank you to all those involved.

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Summer Term at Bramley School

Summer term is in full swing at Bramley School. In many ways, it is one of the best parts of the year, as the children have grown so much in their learning and confidence in their current year group - you can see the skills becoming more secure and their ability to apply them to a range of situations strengthened. Everyone is working hard to get the children in the best possible position academically, personally and socially before moving up to new challenges.

Children in EYFS are enjoying learning about people who help them. They have had a very exciting visit from a police officer, read stories about people who help them and even had 'crime scenes' set up to investigate in their classrooms.

In Year 1 this term, the children have been learning all about Australia, comparing locations, lifestyles and geographical features between here and there. The children have also enjoyed looking at different flying machines from the past and how they would get to Australia.

Being Grand Designers is the focus for our children in Year 2 this term. After lots of discussion, planning out through drawing, and investigating textiles, the children will all create a 'room in a box' using a range of materials.

Our Year 3 children are investigating light, understanding

where light comes from and using different materials to investigate light and dark. They will also make their own mini movies using shadow puppets, which will include writing their own storylines, creating the action and editing the movies themselves.

Meanwhile in Year 4, the topic for the term is Tree of Life. This is a Science focus topic where the children investigate all natural things in our locality. As an extension of their learning, a range of exotic animals are coming into school, and the children have a session learning all about them from the expert.

In Year 5, their topic focus is 'Is it Magic?', where they are writing playscripts and preparing plays. Their visit to Warner Bros Studios forms the inspiration for this topic where they have a lesson on turning ideas into a working play, as well as the opportunity to explore the Harry Potter sets.

This term, the children in Year 6 are enjoying exploring electricity and circuits. Much of their work focuses on problem solving: they have the knowledge and the resources, but need to work together to create working circuits using different components.

Each term, we work hard to make our learning as 'hands on' as we can and use a range of hooks to engage and enthuse the children, trying to bring learning to life.

News from Clift Surgery

The surgery is pleased to announce two new doctors: Dr Laura Champion, who is specialising in diabetes with Dr Ward; and Dr Katherine White, who is involved with training. Both doctors trained at Clift Surgery and are delighted to be back. The surgery has also welcomed a new Health Care Assistant, Jo Walker.

In April there were 3826 appointments offered. While attendance is improving, please do remember to cancel any appointment(s) you no longer need.

Did you know that people aged 40 – 74 are entitled to a health check?

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Who is the NHS Health Check for?

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How do I get an NHS Health Check?

If eligible, you should be invited to an NHS Health Check by your GP every 5 years. If you think you are eligible but have not been invited, contact your GP surgery.

What happens at an NHS Health Check?

Your NHS Health Check will usually be done by a nurse, but it could also be a doctor, pharmacist or healthcare assistant.

The check takes about 20 to 30 minutes and usually includes:

- measuring your height and weight, measuring your waist, a blood pressure test, a cholesterol test, and possibly a blood sugar level test, which is usually a finger-prick blood test. You may be asked to have a blood test at or before the NHS Health Check.

You'll also be asked some questions about your health including:

- whether any of your close relatives have had any medical conditions, if you smoke, and how much, if you drink alcohol, and how much, and how much physical activity you do. Your age, gender and ethnicity will also be recorded.

Your NHS Health Check results

You'll usually be told your NHS Health Check results during the appointment.

You'll be given your cardiovascular risk score of developing a heart or circulation problem, such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes or kidney disease, over the next 10 years.

Everybody's cardiovascular risk rises with age, so the next time you have an NHS Health Check your risk score may be higher, even if your test results are the same.

There are some things about your risk which you cannot change, such as your age, ethnicity and family history. But the most important factors in your risk score, such as smoking, your cholesterol level and blood pressure, can be changed. You will receive advice on how to improve your scores if needed.

This is an important check-up, so please remind friends and relatives to take up this offer.

The Bramley Show

Sunday 14th September 2025

Recent Event

You may have seen the Bramley Show at the Bramley Fête in May. As always, we are encouraging people to grow their own vegetables, something everyone can do, whether it is strawberries in a hanging basket, potatoes in a bucket, or lettuces in a pot. Over 40 potatoes have been handed out to children in the village, and we are looking forward to seeing the crop each bucket produces.

Creative Writing

This year the Show has a poetry section, one for adults and one for juniors. The title for the junior section is 'Where I live' and the one for adults is 'Bramley Village'. The closing date for these entries is 1st September. Results will be announced at the Bramley Show on 14th September.

The Scarecrows Event

The Scarecrows event will be coming back from 23rd August. The suggested theme this year is fruit,

vegetables and flowers. Maybe Suzie Sunflower? Bertie Beetroot? Peter Potato? But any scarecrow will be very welcome. Judging will be done via photos by Bramley residents at the Show.

Photography Competition

The weather has been lovely and now might be the time to start taking your photos for the photography competition. The subjects are:

- My Bramley
- Windows
- Weather
- Animals
- An abstract photo



Bramley in Bloom

It isn't long now until entries are open for Bramley in Bloom. Who is going to take the title of Best Front Garden in Bramley 2025? There are lots of possible contenders, so head over to the Bramley Show page on the Bramley Village Hub for further details and entry form - <https://bramleyvillagehub.com/the-bramley-show/>.

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Bramley SpeedWatch

We need help! If you feel that you would like to become a member of the SpeedWatch group and help make Bramley's roads safer, please contact Bramley SpeedWatch on bramleyspeedwatch@yahoo.com. Without your support, the scheme will be unable to function. Full training will be provided by Hampshire Police.

SpeedWatch will be getting new equipment after receiving a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner. More news next month.

One vehicle has now been recorded speeding by the camera 94 times! The Police have confirmed that letters will now be sent out to vehicle owners that are persistently recorded speeding by the camera. If you don't want to get a letter, or possibly a visit, from the

Camera Data (February - April):

Month/Year	Verified speeders (=>35mph)	Highest number of offences committed by one vehicle	Fastest hour	Illegal vehicles
Feb 2025	963	9	12 pm	32
March 2025	1931	13	6 pm	37
April 2025	2656	13	7 pm	85

Police - don't speed! Drive safely and think of others.

Recent Local SpeedWatch Activity:

3 manned deployments were undertaken during April. A total of 32 vehicles were reported to the Police from the 456 vehicles checked – a hit rate of 7%. The top speed recorded was 41 mph.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding SpeedWatch please email: bramleyspeedwatch@yahoo.com, speedwatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk, or visit: www.hampshire.police.uk.

Keep Safe and Watch Your Speed
Graham White, Bramley SpeedWatch Co-ordinator

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Data (April):

SID Location	Days deployed	Traffic direction	% of vehicles exceeding 30 mph	No. vehicles exceeding 60 mph	Average speed
Farriers	30	West	47%	7	30
The Street by Church Lands	30	East	48%	27	31

Cllr Keith Oborn brings us this month's update from Bramley Parish Council

Greetings to all in Bramley! I am writing this in early May, a day after the most recent Bramley Magazine was delivered. Much of what I intended to cover has been pre-empted by Cllr Flooks and Cllr Vaughan, but there are a few details and some background points to clarify.

VE Day

Bramley Parish Council would like to congratulate the Church flower team on an excellent display of flowers for the VE80 flower festival. This was supported financially by the Parish Council, and it was good to see that the event was well supported by the local community. Bramley PC also purchased a VE80 flag, which was displayed by a household near Clift Meadow on behalf of the Parish Council.

Parish Green

You may be aware of the project to improve the Village Green designated land between Longbridge Road and the Cinder Track. Stages one and two of the project are now complete, with much of the land cleared and seeded with grass, and the paths improved to allow easier access. You can see from the photo below (taken in very late April) that the area is already looking much better!



Parish Green

Stocks Farm Development

You will probably be aware that the house known interestingly as "Selworthy" has been demolished, and the site has been turned into an entrance into the Redrow/ Stocks Farm site. This was anticipated some time ago, and in due course will become the main entrance road to the new development. This, of course, will result in more complexity and volume of traffic along The Street, but permissions are in place from BDBC in consultation with HCC Highways, so it's a done deal.

If you see any obvious issues with construction traffic, please note the date and time, and ideally registration numbers, and report them to the Parish Clerk, clerk@bramley-pc.gov.uk. Note that vehicles are supposed to come and go from the A340 and West, not via the level crossing and A33.

You will also notice that the track on the left hand side of the Village Hall site has been turned into a roadway. This land belongs to the Village Hall, who have agreed with Redrow that it can be used for construction access for a limited period until the permanent road at Selworthy is complete. If anyone has any queries, please contact the Village Hall Trustees at - chairman@bvht.org.uk.

Roadworks

On the wider subject of road closures and works, the past year has been particularly trying. Cllr Vaughan has explained a lot of the rules and framework for controlling who digs up the road and when. You may agree with me that these rules don't seem to work, and far better consultation and coordination is needed. That is well outside the remit of Parish Councils, but does seem to be better organised in other areas of the country. For up to date details on roadworks in the area, please see the Bramley PC Facebook page or <https://one.network/uk>.

Planning

We continue to see 'speculative' planning applications, often for small developments, and in many cases, these are inappropriate in both site and design. We can usually defend and help improve – but rarely stop – the big ones (as has happened with Stocks Farm), but the smaller ones sometimes escape. If you see an application that you think needs attention, please make a comment. The best way to do this is via the Basingstoke & Deane planning portal at -<https://publicaccess.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>. There is a guide on how best to register your comments on the Bramley PC website at <https://publicaccess.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>. Keep it factual and stick to planning rules as far as you can. Remember that weight is given to the total number of comments, so don't do one per household, do one each (but vary the wording!)

Construction traffic

There will be more heavy construction work coming our way, sadly. The Solar Farm is starting construction soon, so once again Minchens Lane and the access routes will see a lot of movement. Further down the line, there are Battery Farm applications – several in the Ash Lane/Frog Lane area, and one at Withy Place, north of Minchens Lane.

All of this is the downside of living in a place that has a local railway station and a large electrical distribution installation. Bodies like Parish Councils can try and steer the supertanker a bit, but can rarely apply the brakes.

Upcoming meetings

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June, with Full Council being held a week later on Tuesday 17th June. Both meetings will be held in the Bramley Room at Bramley Village Hall, and as always, members of the community are very welcome to attend. More details will be on the Bramley PC website nearer the time.

By the time you read this, I hope that the sun will have decided to stay around more regularly. That is definitely beyond our influence!

Cllr Keith Oborn

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

Bramley PC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BramleyPC

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

www.basingstoke.gov.uk, 01256 844844. Good for reporting fly tipping issues and issues with local playgrounds.

Planning portal: <https://publicaccess.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications>

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www.hants.gov.uk. Good for reporting highways and footpaths issues (including potholes), broken street lights, parking issues and flooding issues.

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Bramley and Romans Floral Society

Our May meeting was our first workshop of the year. A couple of weeks earlier, Stephanie Cornell, who led the workshop, sent out the details and list of materials needed to make a vertical parallel design. Over forty of us arrived with bags and baskets brimming with flowers and a mix of various garden foliage, scissors and tape, looking forward to an afternoon of making our own arrangements and putting into practice some of the various techniques we have learned from watching many demonstrators over the years.

A parallel design is one of the simpler arrangements to make, as long-stemmed flowers are placed into floral foam, in evenly spaced vertical lines. Flowers in this type of arrangement are definitely the dominant feature and just small amounts of foliage are used mainly to cover the foam. It is a good choice for placing against a wall, or on a hearth, as it is made with most or all of the flowers facing forward. Often several different types of flowers are used, but Steph's idea was to simplify the design by just using roses, two dozen of them, which made a very striking arrangement. If only commercially raised roses had a scent, as most participants kept to this idea and the hall was filled with an abundance of roses of various colours. A few members chose different flowers, such as alium, carnation or alstromeria, giving a very different look, but demonstrating the versatility of the design.

If you'd like to spend an afternoon surrounded by flowers and friendly company, do come along to one of our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall at 1:30 pm. The cost for visitors is £8. Our full programme is in the club section of www.bbandoflowers.org.uk. For any other information, contact Dusty on 01256 881420, or via email: TayMab1@aol.com.



Little Apples

Hello from everyone at Little Apples. Welcome to the summer term. It certainly feels like summer is on its way and we have all been enjoying the sunshine.

For the 80th anniversary of VE day, Little Apples had a red, white and blue street party, complete with cucumber sandwiches and scones with jam and cream. The children made red, white and blue celebratory rosettes and enjoyed a range of themed activities.

We will soon be receiving our baby caterpillars which we will feed, and watch grow before they form a chrysalis. It's so exciting to see them emerge as beautiful butterflies, which we eventually will release in our garden.

Later in the term we are looking forward to a visit from Millers Ark



farm, when the children will get to learn about the farm animals and interact with them. We will also have our family fun sports afternoon and a party for the children leaving us to go to school.

Behind the scenes, we are working with local schools to ensure smooth transition from preschool to school for our Little Apples, as well as registering children for next academic year. If you're interested in registering a child at Little Apples, please contact Jo on 07598 588460 or manager@littleapples.org.



St. James Church VE Day Flower Festival

How good must 8th May 1945 have felt to those who had tried to live a normal family life through those terrible war years. We have all seen the archive photos and film of the jubilant street parties with singing and dancing in the streets. How different everything must have felt on that wonderful day 80 years ago.



The display at St. James. Arrangements on the Rood screen and Altar pedestals by Dusty, Amy and Ileen

St. James honoured the occasion with an amazingly colourful flower festival, created by our team of wonderful and dedicated flower ladies. Displays were designed around events of WWII. All were beautifully crafted after careful research and planning, not to mention the sourcing and making of props to enhance each of the fantastic displays. The flower team would like to thank the Parish Council for their generous donation to the costs of the flowers and to Mad Hatters for supplying the flowers at cost.

After viewing the displays, visitors were able to enjoy a refreshing cup of tea and delicious piece of homemade cake in Cross House, as well as purchasing homemade gifts and taking part in a raffle. There was a total of over 20 valuable prizes, many donated by local businesses, for which we are very grateful.

Over the course of the three days of the festival, we welcomed many visitors and found it amazing that our lovely church and flower festival could bring so many people from all walks of life together and create such a wonderful event.



The St James flower team



Volunteers serving tea and cake



Spitfire in the Battle of Britain by Joyce



Land Girls by Sandra



Wren, Vicky and Deirdre presenting the D Day landings

It was simply an amazing display to commemorate a real and important date in our long and interesting history. Our team of flower ladies, led by Eileen, should be very proud of their wonderful achievements, as we are very proud of them.

Grahame Mellor



Street Party created by Julie

Clift Meadow Community Café

Clift Meadow's weekly coffee morning celebrated VE day on Wednesday 7th May. A big thank you to all of you that came to this special event. Our raffle raised £90 for Help for Heroes, the leading Armed Forces and veterans' charity in the UK.

Thanks to your weekly donations and generosity over the years, we have been able to purchase an outside table and chairs. Refreshments can now be enjoyed outside during this fine and sunny weather we are having at the moment.



Some of the Clift Meadow coffee morning team with the new outdoor furniture

The coffee morning is on every Wednesday (during school term time) from 10 am till 11.30 am. We serve tea, coffee, squash, cakes and biscuits. We would love to see some new faces, so please do pop in and meet the team.

Angela, Jane, Margaret, Sue, Andrea and Wendy.

Bramley WI

At our April meeting, we made a flower arrangement in a teacup. It was great fun, with flowers and foliage everywhere. Our grateful thanks to Joyce for her demonstration and help making it a very successful evening.

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We had our monthly walk in the sunshine at Blackwood Forest. The bluebells were lovely - a glorious blanket of blue amongst the trees.

The May meeting was our AGM. The present committee all decided to stay on for the next year, so they were re-elected. We ended the meeting with a quiz, and the usual raffle and refreshments.

Our next meeting will be a picnic down at Clift Meadow.

Jane Matthews

Bramley Guide Gains Gold Award

1st Bramley Guides are so proud of Sofia who was presented with her Guide Gold Award in front of all the Guides and Rangers and her Mum.

This is the highest award that can be achieved as a Guide, and Sofia had worked very hard to earn all the necessary badges and skills, which ranged from camping to crafting. We hope that the younger Guides will be inspired to follow Sofia's lead.

Sofia is continuing her Guiding life in the lively Bramley Ranger Unit, which caters for girls aged 14 to 16 years.

Woodpecker, Unit Helper



The Bramley Fête is always a fantastic event in our village calendar, and this year was no exception. Thank you to Bob Rudman for these photos capturing the day



The children at Butter Daisy Nursery have been on some exciting adventures, all from the nursery setting

To mark Hedgehog Awareness Day, we learned all about these spiky little creatures by counting their spikes and creating our very own hedgehogs out of playdough. We also celebrated the birthday of the legendary Sir David Attenborough by diving into the natural world with an arctic small world scene, a safari-themed sensory tray, a singalong with farm animal songs, and even a mini bug hunt!

Our young explorers also blasted off into space! Using a cardboard box, they designed and built their own rocket before setting off on a journey through the planets. A painted space tray and a colourful rice tuff tray added to the cosmic role play fun - complete with friendly aliens!

We took time to reflect and learn about VE Day too, helping the children



understand the importance of 8th May 1945. They created their own ration books and learned about life with limited food supplies. There were lots of wide eyes when they realised that things like pizza and ice cream didn't exist in the same way back then!

Finally, there's been plenty of excitement in our garden with the arrival of a brand-new play train! It's already inspired lots of imaginative role play and fantastic conversations among the children.

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.



Mill House Gardens Open Days

This June, St James Church, Bramley will again be a beneficiary from the opening of the private gardens of Mill House, Sherborne St John. This historic local site, with a working water wheel, features a three-acre garden set in a further seven-acres of parkland. This is a rare chance to see the gardens in full and enjoy the planting and the streams.

The short drive to this nearby venue for tea, coffee and homemade cakes would make a perfect afternoon out, and an alternative to the Vyne, should you be planning to have friends or family around that weekend.

Free parking is offered to all. The gardens will be clearly signposted from Vyne Road on the day and will be obvious as you approach Sherborne St John. The satnav postcode is RG24 9HU.

The entrance fee is £5 for adults (children are free) and all receipts go to charity. The dates are Thursday 26th June and Sunday 29th June, from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Full details at: <https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/mill-house-rg24/>.



Wilder Bramley

The Bee Garden Team are busily tending the plants this summer and hopefully many of you will have noticed the wonderful display of alliums. These gorgeous bulbs were planted by the Bramley Beavers last November for their World Challenge Badge and we are thrilled with the results. Thank you again, Beavers, for your community spirit, from us and the bees!



Beautiful alliums planted by the Beavers

Our second Pollinators' Plant of the Month has to be Borage. We have plenty of these attractive annuals in the Bee Garden, with small sky blue flowers that the bees and butterflies just can't stay away from. Widely available in local garden centres, you can really help our pollinators by buying a few for your own garden.



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The sharp-eyed amongst you may have noticed the return of our popular information boards to Bramley Green, all along the Grasslands Trail there. Once a traditional meadow used for the grazing of cattle, the Green is managed by Bramley Parish Council. They are working with Wilder Bramley towards restoring these ancient grasslands by reducing mowing from every few weeks to twice a year. This allows wildflowers to re-establish and provide a haven for insects and birds. As the spring cut has now taken place, we have been able to return the signs. So next time you are walking there, take a read: see how many of the butterflies or flowers you can identify on a sunny day, and enjoy the song of the crickets.



The Grasslands Trail signs are back

We learned much about the common and less common birds in our area from Martin Pitt, HOS County Recorder and eminent local birder, in his recent talk. Did you know that Bramley lies where the Thames Basin and the Loddon Valley meet and is close to the chalk areas of the Test Valley? This means we get a wider than expected array of birds, including the odd rarities, such as woodlark and goosander. We also lie on an important bird migration route. We sadly learned that nightingales used to breed in the MOD area until relatively recently. We would love to know what you are seeing around, report sightings on our 'Spotted in Bramley' website page.

Upcoming events

Green Week Dawn Chorus Walk and Breakfast, 14th June

Peter Hutchins (Basingstoke RSPB) will lead us at this glorious time of the year for birdsong, followed by a hearty breakfast at the Barn for those able to stay on. Meet at 5 am at Clift Meadow carpark.

Advanced Meadow Surveying, 21st June

There will be training in the morning, including observing a moth trap, and practical surveying in the afternoon. If anyone is interested in surveying and learning the techniques involved, please get in touch. Meet at Clift Meadow at 10.30 am.

If you enjoy and appreciate nature, why not head over to our Wilder Bramley Facebook page, or our website wilderbramley.org to find out more about what we are up to.



Sherfield & District Gardening Club: let's get growing!

With gardens full of flowers now, the guest speaker at our meeting in June is Flowerboy Nick. Nick is a local sustainable flower grower and seasonally lead florist. His talk for us is "Nick's guide to gorgeous cut flowers" about growing flowers to cut and arrange, along the theme of 'a guide to a year of cut flowers.'

Well-known locally and on social media, you can find Nick on Facebook as Flowerboy Nick and on Instagram - @flowerboy_farm.

To hear Nick's talk, come along on Monday 16th June to Sherfield Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm (after Pilates Class) and the talk starts at 7.30pm, followed by Q&A, refreshments and a gardening-themed raffle. We aim to finish by 9 pm. New members and guests are always welcome. If you feel inspired by Nick's talk, why not grow some flowers to enter at the Sherfield Show on Sunday 7th September, or the Bramley Show on Sunday 14th September?

Don't forget: Saturday 31st May

Percy's Plant Sale at Sherfield Village Hall car park from 09:30 am - 12:30 pm (or earlier, if all plants are sold). From 10 am to 1 pm, bring your garden tools (sorry - no lawnmowers or petrol tools) for sharpening at the Repair Café, in the Hall. There is no charge for repairs by the team of Repair Café volunteers, but donations enable the Repair Café to continue.

Everyone is welcome. Happy gardening!

Lauren Dotor

On behalf of Sherfield & District Gardening Club

Riding for the Disabled Receives Donation from Royal Arch Masons

A donation of £500 was made by the Oakley Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to the Wellington & Dummer branch of the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) at their premises in Dummer.

The cheque was presented by Grant Chivers, the recent head of this section of local Freemasons, which was founded in Basingstoke in 1861, that operate from the Masonic Centre in Victoria Street, at the Top of Town.



Grant Chivers presenting the cheque to Keith Hall

Keith Hall, a trustee of this local branch of the RDA commented:

"This contribution will be used to help meet our running costs, mostly feed for the ponies. We also need to replace some wood on the ramp used by wheelchairs. We do not have fixed fees for our riders. Our funding comes from voluntary contributions, fundraising activities, and we are grateful for donations, such as this one from Freemasons."

He added. "It would be good to see some more volunteers as we need as much support as we can get to help with our lessons or helping with stable activities."

The stables at Wellington Riding are used on Thursdays for some activities, while most are carried out at Dummer where the ponies are stabled on the land and facilities that are provided by owner Trish Willats.

The group champions hippotherapy sessions at Dummer. This is a form of physical therapy that uses the natural gait and movement of a horse to provide riders with motor and sensory input, thereby strengthening and stretching muscles and improving balance.



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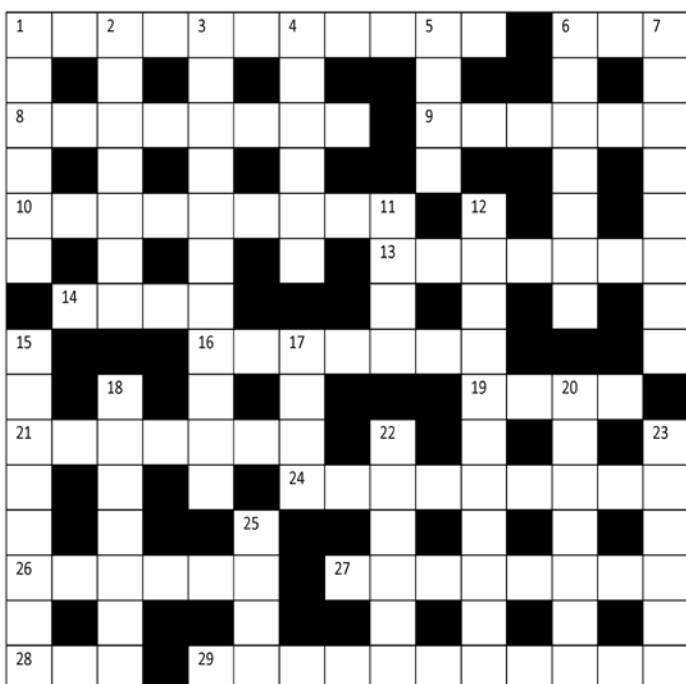
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Cryptic Crossword No: 89

See page 31 for the answers.



- 3 Pins section during audits. (11)
- 4 Rule or check. (6)
- 5 Not everyone at the beginning was tidy. (4)
- 6 Rear diary of accumulation of work. (7)
- 7 Sounds detached but is reserved. (8)
- 11 Time all was looked into for dinner, for example. (4)
- 12 Spin fir shed for attachments. (11)
- 15 Below form for kind of category. (8)
- 17 Initially Pat and Stephen tried but became tense. (4)
- 18 Darken or put under a poor light. (7)
- 20 Retch or explode and laugh. (7)
- 22 Clinch to exchange directions for well used saying. (6)
- 23 Things put away or actors communications to their audience. (6)
- 25 Long time found in Yellow pages. (4)

CodeWord No: 75

See page 31 for the answers.

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Each number represents a unique letter from the alphabet and all 26 letters are used. Two letters are given to make a start.

Across

- 1 Fiery month starts the summer. (7,4)
- 6 Begin under daylight to start new life. (3)
- 8 Brave as I seem to be rough. (8)
- 9 A BA customer onboard hid his calculator. (6)
- 10 Submersive message ? (9)
- 13 Body part used to hang jewellery. (7)
- 14 Start to enter the instruction to ignore correction. (4)
- 16 Is plume about thrust ? (7)
- 19 Pleasant french city. (4)
- 21 Ben logs alternative arrangement to be a part of it. (7)
- 24 TV programmes full of hot air ? (9)
- 26 Midas, King, inside questions ? (6)
- 27 Sect drip around so its written down. (8)
- 28 Close star broadcast relative. (3)
- 29 Employ minus head of little worthiness. (11)

Down

- 1 RN face around for country. (6)
- 2 Tumbler or document application. (7)

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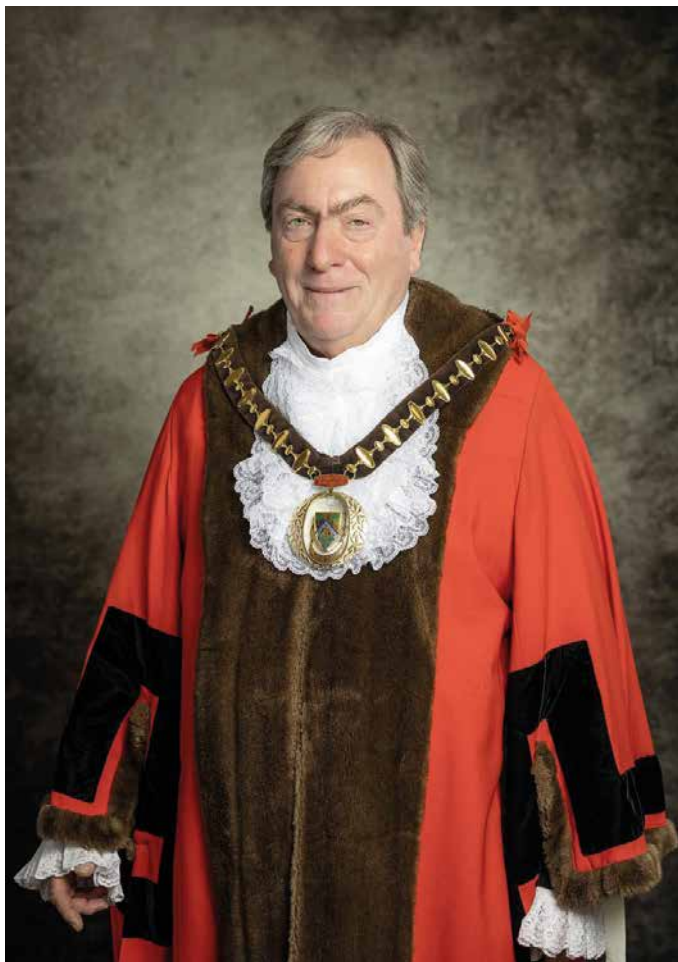
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Cllr Colin Phillimore elected as Mayor for 2025/26

Cllr Colin Phillimore is the new Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane following a Mayor Making ceremony at the Civic Offices on Thursday 8th May.

Cllr Phillimore was first elected as a borough councillor in 2015, representing the Overton, Laverstoke and Freefolk ward, which later became Whitchurch, Overton and Laverstoke.

He will represent the borough at events during the year while promoting his charity appeal, which will be supporting the Whitchurch Community Swimming Pool and St Michael's Hospice.

Cllr Phillimore said: "I am really pleased to be the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane for 2025/26. It is a serious role, steeped in history and I am honoured to be chosen to serve.

"Having lived in the area all of my life I have witnessed great changes, but my focus is, and always will be, the people in the communities that we serve. I am looking forward to getting out around the borough and meeting as many of them as possible during the year."

Cllr Phillimore has lived in the borough of Basingstoke and Deane all his life, either in Overton or Whitchurch and can trace his family history back to 1600 in Steventon.

He attended Overton C of E Primary School and later Queen Mary's Grammar School in Basingstoke. After leaving school he had several local jobs, before settling on a career in accountancy. He has worked as an accountant in the motor trade for the last 40 years.

Cllr Phillimore's charity appeal for 2025/26 will support two local charities that are very close to his heart:

1. **The Whitchurch Community Swimming Pool**, which aims to bring the pool located at Testbourne School back into operational use for the community.
2. **St. Michael's Hospice**, which supports local people with a life-limiting illness, facing the end-of-life, or experiencing bereavement by providing free, compassionate, palliative support and specialist care to patients either at the hospice or at home.

The Deputy Mayor for Basingstoke and Deane during 2025 to 2026 is Cllr Jacky Tustain.

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Centipede, Legging It

Digging out last year's compost to be spread round the garden, I came across quite a few of these little guys, and they weren't at all happy. Most of them proved impossible to keep still for a photo, wriggling into any little crevice before I could get close enough. I guess the sudden warmth and sunshine would have been something of a culture shock, after a year in the damp and dark depths of the heap.

A centipede, however, has a very good reason for keeping out of the sunshine. Some forms have been around, doing what centipedes do, for over four hundred million years, so they must have got things pretty much right. The thing is that they were one of the first animals to branch away from the mainstream of evolution: while one lot went on to perhaps less well-designed forms (such as us), they settled and survived much as they were. Because they didn't evolve to have a waterproof outer skin, as insects and spiders did, fatal dehydration is a very real hazard for them. So, they never just hang around sunning themselves.

They don't, of course, actually have one hundred legs. There are over three thousand different species of centipede, with a wide range of leg-numbers and overall sizes. All have an odd number of body segments though, each with one leg either side, so however carefully you may count them, they won't make the round one hundred. The real biggies can be a foot long, and pack quite a bite, but fortunately these reputedly bat-catching forms aren't found in Bramley – they're mainly in South America, so we are untroubled. All forms are predators, however, consuming virtually anything that moves and is smaller than they are. Most are eyeless, catching prey with the help of antennae that detect movement, usually nocturnally to avoid both drying and their own predators.

The centipede is unique in the manner in which it tackles its prey. Most animals use some sort of fangs, teeth, mouthparts, or stings to disable or kill the target meal: everything from ant to rhino has variations of these body parts that can be used, many with a toxin to deter or disable. Usually the process of convergent evolution, whereby if there's a common need, all sorts of different species can wind up with one of just a few modes that work for them. If it doesn't work, it drops out of use, one way or another – extinction is always available as the last resort. And



if it works, why get rid of it? Modify, improve and adapt, sure, but evolution works with that which it has, rather than starting with a cunning plan from scratch.

Centipedes use one pair of what had originally been front legs, just behind the head, that are modified to a form of claw that's used to clasp prey. Inside the claw is a tube from the head that carries a toxin. Who'd have thought of that as a fix? No other animals have done so, apparently. I guess this is a result of a very early adaptation by an ancestral creature, all other species that were related having since died out. Centipedes are flat in shape, and the claws work horizontally, which is fine if you're living in layers of leaf mould, but less so otherwise. Possibly no other related species made a success of the poison-leg plan, it being just a bit too specialised as normal hunting kit.

Not only do centipedes have their own way of catching prey, but they have also

a different form of venom to deal with it. Our local species are small and not much of a hazard, but the larger forms can give a painful sting. Their venom is unlike that of snakes, scorpions and insects: some 500 different proteins have been identified in it, some of which could have pharmaceutical uses such as anti-microbials, pesticides, even cancer control. All the centipede needs to do, presumably, is to rapidly stun the target. The complexity of the compounds used, however, might be an indication of the range of prey-species that these guys go for, and an unusual ability to capture and weaponise appropriate genes from other forms of life taken as prey.

They may be small and perhaps a bit creepy, but we mustn't underestimate them. Dinosaurs came, and ultimately went extinct, in half the time centipedes have been around.

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Rupert gripped his stallion's reins tightly. The October sun shone fairly in the sky, reflected in the gleam from the helmets and cuirasses of his *chevaliers*. Smoke drifted across the open field, belched from the coughing muskets of both the traitors and loyalists. Thin and grey, it smelt acrid and offended his nostrils. The field's fumigation bothered the horse too, his sable mane flicking with discomfort.

"Ahead!" Prince Rupert called. "God for the King!" He was the first to go, leaning forward in the saddle as his steed jetted forwards, towards the traitor's ranks. It became his aggression: a flanking charge, what cavalry were made for. His cohort rallied alongside, feathered plumes and bright sashes flailing in the wind of the gallop.

Rupert was certain it would make a fine painting.

"Upon reaching these dogs, steer right. Let your blades speak." Speak they did, between the banging claps of the hooves and the calls and grunts of men, steel's ring was there.

"Turn!" Rupert's command called out first, the horses followed second. As they unsheathed from the slaughter, the prince turned his neck, joyfully noting how many unmoving bodies were left in the torn up dirt. Screams followed the silence, but Rupert paid their cries no mind. Cracking pops of gunpowder layered above and below the calls of wounded men, through both, a light breeze that warped the airy space between his ears and helm.

"Double back upon those traitors!" Rupert called. His *chevaliers* did as instructed.

"Again!"

Samuel's fingers flailed, buried in a pouch filled with lead balls but unable to grasp a single one. His helmet was too large and did little to block out the clammering of the battle's tolling bell.

"Recite your prayers! We act and fight and die for God!" Earl of Essex, Robert Devereux declared. In ghostly unison, the Roundheads did just as the Earl's command demanded. It was perhaps intended to settle some peace of mind or commonality, but praying could do little if one was destined to be slain today.

"Premeditation of one's fate is not an excuse to give in. The end arrives when we die, not before!" Samuel called; with a confidence he couldn't explain. Samuel knew that others of his shared Puritan faith were worried by the same: they had declared as much in the sermon before battle.

"You heard Samuel!" Adam grunted, gripping his musket and angling it forwards to the Cavalier's galloping for a second sortie. The Roundheads were without pikes, and the vainly adored cavalry were taking full advantage. Samuel saw one raise his sword, and around they came. If words were shouted, he could not hear them over the battle's din. Finally, Samuel was able to grip lead and slot it into the musket's barrel. It rolled down into the depth, to sit amongst the gunpowder he had poured in prior. Packing it all together with his ramrod, Samuel sidled next to Adam. A line formed on either side of them. Musketballs flew once again.

Ladies Entertained by Probus Club

The annual Spring Ladies' Lunch is one of several occasions during the year that the men of the Probus Club have lunch with the ladies in their lives.



This May it took place at the Test Valley Golf Club and the guest of honour was Janet Fagg, the President of Basingstoke's Ladies' Probus Club. She was in the company of friends, as several wives who were present are also members of the Ladies' Probus Club, which has been in continuous operation for nearly thirty-two years.

Speaking after lunch, Janet remarked on the convenience of living with a member of the men's Probus Club, as it gives an insight into their speaker programme and means that talks that the Ladies Probus Club would also enjoy can be identified. They enjoyed a visit to a Japanese garden in Fleet and in the summer will be having an afternoon tea.

In the meantime, the men, together with any of their ladies who may be interested, are going to visit the grand house Kingston Lacy in Dorset in June. Other activities during the summer include a trip on the Basingstoke canal, as well as their traditional summer pub lunch.

Retired men interested in finding out more about the Probus Club should see their website www.probusbasingstoke.club, or phone 07814 937202 for a chat with their secretary, Andrew Barton.



Two Probus presidents: Janet Fagg and Stephen Thair

Mondays

<i>Badminton</i>	Village Hall
<i>Petite Dance</i>	Village Hall
<i>Hipp Pilates</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>NHS Health Visitor</i>	Village Hall
<i>Pregnancy Yoga with Sam 6pm</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Beavers 5-6pm</i>	Brocas Hall
<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>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>NHS Health Visitor</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>Trail Runners 7.30pm</i>	Clift Meadow car park

Thursdays

<i>Bramley & Romans Floral Society 1st Thursday 1.30 - 4.00pm</i>	Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall
<i>Dance Club</i>	Primary School Hall
<i>Pilates</i>	St Stephen's Hall
<i>WI 2nd Thursday</i>	Village Hall
<i>Bath Babies 10.30 & 11.30</i>	Village Hall
<i>Friendship Walks, 10.30</i>	Clift Meadow Pavilion
<i>Dance Vibes - adult fitness class 5.30-6.15pm</i>	Cross House
<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 9.30-10.30am</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

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Do you have a listing on this page? If so, please can you check that the details are correct and let me have the timings if they are missing.

Any corrections or additions can be emailed to editor@bramleymagazine.org.uk

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